



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO  
November 19, 2023

### ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

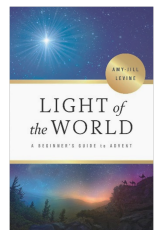
Plan to attend the **2023 Church Conference on December 4 at 6:00 pm**. We will conduct the annual business of FUMC. Your voice and vote is important. It will be in person again this year. Come meet our new District Superintendent, Mark Calhoun, who will be with us in person.

### PROCESSING THE ISRAELI-HAMAS WAR

**This Sunday, November 19, at 2:00 pm, Rev. Leslie** and Rev. AJ Bush are hosting a **forum led by Dr. Jer Swigert**, co-founder and executive director of Global Immersion, a faith-based, peacemaking organization. Dr. Swigert was in Israel when the war started on October 7, about to lead a peacemaking team in discussions with Israelis and Palestinians. You are encouraged to access the following resources before the forum. [Softening Our Certainty: Reflections on the Israel-Gaza War](#) and [Evangelicals Beware: Our Onesideism about Israel is Lethal – Red Letter Christians](#). The Zoom link for the forum is: [Israel-Hamas War Forum](#).

### ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Join Rev. Leslie and Ann Kessler for an Advent Bible study, guided by the book *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent* by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. Author, professor, and biblical scholar, Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. Two classes will be offered for your convenience. **Mondays, November 27 - December 18, 6:00-7:30 pm** (in-person at the church, led by Ann Kessler), and **Tuesdays, November 28 - December 19, 2:00 - 3:30 pm** (in-person and via Zoom, led by Rev. Leslie). **Sign up for the study by November 26 at the Ask Me Desk**. Cost of the book is \$13.50 and is available for pick up on the table outside the church office.



### PRISON MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP ANGEL TREE

For many years, our church family's generosity has blessed the lives of many of Loveland's children. This Christmas season our church will again be working with the Prison Ministry Fellowship, Angel Tree, to provide Christmas gifts for many of Loveland's children. You are invited to select an Angel ornament for the child for whom you would like to purchase a Christmas gift. **Angel ornaments will be ready to choose from on Sunday, November 19 in Coy Hall following Worship**. Any remaining ornaments will be available in Coy Hall on **Sunday, November 26**. Instructions, names, age, sizes and (hopefully, we will have received) gift suggestions will be ready by those dates. Thank

you all so much! Questions? Please call Terry Gindlesparger 1-563-343-2268 or Pam Erickson, 970-988-8424.



### HANGING OF THE GREENS AND SOUP SUPPER

Please join the Children, Youth and Bells groups in the sanctuary as they host the celebration of the Hanging of the Greens on **December 3 at 4:30 pm**. Soup Supper to follow in Coy Hall! If you're able, please sign up at the Ask Me Desk to participate in or bring food sides and desserts for the Soup Supper.

### SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE DRIVE

The new Coordinator for FUMC's Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign is Kay Neckel. FUMC will be helping with the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign again this year. We will be ringing at the Sam's Club (on east Eisenhower) on the following six Saturdays: **November 18 and 25, 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](mailto:catneck@msn.com) or call her at 970-663-3434 with questions or to find a time slot that works for you.

## UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY IS NOVEMBER 26

United Methodists have been investing in our students for more than 100 years. United Methodist Student Day invites the church to support United Methodist students in achieving their educational goals. The funds received will award United Methodist scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students. Your gifts help young people achieve their educational calling with more financial freedom.



### ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS TODAY

The Worship Committee is offering the opportunity to purchase Christmas Poinsettias for \$12.50 each to be used for our Advent services. Order forms are at the Ask Me Desk in Lobby Court with spaces to dedicate the Poinsettia in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Place your check and order form in the basket labeled "Christmas Poinsettias". **The deadline for ordering Poinsettias is November 26.** Thank you for helping beautify the sanctuary for Christmas! Plan to pick up your Poinsettias after the last service on Christmas Eve.

### NEW CENTERING PRAYER MINISTRY

Learn the method of centering prayer and find inspiration, support and community for your practice. 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** begin in November and will be 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. You do not need to attend both. In addition, a weekly video will be posted on the FUMC website to support your ongoing practice. No need to register. Contact Pastor Lee with questions at [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com) or call (970) 667-0876.

### 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.** Information on when and where to drop off cookies will come soon! 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!

### FUMC'S SPIRIT SOUNDS BELL CHOIR WILL PARTICIPATE IN 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!

### RING IN THE SEASON!

Bells of the Rockies presents Ring Noel: A Christmas Flourish on **Saturday, December 9 at 4:00 pm at Mountain View Presbyterian Church**, 2500 N Garfield Ave, Loveland, and also on **Sunday, December 17 at 4:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church**, 1800 21st Ave in Greeley.

### 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](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.

### NOVEMBER MUSIC

November 19 - Spirit Sounds with Linda Anderson on percussion, Clegern Family choral group;  
November 26 - Chancel Choir, Melanie Pepper, flute.

## **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](mailto:elliott1710@comcast.net) with questions.

## **FOR THE LOVE CAMPAIGN**

FUMC Missions Committee along with Marketing and Outreach will be collecting donations in conjunction with the "For the Love " campaign which will run the month of November. Items collected will be used to help the unhoused as the winter months approach. A full list of items that Guiding Connections House of Neighborly Service are in need of is at the Ask Me Desk.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Our church has "doorbells" at all three electronic entrances. These take the form of silver rectangular intercoms. Push the button for assistance. Even though the office isn't open Sundays, staff and select volunteers have the intercom app installed on their phones and can unlock the door for you. Be patient as those with the app might be participating in the service. Listen carefully, even though the intercoms support 2-way communications, you might just hear the door unlock as those in the service probably won't be at liberty to speak.

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**Coordinator - Shannon Heusinkveld - [shannonh@fumcloveland.com](mailto:shannonh@fumcloveland.com)**

There will be **no Sunday School on 11/19** due to Thanksgiving break. Thank you to all the hard-working volunteers that teach our Sunday School children. Have a wonderful holiday!

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

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

**Saturday 11/18:** We will meet at the church at 11:30 am and go out for lunch instead of Youth Group on Sunday as many people will not be available.

**Sunday 11/19 AND 11/26:** No Youth Group for Thanksgiving week.

**Sunday 12/03:** 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 the event. These funds help support our future mission trips!

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **ONLINE GIVING**

Our church has online giving capability. Go to our website, [www.fumcloveland.com](http://www.fumcloveland.com) and click on the menu tab labeled "Give & Support."

### **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](http://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.

### **HOW TO ORDER ALTAR FLOWERS**

Go to [fumcloveland.com](http://fumcloveland.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.

## PERSONALS

### **Please pray for...**

Kay Neckel and son, Jerry, as he recovers from a bicycle accident.  
Debbie Tikka's mom, Coke Burdick, healing/recovery from a car accident.



### **Death:**

*Peggy Chitwood* entered eternal life on Friday, October 13. A memorial service will be held at the church on Sunday, November 19 at 11:30am.

**Altar Flowers:** Given in memory of Del Schultz from Charlotte, Karen, and family.

### **Birthdays: November 12-25**

Lexi Jo Barrett	Rebecca Champion	Sue Lussenhop	Jean Reinhart	Clara Stutzman
Ella Berdahl	Lyle Gilroy	Bill McCreary	Amelia Sauer	Cathy Trout
Pat Boegli	Noah Heusinkveld	Alicia Mitchell	Dean Schwartz	Ruth Van Voorhis
Bentley Champion	Mark Kessler	Marvin Morganti	Debbie Schwartz	David Williams

## 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.**



### **CHARITY QUILT GROUP**

The 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 November 29.**

### **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](mailto:revtgt@hotmail.com).



### **SEARCHERS CLASS**

On Sunday November 19, we will meet from 8:45 - 9:45 am in Rooms S030 & S040 in Fellowship Hall..

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:mbart6868@gmail.com) or Cindy Crawley at (770) 601-2749, [clcteach4th5th@aol.com](mailto:clcteach4th5th@aol.com).