



The Window

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO

May 5, 2024

METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Please visit the church's website, 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.

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.

LABYRINTH "OPEN HOUSE"

Saturday, May 4 is World Labyrinth Day. To celebrate, FUMC will host a **labyrinth "open house"** open to anyone who wants to come walk the labyrinth and learn more about it. Join us anytime from 9:00-11:00 am on the east lawn. There will be a brief talk about labyrinths at 9:30 am and 10:30 am. This is a great way to meet neighbors, walk the labyrinth in community, and learn more. Invite your friends! Look for more open houses this summer!



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 5 - Chancel Choir, Neal Anderson - tenor, Alaina Bongers - harp. May 12 - Chancel Choir, recorded kids musical. May 19 - Spirit Sounds, Rex Berg - guitar/vocal. May 26 - Cindy Utley, Matthew Utley - vocal duet.

FORUM FOCUSING ON HOMELESSNESS

Homelessness is a critical issue of epic proportions in our country and our state. For a broader understanding of this issue in the City of Loveland, please join us in a forum focusing on the challenges we face and the progress Loveland has made. Event: Faith and People Unhoused - Homelessness in Loveland. Where: **St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church**, 1730 W. 12th Street, Loveland on **Saturday, May 4, 2024, 10:00 am - 11:45 am**. Contact Judy Wrought at judywrought@comcast.net. This will be a presentation by the Church Outreach Committee of Together Colorado Larimer County. Please, come with your curiosity, your questions, and your desire to discuss the issues.

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.

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 303-956-2080 or jstout@pbbroadband.net.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Sunday, 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.

Announcement From Camp Buckhorn

Saturday, May 4, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Camp Open House: Please join us for an open house. If you haven't been to camp before, or if it's been awhile, we welcome you to tour the property.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

Sunday, May 5, 10:00 am: Childrens' Musical at Trinity United Methodist Church during service. Please join us for the live performance at TUMC!

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! A signup sheet will be available on the Ask Me Desk the week of the event.

[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 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.



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YOUTUBE VIEWS

In the month of April, 284 people tuned in on youtube to view our worship services.

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 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; 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 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
Judy Pearson, in hospice following a stroke
Sandy Beegle, recovery from eye surgery



Happy Birthday



Birthdays: May 1-5

John DeMallie
Stephanie Dye

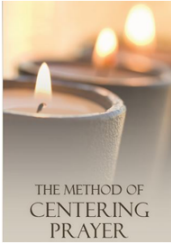
Bill Eads
Ed Frey

Guy Keith

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 **June 5**.



CENTERING PRAYER MINISTRY

There will not be a centering prayer gathering May 12. You are encouraged to join the Garden Party instead! 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.

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.

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

No Searchers class for Sunday May 5. We will resume on May 12 with a program to be announced later.



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.

