



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO  
September 29, 2024

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### **CROP WALK IS THIS SUNDAY**

Thank you to all who have generously donated to the CROP Walk to fight hunger! We are off and walking THIS Sunday. We are not quite at our team goal of \$3,000, but we are proud to have raised over \$2,000 between FUMC and TUMC and there is still time if you'd like to donate online. Search "Loveland CROP Walk 2024" and you will find our page. We are meeting in the East parking lot of the River's Edge Natural Area off of 1st Street and beginning our walk at **12:30 pm this Sunday**.

### **HOW TO CARE CLASS**

**On 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 sign up at the Ask Me Desk.

### **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.

### **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING OPEN TO ALL**

There will be a Church Council meeting on October 7 at 6:30pm West Coy Hall. The topic of discussion will be the repurposing of space in our building for rental/lease including the Loveland Preschool proposal. Everyone is welcome to attend this and all Church Council meetings.

### **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 study is video-based; purchase of the book is optional, though helpful. You can purchase it on [www.cokesbury.com](http://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 [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com) or sign up at the Ask Me Desk or at or (970) 667-0876 by October 1.

### **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST AND LAITY SUNDAY**

Volunteers, we want to celebrate YOU! On **October 20** FUMC staff will say thank you to all the laity volunteers who help FUMC "be the church". **Before worship, between 8:15 and 9:15 am**, the FUMC staff will serve breakfast to anyone who volunteers for the missions and ministries of the church. This includes those who serve at FUMC as well as those who serve through FUMC with one of our community partners (see [Ministries – FUMC Loveland](#) for a list of community partners). So that no one is unintentionally left out, personal invitations will not be mailed. So please, if you are a volunteer, know that you are welcome and we ask you to please RSVP to Pastor Leslie at [leslie@fumcloveland.com](mailto:leslie@fumcloveland.com) or Pastor Lee at [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com), or sign the RSVP form on the Ask-Me Desk. We look forward to sharing our gratitude with a good meal and time together!

### **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.

## SEPTEMBER MUSIC

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

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 6

World Communion Sunday is a denomination-wide celebration emphasizing the value of education and training. 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. Thank you for giving generously.

## 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](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com), 303-506-6724. Kathryn Peiffer, [kpeiffer@risebroadband.net](mailto:kpeiffer@risebroadband.net), 970-624-8971.

## 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](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com).

## 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.

## COMMUNITY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

FUMC serves two dinners a month at the Community Kitchen. Last week we served 200 meals on Thursday and 180 on Friday. Anita & Roger helped out on Monday as well and they served 270 meals. As Loveland grows so do the needs of so many. More hands are needed. Please think about joining us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday and Friday of each month. We have a wonderful group of folks volunteering and we all enjoy working together and with the staff. A huge thank you to our superstars: Anita and Roger Williams, Julie Monroe, Kay Neckel, Phyllis Wehrle, Rick and Marjie Tessean, Marcie Willard, Tom and Mary Sigle, Susan Kuhling, Barb and Jen Irelan, John DeMallie, Judy Graff, Pam Erickson, Karen James, Mark, Betsy and Kristina Elliott. A big shout out to Barry Wehrle and Anita for being our dishwashers.

## [YOUTH MINISTRY](#)

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

**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 - 11:15 am - 4:30 pm.

## [GENERAL INFORMATION](#)

## 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).

## 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.

## 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.

## 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@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com) or 970-667-0876.

## 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.



## INSTAGRAM

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

## [PERSONALS](#)

### Prayers:

George Franke, hospice care

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](mailto:melaniepefferphd@gmail.com) or [kevinpeffer@gmail.com](mailto:kevinpeffer@gmail.com) or Pastor Lee at [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com).

**Deaths:** A memorial service will be held for **Mary Sue Woodrick** on Saturday, October 12 at 1:30 pm with a reception in Coy Hall following the service. Mary Sue entered eternal life on July 29.

We give thanks for the life of **Eldon Haines** who entered eternal life on September 11.

We give thanks for the life of **Arnie Mills** who entered eternal life on September 24. We remember in prayer his wife, Gail Mills and their family.

### Birthdays: September 23-30

Caitlyn Carr

Lew Graff

Pat Mathena

Kathy Provost

Royal Ryser

## **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.**

### **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 is available..

### **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=SnaLRZN5klk3FaDrMRISP93U3d1e4b.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).