



# The Window

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

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, Colorado

August 22, 2021

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## **COVID SAFETY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES NEW GUIDELINES:**

Due to sharp escalation in infection rates in the county, revised COVID-19 rules for Loveland First United Methodist Church will be in effect starting August 16, 2021 until further notice.

- Everyone must wear a mask inside the church *regardless of vaccination status*. We will continue to follow CDC guidelines and monitor the Larimer County dashboard COVID-19 data to determine when these rules may change.
- Social distancing will not be required.
- No choir rehearsals or performances inside the church at this time. (We will re-evaluate this in one month.)
- Children three years old and above should wear masks while in the building.
- No food or drink will be served/allowed at gatherings inside the building.
- We will register attendance using the welcome cards found in the pews and at the bottom of the 11:00 am service worship sheet.
- Masks are required while riding in church vehicles.

## **YOU ARE INVITED TO CHAT WITH PASTOR LESLIE!**

Our new pastor, Leslie Wood, wants to get to know members of the congregation. The last Meet & Greet is scheduled for Thursday, August 26 from 2:00-3:00 pm in Coy Hall. Please feel free to drop in and get to know our new Senior Pastor.

## **DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR YOUNG CHILDREN?**

We are looking for a caring and conscientious individual to join our dedicated Nursery staff. This is a paid position that involves some day, evening and weekend hours. For more information, or to apply for the position, please contact Alison Williams, Nursery Supervisor, at (318) 290-8068.

## **SPRC ANNOUNCES STAFF POSITIONS FILLED**

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is pleased to announce the following additions to the FUMC Staff.

Chris White has been hired to serve as interim Choir Director from Sept. 2021- May 2022. Chris brings a wealth of experience in directing choirs and teaching music. SPRC will seek to fill this position on a permanent basis next year. Mary Rock has accepted the position of Children's Coordinator. Mary brings with her the experience of 25 years as an educator (Poudre S.D.), a passion for engaging children with Christ's love, and extensive work with parents and volunteers (teaching ESL, working on IEPs, girl scout leader). A lifelong learner, she is eager to contribute creatively and holistically to support the FUMC Family Ministries team. Kathryn Peiffer will serve in an official capacity as the Music Coordinator for all FUMC musical activities, a position she has been filling for the past year as a volunteer. This is in addition to her position as organist/pianist for FUMC. Heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Staff Parish Relations Committee members for their "extra-ordinary" time and effort in working to fill these important positions for FUMC.





## **DRIVE IN DINER & CAR SHOW**

Poodle skirts, leather jackets, milkshakes at the 5 & 10, drive-ins, sport cars and great music! Twist on over to FUMC on September 12 from 5:00-6:30pm to go back in time with our youth as they serve up awesome milkshakes, burgers & fries. Be served in your car by carhops or come for the fellowship at the "Diner" waited on by waiters and waitresses. Wait, there is more! Do you have a great car to show? Bring it over. An award will be given for the favorite car by people's choice. Come have dinner, fellowship and a great time while supporting our youth for next summer's mission trips.

## **YOUTH EVENTS**

### **Mid High, Senior High & College Groups**

**August 22:** Biking to Boyd Lake. Meet at the church at 12:00 pm with your bike, lunch, and water bottle. Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel if you would like to get in the water. Pick up teens at Seven Lakes Park at 3:00 pm. Adult help needed.

### **Senior High**

**August 25:** Senior High Breakfast Club, 8:00-9:15 am on the front lawn. Bring your beverage and a lawn chair and meet us for breakfast before school. If you need a ride to school, please let Ann Kessler know.

## **PERSONALS**

### **KEEPING IN PRAYER**

Trinity UMC, recovering from a flooded building  
Carole Parsons, moved to Georgia  
Jo Woodward, health  
Susan Harding, brother in Nashville, passed away

Jinx Donnelly, surgery  
Rev. Ted Nutting, health  
Brownie Harvey, health  
Dona White, car accident

### **BIRTHDAYS: August 22-28**

Becky Aldrich	Patricia Gillespie	David Knudson	Shelby Woodward
Margie Billingsley	Robert Hoch	Marilyn Roberts	
Roger Buehler	Richard Kittel	Thomas Spencer	

### **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

The flowers for Sunday's church services are given by John & Barb Irelan in honor of their anniversary.



## **ON-GOING CLASSES AND GROUPS**

### **HOLY HAPPY HOUR GROUP MEETS ON MONDAYS**

Holy Happy Hour meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at Vatos Tacos + Tequila at The Foundry, 270 N. Cleveland Ave. Meetings are from 5:30-7:15 pm. Contact Tom Thompson for more information at (801) 518-5392 or [revtgt@hotmail.com](mailto:revtgt@hotmail.com).

### **EXERCISE CLASS WITH ANITA WILLIAMS**

Join us Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 am each week on Zoom. Contact Anita Williams at [anitaandroger@msn.com](mailto:anitaandroger@msn.com) with questions.

## OASIS STUDY

We are taking a break. We will return on September 12.

Meeting ID: 838 2998 9065 Password: 744795

## WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL CIRCLE IS MOVING TO MONDAY AFTERNOONS

The Women's Spiritual Circle is moving to Mondays from 3:45-5:45 pm starting August 23rd. As usual, there will be nursery care for the little ones and children's programming for the older kiddos! So that we don't have to worry about feeding kids when we get home we will be coordinating meals. For those of you who may be joining us for the first time, this is an open and eclectic, spiritual group of women. There is no rhyme, reason or expectation of specific spiritual or religious beliefs. The only requirement is that you identify as a woman and that you are open minded and closed mouthed so that whatever we discuss is done so in a judgment free zone and held in strict privacy. We are currently reading *Present Over Perfect* by Shauna Niequist. For more information and to RSVP with the number of children please email Jessica Gartner, Director of Young Adult Ministries at [jgartner@fumcloveland.com](mailto:jgartner@fumcloveland.com) or call her at (303) 525-3110.

## OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

### FUMC BUS "ON THE ROAD AGAIN"

If you would like a ride to church or have questions about riding the church bus, please contact Roger Williams at 970-980-8228. (Please call after 4:00 pm.)

### ONLINE GIVING IS HERE

Our Church has online payment capability. Go to our website, [www.fumcloveland.com](http://www.fumcloveland.com) and click on the menu tab labeled "Donate." Thank you for trying out this new way of giving.

### LOT PRESENTS CONCERT HONORING SHARON SHEETS AND TERRY MCINTOSH

Loveland Opera Theatre and Trinity Lutheran church are presenting a concert to celebrate "Cherished Voices - then and now" and honoring especially Sharon Sheets & Terry McIntosh who both have sung with LOT for many decades. The live performance with vocalists and instrumentalists will be on Sunday, August 22 at 3:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Loveland.

### WOMEN'S OVERNIGHT SPIRITUAL RETREAT: RENEW, RESTORE & REFRESH



Please join us for a short trip full of fun and worship with other women in the FUMC/TUMC community! We will be leaving Loveland for Buckhorn UMC Camp in Bellevue around 3:00 pm on September 24, and returning on September 25 around 5:00 pm. If you need transportation, we will have a couple of vehicles to use at the church, otherwise meet us at Buckhorn with your own car at 4:00 pm or when your schedule allows. The fee for this retreat is only \$40 which includes dinner, breakfast, lunch,

and a workbook that we will be using. The registration forms are on the Ask Me Desk in Lobby Court. You can return your registration form and payment to Ann Kessler or Sarah Lillie.

### PRIME TIMERS TAKING A BREAK

Due to the spike in COVID-19 cases in Larimer County, the Prime Timers have decided not to meet at this time. Hopefully the group will start up again when the risk of infection is down.

## **ATTENTION ALL FUMC SENIORS**

Starting soon, a weekly videoconference (also known as ZOOM) that is designed by you the consumer, not by me, the facilitator, i.e. Jack Gill. So, what we do each week will be up to you. And my job will be to make that happen. You say you don't have a computer? I will do my best to find another senior who does and is willing to pick you up, take you to their home, watch the program, and return you to your home each week. Let's hear from you! Coming soon...a short video of possibilities. Meanwhile...get in touch with me at 970-515-5599.

## **WAYS YOU CAN SERVE**

### **CALL & CONNECT...A NEW AND IMPROVED WAY TO SERVE**

The new version of this program focuses on our members who aren't as connected to FUMC as they'd like to be due to advanced age or health/mobility limitations. Volunteers will receive the names of a few members to call each month for check-in and conversation. To register as a phone caller, click here or contact Pastor Lee at [lee@fumccleveland.com](mailto:lee@fumccleveland.com) or 970-667-0876. If you would like to receive calls, or know someone who would, contact Pastor Lee.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES**

Sunday School will be starting back up September 12. If you would like to help in our children & youth ministry department we are looking for excited preschool and elementary Sunday school teachers and shepherds for this school year, as well as volunteers to come on Sunday afternoons to be part of our youth program. Please call Ann Kessler at 970-290-2796 if you would like to be part of this awesome team.

### **DO YOU HAVE A HEAD FOR NUMBERS?**

We are looking for someone to join our weekly offering counting team. The right person would be available on Mondays for no more than two hours per week to work with another team member. If we can expand our team by one or two people, you would only need to be available about two or three times a month, with the flexibility to set your schedule with your other team members. No experience is necessary, but you should feel comfortable with counting money and doing simple math. If this sounds like an opportunity you are interested in, please contact Ellen Shepherd at 970-667-1524 or [ellentshepherd@gmail.com](mailto:ellentshepherd@gmail.com).

### **DO YOU NEED HELP?**

If you have a household or outdoor task that you need help with, please contact Julie Monroe at [newmonroe1@yahoo.com](mailto:newmonroe1@yahoo.com). Mission Starts at Home is a group of church volunteers who can assist you with jobs too big for you. Be sure to include your phone number.

### **DO YOU WANT TO HELP?**

Mission Starts at Home is looking for people who are interested in helping our church members that need a hand with inside or outside household chores. Join our team by emailing Julie Monroe at [newmonroe1@yahoo.com](mailto:newmonroe1@yahoo.com). Be sure to include your phone number.

### **HELP WANTED**

Sign-up to help in the **Laundry Truck** to be located at the Loveland Library parking lot on Thursdays from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm. Greet the clients, place their clothes in a washer, transfer to a dryer, fold and return to the client. Health and safety protocols will be in place. Contact Rev. Woody Carlson at [Laundry@HomewardAlliance.org](mailto:Laundry@HomewardAlliance.org) or call Homeward Alliance at (970) 460-6451 to get more information or to sign-up for a shift.