



# The Window

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO

May 12, 2024

## SUMMER DAYS AND PLEDGED/PLANNED GIVING



Summer is just around the corner. That, naturally, means time away, down time, vacation time, time with family, time to change routine, time to renew and restore, time to take a much needed break from busyness. It can be difficult, sometimes stressful, sometimes annoying to keep up with or play catch up on your pledge or planned giving to FUMC. That is understandable. Yet, even when we take time away, the church does not. There are still people to care for and serve (inside and outside the walls), meaningful worship to plan and provide, bills and salaries and apportionment commitments to pay, and ministries to offer that nurture spiritual, emotional and physical wellbeing. Your consistent giving is so appreciated and needed. There are multiple ways to give, even while you're away, that takes the stress and worry off of you and FUMC. You may:

- Contact FUMC's business manager, Karen Lumpkin, at [business@fumcloveland.com](mailto:business@fumcloveland.com) to set up automatic bank drafts directly from your account on the schedule that you control.
- Call or go online to your bank's website to schedule automatic checks thru your bank's bill pay function on the schedule that you control.
- Go to [www.fumcloveland.com](http://www.fumcloveland.com) and click on the menu tab labeled "Give & Support" to set up recurring giving. Or, simply point your smartphone camera to the QR code above to take you to the secure giving page.

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 away from home, any time of year.

## CUISINE, CATCH-UP & CONVERSATION POTLUCK

Mark your calendars for our next Cuisine, Catch-up and Conversation potluck on Sunday, May 19 in Coy Hall 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 outcomes from General Conference. Please bring a dish to share if you're able. 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).



## FUMC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

FUMC Women's Fellowship will meet at 12:00 pm on Thursday, May 23 in West Coy Hall. Our project this month is to buy cookies for the youth's luncheons and mission trip. Teenagers love cookies! Martha Johnson will share her life history. All women are welcome. Please RSVP to Darlene Lowe at [aldarlowe@gmail.com](mailto:aldarlowe@gmail.com).

## SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS

The Mission Committee has reestablished 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.

## MUSIC FOR MAY

May 12 - Chancel Choir, Monday Night Music Makers children's musical (recorded at TUMC on May 5).  
May 19 - Spirit Sounds, Rex Berg - guitar/vocal. May 26 - Cindy Utley, Matthew Utley - vocal duet.

## **MAY IS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH**

The month of May is a time to raise awareness of the needs of children and youth in the U.S. foster care system who require temporary, and sometimes permanent, homes with safe, nurturing families. It's also an opportunity to recognize those in our community who are committed to serve vulnerable kids including foster families, kinship caregivers, child-welfare professionals, and Foster Friendly businesses, faith communities and nonprofit organizations. This emphasis has two primary goals: (1) to raise awareness of the challenges and needs of kids in foster care and (2) to inspire more people to consider fostering or find a way they can show care and support for vulnerable children. Our Mission Committee is exploring the ways our church can become a "Foster Friendly Congregation." There are some steps we believe we can take to become such a place. Please watch for further articles about "Foster Friendly" in the Window this month.

## **LUNCH FOR TRUSCOTT STAFF**

FUMC will be hosting an End of School Lunch for the staff at Truscott Elementary on May 24. The Missions team would like to buy BBQ brisket, pork and chicken for the main meal. We are asking our church members to please donate funds for the meat, side dishes, salads, cornbread or desserts to feed 30 staff members. Please see the sign up sheet at the Ask Me Desk or donate funds in an envelope marked Truscott. Thanks for your support. Questions? Contact Betsy Elliott at 720-988-4893 or [elliott1710@comcast.net](mailto:elliott1710@comcast.net).

## **CHURCH COUNCIL**

The April minutes and committee reports for Church Council have been posted to our website. Our next meeting is May 20 at 5:30 pm in West Coy Hall. If you have questions, contact Judy Stout at 303-956-2080 or [jstout@lpbroadband.net](mailto:jstout@lpbroadband.net).

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

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



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

**Sunday May 19:** Youth Group and lunch at 11:15 am - 1:30 pm in Youth Range.

**Sunday May 26:** No Youth Group: Memorial Day Weekend

**Sunday June 2:** Hike at Horsetooth with FUMC Fort Collins. More details to come.

**Sunday June 9:** Mission Trip Parent Meeting at 11:15 am in Youth Range. Snacks will be provided.

**Sunday June 19:** Mission Trip Commissioning during service. Youth Group and lunch afterwards.

**Mission Trip to Osage Beach, Missouri:** June 22-29. For more information contact Matthew.

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

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

**Sunday, May 12, 10:00 am:** Childrens' Musical video playback at First United Methodist Church during service. Please join us to view the recording in case you missed the live version!

**Sunday, May 12, 11:00 am:** Garden Party on the East FUMC lawn after service. If you are a mother, have a mother or know a mother, please join us for tea and cake!

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### GREETERS NEEDED

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 [fumcleveland.com](http://fumcleveland.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.

### INSTAGRAM

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



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

### 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 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:

Sue Cox, recovery from fall  
Bob & Lois Beers, grieving death of their son, Doug  
Sandy Beegle, recovery from eye surgery



**Death:** We give thanks for the life of Judy Pearson, who entered eternal life on May 2. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 8 at 10:30 am at the church with a reception to follow in Coy Hall. All are welcome.

Happy Birthday



### Birthdays: May 6-12

Evan Clegern  
Diana Fearn  
Evangeline Heusinkveld

Jim Hirning  
Gordon McQueen  
Blakely Mitchell

Harriett Piersel  
Virginia Senter  
Roger Williams

## **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. **In June we will meet on the second Wednesday, June 12.**



### **CENTERING PRAYER MINISTRY**

**There will not be a centering prayer gathering May 12. You are encouraged to join the Garden Party instead (details under Children's Ministry)!** 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. 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**

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).