



The Window

Spiritual home. Inclusive community. Unconditional love. Welcome!

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, Colorado

April 4, 2021

OUTDOOR WORSHIP!

At 10:45 am each Sunday you may worship with your church family outdoors, weather permitting. Please bring a chair, wear your mask and enjoy.



JOIN THE JOURNEY TO EASTER

Come on a safe, family friendly Journey to Easter. Experience the season of Easter through activities and prayers. Each heart on the trail will help lead you to Easter morning. It will be set up to experience on Palm Sunday morning and you can come at your own convenience between March 28 and Easter Day on April 4. Start on the West side of the First United Methodist Church near the green double doors and travel around the north side to finish the journey.

EASTER MISSIONS OFFERING

The Missions Committee has designated three organizations to receive equal shares of the Easter Offering: (1) FUMC has supported Loveland Habitat for Humanity with funding and labor since its founding in 1987. Loveland Habitat completed its 150th home in 2020. We will have five build days this summer starting May 1. Contact Mark Elliott if you want to help. (2) United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) for USA disaster relief.

(3) Pura Vida, a Denver non-profit that has sponsored six FUMC home building mission trips to Guatemala. Because of Covid-19, this year will be a virtual trip occurring July 12-16. Your offering will purchase building supplies and provide salaries for the local Guatemalan construction workers that have been our supervisors and have become our friends. You can become a team member (14 already signed up) at the Pura Vida website, https://www.puravida.org/virtual-trip.html?trip_id=92.





UNDERSTANDING YOUR GRIEF: Finding hope and healing your heart after the death of someone you love

April 7- June 9, 2021 (10 Wednesdays) 2:00-3:30 pm

Meeting at 5160 Brandywine Dr., Loveland

Facilitator: Bev Goodier, M.A.

The class will use Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt's compassionate books Understanding Your Grief as a guide. The book can be purchased at the first class. Materials: \$24.49. Invite a friend.

Please contact Bev with questions and to register: (970) 238-0693
Bev@LifeSupportSystem.com

NEW GROUP AT FUMC: ANTI-RACISM ALLYSHIP

The Anti-Racism Allyship Group is open to anyone who wants to engage in personal growth and advocacy in order to work for change in ourselves and the community. Weekly meetings provide opportunities to learn and grow with others. Advocacy work includes support for community organizations, sponsoring educational events at FUMC and more. All are welcome. To join or learn more about this group, contact Pastor Lee at lee@fumcloveland.com or (970) 667-0876.

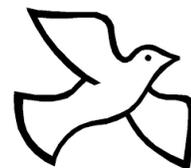
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Join us for Sunday school at 10:00 am on Zoom. We are focusing on the same topics as Pastors Steve and Lee in a kid friendly way. Weekly supplies were delivered to families. If you need supplies or the zoom link, please contact Ann Kessler at akessler@fumcloveland.com or (970) 290-2796.

On April 3 we will do the "You've been Egged" individual Easter Egg Hunt. We are using the same format as last year to continue to practice safety during Covid 19. If you would like to combine with another household in your safe circles please contact Ann Kessler with the address and number of children that will be there. One of our youth or college students will deliver and hide the eggs in your front yard, then ring your doorbell so the children can come out and hunt for the eggs. They will be delivered between 9:00-11:00 am. For questions contact Ann Kessler at (970) 290-2796 or akessler@fumcloveland.com.

MEMORIAL SERVICE COORDINATOR NEEDED

We're looking for someone who enjoys people and wants to be involved in a caring ministry. The church needs somebody to help coordinate the logistics of memorial and funeral services held at the church. If this sounds like something you'd consider, please talk to



DINNER GROUP ORGANIZERS NEEDED

Would you like to meet with 4-8 people to have dinner? The meals can be a potluck or you can bring your own food, drink and chairs or a host will provide the main dish only. We are in need of volunteers to organize the Dinner Groups. Please call Shirley Reed at (308) 665-5934 or email her at sreed@fumcloveland.com to volunteer. Visit www.fumcloveland.com and go to Dinner Group Form and click on every tab to see what this group is all about.

METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Please visit the church's website, at fumcloveland.com/ministries/youth to download the application for the Methodist Foundation Scholarship. Completed applications will be accepted at the church until Friday, April 16, 2021. Please put applications in the Methodist Foundation mailbox outside of the office door.



NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY IS APRIL 18

When you give generously on Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. You empower congregations to find fresh and culturally appropriate ways to minister to their communities with Christ's love. (More information is available at: <http://www.nacp-umc.org/native-ministries-sunday-grant.html>.)

PERSONALS



PRAYER CONCERNS

- Cecilia Ball (health)
- Sharon Sheets (health)
- Peggy Chitwood (health)
- David Leech (death 3/16/2021)
- Lawrence McLellan (death 3/22/2021)
- COVID-19 sufferers and those adversely affected by the pandemic



OUR COVID-19 EXPERIENCES

In this new series, we will highlight some of the positive experiences of FUMC folks during the otherwise fraught time of covid-19. We want to hear what good has come from this time for you, or what ways you have found to cope. If you have something you'd like to share, please contact Pastor Lee at lee@fumcloveland.com or (970) 667-0876.

Mindy Stiverson shares inspiration in how she has been coping with this past year. She writes: "I have been knitting. I have knitted 12 blankets and approximately 50 hats that I send to World Vision's Knit for Kids program. I knit love into each stitch and in return I receive peace!"



BIRTHDAYS IN THE CHURCH

April 3-9

Peggy Chitwood
Gerald Donnelly
Susan Garcia

Cathy Haines
Jason Hettrick
Casey Logan

Mauro Losz
Mary McCreary
Phyllis Wehrle

SPOTLIGHT ON SENIORS



Roy Allen was born April 20, 1938 in Conrad MT, a small wheat farming community in north central Montana. His father was a minister and as a result, Roy along with his mother, brother, two sisters and various animals, moved frequently. They were located mostly within the Rocky Mountain area of the country. One location took us to Enid, OK about 1500 miles from our many relatives in MT. They fondly recall their true culture shock while living there for two years while Dad attended seminary. Roy's high school years were spent in Casper, WY and graduated in 1956. He received his bachelor degree in Geology/Geophysics at Phillips University in Oklahoma and returned to the University of Wyoming for graduate work. After joining Mobil Oil Corporation in 1962, he was given an assignment for oil exploration in Buffalo, WY. This was the best move he had ever made. He met his future wife Sally in Buffalo while she was home during summer break from teaching school in Casper. They were married on December 29, 1963. Shortly after, they relocated to Midland, TX to start

their new life as a married couple. Their family includes a son and daughter; both are married with a son and daughter each. Their son is a physician in Longmont and their daughter Michele is also a physician, who is in research at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine in Minneapolis. His years in the Oil Business required many moves as he was involved in both domestic and foreign assignments. Hobbies he enjoys include travel, reading, fishing and spending time with the grandkids. They are looking forward, with God's help, to be able to spend more time with family in this coming year. After retiring in 2000, they moved to Loveland to be closer to the mountains, family, and the area they have always enjoyed. Roy and Sally joined FUMC at this time. When they attend church, they usually sit towards the back north side of the sanctuary. He enjoys the Searchers Sunday School class and he also meets with a men's Wednesday morning support group. In the past he participated in several mission trips and was a regular member of UMM. At this time, his involvement in the community is with Rotary and KidsPak. In retirement, he has enjoyed both the church and community activities along with the many fine people they have become acquainted with.

A TRUMPET CONCERT WITH GIL GARCIA

Gil gave a virtual trumpet concert in February and you're invited to listen. Pull up a chair, sit back, and enjoy the good music Gil provides. [You can listen on YouTube here.](#)



ON-GOING CLASSES AND GROUPS

OLDER, WISER, HAPPIER GROUP

Meetings feature checking in with each other, a relaxation exercise, remembering positive decisions, and a topic that addresses something that affects most senior adults. The topic for discussion on the **2nd Thursday, April 8**, 1:00 pm on Zoom is "**Continual Creativity.**" Thought-starters on this topic can be found on Clay Carter's blog at <https://happyagings.org/>. The material can be printed. The link to the Zoom meeting is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85276080442>. Clay Carter will be hosting the meeting. Call or text for further information: (970) 616-9686. Clay's email is pclaycarter@gmail.com.

COFFEE TIME

You can laugh and talk, share stories, discuss the most recent sermon or just listen - every Sunday from 9:15 - 9:45 am. [Details and Zoom link](#)

SEARCHERS CLASS

Here are some updates on our class schedule for the near future. There is no class this Sunday, Easter Sunday. On Sunday, April 11, Leah Johnson of our congregation will be

with us to discuss the effort to "Fill Lake Loveland." This is an effort on the part of some in our community to see if Lake Loveland can be kept to its previous winter levels rather than what has been done for the last two winters. This will be an interesting discussion. Class now begins at 9:30 due to changes in our church schedule. Zoom link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87120421569?pwd=MENQVE84SGQ1aZyNk5OSHZjMEIQU09>.

HOLY HAPPY HOUR MEETS MONDAYS

HHH meets Mondays at 5:30 pm. Contact Tom Thompson for more information at (801) 518-5392 or revtgt@hotmail.com. [Details and Zoom link](#)

OASIS STUDY

Oasis will take a short (one Sunday) break for Easter on April 4. We will resume our normal meeting schedule on Sunday, April 11 from 4:30-5:30 pm, continuing our discussion of the book, *Sissy: A Coming of Gender Story* by Jacob Tobia. All who seek to learn about and support the LGBTQ+ community are welcome!

EXERCISE CLASS WITH ANITA WILLIAMS

Join us Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:30 am each week on Zoom. Contact Ann Kessler at (970) 290-2796 or akessler@fumcleveland.com with questions. [Details](#)

OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS



PANEL DISCUSSION ON MOBILE HOME PARKS

Mobile home park housing in our county is an important source of unsubsidized affordable housing. Is it at risk? The League of Women Voters of Larimer County is presenting a panel discussion via Zoom on April 12 from 7:00-9:00 pm including a Loveland resident of a mobile home park here. To register go to lvw-larimercounty.org, choose Calendar for April 12 and click on REGISTER NOW and don't forget to click on COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION.

THE UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL GUIDE IS HERE

The March-April *Upper Room Devotional Guides* have arrived at church. Large print

versions will be delivered to those who have requested them. Small print versions are outside the East Office door in a box attached to the chain link fence.

NEED A MASK?

Masks with the church logo are now available and donations are appreciated. If you are interested in a mask, please contact Andrea Ortega [by email](#).

ONLINE GIVING IS HERE

Our Church now has online payment capability. Just go to our website, www.fumcloveland.com and click on the menu tab labeled "Donate." You will be able to donate using either your debit or credit card or through PayPal, if you wish. We thank you in advance for trying out this new way of giving. Nice way to watch those airline miles grow.

CAN WE HELP YOU?

As we are growing forward and staying safe at home, you may still have needs at your house. If you would like a helping hand with groceries, prescriptions, or other errands, please remember there is a group of church volunteers who would love to help you. Call Julie Monroe at 662-321-3003.