

Church Council Minutes

July 7, 2025

Loveland FUMC strives to bless and serve our local and world communities while living the teachings of Jesus Christ. We accept people as they are and strive to live in harmony with God and all of divine creation.

We started in Coy Hall where Charlie showed us proposals for putting in a TV and screen cast (allowing us to add other TVs in the future).

We welcomed Andrea, John M, Pastor Matthew, Joy, Rev Leslie, John K, Marlene, Barry, Betty, Cindy, Charlie, Judy and guests Joanne Scheihing and Dale Thurman.

We missed Rev Lee, Kathryn, Debbie, Janeen, Mike and Pam.

Devotion ~ Rev Leslie reflected on Rev. Dr Val Jackson's memorial service at Annual Conference. The memorial service ended with this benediction: Plant with hope, water with grace and trust God for the harvest.


Approve May 12 minutes; approved unanimously. Judy shared some of the minutes from July 2024 with examples of how much we have accomplished in a year (mission statement, LPS, new flooring, etc.). Thanks to those who have worked and are still working to make these things happen.

Prayer requests ~ Rev Lee; those affected by the TX floods; Pastor Matthew as he begins his 'official' ministry; Mario, interpreter in Guatemala who has been diagnosed with a brain tumor; Judy's granddaughter Julianne who is having a feeding tube placed to address gastroparesis.

Pastors

Rev. Leslie Wood

Rev. Lee Anderson Harris

Pastor Matthew Utley , Youth Ministries Coordinator

Staff

Church Treasurer

Karen Lumpkin

Music Coordinator

Kathryn Peiffer

Choir Director

Nicole Ceciliani

Family Programming Coordinator

Bell Choir Director

Susan Harding

Committees

Lay Leader

TBD

Financial Secretary

Cindy Utley

Staff Parish

John Morgan ~ John reported that we are delighted with Pam Day, new office manager; SPRC is negotiating with Desiree, TUMC and Union regarding her contract. He will let us know what happens after SPRC meets later this week.

Finance

Charlie Bouchard

Trustees

Debbie Tikka ~ Joanne gave the Trustees report (thanks, Joanne!). The flooring is DONE!! Trees are being removed including on the NW side (very expensive). Debbie is still looking at elevator quotes and is leaning toward TKE at \$150K. They are our current elevator people and are familiar with our issues. A lot of FUMC key cards/fobs left with people who no longer attend our church. We will try to recoup as many as possible before buying new ones.

Abiding Memorials

Betty Hill

Stewardship	John Kindred (John's report has been added to the committee reports doc.)
Missions and Social Concerns	Barry Wehrle (Barry sent his report, but Judy didn't see it. It is included in the committee reports doc.)
Marketing & Outreach	Andrea Ortega
Membership Secretary	Janeen Anderson
Safety and Security	Judy will send a card to Keith on behalf of CC thanking him for his dedication to Safety and Security issues at FUMC.
UM Foundation	Mike Westbrook
Lay Members to AC	Matthew Utley, TBD
At Large	Marlene Thurman, Joy Shaw, Pam Erickson
Church Council Chair	Judy Stout

Discussion

- Continued conversation from Coy Hall ~ Joy moved, John M seconded: Approve the bid of \$6975 to Proclaim Audio and Video for one TV and Screen Cast in Coy Hall *pending Trustees' approval*. Question: Where will the money come from? Answer: For now, from the 57th St funds. In July 2026, money will be moved from the Foundation to reimburse those funds. Motion passed unanimously.
- Facility Use Committee
 - Barry moved, Cindy seconded: Approve replacing the window in the space above the sanctuary with safety glass from Handiglass at the cost of ~\$1000 *pending Trustees' approval*. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Cindy moved, John K seconded: Approve upgrades to our internet at the cost of ~\$1000 *pending Trustees' approval*. Motion passed unanimously. (The preschool is willing to get their own internet, but we will allow them to use ours, and they use very little.)
 - Joy led discussion on the renaming of spaces in the building to reflect our commitment as a place of worship *and* a place of outreach ministry. Joy moved that Council approve the names that the Facility Use Committee agreed upon with the exception of the basement floor of the previous education wing. (The document addressing the names is attached with the minutes.) Comments included: the FUC has done a LOT of work; some of the names sound a little 'cutesy'; would the name 'Pacemaker' offend some folks?; 'Pulse Point' is what the local emergency dispatch uses. After much discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
 - The new website will include facility use information.
- Policies and education needed for protocols in case ICE shows up at the church ~ Safety and Security There is some urgency in addressing this issue. Judy, Andrea, Matt and Carolyn Bouchard will work on this with assistance from Safety & Security.
- Bishop Kristin Stoneking will visit and preach at a combined FUMC/TUMC service August 31st. Worship will be at TUMC (hopefully streamed to FUMC), and the reception will be at FUMC.

Closing Prayer ~ Judy

Future Church Council Meetings: Fellowship Hall at 6:00

Thursday Sept 4

Thursday Nov 6

Meeting TBD to approve budget

Charge/Church Conference Oct 12

Purpose of Church Council ~ The church council is the primary group responsible for the overall ministry of the local church. By establishing the vision of the congregation, the council can then help to order and implement the various ministry opportunities.

CC is the visioning body of the church and is comprised of all committee chairs and at-large members. We are not a 'confederation of silos' acting independently; we all work together for the good of our church and community.

Meetings are open to all.