



The Window

Inclusive community. Unconditional love. Welcome!
First United Methodist Church, Loveland, Colorado
September 11, 2022

SEARCHERS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS BEGINS AGAIN

The Searchers Class will meet on Sunday, September 11 at 9:45am in Rooms S030 & S040. Class will meet in-person and will be available on Zoom. Dave Mills will lead us in our annual "brain-storming" session which will help determine class interests to be pursued. Your input is essential to the success of our program and is helpful to the planning committee. On Sunday, September 18, Darren Gartner of our congregation will lead us in a discussion, "Outsmarting the Scammers." This is certainly a timely topic as the scammers continue to create new ways of taking advantage of all of us. Zoom link -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88108088290?pwd=T2psYldiYlV3eTNsanYwSkU1MU1MZz09>



COME ENJOY A LITTLE POTLUCK FUN

The Family Outreach Committee has determined that it's a great time for a potluck. This coming Sunday, right after the 11:00 am service, we will celebrate the end of summer and beginning of Sunday school. Join us for community, face painting and yard games as we close out summer! Bring a dish to share. Your own plates, utensils, bottles etc. will help keep this event green. We'll have extras in case you forget though, as the most important thing to bring is yourself! This also coincides with the first day of Sunday school, so stay for the 11:00 am service and then party!

PURA VIDA WORK TRIP TO GUATEMALA, FEBRUARY 2023

In-person work trips to Guatemala have returned! FUMC has participated in these trips organized and led by the nonprofit organization Pura Vida for many years. Participants help build a home for a family in need, get to know some of the people, and spend devotional time together. You will grow as you serve others. This time we will travel with folks from Longs Peak UMC. An informational session will be held at FUMC on Sunday, September 11 at 12:30pm. Lunch will be provided. To register or for questions, contact Keith Flaming at kflaming1@yahoo.com or (970) 223-1600. To join via Zoom, use this link:



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83374751689?pwd=MGRyL0RBUXR6TFByOGJtY2IzOVEvUT09>

AUTOBIOGRAPHY CLASS – IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM

Clay Carter is offering a 10-week guided autobiography writing class. This will be a hybrid version: some in-person and some on Zoom. Clay will host in-person meetings outdoors that will include Zoom participants. If the 10-week course encounters cold weather, the sessions will move into the Zoom mode for everyone. The class is limited to five people in order to maximize the experience. If you are interested, contact Clay to reserve a place. Once the group is set, the best time for ten successive weekly sessions will be identified. Contact Clay at pclaycarter@gmail.com or (970) 616-9686 (calls or texts).

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR HABITAT'S LAST BUILD OF THE SEASON

A few more openings are available. Join us Saturday, October 8 at the Habitat for Humanity build site to help with construction of a house for a deserving local family. No experience necessary. Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0848aca72fa4f49-fumc2>

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our FUMC Women's Fellowship will meet at 12:00pm on Thursday, September 22 in West Coy Hall. We will visit and Phyllis Wehrle will share stories about her life and family. Our project this month is to bring small boxes of Kleenex for use in our church. All women are welcome. For questions or comments, please contact Darlene Lowe at aldarlowe@gmail.com.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES WITH FUMC

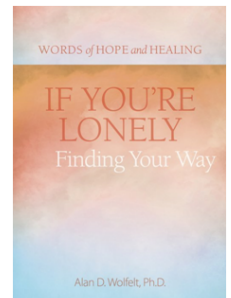


We're excited to announce three opportunities for international travel with fellow Christians from FUMC and other churches to learn, serve, and grow! Look for more information on the Ask Me Desk, or contact the individuals listed below for more information.

- February 2023: Pura Vida work trip to Guatemala. An information session will be held at FUMC on Sunday, September 11 at 12:30. Contact Keith Flaming at kflaming1@yahoo.com or (970) 223-1600.
- September 22-October 2, 2023: Journeys of Paul pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey. Monthly educational sessions to prepare for this trip will be held beginning September 17, 2022. Contact Pastor Lee at lee@fumcloveland.com or (970) 667-0876.
- January 8-17, 2024: The Holy Land, the Holy People...a 10-day immersive pilgrimage to the Holy Land, with visits to holy and historical sites and contemporary settings in Israel and the West Bank and conversations with Israeli and Palestinian Christians, Muslims and Jews, plus more. Includes options for an extended 4-day elective service opportunity at Tent of Nations, a sustainable Palestinian farm, or 4-day elective trip to Jordan. Two information sessions will be held. Zoom session Wednesday, September 14th at 6:00-7:00pm. (See link below.) An in-person-only session Sunday, September 18th between services, 9:45-10:45am. Questions? Contact Pastor Leslie at leslie@fumcloveland.com or (970) 667-0876. (Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88431515517?pwd=WjBxN25MNDFzYUM3a0oyTTFHbXplQT09>)

LONELINESS BOOK STUDY

Many people feel lonely, and this experience can be exacerbated by aging. Alan Wolfelt, Ph.D., well-known author and teacher on grief and loss, has written a short book called *If You're Lonely: Finding Your Way*. This book explores the causes of loneliness, the grief that comes with it, and strategies to manage loneliness in your life. Participants in this 4-week study will work through the book on their own and come together for discussion. The class is open to people of all ages, but designed with our older adults in mind. You have the option to meet in-person at FUMC in Rooms S030 & S040, Good Samaritan Village (for Good Sam residents), or online via Zoom. **When: October 5, 12, 19, 26 from 2:00-3:15pm.** Cost: \$10.00 to purchase the book. Contact: Pastor Lee at 970-667-0876 or lee@fumcloveland.com to register and purchase the book.



DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR YOUNG CHILDREN?

We are looking for a caring and conscientious individual to join our dedicated nursery staff. This is a paid position that involves some day, evening and weekend hours. For more information, or to apply for the position, please contact Alison Williams, Nursery Supervisor, at (318) 290-8068.

FUN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Xennials Group is in need of child care volunteers to help on Monday afternoons from 4:00-6:00pm. If you are interested please contact our Youth Director, Ruben Carrillo, at childrenandyouth@fumcloveland.com or call him at (719) 330-5564.

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

We will gather for fellowship on the first Sunday of the month after the 8:30am worship service. Please consider volunteering to help! To volunteer or for questions, contact Pastor Lee at (970) 667-0876 or lee@fumcloveland.com, or Betsy Elliott at elliott1710@comcast.net.

SEPTEMBER MUSIC

September 11 - the Chancel Choir will return for the year under the direction of Nicole Ceciliani. We are looking forward to having them back to help lead us musically. Melanie Peffer will also play a flute solo. September 18 - the Spirit Sounds bell choir will return for the year under the direction of Susan Harding. We have missed hearing this group and are excited to have them back in worship. Mark Kubicheck will also sing two vocal solos. September 25 - the Chancel Choir will sing and Joanne Scheihing will play a clarinet solo.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR "CRAZY HAT DAY"

All are welcome to attend the Prime Timers luncheon on Friday, October 7 at 12:00pm in Coy Hall. The doors will open at 11:30am and the cost of the lunch is \$5.00 per person. The menu includes modified waldorf salad, potato & ham bake, green bean casserole, rolls & butter, and Watergate cake for dessert. We will be having a crazy hat contest with prizes so please get out a hat and decorate it!! Sign up at the Ask Me Desk from September 4 - 25 so we may have an accurate count for food preparation. If you are unable to sign up at the church please call Lois Beers at 970-460-4346 or Pat Cobb at 970-613-9625



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOOD BANK

Food Bank of Larimer County is in great need of volunteers on Fridays and Saturdays, as they are seeing a sharp increase in the number of clients. Visit their volunteer page at <https://foodbanklarimer.org/volunteer/> or call a Volunteer Coordinator at 970-829-0162.

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.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOUR SUBMISSIONS!

Do you have a funny story/joke, a fond memory, an inspirational moment, a great experience to share, a yummy recipe, something interesting you read about or topics that move or interest you? We'd love to share them with the senior community in our Senior Newsletter. Please email your submissions to lee@fumcloveland.com.



ORDERING ALTAR FLOWERS...3 SIMPLE STEPS

1) Choose the date. There is an online sign-up option. Go to fumcloveland.com and click on the Altar Flowers tab; find the date you want and type in your name and contact info. (If you don't use the computer, call Patty in the church office at 970-667-0876 or sign up on the chart located in Coy Hall. 2) Contact Rowe's Flowers at 970-667-2300 as soon as you have your date picked, or at the very latest on Monday or Tuesday before the service. Rowe's will deliver the

flowers to the church on Saturday for the next day's church service. If you choose another floral shop for your order, you will need to bring the flowers to the church before the 8:30am service on Sunday. 3) Contact Patty in the church office at 970-667-0876 or office@fumcloveland.com **by the Wednesday before the Sunday you wish to donate flowers** to let her know the occasion or person you are honoring with the flowers and the date; this will be printed in the Window that week.

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@fumcloveland.com.

ONLINE GIVING

Our Church has online payment capability. Go to our website, www.fumcloveland.com and click on the menu tab labeled "donate."

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.)

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 volunteer to be a phone caller or if you would like to receive calls contact Rev. Lee at lee@fumcloveland.com.

PERSONALS

Please pray for...

JD Kennis, recovery from stroke; cards can be mailed to him at Berthoud Care & Rehab, 855 Franklin Ave, Berthoud, CO 80513.



Altar Flowers for Sunday, September 11 are provided by Kay & Larry Ward in honor of their 54th wedding anniversary.



BIRTHDAYS: September 4-10

Stanette Martin

Zach Sauer

Virginia Tanner

Dolores Pancoast

Don Smith

ONGOING CLASSES AND GROUPS

CHARITY QUILT GROUP

The Charity Quilt Group meets the **2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00am - 1:00pm**. Sewing machines are available for your use. For more information, contact Kay Neckel at 970-663-3434. **Our next meeting is Saturday, September 10.**

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.

HOLY HAPPY HOUR GROUP MEETS ON MONDAYS

Holy Happy Hour **meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month**. We meet at **Vatos Tacos + Tequila on 270 N Cleveland Ave at the Foundry**. Contact Tom Thompson for more information at 801-518-5392 or revtgt@hotmail.com.

SOUL FEAST BOOK STUDY

Meets on **Thursdays at 2:00pm in West Coy Hall**. Call Barbie Clark at 970-667-7445 for more information.