



The Window

Spiritual home. Inclusive community. Unconditional love. Welcome!

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, Colorado

September 12, 2021



TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT! 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.

CPR/FIRST AID AND SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

There will be a CPR/First Aid class for volunteers working with children and youth from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Saturday, September 18 in Fellowship Hall. Afterwards, at Noon, there will be a Safe Sanctuary Training. If you are an adult who volunteers in any capacity with children and/or youth at FUMC, please plan to attend this short, but required, training even if you've taken the training before. Please RSVP to Ann Kessler at akesler@fumcloveland.com by September 14. Please note if you are coming to the CPR class, Safe Sanctuary training, or both.



COVID SAFETY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES NEW GUIDELINES:

Due to sharp escalation in infection rates in the county, COVID-19 protocols for Loveland First United Methodist Church are as follows:

- Everyone must wear a mask inside the church *regardless of vaccination status*.
- Social distancing will not be required.
- No choir rehearsals or performances inside the church at this time.
- 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. The completed welcome cards will be used for contact tracing, if necessary.
- Masks are required while riding in church vehicles.

We will continue to follow CDC guidelines and monitor the Larimer County dashboard COVID-19 data to determine when these rules may change.

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.

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.



YOUTH EVENTS

Mid High, Senior High & College Groups

August 12: Drive-In Diner. Parents and youth needed. Sep-up at 4:00 pm. Start serving from 5:00 - 6:30 pm with clean-up afterwards.

PERSONALS

KEEPING IN PRAYER

Jack & Jane Gill, health
Dona White, car accident

Brownie Harvey, health
Barbara Moore, cancer

Cindy Crawley, knee surgery

BIRTHDAYS: September 12-18

Carolyn Bouchard
Christa Bouchard
Marilyn Hagan

Dawson Jordan
Susan Kuhling
Cindy Lewandowski

Robert Monroe

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The flowers for Sunday's church services are provided by Don & Dorothy Bush in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary this month.

ON-GOING CLASSES AND GROUPS

SOUL FEAST

We are nearing the end of James Carroll's book, *Christ Actually: The Son of God for the Secular Age* and will soon be choosing a new book. We welcome any new members who enjoy looking at various views of Christianity and other religions. We have enjoyed discussing *Christ of the Celts*, Thich Nhat Hanh's books on Buddhism and Elaine Pagels works among others. It is helpful if you buy the books (we often order good used books from abebooks.com), but not necessary. It is the discussions and how we relate, agree, or disagree with the ideas that matters. We meet on Thursdays at 2:00pm in room E120. Call Barbie Clark at 667-7445 for more information.

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.

SEARCHERS CLASS

Searchers class begins (on Zoom until further notice) on Sunday, September 19 from 9:45-10:45 am. We're starting with a controversial topic "Critical Race Theory." An excellent video was recommended to us and has been reviewed by one of our committees. It is said to be an excellent explanation of this term that has become such a point of division in our already badly divided country. Join us to gain a more clear understanding of what "Critical Race Theory" means in today's world.

Join Zoom meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89138991192?pwd=MmdXV2o2My8xWTFzVUwwczV3Wk82Zz09>

Meeting ID: 891 3899 1192

Passcode: 136153

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

FUMC Oasis LGBTQ+ group is back from our break and will meet Sunday, September 12 at 4:30 pm to discuss what the group wants to do next. The meeting is hybrid and we meet under the oak tree at the church or by Zoom. You can find the Zoom link on our website fumcleveland.com.

OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

ATTENTION SINGERS!

The FUMC Chancel Choir has resumed outdoor rehearsals. This Fall the Chancel Choir will rehearse every Wednesday from 7:00 - 8:00 pm, working on anthems for Sunday service, and beginning in October, from 8:00 - 8:30 pm, 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 FUMC. Contact our choir director, Chris White for information on rehearsal location.

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.fumcleveland.com and click on the menu tab labeled "onate." Thank you for trying out this new way of giving.

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

This program connects 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 PHOTOGRAPHY SKILLS?

FUMC is looking for volunteers to help take semi-professional photos of new members, staff etc. If interested please contact Andrea Ortega 970-631-2971.



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.

MOBILE LAUNDRY TRUCK AT TWO LOCATIONS

This service provides clean clothes for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Volunteers are needed to help! The truck will be located at FUMC on Fridays at 8:30 am beginning September 17, and at the Loveland Public Library on Thursdays at 8:30 am. Contact Tom Thompson at revtgt@hotmail.com or (801) 518-5392, or 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.