



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO  
September 15, 2024

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### **COME JOIN THE CONVERSATION!**

*Conversations* is a discussion group designed to explore various topics of interest. Facilitators and topics will change throughout the year. This is a discussion group, not a lecture, so please join us and share your wisdom. This Sunday, Joy Shaw will facilitate a discussion entitled "How do you draw your lines"? We will be meeting in **East Coy Hall at 8:30 am**. The door to West Coy should be unlocked for our event. We had a lively discussion last week and hope to see you on Sunday to see where your lines are drawn and how you went about drawing them. Childcare will be provided.

### **HOW TO CARE CLASS**

**On Saturday, September 21 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**, Rev. Lee will hold a class that teaches basic caring skills to anyone who wants to learn how to be of support to someone who is grieving, hospitalized or homebound. Come and learn some skills to support a friend, coworker, neighbor or family member. Those interested in being part of caring ministries are strongly encouraged to attend. There is no registration fee. Lunch will be provided; donations for lunch are welcome but not required. Please register with Pastor Lee by September 18. Call or email Lee at 970-667-0876 or [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com).

### **FUMC 101 CLASS**

Mark your calendars. **FUMC 101 - Next Steps** is coming **Sunday, September 22 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, about FUMC and about your pastors. 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). 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.)

### **"AH, YES, I REMEMBER IT WELL" PLAY PRESENTATION**

The Good Samaritan Village players will make a presentation of selected vignettes from, "Ah, Yes, I Remember It Well", a Readers' Theater Production written and directed by Jim Willard (FUMC member since 1967). Several FUMC folks are members of the cast. The program will begin at **12:15 pm on Thursday, September 26 in the sanctuary** and last about an hour and a half. The vignettes tell the story of history from the Great Depression to modern day. Please invite family and friends. Hope to see you there.

### **CROP WALK IS THREE SUNDAYS AWAY!**

Join us at **12:30 pm on Sunday September 29**, to walk for our Loveland CROP Walk. If you are not interested in walking, we would still welcome your donation to support the efforts of Church World Service globally and our Loveland's Community Kitchen locally. Details about our walk are on the Ask Me Desk. Do you realize that 1 in 4 people around the world are food insecure? If you are able to donate \$30, a household in Cambodia can have a clean water kit. For \$60, a refugee in Egypt can have six weeks of rent paid for safe housing. Whatever amount you feel called to give can help! To donate online, search Loveland CROP Walk 2024 or type in: [events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/lovelandco](https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/lovelandco). If you prefer to give cash, or write a check, (made out to CWS/CROP Walk), just find Sarah or James Clegern at church these next few weeks, and we will put it in for you. Thank you for being Christ's hands and feet in our hurting world. Together, we can make a difference!

### **IS GUATEMALA IN 2025 ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?**

FUMC has an opportunity to send a mission team to Guatemala. The trip will continue to build our long-term relationships. We will be working with Pura Vida and plan a construction trip in early 2025 (approx. Jan 22). If you have questions, contact Rob Proctor at 970-481-2133.

## SEASON OF CREATION...PET BLESSING

Pets are a special gift of creation from God to us. On **October 6** from **11:30 am - 12:30 pm**, bring your furry, scaly, shell-y, pawed, hooved or clawed family members to FUMC for a special pet blessing. Not able to transport your pet? Your pastors make house calls! Contact Pastor Leslie at [leslie@fumcloveland.com](mailto:leslie@fumcloveland.com) to request a home visit.

## SEPTEMBER MUSIC

September 15 - Small & Mighty Handbell Ensemble. September 22 - Chancel Choir. September 29 - 12 Bell Group, Mike Spoon & Bill Eads vocal duet.

## NEW FUMC CARE MINISTRY

As part of the Care Ministry at our church Pastor Lee and others are starting a new group to help those experiencing loss, health changes, and other challenging situations feel cared for by others in our congregation. We would like to bake and deliver loaves of pumpkin bread to people we know who might appreciate being remembered in this way. We are proposing three groups of people to do this:

**Group 1** - purchase the baking supplies (keep receipts for reimbursement through our church).

**Group 2** - bake the pumpkin bread as a group at the church on the first Monday of every month from approximately 10:00 am -12: pm. OR bake at your home as your schedule permits.

**Group 3** - deliver the bread.

We will freeze the bread and then deliver when the need arises. Please consider this important ministry and let us know. Pastor Lee Anderson-Harris, [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com), 303-506-6724. Kathryn Peiffer, [kpeiffer@risebroadband.net](mailto:kpeiffer@risebroadband.net), 970-624-8971.

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW BISHOP

We are excited to welcome Bishop Kristin Stoneking, who has been appointed to lead our conference! With a rich background in pastoral care, academic leadership, and innovative ministry, Bishop Kristin is poised to guide us with both wisdom and compassion. To get a glimpse of her vision and heart for our community, be sure to watch her welcoming video [HERE](#). Join us in extending a warm and enthusiastic welcome to our new leader!

## INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR OUR NEW BISHOP

Our new bishop, Rev. Kristen Stoneking, began her ministry in the Mountain Sky Conference on September 1. Episcopal transitions are opportunities for us, as a conference, to affirm and celebrate our connection to one another and to our Methodist heritage. The MSC is hosting services of installation of Rev. Stoneking in various locations around the Conference this fall. Here are two opportunities for you to attend.

\* **October 13th, 3pm at First UMC, Colorado Springs, CO**, 420 N Nevada Ave. If you plan to go to COS for the service, let Pastor Leslie know at [leslie@fumcloveland.com](mailto:leslie@fumcloveland.com). We'll connect and sit together. (You CAN make it to FUMC in COS in time after our worship service here!)

\* **November 10th, 3pm at First UMC, Cheyenne, WY**, 108 E 18th St, Cheyenne, WY 82001

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

*"A Tapestry of Faith: Seeing Ourselves Through God's Eyes"* is a one-day retreat for all women from First UMC Loveland and Longs Peak UMC **Saturday, October 19. This retreat is designed with women of ALL ages in mind.** Get away for a day of spiritual growth, Christian fellowship, music and an inspirational guest speaker at **Grace Place in Berthoud from 8:00 am - 3:45 pm. Registration is open.** More information at the Ask Me Desk. Email PastorLee at [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com) with questions.

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP AT ZION LUTHERAN

Zion Lutheran Church will hold a grief support group based on the book *Understanding Your Grief: Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart* by Alan D. Wolfelt. If you are experiencing loneliness or grief, one of the best ways to encounter that loneliness and grief is to be with people who have been through it, as we experience God through others. This 11-week grief support group **will meet on Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00 pm starting October 17.** If you are interested in joining this group, contact Pastor Lee at [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com) or (970) 667-0876.

## SAFELOT LOVELAND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SafeLot Loveland volunteers are needed at two neighbor churches to help unhoused people stay overnight in their own cars safely and legally. [Click here](#) to sign up or donate and for more information.

## DEMENTIA TOGETHER EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Dementia Together is a Colorado non-profit serving those living with dementia and their care partners. They will host a Living Well with Dementia Educational Symposium on **October 23 from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm in Estes Park**. Register at [DementiaTogether.org](http://DementiaTogether.org).

## HOMELESSNESS PROJECT AND OPEN LETTER

Some of you have been following the proposed community resource center for people experiencing homelessness in the First Christian Church building. As opposition is mounting, including inaccurate information, Lead Pastor of First Christian, the Rev. Michael Stein, has written a letter to be shared with faith communities. [Click here](#) to read the letter; hard copies are available at the Ask Me Desk and in the sanctuary.

YOUTUBE VIEWS FOR AUGUST - 288

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**Sunday, September 15 & 22:** Lunch and Youth Group after church, 11:15 am - 1:30 pm.

**Sunday, September 29:** Quick lunch and join the Crop Walk after church - 11:15 am - 1:30 pm.

**Sunday, October 6:** Lunch and Youth Group after church, 11:15 am - 1:30 pm.

**Sunday, October 13:** No Youth Group - Ignite

**Sunday, October 20:** Lunch and Youth Group after church, 11:15 am - 1:30 pm.

**Sunday, October 27:** Trunk or Treat. Youth will help set up, clean up, and run carnival games. More information to come.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### GREETERS NEEDED

Greeters are needed to welcome folks into the church on Sundays and help visitors find their way. Sign up at the Ask Me Desk, or [fumcloveland.com](http://fumcloveland.com) and click on the Jobs tab, or [click here](#) to be taken there. You may also sign up at the Ask Me Desk. Contact: Karen James, 970-669-6191.

### FELLOWSHIP TIME

Sign-up sheets for Fellowship Time are on the kitchen door in Coy Hall. We are in need of hosts and treat makers on the **1st & 3rd Sunday of each month**. Contact: Betsy Elliott, [elliott1710@comcast.net](mailto:elliott1710@comcast.net).

### SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS

Thank you for using the Salvation Army collection box that is found outside of Coy Hall. Nonperishable food items, hygiene items, clothing, throw pillows, blankets, towels, etc. are gratefully accepted.

### HOW TO ORDER ALTAR FLOWERS

Go to [www.fumcloveland.com](http://www.fumcloveland.com) and click on Worship, then scroll down to Altar Flowers. Click on "click here" under Choose the Date. It will take you to Sign Up Genius. Find the date you wish to provide flowers and click select. 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.* 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.

### ONLINE GIVING

FUMC has online giving capability. Go to [www.fumcloveland.com](http://www.fumcloveland.com) and click on the tab "Give & Support." Choose one-time giving, or recurring giving. Or 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 an easy way to honor your giving commitment to FUMC, whether you are in the church in person, or even away from home.



## SUNDAY MORNING TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

To arrange for a ride to the 10:00 am worship service, please contact **Gary Small at 970-213-2938 by Thursday evening**. Bus drivers are still needed for additional Sundays. If you're interested, or have questions, please contact Rev. Lee Anderson-Harris at [lee@fumcleveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcleveland.com) or 970-667-0876.

## INSTAGRAM

FUMC Loveland is on Instagram. Here is a QR code link to see what's happening at FUMC.



## **PERSONALS**

### Prayers:

Brian Wood, shoulder surgery 9/10

Ted Nutting, recovery from fall and hip surgery

Charles Diediker, recovery from accident & leg surgery

Jasper Peffer, surgery 9/16. Jasper's parents, Melanie & Kevin Peffer would appreciate help with meals during his recovery. A Meal Train has been set up. Please contact them at [melaniepefferphd@gmail.com](mailto:melaniepefferphd@gmail.com) or [kevinpeffer@gmail.com](mailto:kevinpeffer@gmail.com) or Pastor Lee at [lee@fumcleveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcleveland.com).

**Altar Flowers:** Provided by Larry & Kay Ward in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary.

### Birthdays: September 9-15

Tim Anderson

Hannah Doran

Susan Kuhling

Robert Monroe

Carolyn Bouchard

Marilyn Hagan

Stanette Martin

## **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 will be on October 2.**

### CENTERING PRAYER MINISTRY

Weekly in-person meetings are held every **Wednesday from 12:00 - 12:45 pm** in the sanctuary.

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 October 12.**

### 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](mailto:revtgt@hotmail.com).

### 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

**On Zoom** <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86227922017?pwd=SnLRZN5klk3FaDrMRISP93U3d1e4b.1>

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 am** weekly. Meeting ID: 862 2792 2017 Passcode: 9J33a0

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).