



# The Window

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO

March 3, 2024

## UMCOR SUNDAY IS MARCH 10

Your extra giving helps raises awareness for the ministry of UMCOR. Offerings on this Special Sunday underwrite the cost of doing business. They make it possible for UMCOR to focus on responding to communities and individuals when they need immediate assistance and allow UMCOR to preserve the promise that 100% of any donation to a specific UMCOR project or missionary will go towards that project and not administrative costs. **Special Sunday envelopes are available on the small round table at the back of the sanctuary.**



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **March 24, Palm Sunday, 10:00 am** - featuring special music selections from the Chancel Choir.
- **March 28, Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm** - Revs. Leslie and Lee will help lead "The Night of Love", an ecumenical community Last Supper service, at **Trinity UMC, 801 Cleveland Ave.**
- **March 31, Easter Worship Options:**
  - **Easter Sunrise Service, 6:45 am** - under the Big Tree at FUMC. (in person only)
  - **Easter Service, 9:00 am** - featuring the Spirit Sounds Bell Choir and Ann Jeffers, soloist (In person and live streamed)
  - **Easter Service, 11:00 am** - featuring the Chancel Choir (In person and live streamed)
    - **NOTE** the change in worship times on Easter morning!

## GREETERS NEEDED

A big thank you to Lois Beers, who has been serving as the coordinator for Sunday morning greeters this past year! Lois is stepping down as coordinator, but we still have a need for friendly people to welcome folks into the building on Sunday mornings and help visitors find their way. A new online sign up list has been created, and you can find it by going to [fumcleveland.com](http://fumcleveland.com) and clicking on the Jobs tab, or [click here](#) to be taken there. You can also continue to sign up at the Ask Me Desk. Contact Pastor Lee with any questions.

## WHY ALL THE AGGRAVATING SECURITY?

Security protocols can feel aggravating and the optics feel wrong at times. The FUMC Security team has worked prayerfully and diligently for the past several years, including much research on best practices for places of worship. They continue to monitor and consider optimal ways to help create a safe yet welcoming environment for everyone. In that same interest of security, be aware that there was an incident after bell choir rehearsal on Tuesday night. A man was hanging around the statue of Jesus near the front (south) entrance at the end of bell rehearsal. As two bell ringers re-entered the building, the man followed and tried to enter the church before the main entrance door shut and locked. He did not gain entrance, but stayed outside the church for another half hour until police arrived; at which point he ran off. To stay safe and care for one another, please remember:



- Use your entry code or fob, or ring the doorbell, when doors are locked.
- Never prop the doors open for others to more easily enter behind you.
- Practice situational awareness. Notice your surroundings.
- When leaving the church, especially after dark, try not to go out to the parking lot alone.
- Try not to leave anyone alone inside the church to leave by themselves.
- The front (south) door closes slowly. Make sure no-one is trying to get in before that door shuts.

## **SUNDAY MORNING DRIVERS NEEDED**

FUMC is seeking volunteers who are good drivers and enjoy getting to know people and offering them a helping hand. If that describes you, then would you be willing to serve as a bus driver on Sunday mornings? (A special driver's license is not required.) OR, would you be willing to pick someone up in your own car? By having a team of a few drivers, those who are no longer able to drive and want to attend worship in person are able to attend, and drivers will not have to make a commitment every Sunday. If you're interested, or have questions before making up your mind, please contact Rev. Lee Anderson-Harris at [lee@fumccleveland.com](mailto:lee@fumccleveland.com) or 970-667-0876.

## **OUR CHURCH CAN BECOME "FOSTER FRIENDLY"**

Do you know that nearly half of foster parents stop fostering within the first year? One of the most often-cited reasons is lack of community support. Our church can play a valuable role in changing the experience and outcomes for kids and families in foster and kinship care. Our Mission Committee is investigating this concept and is finding that we can become a Foster Friendly Congregation with some good effort on our part. On Tuesday evening, March 5, Tracee Rudd, executive director of Colorado Kids Belong, will meet with our Mission Committee to further explain how we can become part of this important program. This meeting is open to all those in the congregation who are interested in hearing more about supporting foster families. We'll meet at 6:30 pm in West Coy Hall. Becoming "foster friendly" can be a new avenue through which we can reach into our community to be the hands and feet of Christ. Please join us.

## **MARCH MUSIC**

March 3 - Gil Garcia, flugelhorn; Bassoon/Vocal duet with Susan Harding & Neal Anderson, Ben Clegern & Dan Clegern, duet. March 10 - (Women Composer Sunday) Chancel Choir. March 17 - Spirit Sounds, Neal Anderson, vocal solo, Ben Clegern & Dan Clegern, duet. March 24 - (Palm Sunday) Chancel Choir. March 31 - (Easter) 9:00 am - Spirit Sounds, Ann Jeffers, soprano; 11:00 am - Chancel Choir

## **SPIRIT SOUNDS BELL CHOIR TO ATTEND SPRING RING BELL FESTIVAL**

The Spirit Sounds Bell Choir will be attending the Colorado Spring Ring Bell Festival on Saturday, March 9, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Loveland. Bell choirs from across the state will meet for this day-long mass ringing event. It will be under the direction of Brian Childers - bell composer and clinician. The festival will end the day with a concert at 4:00 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 4650 Sunview Drive at Hwy 287 & 50th Street. The concert is free and open to the public.

## **GENERAL CONFERENCE 2024 NEWS & UPDATES**

The 2020 General Conference of the United Methodist Church takes place this year beginning on April 23, 2024 (no, that's not a typo!). You can stay up to date by going to the Mountain Sky Conference's webpage covering the General Conference. There you will find the legislation, the various proposed plans for the future of the UMC, and lots of statements, blogs and news articles. And, if you need to catch up on what has happened since the specially called 2019 Conference, you will find information for that too. [Click here](#) to be taken to the webpage, or go to [www.mtnskyumc.org/general-conference](http://www.mtnskyumc.org/general-conference).

## **[YOUTH MINISTRY](#)**

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

**Sunday, March 3:** Youth Group and lunch (11:15 am - 1:30 pm).

**Sunday March 10:** Youth Group and lunch (11:15 am-1:30 pm). We will be filling eggs for the Palm Sunday Easter egg hunt.

**Sunday March 17:** No youth group: Spring Break

**Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt March 24:** On Palm Sunday youth will hide Easter eggs for the kids to find after service.

**Mission Trip to Osage Beach, Missouri:** This year the youth will take their annual mission trip to Osage Beach, Missouri from June 22-29. For more information contact Matthew.

## [CHILDREN'S MINISTRY](#)

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

### **BUCKHORN FUNDRAISER**

If you would be interested in helping to send a child or teen to Buckhorn Christian Camp this summer, please see the fundraiser near the Ask Me Desk in Lobby Court. Every little bit helps and is appreciated!

## [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](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 [www.fumcleveland.com](http://www.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.*

### **INSTAGRAM**

FUMC Loveland is now on Instagram. Here is a QR code link if you would like to follow what is happening at FUMC.



### **ONLINE GIVING**

Our church has online giving capability. Go to our website, [www.fumcleveland.com](http://www.fumcleveland.com) and click on the menu tab labeled "Give & Support." You will have the option of a one-time giving, or to set up recurring giving. Simply point your smartphone camera to the QR code on the left to take you to the secure giving page, or log on to [fumcleveland.com](http://fumcleveland.com). **Recurring giving**, through our secure online link or through your bank's Bill Pay option, is a wonderful – and easy – way to honor your giving commitment and plans to FUMC, whether you are in the church in person, or even away from home.

## [PERSONALS](#)



### **Prayers:**

Doneata Cohn, recovery from a fall  
Ted Nutting, recovering from a fall and hip replacement

**Altar Flowers:** Given by Martha DiCicco in memory of Carlo.

### **Birthdays: March 1-3**

Judy Deal  
River Goodier

Rusty Mathena  
Levi Mitchell

Julie Monroe



## [ONGOING CLASSES AND GROUPS](#)

### **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 March 9.**

## 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 March 6.**

## 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 West Coy**. You can choose which meeting to attend, no need to attend both. The first 10 minutes are devoted to instruction in the practice, so if you don't need instruction feel free to arrive 10 minutes later! In addition, go to Groups & Events on the website and click on Centering Prayer to access an instructional video and weekly videos. Contact Pastor Lee at [lee@fumccleveland.com](mailto:lee@fumccleveland.com) with questions at or call (970) 667-0876.



## FELLOWSHIP TIME

The new sign-up sheets for Fellowship Time are now posted on the kitchen door in Coy Hall. We are in need of host and treat makers on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Please sign up the next time you are at church or email Betsy Elliott at [elliott1710@comcast.net](mailto:elliott1710@comcast.net). Thank you.

## HOLY HAPPY HOUR GROUP MEETS ON ALTERNATE MONDAYS

Holy Happy Hour meets on the **2nd & 4th Monday of the month from 5:00 - 7:00 pm** at Tom Davis Saloon, 450 N Cleveland Ave in Loveland. For more information, contact Tom Thompson at [revtgt@hotmail.com](mailto:revtgt@hotmail.com).



## SEARCHERS CLASS

No Searchers Class on Sunday, March 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](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).