



# The Window

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, Colorado

May 7, 2023

## 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 8 at 10:00am**, **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](mailto:jstout@lpbroadband.net) or Pastor Lee at 970-667-0876, [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com).



## TRUSCOTT TEACHER APPRECIATION DINNER

On **Friday, May 12** FUMC will be hosting a Teacher Dinner for the staff at Truscott Elementary. We need cash donations for a ham. We also need side dishes, salads and desserts to be dropped off at the church **by 2:45 pm on May 12**. A sign-up sheet and disposable containers are available at the Ask Me Desk or email Betsy Elliott at [elliott1710@comcast.net](mailto:elliott1710@comcast.net).

## METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Please visit the church's website, [www.fumcloveland.com](http://www.fumcloveland.com), under Groups & Events to download the application for the Loveland Methodist Foundation Scholarship, or pick up an application at the Ask Me Desk in Lobby Court. The applicant or the applicant's spouse, parent, guardian, or child must be a member of the First United Methodist Church of Loveland. **Completed applications will be accepted at the church until Friday, May 5.** Please put applications in the Loveland Methodist Foundation mailbox outside of the office door.



## FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH BUNCH

Join us on **Friday, May 5 in Coy Hall at 12:00pm** for a special lunch celebrating Memorial Day. We will have several guest speakers, delicious food, and as always; great fellowship!

## MAY MUSIC

May 7 - Children's musical, "Two by Two," written and directed by Susan Harding, Bill Eads will sing a special song for children. Please come and support the children of FUMC and the Union group as they present their special musical about Noah's Ark and having faith in God's promises. May 14 - Cindy and Matthew Utley duet, Chancel Choir. May 21 - Joanne Scheiing, clarinet, Spirit Sounds. May 28 - Josh Ceciliani, trombone, Chancel Choir.

## 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](mailto:pclaycarter@gmail.com) or call or text him at (970) 616-9686.

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

We want to send a big "thank you" to Janeen Anderson for her many years of faithful service as a counter for our weekly contributions. After 17 years of arriving at the church each Monday morning to count and deposit our contributions, Janeen has decided to retire from this job. But, you'll continue to see her in all her other important church roles: singing in the choir, serving as Membership Secretary, holding the very important role of Lay Leader, and anything else that needs to be done. Be sure to offer your thanks to Janeen for her valued service! And, if you would like to join our counting team, please contact Ellen Shepherd at 970-667-1524. Our counters meet at 8:00 am each Monday and usually finish their work in about an hour.



## FUMC LOVELAND FINANCIAL INFORMATION THROUGH APRIL 2023

Income YTD	\$252,365*	Budgeted Income YTD	\$225,032*
Expense YTD	\$220,249	Budgeted Expense YTD	\$219,691
Surplus/Deficit YTD	\$ 32,116	Budgeted Surplus/Deficit YTD	\$ 5,341

**\*Includes Dedicated Disbursements: \$27,299**

Thank you for your generous giving. Feel free to contact Karen Lumpkin at [business@fumcloveland.com](mailto:business@fumcloveland.com) if you would like additional financial information.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES



### CHILDREN'S MUSICAL AND TEA TO CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY

During the 10:00 service on **Sunday, May 7**, the children will put on a musical. Then, at 11:30 am, everyone is invited to come to Coy Hall for cake, tea and fellowship to celebrate having a mother, or being a mother, or the important women in your life! You won't want to miss it!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be no Children's Sunday School on Mother's Day, **May 14**.



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

**Sunday 5/7:** No Youth Group. Enjoy some tea with your mother after the church service.

**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.

## **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.fumcloveland.com](http://www.fumcloveland.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](http://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 [fumcloveland.com](http://fumcloveland.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](mailto:elliott1710@comcast.net) with questions.

## **PERSONALS**

### **Please pray for...**

Rev. Leslie & Brian, travel mercies as they hike 500 miles on the Camino de Santiago



### **Birthdays: May 7-13**

Jeanne Burns

Eunice Chambers

Evan Clegern

Evangeline Heusinkveld

Guia Hirning

Gordon McQueen

Blakely Mitchell

Nancy Sale

Virginia Senter

Roger Williams

## **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.



### **SEARCHERS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

**There will be no Searchers Class on Sunday, May 7.** Our program on May 14 continues 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=Q1drMTRCbmlEranVkUUFLRTg3NGtNUT09>

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:mbart6868@gmail.com) or Cindy Crawley at (770) 601-2749, [clcteach4th5th@aol.com](mailto:clcteach4th5th@aol.com).