

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO February 2, 2025

BRAVER ANGELS WORKSHOPS COMING TO FUMC

Braver Angels is a nationwide nonprofit organization that seeks to bridge the partisan divide by teaching people skills in civil discourse. From their vision statement: "Embracing values of respect, humility, honesty, and responsible citizenship, our goal isn't to change people's views of issues, but to change their views of each other." On **Sunday, February 2**, there will be two opportunities to learn more about this organization and how you can be involved. All are invited to an "Introduction to Braver Angels" at either 11:20 a



involved. All are invited to an "Introduction to Braver Angels" at either 11:30 am or 4:00 pm. Register by clicking <u>HERE</u>. Then, on **Saturday, February 8** from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, all are invited to a "Depolarizing Within" workshop to begin learning new skills. Register by clicking <u>HERE</u>. You can also register for both by going to fumcloveland.com and clicking on Upcoming Events. These events are free but registration is necessary. You can attend either or both of these dates. These are open to the public, so invite friends and family too! Questions or need help registering? Contact Pastor Lee at <u>lee@fumcloveland.com</u> or (970) 667-0876.



FAMILY PROGRAMMING COORDINATOR

We welcome Desiree Aragon to FUMC to oversee our children's ministries programs. Desiree has a degree in early childhood development. For 20 years she has worked with children, from working as a nanny to owning her own in-home daycare to serving as a substitute teacher. Today, Desiree is in private practice as a certified life coach for kids. Desiree says "Our youth are continuously learning and growing and one of the most vital lessons we can impart to them is the importance of self-worth and believing in themselves. Early support is crucial for our children and I eagerly look forward to working together to enrich their lives and reach more children in our community.

Remember, the light and breath of God reside within us all!" In addition to her role at FUMC, Desiree oversees children's spiritual programming for the Union ministry and Trinity UMC.

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A DISASTER?

Connecting Neighbors is a training initiative from UMCOR to enhance disaster preparedness in local congregations. We've just seen a disaster painfully played out before our eyes in Los Angeles, California! The Alexander Fire and others nearby threatened our own communities last August. Any of our Mountain Sky Conference communities could experience disaster at any time. Please prayerfully consider attending this FREE training (with meals provided), taking place here at FUMC, **Friday, February 21 from**



5:00 - 7:30 pm and on Saturday, February 22 from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm, and invite others to join you! For more information and to register by February 7, read more <u>HERE</u>.

IF YOU LOVE TO READ, THEN WE NEED YOU!

Liturgists are needed to serve during our worship service on Sunday mornings. To sign up to serve as a liturgist, click on this link: <u>FUMC Loveland: Worship Liturgists (signupgenius.com)</u>.



FIRST SUNDAY ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

The First Sunday Alternative Worship is a relaxed, come-as-you-are gathering to simply worship and be together in community. **Our next worship experience is THIS Sunday at 11:20 am in Fellowship Hall.**The band, 10 Year Echo, (featuring our own Kevin Peffer, Guy Keith, Doug James and Casey Schultz, with vocalist Andrea Deepe), will help lead worship that morning. Mark your calendars and join us.

FEBRUARY MUSIC

February 2: 10:00 am service: Chancel Choir, Kristin Rangel, violin. **February 2 - 11:20 am service**: 10 Year Echo Band (Kevin Peffer, Guy Keith, Andrea Deepe, Doug James, Casey Schultz). **February 9:** Chancel Choir. **February 16:** Chancel Choir, Rob Hoch, vocal solo. **February 23:** Spirit Sounds Bell Choir, Men's Quartet (Neal Anderson, Mike Spoon, Barry Wehrle, Bill Eads).

KING SOOPERS COMMUNITY REWARDS

Thank you to the 96 households who already donate to FUMC when shopping at King Soopers! From October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024 FUMC has received \$781.95! If you are interested in linking your King Soopers account to FUMC, there are instructions on a convenient business card at the Ask Me Desk. For assistance or questions please call Andrea Ortega at 970-631-2971.



BUCKHORN CAMP FUNDRAISER LUNCH



Each year FUMC, Trinity, and Union send a group of kids to summer camp at Buckhorn and we need your help in providing scholarships to families to help defray the cost. There will be many ways to give but coming up we have a very special Lunch Fundraiser on **February 9 from 11:15 am - 1:00 pm** to raise money for Buckhorn scholarships. You will be served a delicious hot meal in Coy Hall after

church. Tickets for the meal are \$10. Please purchase a ticket to this meal on Sunday, February 2. You may also reserve a ticket online following the below link or by scanning the QR code. Please either purchase a ticket in person *OR* reserve one online. Please do not do both. Thank you for your support! To reserve tickets online, follow this link: https://forms.gle/3sFpQo6EsHVU4AEy5 or scan this QR code:



BUCKHORN SUMMER CAMP 2025

Camp Buckhorn is just a short drive away to a beautiful mountain campsite full of stimulating activities and spiritual connections. They offer a full week camp for campers entering 3rd through 10th grades or a mini camp for campers entering 2nd - 4th grades. Additional information on Buckhorn Camp can be found at their website (https://www.buckhorncamp.org/summercamp). Is your child interested in summer camp? If so, please email Matthew Utley at youth@fumcloveland.com and let him know and he will provide you with more information!

JOY FELLOWSHIP

Trinity UMC's JOY Fellowship meets again on **February 4 at 11:00 am**. JOY Fellowship is a monthly luncheon and program for adults age 55+. FUMC adults are warmly welcomed to join them each month. There is no cost to attend, but donations are welcome. In February, they are hosting the Thompson Valley High School singers who will perform Valentine's Day type music, with a potluck pasta meal. Look for a sign-up sheet at the Ask Me Desk or contact Rev. Lee to RSVP.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Sunday February 2: No Youth Group

Sunday February 9: Youth will help with Buckhorn Fundraiser

Friday February 14 - Monday February 17: Ski Trip to Glenwood Springs

<u>Sunday, February 23:</u> Regular lunch and youth group after church (11:15 am - 1:30 pm) <u>Sunday, March 2:</u> Regular lunch and youth group after church (11:15 am - 1:30 pm)

PERSONALS

Prayers:

Martha DiCicco, shoulder surgery Feb 19
Jack & Jane Gill, both in hospice care
Brock, son of Kim & Rich Laue, continued healing
Gregg Geis, rehabilitation for broken hip
Pat Lutz, hospice care
Rick Tessean's brother Bob, in hospice care
Leslie Kittel-Young, Marcia and Richard Kittel's daughter, successful cancer treatments

Death: We give thanks for the life of *John Irelan*, who entered eternal life on January 26, and remember in prayer Barb Irelan and their family. A memorial service date will be announced soon.



Birthdays: January 27 - February 2
Betty Balderson Lester Marcinkowski

Doug Burns Lester Marcinkowsi

Steve Tungesvick

Matthew Utley Mary Jane Willard