



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO  
April 13, 2025

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

If you missed the first meeting, plan to attend the next important congregational meeting regarding the financial status of FUMC. Stay after church on April 27, immediately following the worship service. The meeting will also be offered via Zoom, if you cannot make it to the church to be in person. After the service, exit the livestream and click on this Zoom link to attend:

[Congregational Meeting Zoom](#)

## NEXT BRAVER ANGELS EVENT

Join Braver Angels **THIS SATURDAY, April 12 from 9:00am-noon** at FUMC for a live debate. Braver Angels debates are very different from what you've seen on T.V. They're a mix of different debate elements that let you respectfully learn what people are thinking. The Debate Resolution is: Musk and DOGE are helping our United States improve our government. There are several ways you can participate: 1) You can volunteer to speak in favor of or opposed to the Resolution. You can do so on your registration form when ordering your tickets. We will have 4 four-minute prepared speakers, 2 for and 2 against the Resolution. 2) You may participate in the Q&A. 3) You may volunteer for one of several impromptu one-minute talks (for or against). 4) You may choose to listen and observe. [Click here](#) to register.



## COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT AND MORE

Mark your calendars for an Easter Extravaganza, April 13, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, immediately following the worship service! Bring your kids, grandkids and invite your neighbors to FUMC to enjoy an Easter egg hunt, crafts, face painting, snacks, stories and games! There will even be a selfie station! The event is brought to you by FUMC, Union and TUMC.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP

Mark your calendars for multiple opportunities to worship during **Holy Week and Easter**:

- **April 13, Palm Sunday...10:00 am**, featuring the children's processional, special music from the Chancel Choir and inspired preaching from Matthew Utley.
- **April 17, Maundy Thursday...7:00 pm**, join Revs. Leslie and Lee, and FUMC's Chancel Choir, **at Trinity UMC** for this year's ecumenical community Last Supper service, *A Seat at the Table*, 801 Cleveland Ave.
- **April 18, Good Friday...7:00 pm**, join Revs. Leslie and Lee **at First Christian Church** for this year's ecumenical community Good Friday service, 2000 N. Lincoln Ave.
- **April 20, Easter Sunrise Service...6:30 am, 2750 N. Taft, North Lake Park**, between shelter #3 and the horseshoe courts...a community service led by FUMC, TUMC and First Presbyterian Church. (in person only)
- **April 20, Traditional Easter Service...10:00 am**, featuring the combined Chancel Choir and Spirit Sounds Bell Choir. Also, Mykayla Fitzpatrick, on guitar and vocals, will present a very special music piece. (in person and live streamed)



Join us for worship during this holy season, and invite your family, friends and neighbors!

## JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Come to the Conversations class on **Sunday, April 13** to hear Leah Johnson lead a discussion titled "Have we lost track of time?". The class meets in **East Coy Hall at 8:30 am**.

## EASTER OFFERING

In addition to our normal giving, we will collect FUMC's annual special Easter offering to support three critical missions endeavors. 100% of your special Easter offering will be divided three ways to serve great need locally, nationally and internationally. This year, **UMCOR** will be the recipient of two thirds the Easter offering. One third will go to support recovery work nationally and one third will support international recovery work. There have been so many tragedies and disasters in the U.S. and world in recent months. Your giving will help restore hope and bring healing to many lives. Locally, **Loveland Community Kitchen** will receive the final one third of the offering. Our current economic times are increasingly difficult. Seven days a week, Community Kitchen serves meals to anyone experiencing food insecurity in our community.



Special envelopes are provided for this Easter offering in the pews and at the back of the sanctuary. Or, go to [www.fumcloveland.com](http://www.fumcloveland.com) and click on the Give & Support tab to make your secure donation online (or use the QR code here). Be sure to include "Easter Offering" on the memo line of your check or in the "Write a note (Optional)" line if giving online.

## SPECIAL MUSIC IN APRIL

April 13 (Palm Sunday) – Chancel Choir

April 20 (Easter) – Chancel Choir, Spirit Sounds Bell Choir, Melanie Pepper – flute,  
Mykayla Fitzpatrick – guitar/vocal

April 27 – Chancel Choir, Bill Eads & Neal Anderson – vocal duet

## HELP NEEDED ON THE SOUNDBOARD

Volunteers are needed to assist with running the soundboard during the Sunday morning service. Training is available and prior experience is not required. Volunteers would not be expected to work every Sunday. Please contact Lee at [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com) to ask questions or volunteer.

## METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

High School Seniors and college students...if you would like to apply for the Methodist Foundation's Scholarship go to [fumcloveland.com/ministries](http://fumcloveland.com/ministries) and scroll down until you see the "Scholarship Application" tab. The applicant or the applicant's spouse, parent, guardian or child must be a member of the First United Methodist Church of Loveland. **Completed applications will be accepted at the church until Friday, May 2, 2025.** Please put applications in the Loveland Methodist Foundation mailbox outside of the office door.

## HANDBELL CHOIR CONCERT

You are invited to the Spirit Sounds Bell choir concert on **Saturday, April 26 at 3:00 pm** in the sanctuary. The concert will celebrate 40 years of FUMC's Handbell Ministry. Michael Kastner will be the featured soloist, and a reception in Coy Hall will follow the concert.

## GET YOUR YARD SIGN AT THE ASK ME DESK

Help spread a message of kindness in our community. Campaign for Kindness yard signs now available at the Ask Me Desk. \$10 donation.



## HELP US BEAUTIFY OUR SPACE!

We're **looking for ideas to bring new life to the north cinder block wall in Coy Hall** and we'd love your input! Whether it's a creative pattern, or a unique design that complements our new flooring, we want to hear your suggestions. Our goal is to brighten the space and make it more inviting for everyone. If you have ideas or would like to help, please reach out to Design and Décor Committee Chair, **Marlene Thurman at [mlouise1210@aol.com](mailto:mlouise1210@aol.com) or 970-461-8420**. Let's work together to create something special for all to enjoy!

## BUILDING A LEGACY MEN'S RETREAT

Johnstown UMC is holding a men's retreat open to all men, regardless of church affiliation. We encourage you to invite friends, relatives, and colleagues to join us. We'll be heading to the stunning **Buckhorn Camp & Retreat Center** in the Rocky Mountains from **August 22nd to 24th** for a weekend of reflection, fellowship, and practical learning. We'll be exploring the phases of life and how to apply John Wesley's principles of "earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can" to your current stage. This is a chance to step away from the daily grind, connect with other men, and discover how to live a life of intentional and impactful stewardship. **To learn more about the retreat and registration details**, please visit <https://johnstown.church/mensretreat>. This page will be updated in the coming weeks as details are finalized. Please note, space is limited for this event.



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

**Sunday April 13:** Palm Sunday: Help hide eggs for the children and help with other Easter activities. Youth have pizza for lunch! We will still end at 1:30 pm.

**Sunday April 20:** Easter Sunday: No Youth Group - Youth Help in Sunrise Service?

**Sunday April 27:** Regular lunch and youth group after church (11:15 am - 1:30 pm)

**Sunday May 4:** No youth group - Confirmation Retreat

**Sunday May 11:** No youth group - Mother's Day

**Sunday May 18:** Senior Recognition Sunday; youth are encouraged to attend service (10 am) and the following reception to support our graduating seniors (will end by Noon).

### **Senior Recognition Sunday:**

We will be recognizing our graduating seniors **Sunday May 18** during service with a brief **reception in Coy Hall** following worship. If you have a graduating senior who you would like to be recognized by the church please contact Matthew Utley.



Family Programming Coordinator - Desiree Aragon - [familycoordinator@tunc-loveland.org](mailto:familycoordinator@tunc-loveland.org)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to support our children at FUMC. Completion of FUMC's Safe Sanctuary is required to work with children. To coordinate taking the short class if needed, and if you have questions, contact Desiree Aragon at [familycoordinator@tumc-loveland.org](mailto:familycoordinator@tumc-loveland.org): [Sign Up Here](#).

## EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

Don't miss this fun time of Easter egg hunting, craft making and more. See more information in the article above.

## PERSONALS

### Prayers:

Ted Nutting, continued recovery from hospitalization

Jack & Jane Gill, both in hospice care

Gregg Geis, rehabilitation for broken hip

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

Tom Thompson, recovery from hip replacement

Cindy Ogilvie and her family in the loss of her father, David Powers



### Birthdays: March 31-April 7

Mary McCreary  
Bailey Williams

Desiree Aragon  
Lynda Smith

Cathy Haines  
Martha DiCicco