



# The Window

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

**First United Methodist Church, Loveland, Colorado**

**November 7, 2021**

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## **11:00 AM WORSHIP INSIDE!**

The 11:00 am worship service has moved indoors for the season. Leave your lawn chairs and layers at home, and join us for worship inside the sanctuary.



## **COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

Bring your pledge cards on that morning (or deliver before) and let's celebrate the joy of commitment and giving back to God during worship. If you are unable to attend that morning, you may simply email your pledge to [commitment@fumcloveland.com](mailto:commitment@fumcloveland.com), or mail your completed card to the office, drop it in an offering plate on another Sunday, or at the church office. You may also drop off your pledge between 12:15 and 1:00pm on November 7th. (Friendly faces will be available in the south parking lot to gratefully receive your pledge.)

## **ADVENT DEVOTIONAL WRITERS NEEDED**

Calling all writers and ponderers of words...You are invited to contribute to the 2021 FUMC Advent Devotional. For more information and to sign up, go to the FUMC website to sign up. <https://www.fumcloveland.com/?tab=7>



## **NEW COVID GUIDELINES!!!**

Effective October 20, 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. "Public Indoor Space," as used in this Order, means any enclosed indoor area that is publicly or privately owned, managed, or operated to which individuals have access by right or by invitation, expressed or implied, or that is accessible to the public, serves as a place of employment, or is an entity providing services. Public Indoor Spaces include all enclosed indoor areas except for a person's residence.<sup>1</sup>

The COVID Recovery Team's updated guidelines are informed by Larimer County's public health order. 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**

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<sup>1</sup> [Larimer County Public Health Order Requiring Masks in Public Indoor Spaces | Larimer County](https://www.larimercounty.gov/Health-Environment/COVID-19/COVID-19-Resources/COVID-19-Orders/2020-10-20-Health-Order-Regarding-Face-Coverings-in-Public-Indoor-Spaces)

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.

## VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

Next Sunday, November 14, we will be observing Veterans Day to recognize those who are serving or who have served in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard or Space Force. There will be tables set up in Coy Hall to display memorabilia of your service or that of your relatives or friends who are serving or who have served. Please bring your memorabilia before the 8:30 am service and, if possible, leave it until after the 11:00 am service so that we can all have an opportunity to appreciate your memories. Include a note with each item identifying the who, what, when, and where of the item. No guns, knives, hand grenades, or bombs, please. Please contact Bob Eatman at 970-461-1971 if you have questions.



## YOU'RE INVITED (SHHH, IT'S A SURPRISE!)

Trinity's congregation is planning to return to their building on Sunday, November 14 with a dedication of their building from 9:30-9:45am. FUMC folks are invited and encouraged to show up and surprise them with our support, giving them a warm "welcome back!" Come just for the surprise and dedication or stay to worship with them at 10:00 am as well. The dedication service will be held outside so dress accordingly!

## CELEBRATE OUR GIFTS & SKILLS!

Over 55 people completed a Skills & Interests survey, with a variety of gifts and interests expressed! Here's a sample: 25 people are interested in creating our worship experience in a variety of ways; 22 people want to provide hospitality as an usher, greeter, or at the Ask Me Desk; 22 people want to serve the communities outside of the church; and 7 people will help our children and youth grow. This is just a snapshot, there are other areas of interest, ministries, and skills that people have expressed. We are blessed to be a church together, serving each other and reaching outside of our walls to spread the transforming love of Jesus Christ! If you haven't turned in your skills & interest survey, it's not too late! We'll happily take it. If you need a copy, send us a request at [office@fumcleveland.com](mailto:office@fumcleveland.com).

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS...FOR CHARGE CONFERENCE

The 2021 annual Charge Conference...when the important business of the church will be deliberated and voted on...will be held December 12 at 6:00 pm, via Zoom. This important all-church meeting will be a gathering ONLY of FUMC this year (not combined with our sister churches). 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

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 Patty Gregory at [office@fumcloveland](mailto:office@fumcloveland) no later than November 28.**

## MID HIGH & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH EVENTS

### Sunday, November 7:

**Confirmation Class - 9:45-10:45 am:** Class meets in Youth Range.

**Youth Group - 12:00 - 2:00 pm** in Youth Range. What do the different Christian denominations believe? Compare the major beliefs of seven mainline churches to learn where they agree and disagree. Come for lunch and a great discussion.

### Wednesday, November 10:

**Senior High Wednesday Breakfast Club - 8:00 - 9:00 am:** Meet at Colorado Coffee Co. (Next to Vato's Tacos at the Foundry). You get your drink, and we will get your breakfast. If you need a ride, please contact Ann Kessler at 970-290-2796.

## REGISTRATIONS FOR IGNITE YOUTH EVENT DUE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Ignite is a youth event for students in grades 6-12 designed for them to connect with their faith and other youth in an intentional way. Middle school and high school is filled with many distractions and Ignite is designed to help youth keep their faith in focus -- both during and after the event. Sponsored by your Mountain Sky Youth Council, this event is geared towards helping teens tap into their personal faith stories and spirituality through contemplative activities and free time to disconnect from our world of technologies and to reconnect with our own souls as well as with those around us ... In many ways, this is our Sabbath weekend. Ignite is November 12-14 and the cost is \$100. Please turn in your registration with a check made out to FUMC for \$10.00 to Ann Kessler. (The youth budget will pay \$90 towards your registration!) **Registration is due TODAY!** Call Ann at 290-2796 with any questions.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

On Monday evenings each week (except November 8 and 22), Susan Harding will lead the children in music from 4:00 - 4:45 pm. During this time, the kids will be working on their Christmas program which will be presented to the church on November 28 at 4:00 pm.

## PERSONALS

### **PRAYER LIST**

Michele Massey

JD Kennis, death of mother and upcoming procedure

Sue Mullins, surgery

Pastor Leslie, surgery

Brownie Harvey, hospice

We celebrate the life of Gail "Woody" Woodward, who entered eternal life on November 1; and we remember in prayer his wife Jo, son Joel, daughter Shelby, and grandchildren Eric, John, and Meagan. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

We celebrate the life of Walter "Bud" Ames, who entered eternal life on November 4. A memorial service for both Shirley and Walter Ames will be held Saturday, November 13 at 2:00pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome.

### **BIRTHDAYS: November 7 - 13**

Don Burton

Dennis Eckman

Harvey Hirning

Marvin Morganti

Dean Schwartz

Clara Stutzman

## 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](mailto:revtgt@hotmail.com).

### **SOUL FEAST**

We welcome any new members who enjoy looking at various views of Christianity and other religions. It is helpful if you buy the books but not necessary. It is the discussions and how we relate, agree or disagree with the ideas that matter. 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**

The program for this Sunday, November 7 will be presented by Alexa Oliva. She is a friend of Nanci Garnand and works with a group called "Motivational Missions." Motivational Missions endeavors to help protect children around the world through educational seminars and awareness campaigns. She will be sharing with us information about human trafficking, bullying, sexual assault and other social issues. As always, there will be time for questions and conversation. 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. The meeting is hybrid. We meet under the oak tree at the church or by Zoom. You can find the 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**

### ANGEL TREE

The Mission Committee will begin the annual Prison Ministry Fellowship - Angel Tree on **Saturday, November 20 and Sunday, November 21 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in East Coy Hall**. Ornaments for girls and boys will be ready for you to select. They will include the child's name, age, & gift suggestions. Please join us in sharing Christ's love by providing Christmas gifts for 60 children whose parents are currently incarcerated. Please call Pam Erickson at 988-8424 or Terry Gindlesparger at 563-343-2268 with questions.



## **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](mailto:lee@fumccleveland.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. It is our goal to provide ready-to-eat meals to those in need and also provide people with a supportive community as they seek to become more self-sufficient. We have extended our meal service to reintroduce breakfast and we are looking for more people to help out. Breakfast will begin November 8 and our breakfast will take place Monday through Friday from 6:30 - 9:00 am. Volunteer in the regular rotation or as a substitute. 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. There are morning and afternoon shifts available. Contact Tom Thompson at [revtgt@hotmail.com](mailto:revtgt@hotmail.com) or 801-518-5392, or 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. You may also sign up for a shift online at <https://homewardalliance.galaxydigital.com/need/>.

## **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 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).