



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, Colorado
November 20 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.



JOIN ME IN PRAYER?

FUMC pastors and Church Council members are joining in a time of weekly prayer. Our desire is to open ourselves to discernment about where God is leading FUMC in our post-pandemic reality. That discernment must BEGIN with prayer and listening for God's response. You are invited to join us. We will meet weekly, for only 30 minutes, from 9:30-10:00 am, via Zoom. (Not in person on

Thanksgiving!) Small amount of time...BIG amount of faith and discernment! Join us on Zoom every week, or just whenever you can. If you would like to be a part of this sacred time of prayer and listening for God's response, please email me at leslie@fumcloveland.com. I will send you a bit more information...including the Zoom link to join.

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.**

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY

United Methodist have been investing in our students for more than 100 years. United Methodist Student Day invites the church to support United Methodist students in achieving their educational goals. The funds received award United Methodist scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students. Your gifts help young people achieve their educational calling with more financial freedom. In addition to your pledged giving to FUMC, please give generously on November 27. Special Offering envelopes are located at the back of the sanctuary on a small round table on the north side.





A LOVELAND COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Following the Festival of Lights, the Loveland Community Christmas Concert, will be held at First United Presbyterian Church, 400 E. 4th St. this Friday, November 18 at 7:00pm. A 12 Bell Ensemble from FUMC's Spirit Sounds Bell Choir will help ring in the season along with other bell choirs and vocal choirs from around the area.

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. Call 970-617-8413 to donate food or volunteer time for food preparation, serving, meal delivery, or clean up?



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.com to sign up or 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@fumcloveland.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

POSITIONS TO BE FILLED SOON

FUMC is in the process of hiring a new person(s) to lead our children's and youth ministries. Thank you to Shannon & Ryan Heusinkveld, Ann Kessler and Judy Graff for stepping 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 is looking for part time nursery workers. All candidates must be 18 years of age or older and vaccinated for COVID during the past year. The positions require availability on Sunday morning and Monday and Wednesday afternoon or early evening. One year of child care/babysitting experience is preferred. The pay rate is \$17/hr. Please send resumes to hire@fumcleveland.com or to 533 N. Grant Ave. Loveland, CO 80537 attention SPRC.

GENERAL INFORMATION

NOVEMBER MUSIC AT FUMC

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. If you are able to help with set-up, clean-up and/or donations of side dishes, it would be much appreciated. See the sign-up sheet on the Ask Me Desk for details of what is still needed. 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

1) Go to fumcleveland.com and click on the Altar Flowers tab to sign-up or sign-up on the flower chart in Coy Hall. 2) Contact Rowe's Flowers at 970-667-2300 as soon as you have signed-up and order your arrangement and tell them the date you signed-up for. Rowe's will deliver the flowers to the church on Saturday for the next day's church service. 3) Contact Patty in the church office at 970-667-0876 or office@fumcleveland.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.fumcleveland.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@fumcleveland.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
Lois & Bob Beers and their son, Doug, as he battles cancer
Becky Wheatly, cancer diagnosis (sister of Erin Williams, a new FUMC friend)

Altar Flowers for Sunday, November 20 are given by Charlotte Schultz in memory of Del Schultz, loving Husband, Father and Grandpa. The second flower arrangement is given by the Clegern family in honor of their family and friends, whom they are very grateful for this Thanksgiving and always.



BIRTHDAYS: NOVEMBER 20-26

Bentley Champion	Susan Harding	Bill McCreary	Debbie Schwartz
Jack Doyel	Mark Kessler	Alicia Mitchell	Cathy Trout
Brandon Fidler	Sue Lussenhop	Amelia Sauer	

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, December 10.**

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.

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

This Sunday, Bev Goodier will tell us about the Circle of Life program and how it works with grade school children in our local school system who suffer grief due to any number of difficult situations in their homes and lives. Several of our congregation work with Bev in this effective program. We meet at 9:45 am in Rooms S030 & S040 and on Zoom. 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.

