



The Window

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, Colorado

May 14, 2023

TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER

Rev. Natalie is a provisional deacon in the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference. She was raised in the small town of Rosedale, LA, across the Mississippi River from Baton Rouge. Her parents were both schoolteachers. Raised in the Catholic faith, she graduated with honors from St. Joseph's Academy in Baton Rouge in 1986. She attended Louisiana Tech University receiving a B.A. in Journalism in 1991. Feeling a call to service in her teenage years, her faith motivated many of her choices in life including working for Habitat for Humanity as an International Partner building houses in multiple communities' rural central Mexico after college. In 1995, she moved to Chicago to work in the "Back of the Yard" neighborhood to work at a Catholic Worker House for political refugees who were survivors of torture from Latin America. Natalie had her own wedding photography business in Chicago for 10 years before moving back to Louisiana in 2012 due to some family health issues. Having moved back to Baton Rouge, she became an active member at First UMC in Baton Rouge, attending the Cursillo retreat, volunteering for Kairos Prison Ministry and even working at FUMC as an employee before beginning seminary in 2015. Natalie earned her M.A. in Ministry from Drew Theological Seminary in May 2017. After graduation, she became a case manager with UMCOR at the Louisiana UMC Annual Conference in Disaster Response for the Louisiana 2016 Flood. Summer of 2018, Natalie was commissioned as a Church and Community Worker with the General Board of Global Ministries. As a U.S. missionary, her site placement was in Johnstown, PA to grow a new ministry called Hope-Filled Relationships. When the project ended in summer 2021 and as a deacon required to find her own employment, Natalie landed here in Denver as Bishop Oliveto's executive assistant. She will be ordained as a deacon in full connection in June in Western Pennsylvania.



FUMC LISTENING SESSIONS



FUMC leadership will hold a series of listening sessions in May that are open to anyone in the congregation who would like to participate. Participants will have the opportunity to respond to a few questions in small groups. The purpose of these sessions is to gather information that will assist church leadership in meeting the needs of members, guide church worship planning, and guide church activity planning. Remaining sessions will be held on **May 15 at 6:00pm, and**

May 16 at 2:00pm. Sign up for one of these time slots at the Ask Me Desk or by [clicking here](#) to register online. Questions? Contact Judy Stout at 303-956-2080, jstout@lpbroadband.net or Pastor Lee at 970-667-0876, lee@fumcloveland.com.

TRUSCOTT TEACHER APPRECIATION DINNER

On **Friday, May 12** FUMC will be hosting a Teacher Dinner for the staff at Truscott Elementary. Salads and desserts are still needed; please deliver them to the church **by 2:30 pm on May 12**. Please text or email Betsy Elliott to let her know if you can help at 720-988-4893 or elliott1710@comcast.net.



MAY MUSIC

May 14 - Cindy and Matthew Utley duet, Chancel Choir. May 21 - Joanne Scheihing, clarinet, Spirit Sounds. May 28 - Josh Ceciliani, trombone, Chancel Choir.

FUMC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship will meet **Thursday, May 25 at 12:00 pm in West Coy Hall**. For our project this month, we will be donating specific individual snacks to the youth for when they go on their mission trip in June. All women are welcome to attend. Please email Darlene Lowe at aldarlowe@gmail.com with any questions or comments.



1ST FRIDAY LUNCH BUNCH PICNIC

Join us at **Dwayne Webster Park, 401 W 13th St Shelter #2 in Loveland on Friday, June 2 at 12:00 pm**. Please bring your favorite potluck item to share as the chicken, lemonade, water, paper plates, plasticware, napkins, and cups will be provided. You may sign-up at the Ask Me Desk or call Lois Beers at 970-227-3278 or Pat Cobb at 970-613-9625 by May 28.

UPCOMING AUTOBIOGRAPHY GROUPS LED BY CLAY CARTER

Clay Carter has led 12 autobiography writing classes since 2016, and as he has shared time and life stories with 75 different people, he has witnessed profound responses to the process of writing, listening, and telling their stories. These classes benefit the writer, and the record of important aspects of the writer's life becomes a gift to family and friends. Clay will be convening a ten-week Zoom class and a ten-week class that will meet outdoors during warm weather. Times and places will be determined after classes are filled. Each class will be limited to six people. Curriculum materials will be provided free of charge. No charge for participation in the class. For more information or to enroll, contact Clay at pclaycarter@gmail.com or call or text him at (970) 616-9686.

AUDIO VISUAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

New volunteers are needed for the tech booth to run the soundboard, microphones, video slides and live streaming. Experience is not required. Volunteers will receive professional training on the equipment. There will always be an experienced volunteer and/or professional there with you. Volunteers will work based on their availability and are not expected to volunteer every Sunday. It is a great opportunity to be part of the FUMC team and learn some new skills! If you wish to volunteer, please email Pastor Lee at lee@fumcloveland.com or call the church (970) 667-0876 and leave your name and phone number.

[YOUTH MINISTRIES](#)

Mid & Senior High Youth - [Matthew Utley - youth@fumcloveland.com](mailto:youth@fumcloveland.com)

Parents of Seniors: If you have a high school graduating senior that you would like to be recognized by the church please let Matthew know ASAP.

Sunday 5/14: No Youth Group. Enjoy some time with your mother.

Sunday 5/21: Mission Trip Parent Meeting. We will meet at 11:15 am. Snacks will be provided.

Mission Trip (June 23 - 30): This year we will be going to Kansas City Missouri for our mission trip. All youth (middle school and highschool) are welcome! Contact Matt for more information.

Mission Trip Help: We are in need of an additional adult male sponsor for the mission trip. If you are interested, please contact Matthew.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SUNDAY TRANSPORTATION

Members of the church family needing transportation on Sunday morning can arrange to be picked up by the church bus. Contact Roger Williams at 970-980-8228. (Please call after 4:00 pm. to make arrangements).

ONLINE GIVING

Our Church has online payment capability. Go to our website, www.fumcleveland.com and click on the menu tab labeled "Give & Support."

DONATE TO FUMC WHEN YOU SHOP!

Donations to FUMC are generated through King Soopers Community Rewards program every time you shop, and it does not take away from your own rewards! To sign up, 1) sign in or create an account at www.kingsoopers.com, 2) click Community Rewards at the end of the page, 3) Search UK667 and click enroll. Questions? Call 970-631-2971. From January 1-March 31, 2023, the program generated \$794 for FUMC, with 91 households enrolled. You are making a difference!



WHERE TO GET FUMC NEWS

In addition to this weekly newsletter, you can also find the Mission Memo and Senior Newsletter for even more news and stories. The link to the Senior Newsletter is emailed out in the weekly email at the beginning of each month, you can find a hard copy at The Ask Me Desk, and you can find a link online at fumcleveland.com (click on Publications). The Mission Memo goes out 4x/year by email and you can also find it online under Publications.

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

We have fellowship on the first Sunday of the month after the 10:00 am worship service in Coy Hall. A second Sunday Fellowship Time has been requested. In order to do this, we need your help. Please consider signing up to host a Fellowship Time (make coffee, tea, set out goodies and clean up) and/or bring a goodie to share. See the sign-up sheet at the Ask Me Desk. Please email Betsy Elliott at elliott1710@comcast.net with questions.

PERSONALS

Please pray for...

Janeen Anderson, recovering from fall, broken arm
Rev. Leslie & Brian, travel mercies as they hike 500 miles on the Camino de Santiago

Altar Flowers: Provided by Pastor Lee in honor of the joys and sorrows that accompany Mother's Day.



Birthdays: May 14-20

Colleen Cameron
Jim Combs

Jack Gill
Bob Lee

Jennifer Legault
Malcome Legault

Cindy Ogilvie
Tom Schaeffer

ONGOING CLASSES AND GROUPS

CHARITY QUILT GROUP

The Charity Quilt Group meets the **2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**. For more information, contact Kay Neckel at 970-663-3434. **Our next meeting is May 13.**



HOLY HAPPY HOUR GROUP MEETS ON ALTERNATE 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. For more information, contact Tom Thompson at revtgt@hotmail.com.



SEARCHERS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

On Sunday, May 14, we will continue our PBS series "Hacking Your Mind." We will view "Us vs. Them." Many of the divisions tearing our country apart arise from our autopilot biases against "them" and how authoritarians "hack" those biases to gain power. We will find out how

each of us might overcome our autopilot biases and see the world as it really is. **Class meets in Rooms S030 & S040 and on Zoom at 8:45 am.**

Zoom link -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87214510263?pwd=Q1drMTRCbmEranVkUUFLRTg3NGtNUT09>

SOUL FEAST BOOK STUDY

Soul Feast book group invites you to journey with us for a five-week study of a spiritually uplifting book, Grateful by Diana Butler Bass. Join us every **Thursday at 2:00 pm in West Coy Hall**. All are welcome to join our discussion any week even if you don't have the book. For more information call Barbie Clark at 970-667-7445.

WEIGHTS WITH ANITA

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

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.

