



The Window

Inclusive community. Unconditional love. Welcome!
First United Methodist Church, Loveland, Colorado
September 18, 2022

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS STARTED! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need volunteers willing to help teach/shepherd little learners and elementary kids at Sunday School. For additional information on how you can help, please contact Ruben Carrillo at childrenandyouth@fumcloveland.com or 719-330-5564 for more details. Get Involved - Make a Difference!



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.

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

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>

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. Contact Keith Flaming at kflaming1@yahoo.com or (970) 223-1600. Keith asks those unable to participate in a construction trip to prayerfully consider 1) partnering with those who want to attend but are financially limited or 2) contributing to our construction cost which both buys our construction materials and provides income for the Guatemalan construction crew that assists us in project completion. If you are called to participate in one of these ways, contact him.
- September 22-October 2, 2023: Journeys of Paul pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey. Monthly educational sessions to prepare for this trip will be held. 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. **An informational meeting will be in West Coy Hall on Sunday, September 18 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.



SEARCHERS & XENNIALS COME TOGETHER

The Searchers and Xennials are coming together to create a new format of community building, connection and spiritual growth during the 9:45am Sunday School hour. Various members will take turns presenting a question or topic for a maximum of ten minutes, though it can be much shorter, followed by open, honest discussion. **Steve Goodier will be kicking off this re-imagined Searchers meeting Sunday September 25.** Join us in Rooms S030 & S040 for our new round table discussions!

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.

TRUNK OR TREAT VEHICLES NEEDED

Trunk or Treat will take place on Saturday, October 29 at 2:00pm in the FUMC parking lot. All ages are welcome to come join in the fun with games, candy and snacks! We are in need of vehicles to sign up to decorate your trunk and hand out candy to our Trunk or Treaters. Please sign up your vehicle by leaving your name and phone number with Ruben Carrillo at childrenandyouth@fumcloveland.com or call him at 719-330-5565.



SEPTEMBER MUSIC

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 and 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



FUMC SERVES!

During the Missions Sunday worship service on September 11, folks were invited to write in about how they serve in the community. We received several responses that will be shared here over the next few weeks so that we can celebrate together. Look at all of these ways FUMC folks make a difference in the community! Lyndsey Gerwing volunteers at Community Kitchen each month, and serves a meal to the MVHS varsity football team on Fridays before games. Billie Huntman volunteers at Community Kitchen, the Mobile Laundry Truck, and knits prayer shawls. In Indiana, she also serves a hot breakfast for unhoused people and volunteers with Kairos Prison Ministry, along with participating in many mission trips. And, an anonymous person shared that they also serve at Community Kitchen, Neighbor to Neighbor, and in Costa Rica. Stay tuned for more...

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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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.

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.

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.

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.)

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.



BIRTHDAYS: September 11-17

Tim Anderson
Carolyn Bouchard

Marilyn Hagan
Susan Kuhling

Robert Monroe

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, October 8.**

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.

SEARCHERS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

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. **The Searchers Class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45am in Rooms S030 & S040**. The class is also available on Zoom at this link. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88108088290?pwd=T2psYldiYlV3eTNsanYwSkU1MU1MZz09> Last Sunday, at our "brainstorming" session, Charlie Bouchard brought to us a new idea for the future of Searchers. This idea of sharing/cooperating with Jessica Gartner's group of "younger" people was well received. In the very near future, this new plan for a more vibrant, diverse class will be fleshed out and brought to us. Stay tuned for much more information, schedule, etc. Class will continue to meet from 9:45-10:45 in person and on Zoom.

SOUL FEAST BOOK STUDY

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