

The Window

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
October 20, 2024

A GOD-WINK OPPORTUNITY

On August 23, Loveland Preschool (LPS), a cherished place for early childhood education in Loveland for 60 years, received notice that their lease would not be renewed as of the 2025/2026 school year. They immediately began looking for a new long-term home, as they had only about two months to locate a new place and notify the State by November 1, or they would go out of business. After many conversations between FUMC and LPS, and many hours of research, on October 7 Church Council voted in favor of approving the preliminary architectural plans and taking the next steps toward a lease with LPS and welcoming them to their new home at FUMC. On **Thursday, October 17**, the FUMC Charge Conference, the governing body in any local UMC church, (made up of Church Council members and retired clergy who hold membership in the church) will meet to take the next step in the process by voting on approval of the intent to lease space to LPS, approve the preliminary architectural plans, begin gathering renovation bids and developing the lease agreement. This charge conference will be an open meeting. Anyone who is interested in knowing more about this marvelous opportunity is welcome to attend as a non-voting guest. **The meeting will begin at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary.**



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

We look forward to seeing all of you who RSVP'd for the **Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast this Sunday**, when we will say thank you to all of our volunteers who help FUMC "be the church". Come to Coy Hall **between 8:15 and 9:15 am. Please enter through the W. Coy doors.** We look forward to sharing our gratitude with a good meal and time together!

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY



This is when we ask for your pledge for the 2025 year. Your support of this church and the United Methodist Church is necessary for the operation and success in building a beacon for God. We ask that you prayerfully consider your current pledge or offering and the one you will make beginning in January 2025. You may bring your pledge to the worship service on the 27th, drop it off in the parking lot from 11:30 am -12:30 pm, mail it to the church office or make your pledge online by scanning the QR code or giving on the church website. Thank you for your consideration.

TRUNK OR TREAT AND CHILI COOK OFF: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Get your spooky costumes out and join us for the **Trunk 'R Treat on Sunday, October 27 from 2:00-4:00** in the First UMC parking lot. Afterwards join us at Trinity UMC for the **Chili Cook Off at 4:30 pm**. To make this a successful church and community event, we need your help in the following ways: (Sign ups for Trunks and Chilis available at the Ask Me Desk.)

1. Decorated car trunks at which the children will Trick or Treat. Candy provided.
2. Treats! A bin will be in Lobby Court for donations.
3. Chili or Pie: Bring your best recipe to Trinity to compete in the Chili Cook Off!



HURRICANE HELENE DISASTER RELIEF

Hurricane Helene has 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.

NEW FLOORING IS ON THE WAY!

After spending several months working to address safety issues regarding flooring, (fraying, buckling carpet, loose tiles, etc.) the Trustees and Design and Decor Committee have exciting news! New Luxury Vinyl Plank flooring will be **installed in Coy Hall and East and West Coy Hall, between October 28-November 2. New sanctuary flooring will be installed between November 4-9.** Please make note of the dates as these areas will not be accessible during the week of flooring installation. All activities and meetings currently scheduled in those areas will be relocated to another area of the building. Thank you in advance for your cooperation as we tackle this big project. We look forward to a safer environment for all in our historic building.

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. Please sign up for a devotion by October 27 and submit your devotion to Matthew Utley at youth@fumcloveland.com by November 10. Sign up using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49A9A92FABFCC61-52382634-daily>. If you need help signing up, please contact Matthew.



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.



FUMC SERVES: JOIN US FOR A FUN SERVICE PROJECT

Heart & Sol of Loveland is a nonprofit organization that seeks to celebrate diversity within the Loveland community. In partnership with the Loveland Museum, they are holding the annual Dia de los Muertos celebration on November 2 at the museum with performances, activities and crafts for all ages. One of the activities is distributing sugar skull kits to families for their ofrendas (altars), and Heart & Sol is asking for volunteers to help package those kits on **Saturday,**

October 26 beginning at 9:00am. Supporting Heart & Sol is one way we can **build bridges and celebrate God's diversity in our community.** Please consider joining this service project, and contact Pastor Lee with any questions at lee@fumcloveland.com or (970) 667-0876. Sign up at the Volunteer Hub. Save the date for another FUMC Serves Day on November 16 at the Larimer County Food Bank.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR CHARLOTTE SCHULTZ

There will be a celebration for Charlotte Schultz's 90th birthday on **Saturday, October 26 at Mirasol Event Center, 1153 Finch St in Loveland from 1:00-4:00pm.** Everyone is welcome to come and wish Charlotte a happy birthday



KING SOOPERS COMMUNITY REWARDS

Between July - September, 97 households have participated in the King Soopers Community Rewards program which has earned \$828.78 in rewards for FUMC. Thank you to everyone who has enrolled! If you have not yet enrolled please pick up an instruction card at the Ask Me Desk or contact Andrea Ortega at ortega.andrea.m@gmail.com.

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 8-9:15 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

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.

OCTOBER MUSIC

October 20 - Clarinet Ensemble with Joanne Scheihing. October 27 - Chancel Choir.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Sunday, October 20: Lunch and Youth Group after church, 11:15 am - 1:30 pm.

Sunday, October 27: Trunk R' Treat, 11:15 am - 4:30 pm - help set up, clean up, and run carnival games

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

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

PERSONALS

Prayers:

Jed & Dolores Pancoast, move to Hyland Hills Senior Living in Westminster

Lew Graff, health

Darlene Lowe, appendectomy

Mindy Stiverson, health, hip surgery Oct. 31

Ted Nutting, recovery from fall and hip surgery



Death:

We lift up Terry & Cindy Ogilvie at the death of Terry's father, Paul. Paul entered eternal life on October 15.

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.

Altar Flowers: Provided by Charlotte Schultz's family in honor of her 90th Birthday on October 24.



Birthdays: October 14-20

Frank Balderson

Larry Carlson

Mike Carlson

Annette Combs

Mark Elliott

Keith Flaming

Steve Howard

Pete Shaw

Julie Skeffington

Mari Viers

Mary Yoder

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Rita & Lou DePalatis moved to Johnstown by way of Ohio, Michigan and Texas; Lou was born in the Abbruzzi region of Italy and also lived in Pittsburgh. They were drawn to FUMC because of the music and Methodist background. Rita enjoys cross stitch, cooking, hiking, reading, college football, travel, singing and gardening. Lou enjoys outdoor activities and biomedical sciences. They are both retired, and love spending time with family, including their four children and grandchildren. Rita and Lou join FUMC by transfer of membership from Chapelwood UMC in Lake Jackson, TX.



Erin Williams was born in Michigan, and **Carl Williams** was born in North Carolina. They have lived in Colorado many years before moving to Windsor. They have two daughters, **Summer and Meadow**, and the family is active in our Union Ministry. Erin works at Inspections Over Coffee, and enjoys karaoke, darts, hiking, and farmers markets. Family, friends, and starting her own business are highlights in her life. Carl works for Trustile Doors in Senior Management, but his avocation is cooking. Carl loves to cook for groups as a way of giving and serving! He has cooked for church events already and there will be more opportunities to enjoy his talent. The Williams family join FUMC by transfer of membership from Trinity UMC in Denver.

Zack Latshaw came to Colorado by way of Texas, Missouri and Nebraska. He works at T-Mobile in electronics, and likes to make social media content, draw, and do photography. He also enjoys learning Japanese and his goal is to be fluent and go to Japan someday. Zack joins FUMC by profession of faith.

