



# The Window

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO

April 21, 2024

## CUISINE, CATCH-UP & CONVERSATION POTLUCK

Join Pastors Leslie and Lee on **Sunday, April 21 in Coy Hall** for a Cuisine, Catch-up and Conversation potluck, immediately following the service. We will share a meal, enjoy fellowship with old and new friends, then have a time for the pastors to convey information about FUMC's ministries and missions and some of the important business being considered at General Conference. If you've signed up to bring food, thank you! No worries if you did not. Bring what you'd like to share and it will be enjoyed and appreciated. We are asking for volunteers to help set up before and clean up after the potluck. Many hands make quick work! If you can help, please email Pastor Lee at [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com).



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR EASTER GENEROSITY

The FUMC Easter Offering totaled \$6,641.20. Thank you for your servant hearts and generous giving. The total donations to our three charitable organizations were: **World Central Kitchen, Gaza support** - \$2,085.07... Since it was given during WCK's Ramadan Celebration Match, FUMC's donation was doubled to \$4170.14. **Larimer County Food Bank** - \$2,471.06... This offering included a \$386 donation received during the Community Easter Sunrise Service hosted by FUMC, TUMC and First Presbyterian Church. **Interfaith Council FOCO** - \$2,085.07... FUMC's donation supports the Sayed family (2 parents and 10 children) as they resettle in Fort Collins. They are newcomers to our country from Afghanistan by way of a refugee camp in Qatar where they lived for two years.



## HUMANITY FIRST, ALWAYS

A note from World Central Kitchen: Thank you for your donation to our campaign, aimed at feeding communities in Gaza this Ramadan. Your kindness and dedication to serving humanity are needed now more than ever. We are hard at work in Gaza, partnering with hundreds of volunteers and staff to provide food support to families in the region. WCK has already dispatched over 1,200 aid trucks, participated in an airdrop of humanitarian supplies to the hard-to-reach northern area of Gaza, and prepared a boat in Cyprus to head to the Middle East with food. To date, we have distributed over 30 million meals. Independent calculations show that WCK provides more than 60% of all NGO food aid in the conflict zone. Your gift this Ramadan ensures WCK can continue providing nourishing meals where they are needed most. We know that a plate of food is so much more than a meal—it's dignity, it's hope, it's a sign that someone cares. Thank you.



## FUMC 101 CLASS

Mark your calendars. FUMC 101 - Next Steps is coming **Sunday, April 28 at 11:30 am in West Coy Hall**. If you are an FUMC guest, regular attendee or even a member, you are invited to come learn a bit about the history of the UMC, a bit about FUMC and a bit about your pastors and each other. Please RSVP by emailing Pastor Leslie at [leslie@fumcloveland.com](mailto:leslie@fumcloveland.com) or Pastor Lee at [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com). Not currently a member at FUMC? You will have the opportunity to join the church following the class. (NOTE: Class attendance is encouraged, but not mandatory, to join FUMC Loveland. Membership is not a requirement to be accepted and part of the FUMC family.)

## METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Please visit the church's website, [www.fumcloveland.com](http://www.fumcloveland.com) to download the application for the Loveland Methodist Foundation Scholarship. The applicant or the applicant's spouse, parent, guardian or child must be a member of the First United Methodist Church of Loveland. Completed applications will be accepted at the church until **Friday, May 3, 2024**. Please put applications in the Loveland Methodist Foundation mailbox outside of the office door.

## STUDY WITH FUMC'S AMPLIFY SUBSCRIPTION!

FUMC has a free trial of Amplify Media until May 2. What does this mean? YOU can access numerous educational videos that cover a variety of Bible studies and other Christian topics! Amplify Media is a part of Cokesbury, so you can trust that these teachings are "UMC approved." Some videos use accompanying books you can purchase for further study; and you can even form your own study group. Anyone with FUMC's code can access the account for free. Go to [my.amplifymedia.com](https://my.amplifymedia.com), click on the "person" icon in the top right corner, then click on enter access code. Enter the code TRFKYJ, then verify, then you will be asked to set up your personal account. Try it out, and let Pastor Lee know what you think. If this is a benefit to folks, FUMC may create a paid account...all resources will remain free to you. Contact Lee with any questions at [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com) or 970-667-0876.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE 2024 NEWS & UPDATES

The 2020 General Conference of the United Methodist Church begins next week, April 23. 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).

## APRIL MUSIC

April 21 - Spirit Sounds, Timmy VanderWall - marimba (Timmy is Phyllis & Barry Wehrle's grandson.)

April 28 - Chancel Choir

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS OPEN TO ALL

Church Council meetings are open to all members and friends of FUMC. We welcome visitors! Our next meeting will be **Monday, April 22 at 6:30 pm in West Coy Hall**. Minutes from our March meeting are posted on the FUMC website or use this link: <https://fumcloveland.com/?tid=council>. Contact Church Council Chair, Judy Stout, at [jstout@lpbroadband.net](mailto:jstout@lpbroadband.net), or 303-956-2080 with any questions or comments.

## SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS

The Mission Committee is reestablishing the Salvation Army collection box that is found by the staircase between Lobby Court and Coy Hall. If you would like to donate the following items to The Salvation Army, place them in the box. A member of the Mission Committee will take the items to the Salvation Army on a regular basis. Items needed: Nonperishable food items, hygiene items, in-season clothing that is in good condition, small household items, soft items for homes such as throw pillows, blankets, lap robes, towels, etc.

## [YOUTH MINISTRY](#)

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

**Sunday, April 21:** Youth Group and lunch, 11:15 am - 1:30 pm. **Potluck:** For lunch we are joining the church-wide potluck in Coy Hall.

**Sunday, April 28 & May 5:** Youth Group and lunch, 11:15 am - 1:30 pm in Youth Range.

**Sunday, May 12 Garden Party:** Youth will pass out flowers, set-up and clean-up for the Garden Party.

**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@fumcloveland.com](mailto:shannonh@fumcloveland.com)

## [GENERAL INFORMATION](#)

## INSTAGRAM

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



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## SUNDAY MORNING TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

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@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com) or 970-667-0876.

## GREETERS NEEDED

**Thank you to Karen James and Charlotte Schultz for being the new coordinators for Sunday greeters!** We have a need for friendly people to welcome folks into the building on Sunday mornings and help visitors find their way. You can sign up by going to [fumcloveland.com](http://fumcloveland.com) and clicking on the Jobs tab, or [click here](#) to be taken there, and you can sign up at the Ask Me Desk. Contact: Karen James, 970-669-6191.

## 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.

## 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." 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 [fumcloveland.com](http://fumcloveland.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.



## HOW TO ORDER ALTAR FLOWERS

Go to [www.fumcloveland.com](http://www.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 Rowe's 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.* You can purchase flowers from another location and bring them with you by 9:30 am that Sunday, but to have flowers delivered you must order from Rowe's. 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

### Prayers:

Tom & Pam Darrah, in the death of Tom's mother on April 17  
Darlene Lowe, recovering from fall  
Doneata Cohn, rehabilitation  
Barb Franke, recovering from knee surgery  
Rick & Marjie Tessean, death of Rick's sister



**Altar Flowers:** Provided by Susan & Bill Kuhling in celebration of their 50th anniversary.



### Birthdays: April 15-21

Beth Bristol  
Keith Cox  
Megan Hauschulz

Rebecca Hennings  
John Kindred  
Janet Knox

Mindy Stiverson

## **ONGOING CLASSES AND GROUPS**

### **CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP AT FUMC**

For caregivers who have a loved one with Alzheimer's, dementia or cognitive impairment. Contact: Barb Franke, (970-301-1615) or Barbie Clark, (970-667-7445). Meets on the **first Wednesday** of the month at **3:00 pm** in **West Coy Hall**. Our **next meeting is May 1**.



### **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. **Monthly in-person meetings** are held the **first Wednesday** of each month from **12:00 - 1:00 pm** in the **sanctuary** or the **second Sunday** of each month from **11:15 am - 12:15 pm** in **West Coy Hall**. You can choose which meeting to attend. In addition, go to Groups & Events on the website and click on Centering Prayer to access an instructional video and seasonal weekly videos. Contact: Pastor Lee, [lee@fumcleveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcleveland.com).



### **CHARITY QUILT GROUP**

The Charity Quilt Group meets the **2nd Saturday** of each month from **9:00 am - 1:00 pm**. Contact: Kay Neckel, 970-663-3434. Our **next gathering is May 11**.

### **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

The sign-up sheets for Fellowship Time are 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. Contact: Betsy Elliott, [elliott1710@comcast.net](mailto:elliott1710@comcast.net).

### **HOLY HAPPY HOUR GROUP MEETS ON ALTERNATE MONDAYS**

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. Contact: Tom Thompson, [revtgt@hotmail.com](mailto:revtgt@hotmail.com).



### **SEARCHERS CLASS**

On Sunday April 21, we will have two guest speakers from Loveland Habitat for Humanity. Our first speaker will be Jordan Clegg, Community Outreach Director who will review recent accomplishments of Habitat. Additionally, we will hear from a homeowner who has recently successfully gone through the process of qualifying for a Habitat home. After their presentations, there will be time for questions. We hope you can join us. **The class meets at 8:45 am in Rooms S030 & S040 in Fellowship Hall.**

### **SOUL FEAST**

Soul Feast book group meets every **Thursday at 2:00 pm** in **West Coy Hall**. All are welcome to join us. Contact: Barbie Clark at [brbclark@msn.com](mailto:brbclark@msn.com) or 970-667-7445.

### **WEIGHTS WITH ANITA**

Join us **Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 am** each week on **Zoom**. Contact: Anita Williams, [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**. Everyone is welcome. Contact: Ann Eatman, 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. Contact: Melinda Bart, 970-988-5957, [mbart6868@gmail.com](mailto:mbart6868@gmail.com) or Cindy Crawley, 770-601-2749, [clcteach4th5th@aol.com](mailto:clcteach4th5th@aol.com).