



# The Window

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO  
February 16, 2025

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## OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

The church office will be closed for the observance of President's Day on Monday, February 17.

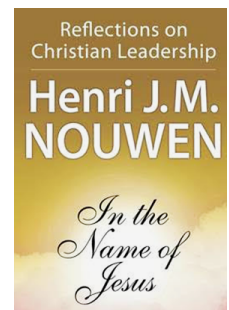
## LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Henri Nouwen was one of the most influential spiritual thinkers of the 20th century. He had an unusual capacity to write about the life of Jesus and the love of God in ways that have inspired countless people to trust life more fully.

Nouwen's best-selling book, *In the Name of Jesus*, recognizes that all Christians are called to be leaders in Jesus' way of faith. For a society that measures success in terms of the effectiveness of the individual, Nouwen offers a counter definition that is witnessed by a "communal and mutual experience." Join Pastors Leslie and Lee on an exploration of the lessons we learn from Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, guided by Nouwen's deeply spiritual wisdom. This short, easy-read book is only three chapters in length, so **we will only**

**meet three times during Lent, Sunday's March 9, 23 and April 6, from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.**

Please sign up for the study by February 26 at the Ask Me Desk or email Pastor Leslie at [leslie@fumcloveland.com](mailto:leslie@fumcloveland.com). **Cost of the book is \$11.00. Books will be available by Sunday, February 23 to pick up and pay for at the table outside the church office.**



## AN INVITATION TO PILGRIMAGE



Mark your calendars for a Lenten pilgrimage with Pastor Leslie, April 2-3 (one night, only) to the Stations of the Cross Shrine in historic San Luis, CO, the oldest continuously occupied town in Colorado. There will be a short informational meeting at 11:30 am, following worship on February 23. If you would like to go or are curious to learn more, sign-up at the Ask Me Desk, or by emailing Pastor Leslie at [leslie@fumcloveland.com](mailto:leslie@fumcloveland.com) by February 20. Note: The shrine is situated along an easy, though uphill, walking trail that is less than a mile long.

## GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION

Mark your calendars for **March 9 at 11:30 am**, immediately after the service. Come gather in Coy Hall for fellowship and a special presentation by the Guatemala mission team. They will share their memories and stories and evidence of God's work as they helped build a two-room home with love for a family to realize their dream of shelter and security.

## LIVESTREAM OR IN-PERSON, WE NEED YOU!

**Unable to make it to church so you worship via livestream?** Would you enjoy participating as a liturgist? We need you! Reach out to Pastor Leslie at [leslie@fumcloveland.com](mailto:leslie@fumcloveland.com) or by calling the church at 970-667-0876 to talk about how we can try to make that happen! To sign up to serve as a liturgist in-person during worship, click on this link: [Worship Liturgists](#).

## FEBRUARY MUSIC

**February 16:** Chancel Choir, Rob Hoch, solo. **February 23:** Spirit Sounds Bell Choir with Vicky Paul-Bryant on flute, Men's Quartet (Neal Anderson, Mike Spoon, Barry Wehrle, Bill Eads).

## ON THE WAY TO 100,000 MEALS IN 2025!

Since 2021, the number of meals provided to our neighbors by Meals on Wheels of Loveland and Berthoud has risen from 66,000 to 92,000 in 2024. That number is projected to reach 100,000 meals this year. This important ministry is a lifeline for our aging and homebound neighbors in need. Sunday in worship we will welcome Jeffrey Pomranka from Meals on Wheels to tell us about their wonderful ministry, and let us know how we can help.

## FUMC SERVES: KIDSPAK VOLUNTEER DAY

KidsPak is in desperate need of volunteers for their 8<sup>th</sup> annual food drive. The food drive provides 5-7 months of supplemental food to students (for more info on KidsPak, go to [kidspak.org](http://kidspak.org)). On March 1 or 2, you are invited to sign up for a 2.5 hour shift at a local grocery store to provide shopping lists to customers and receive the purchased items. There are multiple shifts and locations available, and you can sign up with a friend. High school students and middle school students with an adult can sign up too. To sign up for a slot, [click here](#) or copy and paste into your browser [www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0844ABAA28ABF58-54523777-kidspak#](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0844ABAA28ABF58-54523777-kidspak#/)/. If you are unable to sign up online, you can sign up at the Volunteer Hub, or contact Betsy Elliott at [elliott1710@comcast.net](mailto:elliott1710@comcast.net) or Pastor Lee at [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com) or 970-667-0876. Please note, the best way to secure the slot you want is to sign up online. Betsy or Lee will let you know which slots are still available if you sign up in person or contact one of them.



## 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 Sunday, March 2 at 11:20 am in Fellowship Hall.** Mark your calendars and join us.

## BUCKHORN FUNDRAISING

Thank you to everyone who has donated to help send kids to Buckhorn Camp this summer! We are excited to announce that we have crushed our \$1,500 goal and then some. With all our fundraising combined we received over \$2,000 that will be used for scholarships to send kids to camp!



## 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](mailto:youth@fumcloveland.com) and let him know and he will provide you with more information.

## [YOUTH MINISTRY](#)

Mid & Senior High Youth Coordinator - Matthew Utley - [youth@fumcloveland.com](mailto:youth@fumcloveland.com)

**Friday February 14 - Monday February 17:** Ski Trip to Glenwood Springs.  
**No youth group or confirmation on Sunday.**

**Sunday, February 23, March 2 & 9:** Regular lunch and youth group after church (11:15 am - 1:30 pm)



## PERSONALS

### **Prayers:**

Cindy Ogilvie, recovery from hip surgery.

Erin, Carl, Summer & Meadow Williams, death of Erin's father February 2

Martha DiCicco, shoulder surgery February 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 will be Sunday, February 23 at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary with a reception to follow in Coy Hall. All are welcome.



### **Birthdays: February 10-16**

Kay Atwood

Mara Barrett

Jasper Brundege

Bob Chambers

Anna Irwine

Lydetta Jackson

Kim Laue

Kent McCloughan

Norri Nelson-Bradley

Larry Ward

Marlin Yoder