



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
September 22, 2024

HOW TO CARE CLASS

This has been rescheduled to Saturday, October 5 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Rev. Lee will hold a free 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. Lunch will be provided; donations for lunch are welcome but not required. Please register with Pastor Lee by October 2. Call or email Lee at 970-667-0876 or lee@fumcloveland.com.

FUMC 101 CLASS

FUMC 101 is THIS Sunday, September 22 at 11:30 am in West Coy Hall. Come learn a bit about the history of the UMC, about FUMC and about your pastors. Please RSVP by emailing Pastor Leslie or Pastor Lee (leslie@fumcloveland.com or 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

Thursday, September 26 at 12:15 pm, in the sanctuary, The Good Samaritan Village Players will perform selected vignettes from, "*Ah, Yes, I Remember It Well*", a Readers' Theater Production written and directed by our own Jim Willard. 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 JUST TWO WEEKS AWAY!

FUMC has almost raised \$1,000 to fight hunger locally and around the world! If you've been meaning to add your support to this event, there is still time. To donate online, search Loveland CROP Walk 2024 or type in: events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/lovelandco. If you'd like to give cash, or write a check, (made out to CWS/CROP Walk) just find Sarah or James Clegern at church on Sunday, and they will put it in for you. Just think- with \$1,000 raised, the Loveland Community Kitchen will have \$250 to feed our food insecure population right here and \$750 will go to help people globally with food, clean water, education, and more. The walk will take place at **12:30 pm on Sunday, September 29**. We will meet in the East parking lot of the **River's Edge Natural Area** to pray and then walk along the wide concrete paths. Well-behaved dogs are welcome to walk, and the paths are fine for strollers, wheelchairs, wagons and walkers of all ages. Thank you for supporting this amazing cause with your gifts AND your feet!

SEEING GRAY IN A WORLD OF BLACK AND WHITE STUDY

America is polarized. Adam Hamilton's book *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White: Thoughts on Religion, Morality, and Politics*, suggests that a solution is for "thinking persons of faith to model... a richer, more thoughtful conversation on political, moral, and religious issues that divide us." Join Pastor Lee for a 4-week study that uses scripture and the teachings of Jesus to help us understand how we can be part of the solution to polarization. The class will combine a video and book discussion. Purchase of the book is optional, though helpful. You can purchase it on www.cokesbury.com or Amazon. Offered in-person on **Mondays October 7-28, 1:30-3:00 pm** and **Tuesdays October 8-29, 6:00-7:30 pm**. RSVP to Pastor Lee at the Ask Me Desk or at lee@fumcloveland.com or (970) 667-0876 by October 1.

SEPTEMBER MUSIC

September 22 - Chancel Choir. September 29 - 12 Bell Group, Mike Spoon & Bill Eads vocal duet.

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.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 6

World Communion Sunday is a denomination-wide celebration emphasizing the value of education and training. Half of the offering benefits World Communion scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. The remainder provides grants to support training for worldwide inclusion, diversity, equity, and access. You may donate to World Communion by putting your check in one of the special Sunday envelopes at the back of the sanctuary or simply by writing "World Communion Sunday" on the memo line on your check. Your gift is a practical expression of care, equipping students to shape a hopeful future. Thank you for giving generously.

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 to request a home visit.

TRUNK OR TREAT AND CHILI COOK OFF

Get your costumes out and join us for Trunk 'R Treat on **Sunday, October 27** from **2:00-4:00 pm** in the FUMC parking lot. Then, come to Trinity UMC for the Chili Cook Off at 4:30 pm. To make it a successful event, we need help in the following ways: **Decorate your car trunks** and pass out candy to the children. **Donate candy** (donation bin in Lobby Court). **Cook Chili** and bring it to Trinity to compete in the Chili Cook Off! Sign up for Trunks and Chilis at the Ask Me Desk.

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 to 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, 303-506-6724. Kathryn Peiffer, kpeiffer@risebroadband.net, 970-624-8971.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Registration deadline is Sunday, September 22 for this day retreat in Berthoud on October 19! More information at the Ask Me Desk. Email Pastor Lee at 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. 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Sunday, September 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 fumcleveland.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.

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.fumcleveland.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.

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 or 970-667-0876.

ONLINE GIVING

FUMC has online giving capability. Go to www.fumcleveland.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 fumcleveland.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.



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

Mindy Stiverson, health, hip surgery Oct 31

Ted Nutting, recovery from fall and hip surgery

Jasper Peffer, recovery from successful surgery. 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 or kevinpeffer@gmail.com or Pastor Lee at lee@fumcleveland.com.

Altar Flowers: Provided by Rick & Gaylene West in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.

Deaths: We give thanks for the life of **Eldon Haines** who entered eternal life on September 11 and for the life of **Mary Sue Woodrick** who entered eternal life on July 29. A Memorial service will be held for Mary Sue on Saturday, October 12 at 1:30 pm with a reception in Coy Hall following the service.

Birthdays: September 16-22

Rick Bradley

Juliana Hoch

Cindy Lewandowski

[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.

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.**

CONVERSATIONS

Discussion group designed to explore various topics of interest. **Sundays at 8:30 am in East Coy Hall.** Facilitators and topics will change throughout the year. This is a discussion group, not a lecture, so join us and share your wisdom. Enter through the West Coy door. Childcare will be provided.

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.

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

On Zoom <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86227922017?pwd=SnaLRZN5klk3FaDrMRISP93U3d1e4b.1>
Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 am weekly. Meeting ID: 862 2792 2017 Passcode: 9J33a0
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.