



The Window

Spiritual home. Inclusive community. Unconditional love. Welcome!

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, Colorado

January 30, 2022

LITURGICAL DANCE EVENT

On Sunday, February 6, please join us in service to support our First United Methodist dancers. A pre recorded dance by Naomi Heusinkveld and Carly Jones will be played on the screen at both services and if you would like to support our little dancers in their own rendition of the dance, please come to the 11:00am service. Thank you in advance for coming and you are invited to join them in a congregational “amen” when they are done.



JUSTICE OR JUST US? STUDY SERIES IN FEBRUARY



In our politically charged climate, the topic of racism has become even more uncomfortable to talk about, and it is natural to want to avoid it altogether. But confronting racism is not just a social or political matter, it is a theological one. It is the Bible that calls us to pursue justice and oppose racism. This 4-week series, hosted by the Anti-racism Allyship Group, will lead participants to think about racism from a Biblical perspective and generate ideas for what steps each of us can take in our own lives and/or together as a church. We will gather by Zoom to

watch a video and discuss, there is no homework. Please contact Pastor Lee with any questions at lee@fumcloveland.com or call her at (970) 667-0876.

When: Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 pm, February 2, 9, 16, 23

Where: By Zoom

To register: Contact Pastor Lee to register and get Zoom link at lee@fumcloveland.com

VALENTINE SCAVENGER HUNT

Join us for a Valentine Scavenger Hunt on Thursday, February 10 to explore FUMC. All ages are welcome. The front doors will be unlocked. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm. Bring your favorite Valentine themed finger food and we will enjoy them in family groups. Afterward, pick up your first clue and a Bible and travel through FUMC finding the clues. Please RSVP to Ann Kessler at akessler@fumcloveland.com or 970-290-2796 by February 7 so there will be enough clues available.



COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Beginning February 10, 2022, join Pastor Leslie for coffee (tea?) and conversation, every 2nd and 4th Thursday, 8:30-9:30am. Coffee time will be via Zoom. No agenda...simply come as you are. Join when you can and stay as long as you're able. Here is the Zoom link, which will remain the same every time.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88374237915?pwd=ZWISL9nRWQ0ZDMYUGR5YkRKRk44dz09>
Meeting ID: 883 7423 7915 Passcode: 254684

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS

Do you like to play games, do crafts, read books, eat pizza, and hang out with elementary kids? We are looking for volunteers with a heart for children to help on Monday evenings during the Women's Spiritual Circle meetings from 4:00-6:00pm weekly, monthly, or occasionally. We are flexible. If interested, please email Ann Kessler at akesler@fumcleveland.com or call her at 970-290-2796 for more information.

OPEN AND WELCOME...SAFE AND SECURE

The FUMC security team is diligently working to enhance ways to keep FUMC open and welcoming, while ensuring the safety and security of everyone who comes through our doors. The recent hostage situation at the Congregation Beth Israel synagogue in Colleyville, Texas is a reminder of the importance of having safety and security plans in place. We are currently working out details and ironing out kinks for security protocols on Sunday mornings. We ask for your patience and prayers with that. In light of the event in Colleyville, it is a good time for us all to remember the importance of our current protocols already in place for the rest of the week. When doors are locked, groups should use the assigned door codes to gain entry. If you forget the event code, ring the doorbell and/or contact someone in the group for the code. Also, we've had a few instances recently with lights left on and, even, an exit door that hasn't been fully closed and locked. Please remember, whoever is the last person(s) to leave the church should do a quick check to make sure lights are off and the doors are locked.

PRAY WITH WORDS. PRAY WITH ACTIONS.

Even as we pray with our words for the care and comfort of those whose lives have been turned upside down by the Marshall Fire, know that we can do more. We can pray with our actions. Log on to fumcleveland.com to find out how you can respond with assistance to those impacted by the fire.

YOUTH EVENTS

Please contact Director of Family Ministry, Ann Kessler at akesler@fumcleveland.com with any questions about Youth Ministry.

January 30: Confirmation class at 9:45am in Youth Range.

Youth Group: 12:00 - 2:00pm - In Youth Range.

February 2: Wednesday Morning Breakfast Club at Colorado Coffee at 8:00am. Come buy your drink and Ann Kessler will get your breakfast. If you need a ride let Ann know by calling (970) 290-2796.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Please contact Children's Coordinator, Shannon Heusinkveld at shannonh@fumcleveland.com with any questions about 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 during the Women's Spiritual Group join us for crafts, singing and pizza from 4:00-6:00pm. We will have music with Susan Harding from 4:00-5:00pm.

PERSONALS

PRAYER LIST

Bill & Gerry Martindale, health issues



A memorial service for Gini Abbott, who passed away on January 8, will be held at FUMC on Saturday, March 12 at 1:00pm. All are welcome.

BIRTHDAYS: February 1-5

Terry Gindlesparger
Michael Huss

Roger Johnson
Al Lowe

Linda Schilling
Steve Tungeswick

Matthew Utley

ON-GOING CLASSES AND GROUPS

SEARCHERS CLASS

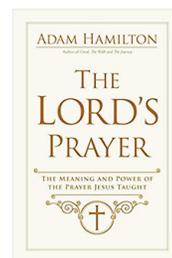
This Sunday, January 30, Ted Nutting will present and lead a discussion entitled "Revisiting The Lord's Prayer as a Social Justice Manifesto." The prayer Jesus taught his disciples has been a vital part of Christian liturgy and personal devotion. It is used in most Christian worship services as well as in weddings and funerals. It is a meaningful tradition that enriches our communal worship. However Jesus may have had in mind some of the social and political conditions of Jewish life under Roman rule when he taught the prayer to his followers. It may very well be a call to "speak truth to people in power" both religious and political leaders. We will explore that idea as an *additional* meaning and purpose of the prayer. We are meeting in person at 9:45 am in rooms S030 & S040 and on Zoom -

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

NEW 6-WEEK BIBLE STUDY STARTING IN FEBRUARY

Join us for Adam Hamilton's study on The Lord's Prayer. In *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught*, pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton guides us to really know—and really pray—the Lord's Prayer. Two sessions will be offered. Tuesday nights starting February 8 at 6:30pm or Wednesday afternoons starting February 9 at 1:30pm. Both classes will be held in Youth Range. The cost of the book is \$14.00. Please contact Ann Kessler at 970-290-2796 or

akessler@fumcloveland.com by January 23 to reserve a book.



CHARITY QUILT GROUP

The FUMC Charity Quilt Group meets the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00am - 1:00pm at Kay Neckel's home, 535 Roosevelt Ave in Loveland. Experience is not required; we have quilters ranging from beginners to more experienced. We have sewing machines available for your use. We meet for fellowship with an amazing outcome. Our fabric is donated and a member of FUMC, Harvey Hirning, does the professional machine quilting free. Hope to see you on February 12. Call Kay Neckel at 970-663-3434 for more information.

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 revtgt@hotmail.com.

SOUL FEAST

We meet on Thursdays at 2:00pm in West Coy Hall. 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. Questions? Contact Anita Williams at anitaandroger@msn.com.

DINNER GROUP

Would you like to meet with 4-8 people to have dinner? Please contact Kay Neckel at 970-663-3434.

OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

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.

- 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 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 on Sunday mornings. These will be used for contact tracing.

ONLINE GIVING

Our Church has online payment capability. Go to our website, www.fumcloveland.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

SUNDAY SCHOOL ELEMENTARY SHEPHERDS NEED

FUMC's Sunday School needs a few shepherds for the spring. A shepherd does not teach or prepare for class. A shepherd helps the main teacher watch over the basic needs of the children and assists with the craft. We have openings for 2/13, 3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/10, and 5/1. We also have one opening in the spring for the Little Learners classroom on 4/24. The Little Learners are ages 3 - 6 years (no diaper changes required) and the Elementary classroom is for 1st-5th grade. Feel free to contact Shannon Heusinkveld at (660) 287-6734 or shannonh@fumcloveland.com. Thank you.

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. To register as a phone caller, contact Rev. Lee at lee@fumcleveland.com or (970) 667-0876. If you would like to receive calls, or know someone who would, contact Rev. Lee.

HANDS TO HEARTS MINISTRY

Hands to Hearts Ministry is a knitting, crocheting and sewing prayer ministry with First United Methodist Church Loveland. Another exciting opportunity to serve and to share with Trinity UMC is underway! This ministry has started with six members who are able to construct prayer shawls, lap robes, hats, mittens, infant blankets for those babies that are in Neonatal ICU's in the area and blankets for cancer patients. These items will be given to charities in Loveland and our Northern Colorado community. If you have never crocheted or knitted before, we will teach you. If you have questions about how to do any of these projects, YouTube and Googling information will also help to get you on the right track. We plan to begin meeting in March when, hopefully, COVID numbers will be stabilized and currently intend to meet every other week at Trinity UMC. In the meantime, begin working on projects and bring your completed ones to the first gathering as well as bringing whatever else you're working on as you join in fellowship and in service to others. Anyone who would like to join this group, please call Shirley Reed at 308-665-5934 or email her at Shirley.Lnsfarms@gmail.com.

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.