



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO  
March 9, 2025

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### 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!

### MARCH MUSIC

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.



### GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION

Come gather in Coy Hall **THIS 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.

## 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 Sunday, April 6 at 11:20 am in Fellowship Hall.** Join us!

## 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.



## 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 per adult and \$5 per child. 100% of the money received will go into the

Missions fund to be used to respond quickly to local, national, or worldwide fundraising needs as they arise. These are held the last Wednesday of every other month, unless otherwise noted. **The first one is March 26 at 5:30pm; tickets will be on sale at the church on Sundays March 16 & 23.** 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 732-754-2235, or Pastor Lee at [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com) or 970-667-0876 with questions.

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

FUMC Women's Fellowship will meet on Thursday, March 27 at 12:00 pm in West Coy Hall. Martha Johnson and Kelly Torrez will provide a snack. Jan Krening will give a presentation on “Barn Quilts Across America”, which is a way to honor quilters and farmers. Our project this month is to help with food items for the KidsPak program. All women are invited to attend our meeting. Please RSVP to Darlene Lowe at [aldarlowe@gmail.com](mailto:aldarlowe@gmail.com).

## 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@fumcloveland.com](mailto:youth@fumcloveland.com) and let him know and he will provide you with more information.

## UMCOR SUNDAY IS MARCH 30

Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), we can make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. This offering underwrites UMCOR's "cost of doing business," allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs. Special Offering envelopes are available at the small table at the back of the sanctuary for you to use to donate to UMCOR. You may also go to the "Give and Support" tab at [www.fumcloveland.com](http://www.fumcloveland.com) to give online. Make sure to write in the memo box "UMCOR Sunday donation".



## [YOUTH MINISTRY](#)

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

**Sunday, March 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.

**Sunday March 30:** Later Youth Group time - 1:00-2:30 pm. Bowling!

## [PERSONALS](#)

### Prayers:

Ted Nutting, hospitalized

Cindy Ogilvie, recovery from hip surgery

Jack & Jane Gill, both in hospice care

Gregg Geis, rehabilitation for broken hip

Pat Lutz, in hospice care

Rick Tessean's brother Bob, in hospice care

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

**Death:** We give thanks for the life of *Dolores Pancoast*, who entered eternal life on February 27, and remember her family in prayer. A memorial service will be Saturday, March 29 at 10:30 am in the sanctuary with a reception to follow in Coy Hall. All are welcome.

**Altar Flowers:** Provided by Pete & Joy Shaw in memory of Callie Joy Shaw.



### Birthdays: March 3 - 9

Lois Beers

Ayla Gartner

Jeannine Gosso

Julie Monroe

Jerry Yoder