



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

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, Colorado

November 28, 2021

### UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY IS THIS SUNDAY

Thank you for your generosity in 2020. You gave \$236,828 towards the ministries funded by the United Methodist Student Day Sunday offering. This offering helps provide for over 70 scholarships available for United Methodist students to further their education and enrich the life of the Church. The fund is administered by the [General Board of Higher Education and Ministry](#).



### COME CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF ADVENT

Join us on Sunday, November 28 for the Hanging of the Greens Advent service featuring our children's choir. The kids will present *What is the Greatest Show on Earth? The Nativity!* at 4:00pm in the sanctuary. This fun service is a great way to celebrate our church-wide Advent theme this year of *The Inn, Housing the Holy*.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS...FOR CHARGE CONFERENCE

The 2021 Charge Conference will be December 12 at 6:00pm, via Zoom. This important all-church meeting will be **extra special this year, as we are delighted to be able to vote on our own Matthew Utley's call to candidacy for ordained ministry!** Please make plans to attend. You can do so from the comfort of your home, via this Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84586167436?pwd=dTlyOGwyLzR2d1dMNjQvdEdKaG5LQT09>

(Meeting ID: 845 8616 7436...Passcode: 116598)

### REPORTS FOR CHARGE CONFERENCE DUE

Our Annual Charge Conference is coming up! If you are the chair of a committee, a lay servant, retired clergy, or the head of a group, please send your end of year report into the office. All reports must be **proofed BEFORE submitting** them for print in the Charge Conference booklet. **Send reports to [office@fumcloveland](mailto:office@fumcloveland) no later than next Sunday, November 28.**

### SAVE THE DATE

The Chancel Choir will perform the Christmas cantata, *Let There Be Christmas* by Joseph Martin at 11:00am on Sunday, December 5. **There will only be one service on that Sunday** so mark your calendars!

### DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP MEETS ON WEDNESDAY

The Alzheimer's/Other Dementias Caregiver Support Group will meet on Wednesday, December 1 at 3:00 pm in West Coy Hall. If you are a caregiver and would like to join the informal and confidential conversation, please contact Barb Franke (970-203-0904 or [gbfranke@msn.com](mailto:gbfranke@msn.com)) for more information and for the door keypad code for the group.

## MUSIC NOTES

You won't want to miss the "Hanging of the Greens" service this Sunday at 4:00 in the sanctuary. Written and directed by Susan Harding, it showcases several of our children and youth in the church. Since they are the future of our church, your support of their endeavors is extremely important. It won't last more than about 45 minutes and also features a solo by Rex Berg, a duet by Ben & Daniel Clegern, the Resounding Ringers Bell Choir, Melanie Peffer on flute as well as several carols to help usher in the season. We hope to see you there!

The chancel choir has been working hard on The Christmas cantata under the direction of Dr. Chris White. You will notice we have several new members in our choir and would love to have others join in the new year. There will also be congregational singing on lovely arrangements of familiar carols. Our thanks to the choir and Chris for making this a very special Sunday!

## COVID GUIDELINES

The Larimer County Department of Health and Environment (LCDHE) implemented a public health order requiring that face coverings be worn in all public indoor spaces in Larimer County. Effective immediately, FUMC's new guidelines include the following (new guidelines are listed in red):

- Everyone must wear a mask inside the church *regardless of vaccination status*.
- Children three years old and above should wear masks while in the building.
- **While everyone continues to wear masks, congregational singing may resume at FUMC during worship services.** Hymnals will be available in the pews for use by those who desire using them. Hymn lyrics will continue to be shown on the screen.
- **In small groups of 30 or people or less, beverages and finger foods (food not requiring utensils for eating) will be allowed** in designated meeting spaces. Individuals will keep their masks on and pull the mask down in order to take a bite of food or drink of beverage. (Pulling masks down to take a bite or drink is the current practice of airlines and other public spaces, including hospitals.)
- No food or drink will be served/allowed at gatherings of more than 30 people inside the building at this time.
- Masks are required while riding in church vehicles.

Please complete and turn in the welcome cards found in the pews and at the bottom of the 11:00am service worship sheet on Sunday mornings. These will be used for contact tracing.

## **MID HIGH & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH EVENTS**

### **Saturday, November 27:**

Friendsgiving Dinner at Ann Kessler's house, 8220 Turman Ct., Fort Collins from 6:00 - 8:00pm. Please bring a dish to share. RSVP to Ann at [akessler@fumcloveland.com](mailto:akessler@fumcloveland.com) or (970) 290-2796.



### **Sunday, November 28:**

Hanging of the Greens dress rehearsal will be from 9:45 - 10:45am. Please meet in the sanctuary. That evening please come at 3:45pm to get set up and ready to go by 4:00pm

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Little Learners (Ages 3, 4, & Kindergarten) & Elementary students...come let us bless you each Sunday during Sunday school at 9:45am for a fun lesson about the Bible.

On Monday evenings each week Susan Harding will lead the children in music from 4:00 - 5:00pm.

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## **PERSONALS**

### **PRAYER LIST**

JD Kennis, upcoming procedure  
Sue Mullins, rehab  
Pastor Leslie, rehab



### **BIRTHDAYS: November 28 - December 4**

Lilah Battige  
Charlie Bouchard  
Sarah Dill  
Harriette Eastman

Fay Furuglyas  
Kaeden Guddeck  
Kaitlyn Hirning  
Emily Whittemore

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Flowers on the altar for Sunday morning worship services are given by Greg & Lee Green in celebration of the first Sunday of Advent.

## **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. We meet at **Verboten Brewery, 127 E 5th St.** Contact Tom Thompson for more information at 801-518-5392 or [revtqt@hotmail.com](mailto:revtqt@hotmail.com).

### **SOUL FEAST**

We welcome any new members who enjoy looking at various views of Christianity and other religions. We meet on Thursdays at 2:00 pm in room E120. Call Barbie Clark at 667-7445 for more information.

### **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](mailto:anitaandroger@msn.com) with questions.

## SEARCHERS CLASS

We meet every Sunday by Zoom at 9:45.

Zoom link -

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

Meeting ID: 891 3899 1192 Pass code: 136153

## OASIS STUDY

FUMC Oasis LGBTQ+ group meets every Sunday, at 4:30 pm on Zoom.

Zoom link on our website [fumcleveland.com](http://fumcleveland.com).

## DINNER GROUP

Would you like to meet with 4-8 people to have dinner? Please contact Kay Neckel at 970-663-3434 or Shirley Reed at 308-665-5934.

## OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

### ONLINE GIVING

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

### 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.)



## 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, contact Pastor Lee at [lee@fumcleveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcleveland.com) or 970-667-0876. If you would like to receive calls, or know someone who would, contact Pastor Lee.

### LOVELAND'S COMMUNITY KITCHEN IS IN NEED OF BREAKFAST VOLUNTEERS

Loveland's Community Kitchen provides food for those who are hungry, conversation for those who are lonely and rest for those who are struggling. We have extended our meal service to reintroduce breakfast and we are looking for more people to help out. Breakfast will take place Monday - Friday from 6:30 - 9:00am. Please contact Brandon Rosenberg, the Program Coordinator at [brandon@lovelandscommunitykitchen.org](mailto:brandon@lovelandscommunitykitchen.org), or call us at 970-278-1726 to find out how you can help. Learn more about the Community Kitchen at [www.lovelandcommunitykitchen.org](http://www.lovelandcommunitykitchen.org)

### 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 and at the Loveland Public Library on Thursdays at 8:30 am. Contact Tom Thompson at [revtgt@hotmail.com](mailto:revtgt@hotmail.com) or 801-518-5392 or call Homeward Alliance at 970-460-6451 to get more information or to sign-up for a shift. You may also sign up for a shift online at <https://homewardalliance.galaxydigital.com/need/>.

### **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 household chores. If you are interested, please email Julie Monroe at [newmonroe1@yahoo.com](mailto:newmonroe1@yahoo.com).

### **FOR THE LOVE CAMPAIGN HELPS THE HOMELESS**

FUMC Missions Committee along with Marketing and Outreach will be collecting donations in conjunction with the “For the Love” campaign which will run until December 3. Items are needed to help clothe and warm the homeless as the winter months approach. A full list of items needed can be found at the Ask Me Desk or on the FUMC website. Click on these links for more information on the campaign and [a form to sign up to volunteer](#). A list of desired items can also be found at [darrinwilliamsmedia.com/forthelove](http://darrinwilliamsmedia.com/forthelove).



For The Love campaign started as an idea from [Lovelanders Facebook page](#) creator Darrin Williams and the post caught the attention of Jen Castaneda, co-founder of the Loveland Justice League. Castaneda and Williams were able to partner with 137 Homeless Connection in downtown Loveland.

The campaign is also looking for people to donate their time and volunteer to help collect or pass out items that are donated.

“It is going to be a huge blessing,” said Francine Maestas, assistant manager at 137 Homeless Connection. “We are seeing (homeless populations) increasing, we have seen record numbers the last several weeks at 137. We don’t have enough items to hand out, so we need the support of our community to be able to get them what they need to survive in the cold weather. I think it is going to be huge.”

### **Items can be dropped off at these locations**

First United Methodist Church Loveland, 533 Grant Ave, Sundays: 8am-11am

Crossroads Church, 5420 N. Taft Ave., Monday-Thursday: 10am-3pm

B Sweet Cupcakes, 425 E. Fourth St., Monday-Wednesday: 11am-5pm;

Thursday & Friday: 11am-6pm;

Saturday: 11am-4pm

Grandma’s Attic, 650 E. 29th St., Monday – Saturday: 9am-5pm