



The Window

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO

December 3, 2023

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Plan to attend the **2023 Church Conference on Monday, December 4 at 6:00 pm**. We will conduct the annual business of FUMC. Your voice and vote is important. It will be in person again this year. Come meet our new District Superintendent, Mark Calhoun, who will be with us in person.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Please join us on **Sunday, December 3 at 4:30 pm** in the sanctuary for the traditional "Hanging of the Greens" as we support our children and youth. Susan Harding has been working with a group of kids every week and they'll be presenting music with a script written by her. Spirit Sounds, Chancel Choir, Melanie Peffer on flute, and several piano solos will also be part of the afternoon. A soup supper will be served immediately following the presentation around 5:30 pm. We hope you'll show your appreciation for our kids and their hard work by your attendance!



COOKIE BAKERS & SHOPPERS NEEDED!

The Cookie Jar is the largest bake sale FUMC has ever seen! Each year we make and sell over 200 dozen fancy Christmas cookies to benefit the youth mission fund. To make this event a success, we need everyone's help. We are currently in need of many bakers who will donate a couple dozen "pretty" homemade cookies or candy. **Cookies will be needed by December 15**. Please drop off the cookies in Coy Hall from 4:00-7:00 pm. Matthew will be in contact with you for a code to get into the church. **Please sign up at the Ask Me Desk or speak with Matthew Utley**. You can also support the youth by shopping at the Cookie Jar which is **Saturday, December 16 from 9:00 - 11:00 am** or while supplies last. The price for cookies this year is \$8/lb. Great gifts for anyone!



SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE DRIVE

FUMC will be helping with Red Kettle campaign again this year. We will be ringing at the Sam's Club (on east Eisenhower) on the following five Saturdays: **December 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm**. The kettle will be located outside at the exit door. See the sign-up sheet at the Ask Me Desk for time-slots and consider volunteering for an hour or so. Please email Kay Neckel at catneck@msn.com or call her at 970-663-3434 with questions.



IT'S THE POSOLE AGAIN!

Feel free to come and join us this year on December 14 at 5:30 pm at FUMC for a great meal and entertainment from Truscott Elementary School. This is a fundraiser for Truscott; consider bidding on the auction items as well. Entry will be from both sides of Lobby Court. We expect churros for dessert!

DONATIONS FOR HARVEST POINTE

Each year at Christmas time our congregation brings some "comfort and joy" to the residents of Harvest Pointe here in Loveland. Harvest Pointe is a rent subsidized apartment community specifically designed for older adults who are at least 62 years of age. There are 79 one bedroom apartments. Traditionally, our gift has been a generous food basket. During the last couple of years, due to COVID, we have given gift cards which have been very gratefully received. Many in the congregation give to this effort so that we can bring Christmas blessings to our friends. If you wish to support this effort, please write a check to FUMC with the memo "Harvest Pointe." Thank you.



SPIRIT SOUNDS BELL CHOIR TO RING AT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

You are cordially invited to the 2nd Annual Loveland Community Christmas Concert on **Friday, December 1 at 7:00 pm at First United Presbyterian Church**, 400 E. 4th Street, downtown Loveland. Thank you to participating churches Mountain View Presbyterian Church and First United Methodist Church and musician Daniel Wheat. Let's bring in the season with good cheer together!

MUSIC FOR DECEMBER

December 3 - Chancel Choir, dulcimer duets and solos with Alice Crawford; **December 10** - Chancel Choir, Alaina Bongers & Melanie Pepper, harp & flute duets; **December 17** - Spirit Sounds, Ann Jeffers, soprano; **December 24: 10:00 am** - Pick up choir will sing. (We welcome everyone interested to meet at 9:00 am in the choir room to practice carols and sing for worship. You do NOT have to be a regular member of the choir to sing!) Neal Anderson - tenor, & Gil Garcia - trumpet, will also share their music with us. **4:30 pm** - Spirit Sounds, Leslie Kittel - soprano; **6:30 pm** - Chancel Choir, Melanie Pepper - flute. **December 31** - Anna Sundheim, soprano.



NEW CENTERING PRAYER MINISTRY

This method of meditation creates space for you to simply sit in the presence of God and helps you cultivate an awareness of God's presence at all times. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions, support each other in their practices, and receive a focus for the month to take into their personal practices. **Monthly in-person meetings** are held the **first Wednesday** of each month from **12:00 - 1:00 pm in the sanctuary** and **second Sunday** of each month from **11:15 am - 12:15 pm in Coy Hall**. You can choose which meeting to attend. In addition, a weekly video will be posted on the FUMC website to support your ongoing practice. No need to register. Contact Pastor Lee at lee@fumcloveland.com with questions at or call (970) 667-0876.

OUR 2024 PURA VIDA MISSION TRIP IS A GO!

Eight members of FUMC, Loveland, along with four friends/family, will be traveling to Guatemala in February to help with construction of a cinder-block home. They will be paying for their travel and providing labor, but there is still a need to cover construction costs. You can help! Go to this link https://www.puravida.org/virtual-trip.html?trip_id=106. If you'd like to "Join the team virtually", for a donation of \$250 or more you'll receive exclusive photo and video access during the construction process and optionally have your name displayed on the trip webpage. Or, if you would just like to "Support this project", any size donation is greatly appreciated.



FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to see us continue with two Fellowship Times per month? If so, the Fellowship Time sign-up sheets are posted on the wall next to the kitchen. Please sign-up to host and/or bring goodies. Contact Betsy Elliott at elliott1710@comcast.net with questions.



DID YOU KNOW?

Wondering about weekday building access and hours? "Office is open" does not mean the building is unlocked; likewise, the building being locked does not mean the office is closed! The office hours indicate when the office is open for church business and our Office Manager, Patty Gregory, is working. Pastors and staff of the church work in (and out) of the building throughout the week outside of those hours as well. In addition, a variety of groups meet throughout the week, and participants are provided various ways of entering the building. If you come during office hours, go to any entrance with an electronic keypad; press the "doorbell" (look for a gray square box, it is labeled "intercom"). Patty will be able to speak to you and unlock the door for you, but please be patient as sometimes she needs to step away from her desk. If there is someone specific you would like to talk to, check with them about their schedule. You might catch them in the office when you show up, but you might not; an appointment could help you avoid a wasted trip. Hours that the office is open for business are Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:00 am-3:30 pm and Thursday 8:00 am-3:00 pm.

PEACE AND THE ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR FORUM

Did you miss the forum on the Israel-Hamas War that was held on November 19th? Guest speaker Dr. Jer Swigart, founder of the peacemaking organization Global Immersion, did an excellent job conveying the complicated history between Israel and Palestine, his personal experiences on the ground in Israel when the war began, the challenges there and any hopeful paths to peace. He also answered several thoughtful questions posed by attendees. You can still listen to the forum in your own time by going to the Group and Events tab at www.fumcleveland.com, or by clicking [Peace and the Israel-Hamas War](#).



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Coordinator - Shannon Heusinkveld - shannonh@fumcleveland.com

Sunday, 12/3 3: Practice for Hanging of the Greens in the Sanctuary at 11:30 am. Hanging of the Greens Service is at 4:30 pm. Kids should arrive at 4:00 pm.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Sunday 12/3: We will meet after church service (11:15 am - 1:30 pm) for lunch and help set up for hanging the greens. We will also attend hanging of the greens (4:30 pm) and help serve soup after the event and help clean up after the soup supper.

Saturday 12/16: The youth will be hosting the annual Cookie Jar Fundraiser! The event will take place from 9:00 - 11:00 am. Youth are expected to help set up, run, and clean up after the event. These funds help support our future mission trips!

GENERAL INFORMATION

DONATE TO FUMC WHEN YOU SHOP!

Donations to FUMC are generated through King Soopers Community Rewards program every time you shop, and it does not take away from your own rewards! To sign up: 1) Sign in or create an account at www.kingsoopers.com; 2) Click King Soopers Community Rewards at the end of the page; 3) Search UK667 and click enroll. Questions? Call 970-631-2971.

ONLINE GIVING

Our church has online giving capability. Go to our website, www.fumcleveland.com and click on the menu tab labeled "Give & Support."

HOW TO ORDER ALTAR FLOWERS

Go to fumcleveland.com and click on the Altar Flowers tab to sign-up. Click on "click here" under Choose the Date. It will take you to Sign Up Genius. Find the date you wish to provide flowers for. Click the select tab. Scroll to the bottom and click the Save & Continue tab. Fill out the information including who you are donating flowers in honor or memory of. *You will need to contact Rowes Flowers at 970-667-2300 as soon as you sign-up to order and pay for your arrangement and tell them the date you signed-up for. As long as you sign-up by the Wednesday before the Sunday you wish to donate flowers, your name and the name of who you are honoring will be printed in the Window. For questions or assistance or if you don't have computer access, contact Patty Gregory in the office at 970-667-0876. (NOTE: Beginning January 1, 2024, there will no longer be a flower sign-up option in Coy Hall.)*



PERSONALS



Death: Dorothy Bush entered eternal life on Monday, November 20. Memorial arrangements are pending.



Birthdays: December 3 - 9

Cindy Crawley

Sarah Dill

Abbi Flaming

Kaeden Guddeck

Shannon Heusinkveld

Pat Lutz

Emily Whittemore

ONGOING CLASSES AND GROUPS

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP AT FUMC

Caregivers who have a loved one with Alzheimer's, dementia or cognitive impairment are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Barb Franke at (970-301-1615) or Barbie Clark at (970-667-7445). Meets on the **first Wednesday of the month at 3:00 pm in West Coy Hall. Our next meeting is December 6.**

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CHARITY QUILT GROUP

Charity Quilt Group meets the **2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.** For more information, call Kay Neckel at 970-663-3434. **Our next gathering is December 9.**

GAME DAY FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

FUMC Game Day meets on the last Wednesday of the month at Joyce & Harvey Hirning's home, 2925 9th Place Ct SW, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Call Joyce at 218-205-4777 to join in the fun. **The next game day is December 27.**

HOLY HAPPY HOUR GROUP MEETS ON ALTERNATE MONDAYS

Holy Happy Hour meets on the **2nd and 4th Monday's of the month from 5:00 - 7:00 pm** at Vatos Tacos. For more information, contact Tom Thompson at revtgt@hotmail.com.



SEARCHERS CLASS

There will be **no Searchers Class on December 3.**

WEIGHTS WITH ANITA

Join us **Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 am each week on Zoom.** Questions? Contact Anita Williams at anitaandroger@msn.com.

WOMEN OF THE CLOTH

This group is for anyone that is interested in any of the needle arts. **We meet in West Coy Hall every Friday at 9:30 am.** (Unless the church needs our space.) Everyone is welcome. For more information call Ann Eatman at 970-215-3757.



Y.A.R.N. (YOU ARE REALLY NEEDED)

Meets on **Tuesdays in West Coy Hall from 10:00 - 11:30 am.** Create prayer shawls, scarves, hats, etc. for people in need. For more information, contact Melinda Bart at 970-988-5957, mbart6868@gmail.com or Cindy Crawley at (770) 601-2749, clcteach4th5th@aol.com.