



# The Window

*Spiritual home. Inclusive community. Unconditional love. Welcome!*

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, Colorado

April 11, 2021

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## **WE WELCOME LESLIE WOOD AS SENIOR PASTOR OF FUMC**

The Mountain Sky Conference has appointed Rev. Leslie Wood to FUMC as senior pastor. She and her husband Brian will move from Colorado Springs where she currently serves St. Paul's UMC. Leslie wrote a letter to you that [you can read here](#). We want to warmly welcome her and Brian with open arms and hearts. Her first Sunday will be July 4. (She's starting off with a BANG!)

## **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.

As of Thursday, April 8, the Larimer County two-week infection rate is **6.8%**. We can move back into the building once it decreases to 4%.

## **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](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com) or (970) 667-0876.

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Join us for Sunday school at 9:45 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](mailto:akessler@fumcloveland.com) or (970) 290-2796.

## **MID HIGH, SENIOR HIGH, & COLLEGE**

Students bring your lunch and a chair and come to youth group at 11:30-1:00 on Sunday, April 11th.

## 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 Rev. Steve at 970-775-4217.



## VOLUNTEERS 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](#). GO TO: [DINNER GROUP FORM](#) and click on every tab to see what this group is about!

## METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Please visit the church's website, at [fumcleveland.com/ministries/youth](http://fumcleveland.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)
- Peggy Chitwood (health)

## FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Our hearts are heavy to announce the recent deaths of two church members:

Sharon Sheets passed on Monday, April 5.

Monte Montgomery passed on Wednesday, April 7.

Our love and concern are extended to the families of Sharon and Monte.



## THE OTHER SIDE OF COVID-19

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@fumcleveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcleveland.com) or (970) 667-0876.

Marcia Davis shared that she has viewed the pandemic as an opportunity to re-evaluate her values, find balance in her life, and take care of herself. She has a regular practice of meditation, prayer, reading devotions, and writing in her gratitude journal to help in this process. A guiding belief is that things don't necessarily go the way we expect (or want) them to go, but God always has our best interests at heart.



## BIRTHDAYS IN THE CHURCH

April 10-16

Carol Beier  
Martha DiCicco

Charles Diediker  
Sherrie Murphy

Brian Peterson  
Pat Schaeffer

Jon Thiede  
Bridie Whaley

## 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.](#)

### **“TED TALK” WITH MELANIE PEFFER THIS SUNDAY**

This Sunday from 2:00 - 4:00 Melanie will be live on YouTube. Her Ted Talk will be related to her book [Biology Everywhere](#). And you can even join her watch party with others. Please contact Melanie <[melaniepefferphd@gmail.com](mailto:melaniepefferphd@gmail.com)> for more information about how to watch her Ted Talk.

## **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 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](mailto: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=MENQVE84SGQ1aIZyNk5OSHZjMEIQU09>.

### **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](mailto:revtgt@hotmail.com). [Details and Zoom link](#)

### **OASIS STUDY**

On Sunday, April 11 from 4:30-5:30 pm, we will continue 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@fumcloveland.com](mailto:akessler@fumcloveland.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 [lwv-larimercounty.org](http://lwv-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 May-June 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](http://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.