



The Window

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
January 19, 2025

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. *Signing up is not committing to the trip. It's to gauge interest.* Depending on how many sign up, 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. 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. To make a donation, visit https://www.puravida.org/virtual-trip.html?trip_id=112. Let's once again Raise the Roof!



JANUARY MUSIC

January 19 - Chancel Choir. January 26 - Spirit Sounds Bell Choir, Ann Jeffers – soprano.

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY IS NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, January 26, we will recognize United Methodist Human Relations Day. This is a special Sunday across our denomination, focused on fostering better relationships and supporting community and youth outreach. Your gifts support important programs like Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Services, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation. To donate, pick up a Special Sunday Offering envelope at the back of the sanctuary and drop your donation in the offering plate. You may also click [HERE](#) to give online.



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.



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.

YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES AN IMPACT!

Over the Christmas season, FUMC's generosity has made an impact in the lives of many. The Missions/Social Concerns Committee says THANK YOU for all of these ways you gave: First, with the money received from the King Soopers Community Rewards program and gifts from the congregation, we gave 180 \$40 gift cards to the Salvation Army to be distributed to unhoused/low-income senior adults. Second, through the Angel Tree program, more than 40 children in our area received gifts "from their incarcerated parent." Third, the total Christmas offering collected was \$8,790.75. This is being distributed equally among the three recipients.

Kay Neckel says thank you to those who rang the bell at Sam's Club on behalf of the Salvation Army. From FUMC's efforts, \$3,822.26 was collected. Olga Duvall, Loveland Service Center Director, wrote in a thank-you letter: "With your generous support, we were able to meet our \$120,000 goals, allowing the Loveland Salvation Army to provide Christmas meals to the poor, shelter the homeless, groceries for the struggling families, and toys for children...Of every dollar collected by the Loveland Salvation Army, 83 cents returns to [this] community...".



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 an "Introduction to Braver Angels" 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](#). You can also register for both by going to fumcleveland.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 lee@fumcleveland.com or (970) 667-0876.

[YOUTH MINISTRY](#)

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

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)

Sunday February 9: Youth will help with Buckhorn Fundraiser.

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

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: January 13 - 19

Diana Anderson

Jamie Barbaccia-Holmes

Mary Kelman

Nola Marrs

Nancy Westbrook