



The Window

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, Colorado
November 13, 2022

THERE IS STILL TIME

Thank you to all who have returned their pledge cards. If you have not, it's not too late. Simply bring your pledge to the church and drop it in the offering plate on Sunday, or place it in the Contributions Secretary mailbox outside the church office. You may also send an email to commitment@fumcloveland.com, giving the amount that you are pledging for 2023 and whether you will give weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually. Your giving helps FUMC engage in vital missions and ministries. It also does more. It pays all those fundamental expenses too, such as salaries and keeping the lights on and the water running. Did you know it costs almost \$2,500 each month to heat, cool and keep the water running in our church building? And, that it costs over \$1,500 more each month to keep the building clean and trash free? On top of those unavoidable expenses, we must also maintain all the equipment and keep our sidewalks and parking lot snow free all winter. We love our large, old building but it is expensive to operate.

PRAY WITH US

On Thursday, November 17, Rev. Leslie will begin a weekly prayer time. Only 30 minutes via Zoom, we will gather to pray for discernment and awareness of God's desire and direction for FUMC in our post-pandemic reality. All are invited to join this brief, but very important, time of prayer. Come every week or as often as you can. (We will break on Thanksgiving and the last two weeks of December for Christmas). Here is the Zoom link to join.



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/822260398539?pwd=Qmt5YVMyZ2VmSHJhKzQ3bWp0TTYzQT09>

WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS

You are invited to participate in *Visio Divina: Sacred Seeing – A Sacred Photo Devotional*. Rev. Leslie and Rev. Lee invite you to reflect upon the words that mark each week of the Advent season. **Hope. Love. Peace. Joy.** As you reflect on the words, take a picture with your camera or phone that captures, best, one of those words for you. Or, maybe you read one of these words and you know exactly which photo that you have saved in your archives that perfectly represents that word for you. It may be a family picture, a nature picture, a pet picture, a vacation picture...anything that resonates to you hope, love, peace or joy. Once you have taken a picture (or pulled it from your files) that represents that sacred word, email a digital .jpg to Lee@fumcloveland.com. Your photo will become a part of the *Visio Divina Photo Devotional*. (When you email your image, please type the descriptive word that your photo represents for you in the subject line.) The deadline is short. **Please send in your photo submission by November 18.**

REPORTS FOR CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our Annual Charge Conference is coming up on Monday, November 28. If you are the chair of a committee, a Lay Servant, retired clergy or the head of a group, please send your end of year reports to the church office. **All reports must be proofed BEFORE submitting them.** Send reports to Patty Gregory at office@fumcloveland.com **no later than Sunday, November 13.**



SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

If you missed the suicide prevention training this month, don't worry...here's another opportunity! The Circle of Life group is opening their training for anyone interested. Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) equips people to identify signs of suicide risk and know what to do to help someone. The training will be held on Friday, November 18 from 1:30-3:00 pm at FUMC in Room E240. Contact Bev Goodier at bev@lifesupportsystem.com with questions and to RSVP.



THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR VETERANS

A free dinner for veterans is being provided by the Loveland Associated Veterans on November 24, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Associated Veterans Club, 305 N. Cleveland Ave. Homebound veterans can have their meal delivered. Order by November 22 by calling 970-617-8413 Mon-Fri between 9:00 am - 6:00 pm. Want to donate food or volunteer time for food preparation, serving, meal delivery, or clean up? Call 970-617-8413 by November 25.



ANGEL TREE PROJECT 2022

Our Mission Committee will again offer as one of our Christmas projects, Prison Ministry Fellowship - Angel Tree. This is a nationwide ministry we have worked with for many years helping provide Christmas gifts for children whose parents are currently incarcerated. The gifts are given in the name of the parent and are a very meaningful parent-child connection. On Sunday, November 20 and 27 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in West Coy Hall, we will have Angels with the child's name and age for you to choose from. We ask that gifts be returned by December 4. Gifts will be delivered on Saturday, December 10 at 9:00 am. We will also have a sign-up sheet for those who wish to help with delivery. The children and the families who care for them, as well as the incarcerated parent greatly appreciate your gesture of kindness. Questions, please call either Pam Erickson at 970-988-8424 or Terry Gindlesparger at 563-343-2268.



VOLUNTEER TO BE A SALVATION ARMY RINGER

FUMC will be helping the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign. We will be ringing at the Sam's Club (on east Eisenhower) on the following six Saturdays: November 19 and 26, December 3, 10, 17, & 24. See the sign-up sheet with available time slots at the Ask Me Desk and consider volunteering for an hour or so. Contact Paul Williamson at 970-617-8137 or williamson52@gmail to sign up or for more information.

SOUL FEAST STARTS NEW BOOK

Soul Feast will start, *The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus*, by Amy-Jill Levine on November 10. This book helps Christians and Jews understand the Jewishness of Jesus. Levine, a Jewish scholar, uses humor and informed-truth telling to provoke honest conversations and debate. All are welcome, and good, inexpensive books are available on Abebooks.com. **We meet at 2:00 pm on Thursdays in West Coy Hall. Call Barbie at 970-667-7445 for more information.**

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES WITH FUMC

There are two 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 these individuals for more information. Pura Via work trip to Guatemala in February 2023: Contact Keith Flaming at kflaming1@yahoo.com. Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in January 2024: Contact Pastor Leslie at leslie@fumccloveland.com.

INK & TONER RECYCLING

Donate your empty ink/toner cartridges and help First United Methodist! Any brand, from any store! Collection box at the Ask Me Desk.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

STAFF TRANSITIONS

Regretfully, but also with a renewed sense of hope, SPRC received a notice of resignation from Ruben Carrillo. That means that FUMC is in the process of hiring a new person(s) to lead our children's and youth ministries. Plans are already underway. A hearty thank-you is extended to Shannon and Ryan Heusinkveld, Ann Kessler and Judy Graff as they have stepped in to keep the children and youth ministries active and engaging during this transition period.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 20

There will be no Sunday School for any ages on November 20 due to Thanksgiving break. Thank you to all the hard working volunteers that teach our Sunday School children. Have a wonderful holiday!

DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR YOUNG CHILDREN?

FUMC Loveland has four open part time nursery worker positions. Applicants should enjoy working with infants, toddlers, preschoolers and elementary aged children. All candidates must be 18 years of age or older. Also, candidates must be vaccinated for COVID during the past year. The current positions require availability on Sunday morning and Monday and Wednesday afternoon or early evening. Employees are not expected to work all shifts and they are currently about 2.5 hours each. One year of child care/babysitting experience is preferred. The pay rate is \$17/hr. Please send resumes to hiring@fumcloveland.com or to 533 N. Grant Ave. Loveland, CO 80537 attention SPRC.

[GENERAL INFORMATION](#)

CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION THROUGH OCTOBER 2022

Income YTD	\$480,911	Budgeted Income YTD	\$567,500
Expense YTD	\$520,119	Budgeted Expense YTD	\$605,313
Deficit YTD	(\$ 39,208)	Budgeted Deficit YTD	(\$ 37,813)

Giving continues to be far below what we anticipated in 2022. 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.

NOVEMBER MUSIC AT FUMC

November 13 - Josh Ceciliani will play trombone and the Chancel Choir will sing. (Josh is the husband of our new chancel choir director, Nicole Ceciliani.)

November 20 - Spirit Sounds Bell Choir, a handbell trio, and Andrea Deepe will lead us in worship. (Andrea is the singer with the band Kevin Peffer and Guy Keith are in.)

November 27 - The Chancel Choir will sing and Bill Eads will share an Advent solo. **Also, on November 27 at 4:00 pm - Hanging of the Greens.** Susan Harding has written a wonderful script with music for our children to share as we complete the sanctuary decorations for Christmas. There will be a soup supper afterwards with more details coming soon. We hope many FUMC friends/members will support this special program by their attendance.

DO YOU SHOP AT KING SOOPERS OR AMAZON?

Support FUMC while shopping for the holidays (and all year long)! Visit smile.amazon.com and log in as usual and start donating! Instructions to sign-up for King Soopers Community Rewards are at the Ask Me Desk. Please contact Andrea Ortega with any questions at 970-631-2971.

ORDERING ALTAR FLOWERS...3 SIMPLE STEPS

1) 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, sign up on the flower 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 8:30 am 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.

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.

ONLINE GIVING

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

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

We have fellowship on the first Sunday of the month after the 8:30 am worship service. Contact Pastor Lee at lee@fumcloveland.com, or Betsy Elliott at elliott1710@comcast.net if you would like to help.

PERSONALS

Please pray for...

Jane Gill, hospitalized with infection and surgery Nov 9
Joyce Hirning, surgery November 14
Royal Ryser, health issues
Lois & Bob Beers and their son, Doug, as he battles cancer



BIRTHDAYS: NOVEMBER 13-19

Ella Berdahl	Rebecca Champion	Noah Heusinkveld	Ruth VanVoorhis
Pat Boegli	Lyle Gilroy	Dean Schwartz	David Williams

ONGOING CLASSES AND GROUPS

CHARITY QUILT GROUP

The Charity Quilt Group meets the **2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00am - 1:00 pm**. Sewing machines are available for your use. For more information, contact Kay Neckel at 970-663-3434. **Our next meeting is Saturday, November 12.**

EXERCISE CLASS WITH ANITA WILLIAMS

Join us **Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 am each week on Zoom**. Questions? Contact Anita Williams at anitaandroger@msn.com.



FUMC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship will meet at **12:00 pm on Thursday, November 17 in West Coy Hall**. This is our annual salad luncheon! Please bring a salad and your own drink and table service. All women are welcome. Any questions or comments, please contact Darlene Lowe at aldarlowe@gmail.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 & XENNIALS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

On Sunday, November 13, we have the opportunity to find out just what is a 12 step program? We hear about 12 step programs quite frequently and some of us have been part of these programs. Carolyn Bouchard will be presenting an overview of How a 12 Step Program Works. She hopes to open the door to discussions and deeper understanding of the people who have found solace and healing. Feel free to come and ask questions. We meet at 9:45 am in Rooms S030 & S040 and on Zoom at 9:45. Zoom link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88108088290?pwd=T2psYldiYlV3eTNsanYwSkU1MU1MZz09>

SOUL FEAST BOOK STUDY

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

Y.A.R.N. ("YOU ARE REALLY NEEDED") MEETS ON TUESDAY MORNINGS

Join this church-based yarn craft group that meets each **Tuesday in West Coy Hall from 10:00 - 11:30 am** to create prayer shawls/ lap throws/ winter scarves/ preemie blankets, etc. for people in need. For more information, contact Melinda Bart at 970-988-5957, mbart6868@gmail.com or Cindy Crawley at (770) 601-2749, clcteach4th5th@aol.com.

