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First United Methodist Church, Loveland, Colorado

August 29, 2021

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 11:00am service worship sheet.
- Masks are required while riding in church vehicles.

A COUPLE OF NOTES FROM OUR MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Attention Singers! The FUMC Chancel Choir will resume singing with a Rehearsal-Dessert on Wednesday, September 1, at the home of Chris and Dona White. If you are interested, skip dessert after dinner, come to the choir rehearsal, and enjoy some brownie sundaes afterwards. Be sure and bring a lawn chair since the rehearsal will be in the back yard. Since the rehearsal will be outdoors with social distancing, vaccinated singers will not have to wear a mask.

This Fall the Chancel Choir will rehearse every Wednesday from 7 to 8pm, working on anthems for Sunday service, and beginning in October, from 8 to 8:30pm, on a cantata for Advent. The Choir will perform sacred music in a variety of styles—from classical to contemporary Christian—for three Sunday services per month.

If you have never been a member of the choir, or have not sung with the choir for some time, you are more than welcome! If you love to sing, but cannot read music, you are more than welcome—we will help you learn your part! If you are a returning member, we are so excited for the opportunity to sing with you again and enjoy the wonderful music ministry at First United Methodist Church.

Our wonderful church organist and pianist, Kathryn Peiffer will accompany the Choir again this year. In case you don't know the new director ...

Dr. Chris White earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Northern Colorado and a Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting from the University of Colorado. His career in music education comprised 16 years of public-school teaching experience in Colorado and 24 years of university teaching experience. He served on the faculties of Wasson High School,

Armstrong Atlantic, Ole Miss, and Southern Miss. He recently retired from his position as Director of Choral Activities, Full Professor and Department Chair at Texas A&M University-Commerce. Chris is married to Dona, another retired music educator and a member of the Chancel Choir. For both Chris and Dona, singing in choir is a music ministry realized in a variety of musical styles and meaningful spiritual experiences.

Music at FUMC...It has truly been a joy to discover and use the talents of so many fine musicians we have in our church. What a blessing to all who worship God together in many different ways! During the summer (starting with Memorial Day Sunday) we've been thrilled to have: Leslie Kittel - vocalist, Ben Clegern - vocalist, Neal Anderson - vocalist, Bob Bostwick - vocalist, Joy Shaw - vocalist, Rob Hoch - vocalist, Melanie Peffer - flute, Spirit Sounds Bell Choir directed by Susan Harding, Gil Garcia - trumpet, Dan Clegern - vocalist, Sarah Clegern - vocalist, Julie Bristol - vocalist, Kevin Peffer - piano, Bill Eads - vocalist, Laura Morgan - vocalist, Long's Peak Barbershop Chorus (Larry Jones is a member), John Morgan - vocalist, Guy Keith - bass, Krys Boy - piano/vocal, Chris & Dona White - vocalists, Rex Berg - guitar/vocal, Brian Wood - guitar/vocal, Carolyn Bouchard - clarinet. Thanks to all of them for enhancing worship through music!

Coming in September, you won't want to miss: Sarah Lillie and others for our combined service with Trinity United Methodist on Sept. 5 outside at 10:00, Gil Garcia on trumpet Sept. 12, Alaina Bongers, harpist on Sept. 19 and Spirit Sounds Bell Choir Sept. 26.

As always, please reach out to me if you have a friend, family member, or yourself with a musical talent you'd be willing to share with our church family. Thank you!

Kathryn Peiffer, 970.624.8971 (no texts, please) or kpeiffer@risebroadband.net

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 25 of experience 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.



FUMC ALZHEIMER'S/OTHER DEMENTIAS CAREGIVERS' SUPPORT GROUP

The support group will meet on Wednesday, September 1 from 3:00 - 4:15pm in West Coy Hall. This group is for anyone who is caring for an individual who has Alzheimer's or any other type of dementia. We confidentially share our experiences and suggestions with each other, as well as sometimes lightening our situations with laughter in the process. If you are a caregiver interested in attending, please contact Barbara Franke (970-203-0904 or gbfranke@msn.com).



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 29: End of summer picnic from 4:00-6:00pm at the Clegern's house, 2408 McKenzie Dr. Hamburgers provided. Bring a dessert or side dish to share.

Senior High

September 1: Senior High Breakfast Club, from 8:00-9:15am 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

Jane & Jane Gill, health and celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary
Dona White, car accident
Brownie Harvey, health
Barbara Moore, cancer
Cindy Crawley, knee surgery September 1, followed by six weeks of rehab

BIRTHDAYS: August 29 - September 4

Luann Ball	Ron Griese	Eleanor Phillips	Marjorie Swett
Scott Berdahl	Ryan Hennings	Kenneth Quick	
Virginia Brant	Carol Messervey	Carrie Robinson	
Lee Green	Dolores Pancoast	Donald Smith	

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The flowers for Sunday's church services are provided by Andrea Ortega in memory of Grandpa Paul Bodenberger's birthday.

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 5:30-7:15pm. Contact Tom Thompson for more information at (801) 518-5392 or revtgt@hotmail.com.

EXERCISE CLASS WITH ANITA WILLIAMS

Join us Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:30am each week on Zoom. Contact Anita Williams at 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 HAS MOVED TO MONDAY AFTERNOONS

The Women's Spiritual Circle is now meeting on Mondays from 3:45-5:45pm. 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 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 4:00pm.)

ONLINE GIVING IS HERE

Our Church has online payment capability. Go to our website, www.fumcloveland.com and click on the menu tab labeled "onate." Thank you for trying out this new way of giving.



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 3:00pm on September 24, and returning on September 25 around 5:00pm. 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 4:00pm 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 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.

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. 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. 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 8:30am - 2:30pm. 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 or call Homeward Alliance at (970) 460-6451 to get more information or to sign-up for a shift.