



Senior Newsletter

First United Methodist Church Loveland, May 2022

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FUMC MIXED SENIORS GAME DAY

RSVP Joyce Hirning
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218-205-4777

LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Masks Optional

Limit to 14 Participants

RSVP AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE



You Are a Gift

As a pastor, I get to hear people's stories. It's a privilege. Whether I am visiting someone in their home, or chatting at a church event, I get to hear favorite memories, funny stories, about a common interest we share, a moment of inspiration, and more. The gift in this is that I feel connected, not just to that individual but to the whole human species. It's a gift that many of us take for granted, until we find ourselves no longer as connected to others as we once were.

My hope for the senior newsletter is that it will be a vehicle for its readers to make connections with one another through the stories shared. The pastors and staff can provide news and updates, but the real gift is in what each of you contribute! You don't have to be an experienced writer or storyteller. You may not think you have anything worth saying...*a lot of us don't!* But I know you have a funny story, a fond memory, an inspirational moment, an experience that made you stop and think, a recipe with a story behind it, something interesting you read about, or something you're trying to learn or change or do for the first time. And all of these things and more are worth sharing, trust me! I would love to hear about these things, and I know others would too. Whether you have slowed down in life and don't get out much, or you are still very active, you have something to share with others.

When we get to hear people's stories, we are transformed and our lives are richer. Thank you for the ways you already give of yourselves. And thank you for prayerfully considering contributing to this newsletter. Each of you is a gift. And you can be a gift to one another through this newsletter!

In the love of the risen Christ,

Pastor Lee

Below is a snapshot list of events, groups, and ways to serve that has been created just for our readers. There is always more going on, so check out The Window or go to www.fumcloveland.com for the bigger picture.

Coffee with the Pastor: Every 2nd & 4th Thursday from 8:30-9:30 a.m. by Zoom. Join Pastor Leslie for coffee (tea?) and conversation. To access the Zoom link, visit www.fumcloveland.com and click on Groups & Events.

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

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There are several groups and classes that are ongoing! If you would like assistance finding information about these opportunities, please contact Pastor Lee at (970) 667-0876 or lee@fumcloveland.com.

Events

Church Ladies Garden Party

Saturday, May 7, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,
front lawn at FUMC

Ladies and girls from FUMC and TUMC join us for punch and cookies.

Cookies needed.

Contact Ann Kessler at (970) 290-2796 or akessler@fumcloveland.com

Prime Timer Picnic

Friday, June 3, 12:00 p.m. at Dwayne Webster Park,
401 W. 13th St. in Loveland

Sign up at 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.

Ways to Receive Care

FUMC Bus: 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.)

Prayer Shawls: If you would like a hand-knitted prayer shawl so you can wrap yourself in prayers, contact Pastor Lee at (970) 667-0876 or lee@fumcloveland.com.

Prayer & Care Ministry: If you could use some prayers, extra connection during a challenging time, or just feel like you want some additional connection to FUMC, please contact Pastor Lee (970) 667-0876 or lee@fumcloveland.com.

Pastoral Care

Emergencies: If you need to speak with a pastor right away in the evening or on a weekend (Friday and Saturday for our pastors), please don't hesitate to call their cell phone. Pastor Lee can be reached at (303) 506-6724 and Pastor Leslie can be reached at (719) 650-9449.

Ways to Serve From Home or In Person

Call & Connect: This program helps more isolated members stay connected. As a caller, you will receive the names of a few members to call each month for check-in and conversation. Contact Pastor Lee at lee@fumcloveland.com or 970-667-0876.

Charity Quilt Group: Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month. Experience is not required; we have quilters ranging from beginners to more experienced. We have sewing machines available for your use. Call Kay Neckel at 970-663-3434 for more information.

Children's Ministry is looking for volunteers to hang out with kids in the nursery on Monday evenings from 4:00-6:00 weekly, monthly, or occasionally. Contact Ann Kessler at akessler@fumcloveland.com or 970-290-2796 for more information.

Have a heart for hospitality? We are rebuilding in the areas of greeters, providing hospitality for funeral receptions, and more. Contact Pastor Lee to talk as we explore what's possible at (970) 667-0876 or lee@fumcloveland.com.

Ways to Share Your Gifts and Talents

We're looking for your submissions! If you have a way with words or an eye for art or another hidden talent, please share with us! We'd love to hear about you and your talents so we can share them with the senior community.