



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO  
March 2, 2025

### FIRST SUNDAY ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

The First Sunday Alternative Worship is a relaxed, come-as-you-are gathering to simply worship and be together in community. **Our next worship experience is THIS Sunday, March 2, at 11:20 am in Fellowship Hall.** Join us!



### NOTES FROM THE TRUSTEES

Hello church family, this is Debbie Tikka, the chair of the Trustees Committee. I want to explain a little bit about what has been happening with the main elevator (the one next to the sanctuary). Since about Christmas there have been some issues with it running properly. We have a new technician who has been addressing the problems and getting them fixed as these issues come about. I understand that this seems like “putting a band-aid” on the situation and has caused some major concerns of the safety of this elevator. Please understand that this is an old system and parts are becoming obsolete, but it is our best solution right now to keep the church in ADA compliance until we can get the elevator a modernized upgrade. (The upgrade for just this one elevator can cost up to \$100,000, or more.) Rest assured, I have been doing everything I can, as well as the technician, to keep the elevator running safely. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to come and talk to me. I will be more than happy to explain everything in greater detail.



I also want to give a big shout out to Mike and Larry Carlson. They donated new windows to be put into the four doors at the West side entry to Coy Hall. These were done on Tuesday, February 25 and they look fabulous. The old windows were plexiglass, and they were replaced with a tempered window and are a lot clearer now. Thank you, Mike and Larry, for this wonderful donation!

### IMMIGRATION AND FAITH STUDY

Join us for a five-week Soup & Study series on Immigration and Faith, held **Tuesdays** from **March 11 - April 8 at 11:30am in the TUMC Fellowship Hall**. Led by Revs. Bryson, Leslie & Lee, this politically balanced, conversation-based study creates space for thoughtful discussion, multiple perspectives, and deeper understanding. Over a simple meal of soup and fellowship, we'll explore what the Bible says about welcoming the stranger and how it applies today. Come with curiosity, an open heart, and a willingness to learn!

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Please join Revs. Leslie & Lee on **March 5** for this year's Ash Wednesday Service, *everything [in] between*, at **First Congregational Church, 800 N Lincoln Ave. at 7:00 pm** to begin your Lenten Journey with reflection on who you are, whose you are and receiving of ashes. If you're unable to attend in person, you may join the service via Zoom, by clicking on this link:



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88531011982?pwd=CEbmyLUHAzmcnct4wTvjDtNRRdCK80.1>

(Meeting ID: 885 3101 1982, Passcode: 518470). It will also be live-streamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LovelandUCC>.

## MARCH MUSIC

March 2 - Chancel Choir, Rex Berg, guitar/vocal. March 9 - Women Composer Sunday, Chancel Choir. March 16 - Spirit Sounds Bell Choir, Neal Anderson, vocal solo. March 23 - Chancel Choir, Sarah Clegern & Neal Anderson - duet. March 30 - Anna Sundheim, soprano.



## FUMC SERVES: KIDSPAK VOLUNTEER DAY

KidsPak is in desperate need of volunteers for their 8<sup>th</sup> annual food drive. The food drive provides 5-7 months of supplemental food to students (for more info on KidsPak, go to [kidspak.org](http://kidspak.org)). **You are invited to sign up for a 2.5 hour**

**shift at a local store on March 1 or 2** to provide shopping lists to customers and receive the purchased items. There are multiple shifts and locations available, and you can sign up with a friend. High school students and middle school students with an adult can sign up too. To sign up for a slot, [click here](#) or copy and paste into your browser [www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0844ABAA28ABF58-54523777-kidspak#](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0844ABAA28ABF58-54523777-kidspak#/)/. If you are unable to sign up online, you can sign up at the Volunteer Hub, or contact Betsy Elliott at [elliott1710@comcast.net](mailto:elliott1710@comcast.net) or Pastor Lee at [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com). Please note, the best way to secure the slot you want in real time is to sign up online.

## GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION

Come gather in Coy Hall on **Sunday, March 9 at 11:30 am** for fellowship and a special presentation by the Guatemala mission team. They will share their memories and stories and evidence of God's work as they helped build a two-room home with love for a family to realize their dream of shelter and security.

## NEXT BRAVER ANGELS WORKSHOP

On **Saturday, March 15 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**, all are invited to a "**Family and Politics**" workshop. If you yearn for closer family and friend relationships, this skills-building Braver Angels workshop is for you. Come and gain the skills and practice the work to overcome your political differences; invite family and friends so you can learn and practice the new skills together. Braver Angels is a nationwide nonprofit organization that seeks to bridge the partisan divide by teaching people skills in civil discourse. From their vision statement:

"Embracing values of respect, humility, honesty, and responsible citizenship, our goal is not to change people's views of issues, but to change their views of each other." This is a free, in-person event but registration is necessary. **Register by clicking [HERE](#)**. Questions or need help registering? Contact Pastor Lee at [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com) or (970) 667-0876.



Braver Angels

## NEW WEDNESDAY DINNERS!

Looking for an additional way to spend time with other FUMC folks? Want a delicious meal prepared for you and your family for less? Beginning March 26, the FUMC Missions/Social Concerns Committee will host a dinner every other month as a way to bring people together and raise funds that will be given to causes in need. FUMC member "Chef" Carl Williams will cook a delicious meal. Tickets are \$10 and the proceeds will be used for various local, national, or worldwide causes. Mark your calendars now and look for more information in the future.



These are held the last Wednesday of every other month, unless otherwise noted. **The first one is March 26 at 5:30 pm**. Remaining 2025 dinners will be held at 5:30 pm on May 28, July 30, September 24, and November 19. Contact Barry Wehrle at [barrywehrle@gmail.com](mailto:barrywehrle@gmail.com) or Pastor Lee at [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com) or 970-667-0876 with questions.

## LIVESTREAM OR IN-PERSON, WE NEED YOU!

Unable to make it to church so you worship via livestream? Would you enjoy participating as a liturgist? We need you! Reach out to Pastor Leslie at [leslie@fumcleveland.com](mailto:leslie@fumcleveland.com) or by calling the church at 970-667-0876 to talk about how we can try to make that happen! To sign up to serve as a liturgist in-person during worship, click on this link: [Worship Liturgists](#).

## NEXT JOY FELLOWSHIP

Trinity UMC's JOY Fellowship meets again on **March 5 at 11:00 am**. JOY Fellowship is a monthly luncheon and program for adults age 55+. FUMC adults are warmly welcomed to join them each month. There is no cost to attend, but donations are welcome. In March, FUMC's Jim Willard will be presenting on journalism and his column in the Loveland Reporter-Herald. Look for a sign-up sheet at the Ask Me Desk or contact Rev. Lee to RSVP.



## BUCKHORN SUMMER CAMP 2025

Camp Buckhorn is just a short drive away to a beautiful mountain campsite full of stimulating activities and spiritual connections. They offer a full week camp for campers entering 3rd through 10th grades or a mini camp for campers entering 2nd - 4th grades. Additional information on Buckhorn Camp can be found at their website

(<https://www.buckhorncamp.org/summercamp>). Is your child

interested in summer camp? If so, please email Matthew Utley at [youth@fumcleveland.com](mailto:youth@fumcleveland.com) and let him know and he will provide you with more information.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**Sunday, March 2 & 9:** Lunch and youth group after church (11:15 am - 1:30 pm).

**Sunday, March 16:** No youth group. Spring Break.

**Sunday March 23:** Lunch and youth group after church (11:15 am - 1:30 pm) - Depending on youth availability.

## PERSONALS

### Prayers:

Cindy Ogilvie, recovery from hip surgery.

Erin, Carl, Summer & Meadow Williams, death of Erin's father February 2

Martha DiCicco, shoulder surgery

Jack & Jane Gill, both in hospice care

Brock, son of Kim & Rich Laue, continued healing

Gregg Geis, rehabilitation for broken hip

Pat Lutz, hospice care

Rick Tessean's brother Bob, in hospice care

Leslie Kittel-Young, Marcia and Richard Kittel's daughter, successful cancer treatments



### Birthdays: February 24 - March 2

Cooper Battige

Ann Eatman

Wendell Maupin

Jasper Pepper

Judy Deal

Rusty Mathena

Andrea Ortega