



The Window

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO

November 5, 2023

YOUR VOTE IS REQUIRED

Mark your calendars! Plan to stay a little later after church on **November 12. At 11:30 am** we will convene for a specially-called **church conference for the sole purpose of voting on the actual sale of FUMC's 10 acres** at 57th and Taft. Terms have been reached with a buyer and your vote is required to complete the sale. For those worshipping online, there will be an opportunity to join the meeting via Zoom, at this link: [Land Sale Church Conference](#).



PROCESSING THE ISRAELI-HAMAS WAR

The war in Israel is heartbreaking and evokes many feelings and opinions. How did it get to this traumatic point? What is the hope for peace in the Holy Land? You have two opportunities to learn more. Come to one or both presentations. Details of each are:

- On Sunday, November 5, there will be no Searchers Class. However on **Sunday, November 12, Dave Mills** will present a program on **UNDERSTANDING THE ROOTS OF THE ISRAELI-HAMAS WAR**. Learn about some history, geography and politics of the region, and come join in the discussion of what should happen after the war. We will meet at **8:45 - 9:45 am downstairs in Fellowship Hall**.
- On **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 (GI) and co-author of [Mending the Divides: Creative Love in a Conflicted World](#). GI is a faith-based organization that seeks to “form Everyday Peacemakers and Reconciling Leaders to mend divides.” 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 resource before the forum. [Softening Our Certainty: Reflections on the Israel-Gaza War](#) In this deeply personal conversation, Dr. Swigert shares his experiences being on the ground as war broke out in Israel and Palestine, delves into the complexity of it, and invites us to soften our certainty in an effort to move toward a more pro-human advocacy. The Zoom link for the forum is: [Israel-Hamas War Forum](#)

CALLING ALL WRITERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS!

It is time to design our FUMC Advent Devotional for this year. If you love to write, and/or have a box (or phone) full of memorable photographs, or are simply interested in being a part of creating this special devotional publication...please express your desire to participate by sending an email to leslie@fumcloveland.com no later than November 5, 2023. More guidance will be given at that time. You may also sign up at the Ask Me Desk.

NEW CENTERING PRAYER MINISTRY

Learn the method of centering prayer and find inspiration, support and community for your practice. The old Christian practice of centering prayer has been practiced among Christian communities for centuries. 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. Each in-person gathering will begin with an introduction and instruction, and will include time for meditation. 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 or call (970) 667-0876. **PLEASE NOTE, THE NOVEMBER 12 MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELED DUE TO THE ALL-CHURCH CONFERENCE.**

DEMENTIA TOGETHER SEMINAR

Dementia Together is a nonprofit organization with a mission: No one has to walk the dementia journey alone. Come learn about dementia in general and Dementia Together's support for those living with dementia and their care partners. The seminar will be held in Fellowship Hall (basement level) on **Saturday, November 11 from 9:30 - 11:00 am**; there will be a Veterans Day parade downtown later that morning so give yourself extra time to arrive. There is no cost to attend and all are welcome without registration, but please RSVP for planning purposes. Contact Pastor Lee at lee@fumcloveland.com or (970) 667-0876 with questions and to RSVP.

NOVEMBER MUSIC

November 5 - Chancel Choir; November 12 - Chancel Choir, Kristin Rangel, violin;
November 19 - Spirit Sounds with Linda Anderson on percussion, Clegern Family choral group;
November 26 - Chancel Choir, Melanie Pepper, flute.

SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE DRIVE

FUMC will be helping in 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 Paul Williamson at williamsonp52@gmail.com or text him at 970-617-8137 with questions or to find a time slot that works for you.

FUMC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship will meet at **12:00 pm in West Coy Hall on Thursday, November 16**, for our annual salad luncheon! Please bring a salad and your own table service. Rev. Lee will tell us about her life. All women are welcome. Contact Darlene Lowe at Aldarlowe@gmail.com with questions.

FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to see us continue with two Fellowship Times per month? If so, the Fall Fellowship 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.

LIFE STORIES CLASS OFFERED FREE OF CHARGE!

Dr. Clay Carter is offering a free ten-week Guided Autobiography Course on Zoom, to begin as soon as seven people sign-up. The materials are derived from the book *Telling the Stories of Life through Guided Autobiography Groups*, by James E. Birren (often called the first gerontologist) and Kathryn N. Cockran. Curriculum materials will be provided free of charge; class members will provide only their own writing materials. The class will meet on Zoom for ten successive weekly sessions, beginning as soon as seven people sign up. The exact day and time will be determined by asking the participants about availability. For more information about specifics of the course or to enroll, contact Clay at pclaycarter@gmail.com or (970) 616-9686.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Sunday, November 5: We will have our regular youth group and lunch, 11:15 am - 1:30 pm.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Trunk or Treat!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Coordinator - **Shannon Heusinkveld** - shannonh@fumcloveland.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

ONLINE GIVING

Our church has online giving capability. Go to our website, 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; 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 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 if you *don't have computer access*, contact **Patty Gregory** 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.

Deaths:

Roy Allen entered eternal life on Tuesday, October 3. A memorial service and reception is scheduled for Friday, November 3 at 2:00 pm at the church.

Norman Coleman entered eternal life on Saturday, September 30. A memorial service and reception will be held at the church on Saturday, November 11 at 1:00 pm.

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.

Birthdays: November 5 - 11

Don Burton

George Franke

Harvey Hirning

John Morgan

ONGOING CLASSES AND GROUPS

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP AT FUMC

All caregivers who have a loved one with Alzheimer's, dementia or cognitive impairment will benefit from support from joining our group. For more information, please contact Barb Frank at (970-301-1615) or Barbie Clark at (970-667-7445). We meet 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 November 11.**



GAME DAY FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

FUMC Game Day meets monthly on the last Wednesday of the month from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at Joyce & Harvey Hirning's home, 2925 9th Place Ct SW. Attendees choose from an assortment of games. 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, at the Foundry, 270 N Cleveland in Loveland. For more information, contact Tom Thompson at revtgt@hotmail.com.



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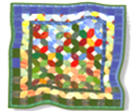


WEIGHTS WITH ANITA

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

The Women of the Cloth group would like to invite anyone that is interested in any of the needle arts to attend. **We meet in West Coy Hall every Friday at 9:30 am**. (Unless the church needs our space.) This group has been meeting for about 27 years and welcomes everyone. 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.