



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
April 20, 2025

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **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!

EASTER OFFERING

100% of FUMC's annual special Easter offering supports three critical missions. This year, **UMCOR** will receive two thirds of 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. In these increasingly difficult economic times, Community Kitchen serves meals seven days a week 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 and click on the Give & Support tab to make your secure donation online (or use the QR code to the left). Be sure to include "Easter Offering" on the memo line of your check or in the "Write a note (Optional)" line if giving online.

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](#)

EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA A SUCCESS!

Desiree Aragon, Family Programming Coordinator, shares these words of gratitude: Dear Church Family, I am thrilled to share that our Easter party was a tremendous success! With over 120 participants, including around 100 kids, this event was one of the biggest the church has seen in over four years. It was heartwarming to see so many families come together to celebrate and share in the joy of the season. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, contributed, and participated. Your support made this a memorable event.

FUMC SERVES APRIL EVENT

We will be touring service facilities this month instead of doing “hands on” work. On **April 24 at 9:30am**, meet at the Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams to watch the mobile laundry truck in action. The mission of the **Mobile Laundry Program** is to break down barriers to success for low-income families and for adults experiencing homelessness in Larimer County, through free, mobile laundry services. Next, we will head to the **House of Neighborly Service Life Center** for a tour. HNS provides services to people experiencing poverty or a crisis to help stabilize them. Afterward, we will go out to lunch as a group to talk about what we’ve learned. Contact Pastor Lee with questions and to sign up; a headcount for lunch reservations is needed: lee@fumcloveland.com or (970) 667-0876.

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.

BUILDING ACCESS TASK FORCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a few people to join a team of volunteers who will do various tasks related to the building entry system, such as program entry codes for events and monitor alerts. Training will be provided, and no one person will be responsible for all tasks. Contact Pastor Lee if you are interested at lee@fumcloveland.com and she will connect you with team members for more info.

PLEASE TURN OUT THE LIGHTS

FUMC is a busy place. Whether on Sunday morning or during the rest of the week, if you’re in a group/committee that meets at FUMC, please take a moment to notice if lights are still on in the area of your gathering...room, hallways, restrooms. If there are lights still on and no other groups are meeting nearby, please take a moment to turn the lights off before you leave. This helps FUMC conserve energy and keeps our utilities charges lower. Thanks for being attentive and helping out in this small way!

JOY FELLOWSHIP

Trinity UMC’s JOY Fellowship meets again on May 7 at 11:00am. 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 May, we will be playing bingo and enjoying sandwiches, sides, and desserts. Look for a sign-up sheet at the Ask Me Desk or contact Rev. Lee to RSVP. This will be the last JOY gathering until September!

SPECIAL MUSIC IN APRIL

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 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 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.

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** 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.

KING SOOPERS REWARDS PROGRAM REPORT

Jan-Mar 2025 brought the church \$587 from 96 King Soopers shoppers! Thank you to those who have signed up to use this program. If you want to sign up, go to www.kingsoopers.com and log in or create an account. Click Community Rewards at the left or bottom of the page. Search UK667 and click enroll. Every time you shop in the store or online and use your King Soopers card, an amount will automatically be donated to FUMC! The program does not cost you anything, King Soopers donates an amount based on your purchase total.



Family Programming Coordinator - Desiree Aragon - familycoordinator@tumc-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: [Sign Up Here](#).

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING REQUIRED

All persons who work with children and youth at FUMC are required to take safe sanctuary training. If you haven't taken the training at all or in a while, the next training is coming up soon. Details about the training are below.



Mid & Senior High Youth Coordinator - Matthew Utley - youth@fumcleveland.com

Sunday April 20: Easter Sunday: No Youth Group

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).

Sunday May 25: No youth group - Memorial/Graduation Weekend

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.

Safe Sanctuary Training: May 18, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm:

Do you work/volunteer with youth and/or children at the church? Please join us Sunday, May 18 to update your safe sanctuary knowledge and paperwork. We will begin training in Coy Hall directly after the senior Sunday reception (around noon). Hope to see you there! If you cannot make it please contact Matthew Utley (youth@fumcleveland.com) to schedule a one on one training.

PERSONALS

Prayers:

Jack & Jane Gill, both in hospice care

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

We give thanks for the life of Helen Fellows, who passed into eternal life on April 13. We remember in prayer her daughter and son-in-law Alicia & John Mitchell and their family. A memorial service is pending.

We give thanks for the life of Trish Moreland, who passed into eternal life on April 15, and hold in prayer her family and loved ones. A memorial service is pending.



Birthdays: April 14-April 26

Charles Diediker
Megan Hauschulz
Joyce Abrams

Mindy Stiverson
John Kindred

Rebecca Hennings
Keith Cox