



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO

October 27, 2024



SCAN ME

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS THIS 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 email your pledge to commitment@fumcloveland.com, bring your pledge to the worship service this Sunday, drop it off in the parking lot this Sunday 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: THIS SUNDAY

Get your spooky costumes out and join us for the **Trunk 'R Treat THIS 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 and Pie Contest 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, Chilis and Pies** 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



Hurricanes Helene and Milton 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.

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 this year. 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.



OCTOBER MUSIC

October 27 - Chancel Choir

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. Research shows that there is a "preschool desert" in Loveland. Loveland Preschool has lovingly fulfilled a great need in the community for 60 years. It is our shared mission to serve the families of the Loveland community and provide children a safe space to grow, learn and thrive. Having LPS sharing our sacred space will also 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 is currently under review by the Mountain Sky Conference's District Board of Church Location & Building.

LOVELAND PRESCHOOL



A PARENT COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL

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.

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





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

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

Sunday, November 3, 10 & 17: 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 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 21-27

Lee Anderson-Harris

Dan Clegern

Helen Goody

Staci Hennings

Bill Kuhling

Bob Link

John Lussenhop

Rose McQueen

Leighton Millar

Charlotte Schultz

Barry Wehrle