

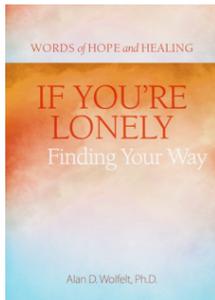


The Window

Inclusive community. Unconditional love. Welcome!
First United Methodist Church, Loveland, Colorado
September 25, 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!



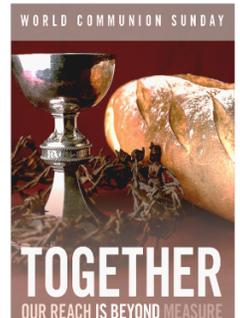
LONELINESS BOOK STUDY

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.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 1

United Methodists celebrate on specific days to unite and make clear the commitment of the church as the people of God, and to give everyone the opportunity to contribute to special programs approved and supported by the Church. We are called to reach out to all people and model the diversity of all God's children. Your gifts support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals while also transforming communities. Fifty percent of the offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. Thirty-five percent supports ethnic scholarships for undergraduate students. Fifteen percent funds In-Service Training Programs for racial and ethnic persons. For stories on how you make a difference [visit UMC.org/yourimpact](http://UMC.org/yourimpact). Make checks payable to FUMC or donate online via credit/debit card at ResourceUMC.org/SSGive.



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>

SEPTEMBER MUSIC

Another Sunday of musical blessing September 25. The Chancel Choir will sing a beautiful piece, *Make My Life a Song*, by Mark Burrows. "O Lord of sound and silence, make my life a song." Just as the psalmist calls the believer to praise God with song, lute, and harp, so does this lyric anthem resound with the music of the spheres in praise of the Creator. Images of service, dedication and faith abound. Joanne Scheihing and Carolyn Bouchard will also bless with a lovely clarinet duet of *There is a Balm in Gilead*, and Joanne will offer a solo medley as well, *This is My Father's World/He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*.

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. Questions? Contact Pastor Leslie at leslie@fumcloveland.com or (970) 667-0876.

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.

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! Judy Graff volunteers at Community Kitchen. Kay Neckel volunteers at Community Kitchen, the Food Bank and hospice. Melinda Bart shared: "I am a volunteer trail host for City of Loveland Open Lands and Trails. This involves spending at least a couple of hours a month walking the trails, greeting people, answering questions, making them aware of the regulations that apply at that site, and then reporting how many people were contacted, any problems seen there, maintenance needed, wildlife observed, etc. It lets me be out walking while providing some information to Loveland open lands about the use of the areas." Stay tuned for more...

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

FUMC FINANCIAL INFORMATION THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2022

Income YTD	\$395,925	Budgeted Income YTD	\$454,000
Expense YTD	\$417,253	Budgeted Expense YTD	\$484,250
Deficit YTD	\$ 21,328	Budgeted Deficit YTD	\$ 30,250

Church Council approved a deficit budget for 2022, knowing that the church had the cash reserves to withstand the loss during this pandemic-recovery year. Giving has been far below what we anticipated in 2022. However, our staff and committees have successfully controlled spending to an even larger degree while maintaining all our excellent programming and worship opportunities. As a result, the church is slightly ahead of the budget on a net basis. Please help us go into 2023 in a positive financial state by giving generously throughout the remainder of the year. Feel free to contact Karen Lumpkin at business@fumcloveland.com if you would like additional financial information.

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.

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.

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 MINISTRY NEEDS DRIVERS

We have restarted the program for members of our church family needing transportation to church on Sunday morning. Now we need drivers to make this happen. If you are interested, please contact Roger Williams at 970-980-8228 or anitaandroger@msn.com.



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.

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.

Donna Quakenbush is under hospice care. Cards can be mailed to Katherine & Charles Hover Green Home, Yellow Rose, Room 8, 1425 Belmont Dr., Longmont, CO 80503

Betty Balderson, recovery from hospitalization



BIRTHDAYS: September 18-30

Kevin Ball	Elizabeth Garcia	Molly Kenders	Iris Matney
Rick Bradley	Lew Graff	Cindy Lewandowski	Kathy Prevost
Dorothy Bush	Bill Guddeck	Jaxon Logan	Marilyn Ratschkowsky
Caitlyn Carr	Isabelle Heusinkveld	Leslie Markow	Royal Ryser
Jordan Dawson	Juliana Hoch	Pat Mathena	Chris White

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

This coming Sunday, September 25 our topic for discussion will be, is it okay to be spiritual and not religious? This will be the first of our "discussion format" gatherings as we alternate between opportunities for more discussion and more formal speaker presentations. We'll be led by our good friend Steve Goodier. "Discussion format" means that we will sit in a circle so we can see and speak with each other. Steve's presentation will be brief followed by an opportunity to discuss the topic with Steve facilitating that discussion. We are trying a "new thing" with an effort to bring together in this class our usual group joined by the Xennial group led by Jessica Gartner. Join us to see what God is doing in our church. We'll meet in person at 9:45 am in Rooms S030 & S040 and/or by Zoom. Zoom link -

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

SOUL FEAST BOOK STUDY

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