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First United Methodist Church, Loveland, Colorado

April 24, 2022

METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

To access the Loveland Methodist Scholarship application form, please use link:

<https://www.fumcloveland.com/ScholarshipApplication>. The applicant or the applicant's spouse, parent, guardian or child must be a member of the First United Methodist Church of Loveland. Completed applications will be accepted at the church until *Friday, April 29*. Please put applications in the Loveland Methodist Foundation mailbox outside of the office door.

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Sunday morning fellowship in Coy Hall has returned, thanks to a small group of volunteers who will provide coffee, tea and a snack. Currently we will gather for fellowship on Sunday, May 1 & 15, after the 8:30 am worship service until 10:00 am. This will take people-power to continue, so please consider volunteering to help! The process has been simplified to make it easier for our volunteers. To volunteer or for questions, please contact Pastor Lee at (970) 667-0876 or lee@fumcloveland.com, or Betsy Elliott at elliott1710@comcast.net.

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY IS MAY 1

Native American Ministries Sunday recognizes and supports the contributions of Native Americans to the church and society. Part of the funds collected allow us to collaborate with existing native ministries, create programs and support seminary scholarships for United Methodist Native Americans. Fifty percent of the offering remains in your annual conference to develop local ministries. The conference Committee on Native American Ministry (CONAM) administers these funds. For stories on how your donations make a difference, visit UMC.org/yourimpact.



CHURCH LADIES GARDEN PARTY

Come to the Church Ladies Garden Party on **Saturday, May 7 from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm on the front lawn at FUMC**. Ladies and girls from FUMC & TUMC join us for punch and cookies. Susan Harding will be helping the children show their talents in singing and dancing. We would like some men to help us set up the tables and chairs before the event and putting them back after the event. Please sign up for a shift. We also need cookies. There will be a sign up sheet at the Ask Me Desk if you are able to help with set-up, clean-up or cookie baking. If you have any questions please call Ann Kessler at (970) 290-2796 or akessler@fumcloveland.com. We look forward to seeing you there!



EARTH DAY CELEBRATION - APRIL 22

Join FUMC and Trinity UMC from 4:30-6:00 pm in the northwest corner of Trinity UMC's parking lot for an Earth Day celebration. Come decorate a pot, plant some seeds and enjoy an ice cream sundae. There will be activities for the children and fellowship time for adults. Bring a lawn chair. Please park on a side street or at Safeway and walk across the street.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

On **Saturday, April 30, at 10:00 am in Coy Hall** plan to receive a huge "Thank you!" and recap from FUMC's missionaries to Kenya during the past 12 years, Steve & Alene Burgert. Steve & Alene were members of FUMC when they began mission service in Kenya in 2009 and they are looking forward to sharing about their mission service through World Gospel Mission in Kenya at Tenwek Hospital and the School of Chaplaincy. They were blessed to have 12 others from FUMC join them as a work team during 2011. Other highlights will include updates on patient care, medical and chaplaincy training, ministry in prisons, Tenwek's major hospital fire, the COVID-19 pandemic in Kenya and other examples of the Lord's redemptive work which will continue into the future. Please receive their sincere "Thank you" to all of you at FUMC for your faithful and generous support as they now transition to life in the USA.



COVID UPDATE

Effective immediately, masks – though still encouraged – are not required inside the church building, no exceptions. Congregational singing, choirs, ensembles and soloists are free to sing without masks. All instrumentalists are free to play without masks or instrument coverings. This protocol will remain in place unless/until COVID conditions change and Larimer County imposes new mandates.

PERSONALS

PRAYER LIST

Charlotte Schultz, cancer treatment

DEATH:

A memorial service for Gail "Woody" Woodward will be held on Friday, April 22 at 10:00 am. All are welcome. Woody passed away November 1, 2021.



BIRTHDAYS: April 24-30

Joyce Abrams

Brent Fidler

Grace Haskins

Scott Viers

Phil Ashcraft

Brian Fincham

Marley Mitchell

Carole Ware

Bob Eatman

Ann Frost

Barbara Peterson

Joel Woodward

YOUTH EVENTS

Sunday, April 24:

Youth Sunday School at 9:45 am in Youth Range

Youth Group - 12:00 - 2:00 pm in Youth Range. Start designing our mission trip t-shirt.

Wednesday, April 27:

Senior High Wednesday Morning Breakfast Club. Meet at 8:00 am in the Youth Range. Contact Ann Kessler at 970-290-2796 if you need the door code.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Little Learners (Ages 3, 4, & Kindergarten) & Elementary. Come to Sunday school at 9:45 am for a fun lesson about the Bible.

Monday evenings during the Women's Spiritual Group join us for crafts, singing and pizza from 4:00-6:00 pm. We will have music with Susan Harding from 4:00-5:00 pm.

ON-GOING CLASSES AND GROUPS

CHARITY QUILT GROUP

The Charity Quilt Group meets the **2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**. Sewing machines are available for your use. For more information, contact Kay Neckel at 970-663-3434. **Our next meeting is Saturday, May 14.**

COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR...

...is cancelled on Thursday April 28th while Rev. Leslie is on vacation. This fun, informal time of fellowship will resume on May 12.

Unless plans are needing adjustment (like on May 12), you are invited to join Pastor Leslie for coffee (tea?) and conversation **every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month from 8:30-9:30 am on Zoom**. No agenda...simply come as you are. Below is the Zoom link, which will remain the same every time

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88374237915?pwd=ZWISLy9nRWQ0ZDMYUGR5YkRKk44dz09>
Meeting ID: 883 7423 7915 Passcode: 254684

DINNER GROUP

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

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.

FUMC MIXED SENIORS GAME DAY

Last Wednesday of the month from 1:00-3:00 pm. Limit to 14 participants. **RSVP to Shirley Reed at Shirley.Lnsfarms@gmail.com or (308) 665-5934** at least 24 hours in advance. Masks Optional. **Our next Game Day is this Wednesday, April 27.**

HANDS TO HEARTS MINISTRY

Hands to Hearts Ministry is a knitting, crocheting and sewing prayer ministry that meets on the **2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10:00 am in West Coy Hall**. For more information, please call Shirley Reed at 308-665-5934 or email her at Shirley.Lnsfarms@gmail.com.

HOLY HAPPY HOUR GROUP MEETS ON MONDAYS

Holy Happy Hour **meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday 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.

SEARCHERS CLASS

This Sunday our presenter will be Melanie Peffer. Her topic is "Disinformation." There is plenty of that in our world today. **Class meets in person in Fellowship Hall, Rooms S030 & S040 and on Zoom at 9:45 am each Sunday morning**. Zoom link
[-https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87120421569?pwd=MENQVE84SGQ1aIZyNk5OSHZjMEIQU09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87120421569?pwd=MENQVE84SGQ1aIZyNk5OSHZjMEIQU09)

SOUL FEAST BOOK STUDY

Meets on **Thursdays at 2:00 pm in West Coy Hall**. Call Barbie Clark at 667-7445 for more information.

OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

JOB OPENING FOR BUSINESS MANAGER POSITION AT FUMC LOVELAND

The position for business manager at First United Methodist Church in Loveland is now open for application. If you are interested in this half time position or know anyone who is, then pass on the information to please send a resume to [hiring@fumcloveland.com](mailto: hiring@fumcloveland.com). For more information or to see the job description, send any inquiries to the same email.

PRIME TIMERS PICNIC

We are finally able to have our Prime Timers Picnic! Please join us and renew friendship on **June 3 at Dwayne Webster Park, 401 W 13th St. in Loveland at 12:00 pm**. You can sign up at the Ask Me Desk or call Lois Beers at (970) 227-3278 or Pat Cobb at (970) 613-9625 until May 22. Please bring your favorite potluck dish to share. The chicken, lemonade, water, paper plates, plasticware, napkins and cups will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!



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

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.

WAYS YOU CAN SERVE

FAITH BUILD

Join us Saturday June 4 at Habitat for Humanity to help build a home for this year's Faith Build recipient, Kimberly. She is the Youth Advocacy Specialist with The Arc of Larimer County and the mother of three teenagers with disabilities. We will be helping her move into a safer neighborhood with enough room in the house for her two sons on the autism spectrum to find space alone when needed and with adequate lighting for her daughter with vision problems. Volunteers help Habitat for Humanity keep the cost of building homes low. No prior construction experience is required. You'll get on the job training and you won't be required to do anything you don't feel comfortable doing. So sign up now online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0848aca72fa4f49-fumc1> or on Sundays at the Ask Me Desk or contact Mark Elliott at (303) 621-6569.

IT'S A GO!

Pura Vida has opened up the 2022 FUMC Loveland Virtual Build! Join us on this virtual trip to Guatemala at puravida.org/fumc. This year we will build a 2-room cinder block home for Juana and her family, June 6 - 10. Juana (45) works as a maid to provide for her family. She has two children, Jesus (15) and Brenda (12), a nephew Rudy (22), and her mother (72) living under the same roof...a rented house made of adobe and sheet metal. The cost to join the team is \$250 which goes towards the materials and local labor required

to build the house. Team members receive daily updates the week of the build, exclusive access to photos and videos, and your name on the trip webpage if you would like. In addition,



you will receive status updates prior, during, and after build week until the home is completed and dedicated. We are looking for 32 team members to fully fund the build, but any donation is very much appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRIME TIMERS

Prime Timers gather for lunch and enjoy a program of interest geared towards seniors and guests. We are planning to restart our Prime Timers Lunch Group the first Friday of September, but to effectively start we need 10 volunteers. If you can help us with setting up and taking down tables for the meal and/or help to prepare the meal, please call Lois Beers at (970) 227-3278 or Pat Cobb at (970) 613-9625.



TECH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FUMC needs you and your skills to be a vital part of the team serving in the tech booth on Sunday mornings and during special services. Training will be provided. As part of a volunteer pool, this will not be a weekly commitment. For more information please contact Neal Anderson at rolferneal@gmail.com.

HAVE A HEART FOR HOSPITALITY?

We are rebuilding in the areas of greeters, providing hospitality for funeral receptions, and more. If you would like to be involved in planning, leadership or serving in a hospitality role, contact Pastor Lee at (970) 667-0876 or lee@fumcleveland.com.



SUPPORT THE HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE IN UKRAINE

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries. Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>
- By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #982450-Ukraine" written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 or given at or through any United Methodist church

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause. The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church's leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.



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 or if you have questions, 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.

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.