



The Window

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO

May 26, 2024

SUMMER CHOIR

There will be **two opportunities this summer to sing with a choir: June 9 and July 7**. If you've always wanted to sing in the choir but don't want to drive after the Wednesday evening rehearsal, don't read music well or haven't sung in many years this is a great opportunity! The choir will meet in room E230 to learn a new anthem at 9:00 am and then sing for worship at 10:00 am. Nicole has just finished her master's degree in choral conducting and will have many helpful tips to improve your singing. Please join us June 9 and July 7 as we sing for the glory of the Lord. We hope our chancel choir members will also sing.



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.

FAMILY SUMMER AND PRIDE CELEBRATION

Hosted by FUMC Oasis and Family Outreach on **Sunday, June 9 at 11:15 am on the East lawn**. This free event is open to the public and fun for the whole family with snacks, face painting and a bouncy house. If you would like to help set up, decorate or clean up please contact Andrea Ortega at 970-631-2971 or sign up at the Ask Me Desk.

MUSIC IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

May 26 - Cindy Utley, Matthew Utley - vocal duet. June 2 - Geoffrey Lowe, bass & Jennifer Lowe, violin; Sarah Clegern, soprano. June 9 - Taize Service with Elaine Hild, viola and summer choir directed by Nicole Ceciliani. June 16 - Bill Eads & Ken Kolstee, duet. June 23 - Mark Kubichek, vocal soloist. June 30 - Melanie Peffer & Joanne Scheihing, flute & clarinet duets

TAIZE SERVICE

The Taize Community started in Taize, France in 1940. Taize music comes from this ecumenical Christian community. It is meditative music based on chants that are easily memorized so participants can focus on the words. Taize theology is based on love, reconciliation and forgiveness.



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. More on this will appear in a future Window article.

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@fumcleveland.com

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



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.

FUMC FINANCIAL INFORMATION THROUGH APRIL 2024

Income YTD	\$255,982	Budgeted Income YTD	\$225,669
Expense YTD	\$235,447	Budgeted Expense YTD	\$251,108
Surplus/Deficit YTD	\$20,535	Budgeted Surplus/Deficit YTD	\$(15,409)

Thank you for your generous giving. Contact Karen Lumpkin at business@fumcleveland.com for additional financial information.

TWO CHECKS RECEIVED FROM PEAKS NEW MINISTRIES COUNCIL

A few weeks ago the Church received two checks from Peaks New Ministries Council. This council was created in 1985. Their dream was to create a new church. The initial attempt failed. They went on with five additional attempts with no success. They decided, given the current circumstances, to disband the Council and disburse the remaining funds to seven NOCO churches. FUMC received one check for \$33,519. Their wish is for us to use the money for new ministries or to fund church programs. Those monies have been invested and will be used per their desires on future activities. The other check is for \$50,000. PNMC designated those funds as their final grant for Union Ministry's development and growth. The funds have been allocated for that purpose.

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: 1) 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. 2) 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. 3) 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.



GREETERS NEEDED

We need 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.*

SUNDAY MORNING TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

Would you be willing to serve as a bus driver on Sunday mornings? 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
Melanie Pepper, father hospitalized
Dave Beegle, (son-in-law of Laurie Mullins), hospitalized/healing from serious fall



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 20-26: Aubrey Doran, Don Markow

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@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 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 Vatos Tacos, 270 N Cleveland at the Foundry in Loveland. Contact: Tom Thompson, 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 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.