



The Window

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
November 3, 2024

DAILY ADVENT DEVOTION SIGN UP

We are looking for volunteers to write devotions for our daily advent devotional. Devotions will be sent out from December 1 - 25 and we need your help. Each week of Advent has a theme that is inspired by our upcoming Advent series *The Redemption of Scrooge*. Your devotion can be a reflection, personal story, pondering, or any other writing inspired by the theme. You may sign up for more than one day. Thank you! There are still plenty of open devotional spots to fill.

Please sign up for a devotion ASAP and submit your devotion to Matthew (youth@fumcloveland.com) by November 17. For help signing up please contact Matthew.

Sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49A9A92FABFCC61-52382634-daily>



FLOORING PROJECT UNDERWAY

We have finally begun our flooring project and want to thank everyone that helped us move everything out of Coy Hall on Sunday after Trunk or Treat.

Many hands made the work go very quickly! The flooring will be done on Friday, November 1 and we need more help moving everything back so let's

have a **moving party on Saturday, November 2 at 10:00 am in Coy Hall**. It shouldn't take too long if we can get enough volunteers. We would really like to have Coy Hall ready for Sunday's Fellowship Time so we can show everyone the new flooring. **Please stop by and lend a hand!**

HELP WANTED

YES, SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN HAS BEGUN!!!

Parents, please bring your children to worship. After the "Littles Message", the Sunday School teachers will take the children up to the Sunday School room for class. When church is over, please pick up your children in the Sunday School Room. During the month of November, children will hear the stories of Old Testament people who faithfully followed God.

FAMILY PROGRAMMING COORDINATOR FOR HIRE

First UMC, Trinity UMC and Union Spiritual Community are seeking an enthusiastic and adaptable Family Programming Coordinator to inspire and engage families across our three vibrant communities. This unique role blends the best of both traditional and modern approaches to faith, making it ideal for a creative, community-oriented individual. We're looking for someone warm, imaginative, and passionate about bridging time-honored traditions with fresh, inclusive community engagement. While prior experience in family programming or ministry is a plus, a willingness to think outside the box is essential! This part-time role, with regular Sunday morning and Monday afternoon commitments, offers a flexible schedule that can easily complement a full-time position. Our communities: Trinity and First UMCs are established congregations with a rich history. Union Spiritual Community is a new, inclusive gathering space sponsored by the Mountain Sky Conference Church Vitality Committee. Application Deadline: Resumes will be accepted through November 15, 2024, or until the position is filled. Click [HERE](#) for the job description. Email resumes to unionloveland@gmail.com.

WE'RE
HIRING



ADVENT DÉCOR REQUESTS

We need your help to make the season bright...and ring in the season! We hope to feature a display of a variety of bells in our Advent altarscape and chancel décor this year. Do you have **decorative, antique, vintage or unique bells – large or small – that you are willing to loan us through December** to include in the display? We are also looking for **antique candle holders**. If you can loan those, we'd appreciate that, too. If you have any of these items to loan, **please notify** Pastor Leslie (leslie@fumcloveland.com) and **bring** them to the church **by November 17**. Be sure to label your name on your loaned item(s)! Why bells and candle holders? See the eblast news for details.

GRIEF & LOSS PRESENTATION AND LUNCHEON

On November 6 at 11:00am, Rev. Lee will present on the topic of grief and loss to Trinity UMC's JOY Fellowship. JOY Fellowship is TUMC's monthly luncheon and program fellowship for adults 55+. FUMC folks are invited to attend this luncheon and all of the JOY Fellowship gatherings in the future. Look for a sign up sheet at the Ask Me Desk, or contact Pastor Lee at lee@fumcloveland.com or (970) 667-0876. There is no cost to attend, but there will be a donation basket at the luncheon.

NOVEMBER MUSIC

November 3 - Chancel Choir, Neal Anderson - solo; Neal & Dave Mills - flute/vocal duet

November 10 - Chancel Choir, Timmy Vanderwall - marimba

November 17 - Spirit Sounds Bell Choir

November 24 - Chancel Choir, Gil Garcia - trumpet



The Chancel Choir is working on a **Christmas cantata to be presented December 8 at 10:00 am**. If you'd like to join us for this, please come on Wednesday's at 7:15 pm when we'll rehearse the cantata. This will give interested people the opportunity to sing with us for just a 5 week commitment. Please contact Nicole Ceciliani at choir@fumcloveland.com if you have questions.



FUMC SERVES ON NOVEMBER 16

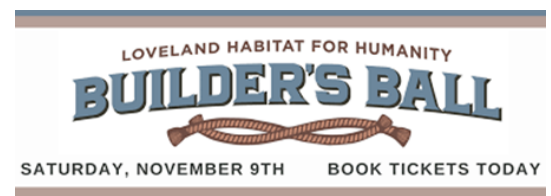
Join us on **November 16 from 11:45 am - 2:00 pm to volunteer at the Food Bank for Larimer County in Loveland**. We will pitch in together to sort food or do whatever is needed that day in the warehouse. Children ages 10-15 are welcome with a parent or guardian. Sign up at the Ask Me Desk or contact Pastor Lee at lee@fumcloveland.com.

HABITAT BUILDER'S BALL VOLUNTEER TEAM

Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers to help with their Builders Ball on November 9. FUMC has been asked to help with the Volunteer Appreciation Team which involves setting up tables at 10:00 am that morning at Ellis Ranch Wedding and Event Center (2331 Ellis Ranch Lane, Loveland). To sign up, visit:

<https://lovelandhabitat.charityproud.org/VolunteerRegistration/Index/?activity=40978>

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CHARGE CONFERENCE APPROVES LPS LEASE

On October 17, the FUMC Charge Conference met and voted to approve the lease of space to Loveland Preschool, beginning in the 2025/2026 school year. That vote also established the project committee to oversee the renovation of the space and lease development. Rob Proctor was named project manager and Pete Shaw, Rich Stiverson, Judy Stout and John Kindred were named as committee members. We look forward to many years of collaboration with Loveland Preschool. Having LPS sharing our sacred space will spark new life for the ministries and missions of the church, it will convey a vibrancy and energy at our church to our neighbors, and it will introduce young families to the warmth and Christ-centered care evident at FUMC. The project has been approved by the Mountain Sky Conference's District Board of Church Location & Building.

LOVELAND PRESCHOOL



A PARENT COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL

LECTIO DIVINA GROUP

First Congregational Church holds a weekly Lectio Divina group for all who would like to engage with scripture on a deeper level. Join any Tuesday from 8:00-9:15 am on Zoom for the practice of Lectio Divina. Lectio Divina, Latin for "divine reading," is a practice dating back to Benedict of Nursia and 6th century Christian monasticism. It seeks to bring scripture to life. As we practice it, the selected scripture is read three different times with a period of silence between each reading. After each reading, we are invited to engage

with the scripture with increasing depth, finally listening for God's invitation to us through the passage. All are welcome! No prior experience is necessary, and you are more than welcome to attend just once to try it out. Zoom Link :

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/475372044?pwd=ajNLVGxXdHFCTml3ZndlTDZDWjBIQT09>

Meeting ID: 475 372 044; Passcode: 471003



HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF

Hurricanes have devastated parts of the southeastern U.S., bringing catastrophic wind, rain and flash flooding to many states and communities. To give toward UMCOR's disaster relief for those impacted by the devastation, click [HERE](#). The Advance # to reference for your giving is #901670.



IS GUATEMALA IN 2025 ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

FUMC has an opportunity to send a mission team to Guatemala. The trip will continue to build our long-term relationships. We will be working with Pura Vida and will depart for our construction trip on Jan 21, 2025. If you have questions, contact Rob Proctor at 970-481-2133.

[YOUTH MINISTRY](#)

Mid & Senior High Youth Coordinator - Matthew Utley - youth@fumcloveland.com

Sunday, November 3, 10 & 17: Lunch and Youth Group after church, 11:15 am - 1:30 pm.

Sunday November 24 and December 1: No Youth Group: Thanksgiving Break.

PERSONALS

Prayers:

Jed Pancoast, hospitalized; Dolores Pancoast, moved to memory care at Hyland Hills Senior Living in Westminster

Lew Graff, hospice care

Mindy Stiverson, health, hip surgery Oct. 31

Ted Nutting, recovery from surgery Oct 23, health



Death:

We give thanks for the life of **Rev. George Franke** who entered eternal life on **September 29**.

We remember in prayer his wife, Barbara and their family. A memorial service has been planned for Sunday, **November 10 at 2:00 pm** in the sanctuary with a reception in Coy Hall following the service.



Birthdays: October 28 - November 3

Barbara Eckman

Nina Goodier

Shelly Tungsavick

Jim Willard

Eve Goodier

Barb Irelan

Jerry Westbrook