



The Window

Inclusive community. Unconditional love. Welcome!
First United Methodist Church, Loveland, Colorado
September 4, 2022

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...LABOR DAY WEEKEND WORSHIP SERVICE

On Sunday, September 4, **we will only have one service at 10:00am in the sanctuary.** The service will be livestreamed and there will be fellowship time afterward in Coy Hall.

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>)

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).

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>



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.



UMVIM COORDINATOR NEEDED

The Mountain Sky Conference is looking to hire an United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) Coordinator. The volunteer position includes working with the Mission Team, Disaster Response, ERT and the Western Jurisdiction UMVIM Coordinator. Good organization skills, volunteer experience, and a heart for mission are important. If you

would like to consider being the UMVIM Coordinator or just part of the UMVIM team, please contact Rev. Janet Mulroy, Mission Engagement and Resource Strategist at jmulroy@mtnskyumc.org. You may find a copy of the UMVIM responsibilities here. [UMVIM Coordinator responsibilities.jpg - Google Drive](#).

FUN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

The FUMC Alzheimer's/Other Dementias Caregivers' Support Group will meet Wednesday, September 7 at 3:00 pm in West Coy Hall. This confidential monthly group is for anyone who is caring for a spouse, partner or other family member who is living with dementia of any type. Participants support each other by sharing information, thoughts, humor or whatever else is needed. For more information, contact Barbara Franke at 970-301-1615 or gbfranke@msn.com.

SEPTEMBER MUSIC

September 4 - the Clegern family plus Mariah Diediker (Ben's fiancée) and Susan Van Meakins (Sarah's sister) will sing for us. Remember that there is only one service at 10:00am and it will be inside. 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 two flute solos. 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. Please join us for worship in September as our own fine musical groups lead us in praise to God!

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.

PRIME TIMERS LUNCHEONS ARE BACK!

Come join the Prime Timers on Friday, September 2 at 12:00pm in Coy Hall. The doors will open at 11:30am and we will be having tacos, dessert, and ice cream. Be sure to sign up at the Ask Me Desk until August 28.



NEW CONFERENCE-WIDE BOOK STUDY

There is a new Mountain Sky Conference-wide book study beginning this month on *How to Be an Antiracist*, by Ibram X. Kendi. Those in the Anti-racism Allyship Group at FUMC who have studied this book highly recommend it as a good way to learn more about racism and what it means to go beyond being "not racist" to being and "anti-racist." Learn more and register at <https://www.mtnskyumc.org/newsdetail/16553826>.

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.

TALENTS UNLIMITED REPORT

Thank you to everyone who has and continues to give while shopping at Kroger and Amazon Smile! Your donations make a difference!

Kroger: 2021 - \$4,010.92 . 2022 - \$2,692.52 as of 08/30/2022

Amazon Smile: 2021 - \$173.62. 2022 - \$71.60 as of 05/31/2022

Instructions for signing up for Kroger Community Rewards can be found at the Ask Me Desk. If you have questions please contact Andrea Ortega at 970-631-2971.

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@fumccleveland.com.

PERSONALS

Please pray for...

Martha DiCicco, ear surgery August 18
Shirley Hogan, healing from fall
Sue Cox, injured arm
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 4 are provided by Don & Dorothy Bush in celebration of their 66th Wedding Anniversary.



BIRTHDAYS: September 1-3

Luann Ball	Ron Griese	Karen Horn	Marjorie Swett
Lee Green	Ryan Hennings	Kenneth Quick	

ONGOING CLASSES AND GROUPS

COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR...

You are invited to join Pastor Leslie for coffee (tea?) and conversation on Thursday, September 8. This fun, informal time of fellowship is scheduled for **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=ZWISLy9nRWQ0ZDMYUGR5YkRKRk44dz09>

Meeting ID: 883 7423 7915 Passcode: 254684

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.