



*First United Methodist Church, Loveland, Colorado
December 25, 2022*



SINGLE SERVICE SUNDAYS AND SPECIAL SERVICES

Note these single service Sundays, both at 10:00 am: A Christmas morning service on **December 25** (no childcare provided), followed by cookies and coffee in Coy Hall. **January 1** to begin the new year with shared communion and fellowship. Keep your pen out, and also mark your calendars for these special services: Worship the birth of the Christ Child on **December 24** at one of our **candlelight services**. The **4:30 pm service** will feature the sweet sounds of FUMC's Spirit Sounds Bell Choir. At **6:30 pm** the Chancel Choir will offer their gifts of glorious song. (Childcare provided at both. Both will be livestreamed.) The Union (Xennial) Ministry is offering an interactive **Family Christmas Eve service**, a kid-friendly worship experience, at **3:00 pm at Trinity UMC** as well.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Church office will be closed from December 26- January 2 for the holiday break. If there is an emergency, please contact Pastor Leslie at leslie@fumcloveland.com or call her at 719-650-9449. **NOTE:** No Window or Thursday eblast will be sent out while the office is closed.

SIGN UP TO BE A LITURGIST

We would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to serve as liturgists during Sunday morning worship. The sign-up page on SignUpGenius is now updated online well beyond the new year. To sign up, simply click on this link, [FUMC Loveland: Worship Liturgists \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/FUMC%20Loveland%20Worship%20Liturgists) and it will take you directly to the sign-up page. You can sign up as often as you'd like, and you can return to this link any time to add days. You are encouraged to consider signing up for both services on Sunday morning, if possible. Though, that certainly isn't mandatory. Thank you for being willing to serve in this important way during Sunday worship.

JOIN US IN PRAYER?



You are invited for a time of weekly prayer 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 Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:00 am, via Zoom.** If you would like to be a part of this sacred time of prayer and listening for God's response, please email Pastor Leslie at leslie@fumcloveland.com. You will be sent a bit more information... including the Zoom link to join.

MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS

December 24 - There will be two services on this special evening, one at 4:30 pm with the Spirit Sounds Bell choir. (Plan to arrive by 4:15 pm to hear them play their pre-service selections.) There will also be violin music and vocal music by the Clegern Family. The Chancel choir will be at the 6:30 pm service with additional music by Gil Garcia on trumpet and Melanie Peffer on flute. **December 25** - Neal Anderson will provide vocal music.

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@fumcleveland.com.

MUSIC FOR JANUARY

On January 1, Ben & Dan Clegern will sing a duet and Ben, Sarah Clegern and Joy Shaw will share a beautiful vocal trio with us.

HELP HERE OR THERE

This year's hybrid Pura Vida Mission Trip combines in-person and virtual team members. Visit https://www.puravida.org/virtual-trip.html?trip_id=102 to sign up. For more information, contact Keith Flaming 970-223-1600.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

There is no Sunday School for children or youth on December 25 and January 1. Thank you to all the volunteers that teach these kids and have a wonderful holiday.

NO WOMEN'S GROUP ON MLK DAY

There will be **no Women's Group or Children's Music on Monday, January 16.**

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. The pay rate is \$17/hr. Send resumes to hiring@fumcleveland.com or to 533 N. Grant Ave. Loveland, CO 80537

GENERAL INFORMATION

HOLIDAY BREAK FOR WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL GROUP

There will be no Women's Group or Children's Music on Monday, **December 26 or January 2.** Thank you to all the volunteers for your time and have a wonderful break.

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...

Leah Sebade, recovering from broken hip
Lois & Bob Beers and their son, Doug, as he battles cancer
Becky Wheatly, cancer diagnosis (sister of Erin Williams, a new FUMC friend)
We celebrate the birth of Adalynn Ann Disney with parents Ann Marie & Scott, big sister Collette, and grandmother, Julie Skeffington. Prayers she can go home soon.



BIRTHDAYS: DECEMBER 26- JANUARY 7

Michael Carr	Betty Hill	Susan Pennock	Kay Ward
Norma Flaming	Larry Jones	Jonathan Tikka	Nancy Weber
Art Grotenhuis	Ann Kessler	Cindy Utley	Leslie Wood

Altar flowers for Sunday, December 18 were provided by Andrea Ortega in memory of her Bodenberger grandparents' anniversary and mother-in-law Wendy Becker's birthday and anniversary.

Altar flowers for Sunday, December 25 are provided by Cecilia Ball in honor of our family in heaven, The Orrells and The Balls. We wish you a heavenly Merry Christmas. All our love.

ONGOING CLASSES AND GROUPS

CHARITY QUILT GROUP

The Charity Quilt Group meets the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00am-1:00 pm. For more information, contact Kay Neckel at 970-663-3434. **Our next meeting is Saturday, January 14.**



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 from 5:00-7:15 pm at **Verboten Brewery, 127 E 5th St, Loveland.**

SEARCHERS & XENNIALS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

There will be no class on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Our next class is Sunday, January 8.



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 **Tuesdays in West Coy Hall from 10:00 - 11:30 am.** Create prayer shawls, scarves, hats, 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.