

Church Council Minutes  
Feb 1, 2025 Good Sam

**Loveland FUMC strives to bless and serve our local and world communities while living the teachings of Jesus Christ. We accept people as they are and strive to live in harmony with God and all of divine creation.**

**We welcomed CC members Rev Leslie, Rev Lee, Kathryn, Matthew, Desiree, Cindy, John M, Charlie, Debbie, Betty, John K, Barry, Andrea, Joy, Judy and guests Megan Burg (Pastor at Westminster UMC/CRM) and Bryson Lillie (pastor at Trinity UMC and Union).**

Devotion ~ Judy ~ **pour the water...**

Approve Dec. minutes ~ **Unanimous**

Prayer requests: **Barb Ireland and family on John's passing, Rev Leslie's colleague Carol Layton's husband, George, (passed away from sudden heart attack), Erin and Carl Williams (Erin's dad Dennis is in ICU on life support), Jeanne Burn's sister (lung infection), Karen Lumpkin's brother-in-law passed away, Desiree's sister MaryJean Aragon (overall health issues, praying for doctors to hear and help her body and mind heal), Helen Fellows is in Hospice care, Debbie's personal friend Jerry (bypass surgery, is in ICU), Marlene Thurman (recovering from a fall), Pam Erikson (respiratory issues), Leslie Kittle (breast cancer)**

Purpose of Church Council ~ **The church council is the primary group responsible for the overall ministry of the local church. By establishing the vision of the congregation, the council can then help to order and implement the various ministry opportunities. CC is the visioning body of the church and is comprised of all committee chairs and at-large members. We are not a 'confederation of silos' acting independently, but we are all working together for the good of our church and community. Meetings are open to all.**

Members:

Pastors Rev. Leslie Wood and Rev. Lee Anderson Harris

Staff

Church Treasurer	Karen Lumpkin
Music Coordinator	Kathryn Peiffer
Choir Director	Nicole Ceciliani
Youth Ministries Coordinator	Matthew Utley
Family Programming Coordinator	Desiree Aragon
Bell Choir Director	Susan Harding

Committees

Lay Leader	TBD
Financial Secretary	Cindy Utley
Staff Parish	John Morgan
Finance	Charlie Bouchard
Trustees	Debbie Tikka
Abiding Memorials	Betty Hill
Stewardship	John Kindred
Missions and Social Concerns	Barry Wehrle
Marketing & Outreach	Andrea Ortega
Membership Secretary	Janeen Anderson
Safety and Security	Keith Flaming
UM Foundation	Mike Westbrook
Lay Members to AC	Matthew Utley, TBD
At Large	Marlene Thurman, Joy Shaw, Pam Erickson
Church Council Chair	Judy Stout

Business:

- Changes made to nominations
  - o James Clegern will serve on finance. He has agreed to be Karen Lumpkin's backup. Council has to approve his position as an FUMC bank account signer. Motion comes from Finance, no need for a second.
  - o Sally Allen will serve on nominations.

**James Clegern (Finance) and Sally Allen (Nominations) were approved unanimously to serve on their respective committees.**

**James Clegern was approved unanimously to be Church Treasurer Karen Lumpkin's backup as FUMC bank account signer.**

- Facility Use Agreement and Fee Schedule ~ Joy Shaw
  - NOTE: These are works in progress; we are looking for *constructive* feedback. We will send these DRAFT documents to Trustees who will finalize them and send them back to Church Council for approval.**
  - o **Marlene noted that the kitchen has a sanitizer instead of a regular/traditional dishwasher; Joy will make the change in the document.**
  - o **Joy pointed out that her measurements may not be exact, but are very close.**
  - o **THANK YOU to Joy and Ann Kessler for working on this document.**
  
- Charlie Bouchard will present the financial picture of FUMC.
  - o Charlie's (Carolyn's) PowerPoint is attached to the email with the minutes.
  - o Additional notes:
    - FUMC is treating Bucket #3 as an endowment meaning that we pulled out only 4.5% of what we made and put it into the operating budget. (~\$18K)
    - Bucket #4 is endowed and we are only allowed to pull out a sustainable amount each year (4.5%). The interest is cumulative, we hadn't used the money for several years, and that is how we paid for the floors. We have no more available funds until July 2026.
    - We expect our cost of the LPS project to be ~ \$50K. The preschool is contributing money, but some costs are ours because it is for our purpose.
    - Rev Leslie reminded us that the budget situation is reality, and we need to be financially strategic. But we need to remember that the church is not the building. The church is the people. We need to always keep this in mind, not with dread of "extinction", but as an opportunity, always asking where God is leading us...the Body...to be the church in fresh, new ways. Hope abounds!

Adjourn to the Leadership Retreat

**Next Church Council Meeting: Monday, March 10 at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall.**