



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO  
April 6, 2025

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Plan to attend an important congregational meeting regarding the financial status of FUMC. Two times are being offered for your convenience. April 7 at 6:30 pm and April 27 at 11:00 am (immediately following the worship service). Choose the time that best fits your schedule.

## ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS

The Worship Committee is offering the opportunity to purchase potted spring flowers for \$13.50 each to be used for our Easter services on April 20. There are order forms at the Ask Me Desk in Lobby Court with spaces to dedicate the flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Please place your check in the blue collection box labeled "Easter Flowers" and place your filled out form in the basket labeled "Easter Flower Order Forms". **Order by THIS Sunday, April 6.** Thank you for helping beautify the sanctuary for Easter!

## JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Come to the Conversations class on **Sunday, April 6** to hear Bob Eatman lead a discussion about the Jefferson Bible. The class meets in **East Coy Hall at 8:30 am.**

## HAPPY RETIREMENT

After 23 years of dedicated service to FUMC, office manager Patty Gregory is retiring. We extend our gratitude, prayers and many well wishes as Patty moves on to her next adventures.

## SPECIAL MUSIC IN APRIL

April 6 – Chancel Choir & Ben Clegern, soloist

April 13 (Palm Sunday) – Chancel Choir

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

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



## 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!

### NEXT BRAVER ANGELS EVENT

Join Braver Angels at FUMC for a live debate on **Saturday, April 12 from 9:00am-noon**. 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.

### 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@fumcleveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcleveland.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 [fumcleveland.com/ministries](http://fumcleveland.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 come hear the Spirit Sounds Bell choir concert on **Saturday, April 26 at 3:00 pm** in the sanctuary. The concert is to 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!

### SAFE TALK: SUICIDE ALERTNESS TRAINING

How do you know if someone is having thoughts of suicide? What should you say or not say? Where can you find help? You could help save the life of someone you know or love by attending SafeTALK (Suicide Alertness for Everyone), **April 9 from 5:00 - 8:30 pm at the Thompson School District Admin Building.** Pre-registration is required by clicking [HERE](#). Please contact Quincey Holmquist via email with questions at [quincey.holmquist@tsd.org](mailto:quincey.holmquist@tsd.org).

## **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 6:** Regular lunch and youth group after church (11:15 am - 1:30 pm) - Stuff Easter Eggs.

**Sunday April 13:** Palm Sunday: Help hide eggs and with other Easter activities. 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)

### **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@tunc-loveland.org](mailto:familycoordinator@tunc-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



## **Birthdays: March 31-April 7**

Susan Williamson

Marilynn Addington

Mauro Losz

Barb Franke

Jackie Gruber

Suzy Garcia

Nolan Johnson

Jason Hettrick

Phyllis Wehrle