



The Window

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
January 12, 2025

CHURCH CONFERENCE CELEBRATION SET FOR SUNDAY

The second “phase” of the annual meeting will be held on THIS Sunday, January 12 immediately following the worship service. We will share a potluck together, then celebrate the ministries of the church, including voting on Matthew Utley’s continuation of candidacy for ordained ministry in the UMC. We will also convey any important information, and members will have the opportunity to ratify the votes taken by the Charge Conference on December 2. Mark your calendars for this fun fellowship (yet important meeting), get together.



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 will be February 2, at 11:20 am in Fellowship Hall. Kevin Peffer’s band, Ten Year Echo, will lead us in musical worship that morning. Mark your calendars and join us.

FUMC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

FUMC Women’s Fellowship will meet **Thursday, January 23 at 12:00 pm in West Coy Hall**. Our project this month is to bring the small square Kleenex boxes for our church. Darlene Lowe will share some stories about her life. All women are welcome. Feel free to bring a guest. Please RSVP to Darlene Lowe at Aldarlowe@gmail.com.



LENTEN FIELD TRIP OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in a Lenten Field Trip? Pastor Leslie has the travel bug, and so she’s hoping to organize a group trip during Lent to visit either the Stations of the Cross Shrine in San Luis, CO or the Cloisters on the Platte stations shrine in Gretna, NE. If a Lenten pilgrimage appeals to your interest or curiosity, sign up by January 19 at the Ask Me Desk, or email Pastor Leslie at leslie@fumcloveland.com or click [HERE](#) for the sign-up link. We’ll schedule a time to meet and decide on the destination and date.



PURA VIDA (VIRTUAL) WORK TRIP

This month a team from FUMC will travel to Guatemala to help construct a two room home for a Guatemalan family. We’re depending on virtual team members to help out. Visit https://www.puravida.org/virtual-trip.html?trip_id=112 to make a donation. Join the team virtually with a \$250 donation to receive daily progress updates via email during the construction week. Or contribute what you can to help cover construction costs. Let’s once again Raise the Roof!

JANUARY MUSIC

January 12 - Chancel Choir, Melanie Peffer - flute. January 19 - Chancel Choir. January 26 - Spirit Sounds Bell Choir, Ann Jeffers – soprano.



Braver Angels

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 "Introduction to BraverAngels" at either 11:30 am or 4:00 pm. Register by clicking [HERE](#). 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 [HERE](#). 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 lee@fumcloveland.com or (970) 667-0876.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Sunday January 12: All Church potluck and Church Conference.

Sunday January 19: Regular lunch and youth group after church (11:15 am - 1:30 pm)

Sunday January 26: Regular lunch and youth group after church (11:15 am - 1:30 pm)

Confirmation starts (6:00 - 7:45 pm at FUMC Fort Collins).

Sunday February 2: Regular lunch and youth group after church (11:15 am - 1:30 pm)

PERSONALS

Prayers:

Brock, son of Kim & Rich Laue, on dialysis

Gregg Geis, rehabilitation for broken hip

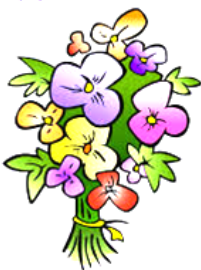
Pat Lutz, hospice care

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 *Rev. Jed Pancoast* who entered eternal life on December 21, 2024. We lift up his family and wife, Dolores, in prayer. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, January 25 at 1:00 pm in the sanctuary with a reception to follow in Coy Hall.

Happy Birthday



Birthdays: December 23-31

Judy Graff

Betty Hill

Ann Kessler

Graig Marrs

Wayne Martin

Elnora McCloughan

Kitty Nutting

Dale Thurman

Kay Ward

January 1 - 12

Georgia Chenoweth

Norma Flaming

Larry Jones

Kathryn Peiffer

Nita Starr

Cindy Utley

Leslie Wood