



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
August 24, 2025

Our mission: Loveland FUMC strives to bless and serve our local and world communities while living the teachings of Jesus Christ. We accept people as they are and strive to live in harmony with God and all of divine creation.

LAST AUGUST OUTDOORS '25 SERVICE

For the last August Outdoors service in 2025, we'll meet under the Big Tree at **11:30am** this Sunday **August 24th**...to worship God, reflect and connect. Come relaxed and just as you are. Bring your own chair. We'll be led this week in music by Ben Clegern and Sarah Clegern... always a spiritually moving treat!

BISHOP STONEKING TO PREACH

In collaboration with Trinity UMC, and to celebrate the ministries of our two UMC churches in Loveland, we are delighted to welcome **Bishop Kristin Stoneking**, our new Mountain Sky Conference bishop, to the pulpit on **August 31st** to deliver the message. Bishop will **preach at TUMC**. A **reception for Bishop Stoneking will be held at FUMC at 11:20am** following the service.

You have the option to attend worship at FUMC, where Bishop's sermon will be streamed live from TUMC, or **worship in person at TUMC that morning**. It is a rare treat to welcome our bishop to preach and to have the opportunity to welcome her to our community of faith following the service.

(Note: If you typically give your pledged or committed giving in person in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, but plan to worship in person at TUMC that Sunday, we will have an offering plate available during the reception. Or, simply put your offering in an envelope with your name and "FUMC Offering" written on the outside, and leave it in the offering plate at TUMC. You can also give online at fumcloveland.com, at the Give and Support tab.)

KOREA PRESENTATION & POTLUCK Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, September 3rd, 5:30-7:00pm**. Matthew Utley attended the Young Adult Pilgrimage of Peace to South Korea last June. Join us for another Wednesday evening potluck where Matthew will share a presentation on his experiences in South Korea. You will see photos from his trip as well as how the pilgrimage impacted Matthew on an educational and spiritual level. **Please bring food at 5:15 pm. We will begin serving at 5:30 pm.**



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Volunteers, we want to celebrate YOU! On **September 14th**, FUMC staff will say thank you to all the laity volunteers who have helped FUMC "be the church" over the past year. There are two ways we will extend our thanks.

- Before worship, between 8:15 and 9:15 am, the FUMC staff will serve a volunteer appreciation breakfast to anyone who has volunteered for the missions and ministries. This includes those who serve at FUMC as well as those who serve through FUMC with one of our community partners - (see a list of Ministries and community partners [HERE](#).)

So that no one is unintentionally left out, personal invitations will not be mailed.

Please, if you are a volunteer, know that you are welcome and we ask you to **please RSVP to Pastor Leslie** at leslie@fumccleveland.com or **Pastor Lee** at lee@fumccleveland.com, or **sign the RSVP form on the Ask-Me Desk**. We look forward to sharing our gratitude with a good meal and time together!

- Pastors Leslie and Lee are excited to welcome the musical worship duo, Skip & Gayn, to lead a special worship experience that morning. Gaynor Nelson is a musician, artist and mother of one, playing guitar, ukulele and singing for the Skip & Gayn duo. Skip Strickland is a retired pastor and District Superintendent in the Mountain Sky Conference of the UMC and has been playing, singing and leading some form of music and worship all his life. For the past three years, Skip and Gaynor have also been leading worship at churches throughout Colorado, combining music with a message centered around themes of love, kindness, and acceptance. Learn more about Skip & Gayn [HERE](#)



SPECIAL MUSIC IN AUGUST

Aug. 24th, 10:00 - Chancel Choir & Men's Quartet (Neal Anderson, Mike Spoon, Barry Wehrle, Bill Eads)

11:30 - Outside Worship – Clegern family

Aug. 31st, 10:00 - Ben Clegern, vocal

Altar Flowers: Doug and Betty Hill provide the altar flowers this Sunday in honor of their 53rd wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary!



Free To Attend

CONVO
MONTHLY SPIRITUAL
EXPERIENCE

NEW
"The Rogue Saint"

Jerry will share about his journey as a pastor, bartender, comedian and questioner of all things religion



Event @Artworks Center Loveland
Free Childcare Included @ Loveland
First United Methodist Church
9/17 6:00-7:30



Unionloveland.org

Rev. Jerry Herships

SPECIAL CONVERSATION WITH REV. JERRY HERSHIPS!

Union Spiritual Community is excited to welcome Rev. Jerry Herships as our guest speaker for our Bi-Monthly "Convo" gathering on **Tuesday, September 17th**, from **6:00 to 7:30pm** at **Artworks Loveland, 310 N. Railroad Ave., Loveland, CO 80537**. **Learn More** [HERE](#) or Contact Bryson Lillie or Molly Waller at (unionloveland@gmail.com)

HCHC - Health Coaches for Hypertension Control

10-11:30am, Mondays, September 15-November 10. HCHC is an evidence-based program that's been proven to help improve the health of those diagnosed with high blood pressure. These 9-weekly classes help participants manage hypertension by focusing on lifestyle change. Please call 970.495.8565 to register for this program. Cost: Suggested donation of \$15 for materials, payable by cash or check at class. This class is one of many **offered by UCHHealth Aspen Club**, which provides health-related programs and support to people over 50. FUMC has a good partnership with Aspen Club by hosting several of their classes. Look for more classes here at FUMC in the future!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.

- **CALLING ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS!**

Get Involved in Sunday School this Fall!

- **School Year, Consistent Sunday School Starts September 7th!**

- **Opportunities Available:**

- * Sunday School Lead
- * Sunday School Shepherd
- * Nursery Helper

- **Easy & Rewarding:** The curriculum and activities are *completely* planned and prepared.

- **Support Provided:** Desiree Aragon will send you a personalized email with all the details after you sign up.

- **Ready to Make a Difference? Here are the ways!**

Take a look at a special invitation from Desiree [HERE](#), then **sign up online to volunteer [HERE](#)** or use the sign up sheet at the Volunteer Hub.



- **COME SING WITH THE CHOIR**

We love summer choir. If you sang with us and were blessed by the experience, please consider whether you just want to sing in the summer or if you're interested in singing during our regular season, August-May. Even if you didn't sing with the summer choir, but are interested in joining the Chancel Choir, we'd love to have you! Please call (no texts) or email Kathryn Peiffer, 970-624-8971, kpeiffer@fumcleveland.com.

- **FUMC & TUMC COLLABORATE IN MISSION**

Join FUMC and Trinity UMC, along with Truscott Elementary staff and families, as we put our faith into action and give the **Truscott Elementary School Garden** (two blocks north of FUMC on Grant Ave) a fresh start! Join the fun on Saturday, **September 6th, 8:00–10:00am** to clean and refresh the space for the school year. Bring gloves, sunscreen, a hat, and your favorite gardening tools—we'll provide water, snacks, and heavier equipment. On Sunday, **September 7th, after worship** around 11:30 a.m. join us on site as we bless the garden and pray for the students, teachers, and families who will use it. Let's come together to show Christ's grace to our community. Money gifts to help cover the cost of the project are appreciated. Any **gift should be made to FUMC and marked "Truscott Garden."** Questions? Contact Barry Wehrle (barrywehrle@gmail.com) or TUMC's Pastor Bryson (pastor@tumc-loveland.org).

- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY & FUMC**

FUMC is a mission partner with Loveland Habitat for Humanity. Here are some upcoming ways to support this valuable organization!

Become a ReStore Regular!

Do you or someone you know love sorting and organizing? Our ReStore is overflowing with donations, and we're looking for regular volunteers to help us sort clothes and housewares, test electronics, and put things out onto our sales floor. Learn more at lovelandhabitat.org/volunteer.

Veterans Build

Thursday, September 11th at Grace Gardens. Help us honor those who have served with a special build day. Our opening ceremony will include an opening prayer, performance of the National Anthem, a presentation of the colors, and a speech by Larimer County Commissioner Jody Shaddock-McNally.

Veterans, service members, and first responders are invited to register at lovelandhabitat.org/veterans-build. For more information, contact development@lovelandhabitat.org.

- **CALLING THOSE WHO CAN OPERATE A VOLUME BUTTON!**

Volunteers are needed to assist with running the soundboard during the Sunday morning service. Training is available and prior experience is not required. Volunteers would not be expected to work every Sunday. Please contact Ryan Millard at av@fumcloveland.com to ask questions or volunteer.



Family Programming Coordinator - Desiree Aragon -
familycoordinator@tumc-loveland.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Mark your calendars! The **first day** of Sunday school will be **September 7th!**

Parents: Please note that there will be a better way to sign in your kiddo(s) for Sunday school this year. See **Desiree before the service** at the table with the balloons near the volunteer hub in Lobby Court.

Sunday School volunteers are vital for the success of children's ministries. **See p2 above** for ways that you can support this ministry.



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

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Sunday 08/24: Regular youth group 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Snacks provided

Sunday 08/31: No Youth Group - Labor Day Weekend

Sunday 09/07: Regular youth group 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Snacks provided

Sunday 09/14: French Fry Rally 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Meet at the church.



PERSONALS



Prayers:

Bob Eatman, recovery from heart bypass.

Juliana Hoch, recovery from heart surgery.

Judy Graff, at the death of her brother, Jim Petereson.

Doug & Lynette Mannering, for Doug's continued healing from surgery, and for comfort and peace at the passing of their son, Jared.

Mary & Gary Small...for peace and comfort at the recent passing of Mary's mother, Muriel Ross

Jeanne Burns - prayers for healing from surgery.

Lyle Gilroy, in rehab for torn muscle.

We give thanks for the life of FUMC member Harriett Piersel, who entered eternal life on July 17, and hold in prayer her friends in family. There will not be a service for Harriett.

A memorial service for Jared will be held August 24th at 2:00pm at FUMC.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (John 14:27)

A celebration of life service for Jack and Jane Gill will be held August 30th at 1:00pm at LiNC Library, 501 8th Ave, Greeley. All are welcome; please RSVP as soon as you can to help their family plan food by contacting Linda Moore at 970-324-1125.



Birthdays: Aug 18 - Aug 24, 2025

Cecilia Ball
Mike Spoon
Robert Hoch

Isa Hauschulz
Mark Billingsley
Norma Hammond

Vicky Shields