



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, Colorado
January 15, 2023

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Matthew Utley was born in Loveland, CO where he lived until college. He has five sisters who live across multiple states. He attended Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, NE where he majored in psychology and minored in Spanish. After college he moved back to Loveland and has begun classes at Iliff School of Theology where he is working on his Master's Degree in Divinity. He enjoys music and riding his bicycle. Matthew has been a part of the FUMC Loveland community since he was in preschool. As a youth Matthew was involved in the youth programs locally and across the Rocky Mountain/Mountain Sky Conference. He became the president of the conference's youth council where he worked with other youth to plan events. He has attended multiple annual conferences and one general conference. Matthew is thankful that he can continue to plan events and help cultivate the faith of young people as the FUMC's Youth Ministries Coordinator.



Shannon Heusinkveld has a long-standing connection with First United Methodist Church in Loveland. She and husband, Ryan, were married in the church and, though life has carried them around the Midwest, they have traveled back to Loveland to baptize each of their four children at FUMC, residing in the area again after their youngest was baptized in 2018. Shannon has a degree in Architecture from Kansas State University. She has much experience with children of all ages. She has been a swim instructor, camp counselor, preschool art teacher, college professor and homeschool mom. Shannon has been a member and a volunteer with Mothers of Preschoolers for 13 years. Her hobbies include reading, baking and mothering her kids, her husband and anyone that gets near her. She will offer you motherly advice, she carries any and all needed items in her purse and she will feed you a snack if you are feeling peckish. Shannon is happy to be serving as the Children's Coordinator at FUMC.

"FOOD FOR THOUGHT" WEEKLY 30 MINUTE LEARNING SERIES STARTS IN 2023

The Mountain Sky Conference Racial Justice Movement and Ministries has scheduled 30 minute Zoom gatherings every Wednesday from 12:00-12:30 pm for a time of mutual learning called Food for Thought. They will be using a resource series from the General Commission on Religion and Race entitled "What Is", which offers a compilation of concise definitions, examples, and Biblical/theological foundations. Please feel free to have your lunch during our time together, in which we will read the one page resource, engage with the reflection questions, learn, and pray. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Bich Thy (Betty) Nguyen at bnguyen@mtnskyumc.org. To register for the Zoom link, [click here](#).

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

FUMC Women's Fellowship will meet at 12:00 pm on Thursday, January 26, in West Coy Hall. Phyllis Wehrle will provide a snack. Our project this month is to bring cans of soup for our local Salvation Army clients here in Loveland. All women are welcome to attend our fellowship. Email Darlene Lowe at aldarlowe@gmail.com with questions and to RSVP.





WOMEN IN EARLY CHRISTIANITY LECTURE

Dr. Kristin Heineman is an ancient history professor at CSU and a member of Union, the Xennial ministry collaborative between FUMC and TUMC. She will present on the role of women in the spread of ancient Christianity on January 19 at 5:00pm in Fellowship Hall and by Zoom. Childcare will be provided beginning at 4:45pm. We hope to see you there in person or online! To join by Zoom, [click here](#), use Meeting ID: 885 8449 5537 and Passcode: 509425 or copy & paste

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88584495537?pwd=Z0drc0F6MGRYVHILeJgwVjdvS0QvQT09>.

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 \(signupgenius.com\)](#) 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 isn't mandatory.

JOIN US IN PRAYER?

You are invited for a time of weekly prayer to open ourselves to discernment about where God is leading FUMC. 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 participate, email Pastor Leslie at leslie@fumcloveland.com. You will be sent a bit more information... including the Zoom link to join.

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH BUNCH

All are welcome to attend our luncheon on Friday, February 3, 12:00 pm in Coy Hall. The cost is \$5.00 per person and the doors will open at 11:30 am. On the menu this month is chicken spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, red velvet cake and ice cream. Please sign up at the Ask Me Desk from January 7-29 for an accurate count for food prep. Contact Lois Beers at 970-460-4346 or Pat Cobb at 970-613-9625 for more information.



CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION THROUGH DECEMBER 2022

Income YTD	\$602,484	Budgeted Income YTD	\$681,000
Expense YTD	\$624,561	Budgeted Expense YTD	\$726,375
Deficit YTD	(\$ 22,077)	Budgeted Deficit YTD	(\$ 45,375)

December was a good income month. Thank you for your generous giving. Feel free to contact Karen Lumpkin at business@fumcloveland.com if you would like additional financial information



JANUARY MUSIC AT FUMC

January 15 - Ben Clegern will sing for us and will also help us learn a new hymn at both services. January 22 - the Chancel Choir will sing at both services and Joanne Scheihing will play clarinet. January 29 - Spirit Sounds Bell Choir will play and Beth Wells will enhance our worship services through her cello music.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY WITH FUMC

In just over one year, on January 8, 2024, Pastor Leslie will be leading an immersion pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It's not too late to begin dreaming, and planning, for this amazing, life transforming trip. For more information, contact Pastor Leslie at leslie@fumcloveland.com.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

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@fumcloveland.com](mailto: hiring@fumcloveland.com) or to 533 N. Grant Ave. Loveland, CO 80537.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ORDERING ALTAR FLOWERS

1) Go to fumcloveland.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@fumcloveland.com](mailto: 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.



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](mailto: lee@fumcloveland.com), or Betsy Elliott at [elliot1710@comcast.net](mailto: elliot1710@comcast.net) if you would like to help.

PERSONALS

Please pray for...

Ted Nutting, heart health

Lois & Bob Beers and their son, Doug, as he battles cancer

Mary Hannon, recovery from stroke



BIRTHDAYS: JANUARY 15-21

Sally Allen

Bob Bostwick

Nola Marrs

Christian Williams

Diana Anderson

Jan Coffey

Deb Pringle

Death: We give thanks for the life of Carolyn Smith, who passed peacefully into eternal life on January 6; we remember in prayer her husband Gordon Smith and their family. A memorial service is being held in Colorado Springs. Cards can be sent to Gordon at 1605 Elm Creek View Rm 417, Colorado Springs, CO 80907.

Altar Flowers for Sunday, January 15 are provided by Julie Skeffington in memory of Peter Skeffington with love from his family - Jim & Dana, Anne Marie & Scott, and Hillary.

ONGOING CLASSES AND GROUPS

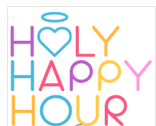
CHARITY QUILT GROUP

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

Class meets in person at 9:45am 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 **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.

