



The Window

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO

May 19, 2024

CUISINE, CATCH-UP & CONVERSATION POTLUCK

Join us for Cuisine, Catch-up and Conversation potluck on **THIS 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.



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 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 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.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY IS MAY 26

How do your gifts support peace with justice efforts? An offering is taken on this Special Sunday to support programs and ministries to educate, equip and mobilize actions in support of identified economic, health and gender justice priorities. Last year, your generosity delivered \$144 thousand to strengthen and foster just, equitable and durable solutions for peaceful efforts worldwide. Each Annual Conference has a Peace with Justice Coordinator developing local social justice ministries. Fifty percent of the offering remains in your annual conference to support this ministry.



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. Martha Johnson will share her life history. All women are welcome. Please RSVP to Darlene Lowe at aldarlowe@gmail.com.

MUSIC FOR MAY

May 19 - Spirit Sounds, Rex Berg - guitar/vocal. May 26 - Cindy Utley, Matthew Utley - vocal duet.

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.

SAFELOT LOVELAND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Answer the call to love our neighbors! SafeLot Loveland volunteers are needed to help unhoused people stay overnight in their own cars safely and legally. Participation in this ecumenical ministry requires very little effort while providing a positive social impact and expression of God's love and care for the less fortunate. Click [here](#) for more information.

MAY IS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH

Our Missions Committee is exploring how our church can become a "Foster Friendly Congregation." There are three ways to qualify. (1) Ensure volunteers in child and youth ministry are trauma aware by offering trauma awareness training to understand the impact of trauma on kids' behavior. (2) Offer a support ministry for kinship and foster families. Popular examples include kids' nights out, fostering support groups and WRAP teams. (3) Teach in a main gathering on God's heart for vulnerable children and families, and give people an opportunity to respond. To be "Foster Friendly" we would need to participate in two of these three options. A WRAP team (5-6 adults) is trained to work with and assist one local foster family. The Missions Committee is particularly interested in this part of the program. More on this will appear in a future Window article. Our "Mission Moment" this Sunday, May 19, concerns the desperate need for more foster families.



Church Council Meeting

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.

LONGMONT BARBERSHOP CHORUS CONCERT

On June 1 at 7:00 pm the Longmont Barbershop Chorus will be presenting a concert in Coy Hall. This group has sung several times at our worship services in the summer. Tickets (\$15) are available from Larry Jones, jones1761@gmail.com, at the door, or from the Longmont Barbershop website, tickets.longspeakchorus.org. They are also performing Saturday, May 18 in Longmont at the Longmont Museum. Show times are 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mid & Senior High Youth Coordinator - **Matthew Utley** - youth@fumcloveland.com

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.



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; 2) Click King Soopers Community Rewards at the end of the page; 3) Search UK667 and click enroll. Questions? Call 970-631-2971.

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 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.

INSTAGRAM

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



HOW TO ORDER ALTAR FLOWERS

Go to 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. For questions or assistance contact Patty Gregory in the office at 970-667-0876.

SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS

Thank you for using the Salvation Army collection box that is found by the staircase between Coy Court and Coy Hall. A member of the Mission Committee is taking the items to the Salvation Army on a regular basis. Your donations are appreciated. Please continue to donate the following items to The Salvation Army by placing them in the box. Nonperishable food items, hygiene items, in season clothing that is in good condition, small decorations for making a home look inviting, soft items for homes such as throw pillows, blankets, lap robes, towels, etc.

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 or 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. The memorial service will be on Saturday, June 8 at 10:30 am at the church with a reception to follow. All are welcome.

Birthdays: May 13-19

Jeanne Burns	Jim Combs	Bob Lee	Malcom Legault
Colleen Cameron	Jack Gill	Jennifer Legault	Cindy Ogilvie

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

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@fumccleveland.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 June 8.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Sign-up sheets for Fellowship Time are 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.

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.



SEARCHERS CLASS

We will continue discussing how to tell if information is correct. We will have two short videos and time to discuss. The class meets at **8:45 am in Rooms S030 & S040** in Fellowship Hall. The zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82981012966?pwd=OEg0Z1h1VDBGZlgvcGN4QzVwY3VzQT09>



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 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.

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 or Cindy Crawley, 770-601-2749, clcteach4th5th@aol.com.

