



The Window

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO

September 17, 2023

A SPANISH AND ITALIAN FALL KICK-OFF POTLUCK

Join us **THIS Sunday**, immediately following worship in **Coy Hall** for a **Spanish and Italian themed Fall Kickoff Potluck**. Following a time of feasting and fellowship, Rev. Leslie will share about her pilgrimage across Northwestern Spain on the Camino de Santiago and Rev. Lee will share about her journey to The Apennines in Italy, respectively. Bring a dish to share. (Spanish or Italian-inspired entrees and desserts encouraged, but not required!) Drinks will be provided. Helping hands are needed for set-up and clean-up/tear down. If you can't be here in person, but would like to see the presentations, log on to Zoom at 11:30 with this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89315689331?pwd=bzBXRDK3U3p2Mm1zUHpLWU9LY3hHOT09>



GREETINGS MISSIONERS AND SUPPORTERS!



It's time to sign up for our 2024 Pura Vida construction trip to Guatemala. Last year's partnership with Longs Peak UMC in Longmont resulted in the largest team since the pandemic! Our 2024 trip is February 8-17. 10 days/9 nights, with the last two nights in Antigua. We will work on two cinder block homes, building half of each. Trip price is \$2,000/person including air and ground transportation, double occupancy rooms, most meals, translators, and medical/evacuation insurance. **We'd like applications and \$250 deposits by September 15.** In addition to in-person trip sign-up, there are \$250 virtual team memberships and opportunity to contribute construction funds at https://www.puravida.org/virtual-trip.html?trip_id=106. If you would prefer to help sponsor someone to go in your place, contact Team Leader #106, Keith Flaming at 970-223-1600, kflaming1@yahoo.com.

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JOIN THE CROP HUNGER WALK ON OCTOBER 1

After church on October 1, a team from our church and from First United Presbyterian will be combining forces (and FEET!) to fight hunger and poverty here in Loveland and around the world at the CROP Hunger Walk. This year's walk will be held at River's Edge Natural Area on First Street at 11:30 am, and will be just under two miles in length. The route is flat, on wide, gravel-covered paths circling several small ponds. All are welcome to walk with us - even friendly dogs on leash! A sign up for walkers and additional information can be found at the Ask Me Desk. Sarah Clegern is collecting donations after church in Coy Hall for the next two Sundays, and information will be available there if you would prefer to give online. 25% of all funds raised will be given to the Community Kitchen, while the remaining 75% will go to Church World Service to aid with disaster relief, clean water, and food security for our brothers and sisters around the world. Come join us and make a difference in the fight against hunger!



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HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE



There is still time to sign up for the Holy Land Pilgrimage, led by Rev. Leslie and Rev. AJ Bush, leaving January 8, 2024. If you are interested in learning more, contact Rev. Leslie at leslie@fumcloveland.com. It will be a meaningful experience at a great price!



FALL FEST AND WINTER COAT DRIVE

Union ministry is hosting a Fall Fest with carnival games, food and lots of fun at Dwayne Webster Park, September 30 from 4:00-6:00 pm. As a part of the event they will be collecting new and gently used winter jackets and other NEW winter gear for the House of Neighborly Service. Collection boxes will be set up at FUMC and TUMC, or drop off your donations at the event.

MUSIC FOR SEPTEMBER

September 17 - Spirit Sounds Bell Choir; September 24 - Chancel Choir, Rex Berg - guitar/vocal.

JOIN THE GREETERS TEAM!

We would love your help greeting people on Sunday mornings and welcoming people into the building. As a member of the team, you will not need to commit to every Sunday. Schedules are based on availability. You may sign up at the Ask Me Desk, or by contacting Lois Beers at 970-227-3278.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP TIME

After careful consideration, the pastors and Church Council have decided that we will continue offering a single service at 10:00 am throughout, at least, the end of the year. In the meantime, the ideal service expressions and times will continue to be evaluated and discerned by the Worship Committee and Church Council.

IF YOU LOVE TO READ, THEN WE NEED YOU!

Liturgists are needed to serve during our worship service on Sunday mornings. To sign up to serve as a liturgist, click on this link: [FUMC Loveland: Worship Liturgists \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/FUMC-Loveland-Worship-Liturgists).

INVITATION TO THE ELDERHOOD PROJECT

The Elderhood Project: Conversations and Scenarios is different from news stories about how tough it is to get old in our country and then offer no solutions. The conversations are designed to identify the ways that being in elderhood is a natural stage of life that has both difficulties and advantages. We will listen to each other talk about how aging affects ten enduring aspects of life. Then we will think of scenarios that could improve our interactions with family, churches, medical providers, neighborhood organizations, and other institutions that affect our quality of life. Sometimes we can advocate on our own, and sometimes as groups. Our aim is to show that elderhood is different from childhood and adulthood, and yet equally important. To get in on the conversations, send a request via a working email to Elderhood.Clay@gmail.com. He will send you an application and guidelines for Zoom meetings. You complete it and return it to Clay via email. He will send you a link to the Zoom address that you can use with any device that uses email. Clay will also send material about topics so that you can give thought to our theme for each day. When the meeting time arrives, sign on and join the conversation. No fees, no commitments to do anything other than show up. If you have questions, email Clay Carter at Elderhood.Clay@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

FUMC Women's Fellowship will meet at 12:00 pm on Thursday, September 28 in West Coy Hall. Sarah Dill will tell us about her life. Bonnie Coleman will furnish refreshments. Our project this month will be to (financially) help the new Birthline Facility in Loveland. All women are welcome. Hope to see you September 28. Contact Darlene Lowe at Aldarlowe@gmail.com with any questions.

AUDIO VISUAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the tech booth to run the soundboard, microphones, video slides and live streaming. Experience is not required. Volunteers will receive training on the equipment. If you wish to volunteer, please email Pastor Lee at lee@fumcleveland.com or call the church (970) 667-0876 and leave your name and phone number.

FALL FELLOWSHIP TIME

Would you like to see us continue with two Fellowship Times per month? If so, the FALL Fellowship sign up sheets are now posted on the wall next to the kitchen. Please sign up to host and/or bring goodies. Contact Betsy Elliott at elliott1710@comcast.net with questions.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Coordinator - Shannon Heusinkveld - shannonh@fumcloveland.com

Sunday, September 17: Sunday School at 9:45 am in the Education Wing.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mid & Senior High Youth - Matthew Utley - youth@fumcloveland.com

Sunday, September 17: The youth will join in on the church-wide potluck directly after church service. After the potluck, we will go on a hike at *Devil's Backbone.

***If you are new and would like to join us on the hike, please see Matthew Utley to fill out a permission form before we leave.**

Sunday, October 22: The youth will host a fellowship time after church where they will present a slideshow of photos from their Mission Trip.

*****New 6th graders are welcome to start coming to youth activities!!!**

GENERAL INFORMATION



Our church has online giving capability. Go to our website, 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; 2) Click King Soopers Community Rewards at the end of the page. 3) Search UK667 and click enroll. Questions? Call 970-631-2971.

WHERE TO GET FUMC NEWS

In addition to the Window, you can also find news in the Mission Memo and Senior Newsletter. Both publications can be found on the website, www.fumcloveland.com (Click on Publications).

PERSONALS

Please pray for...

Mary & Elden Gayman, health.
Georgia Chenoweth, major back surgery.
Clara Stutzman, procedure for fracture in her spine.
Larry & Mike Carlson, loss of their grandson.



Deaths:

We pray for Larry & Mike Carlson and their family at the passing of their grandson, *Walker Carlson*, on Wednesday, August 30.

Altar Flowers: Provided by Larry & Kay Ward in honor of their 55th Wedding Anniversary.



Birthdays: September 17-23

Kevin Ball
Rick Bradley

Juliana Hoch
Cindy Lewandowski

Iris Matney
Lauryn Simon

ONGOING CLASSES AND GROUPS

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP AT FUMC

All caregivers who have a loved one with Alzheimer's, dementia or cognitive impairment, will benefit from support from joining our group. For more information, please contact Barb Frank at (970-301-1615) or Barbie Clark at (970-667-7445). **We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 3:00 pm in West Coy Hall. Our next meeting is October 4.**

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 October 14.**

GAME DAY

FUMC Game Day meets monthly on the last Wednesday of the month from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at Joyce & Harvey Hirning's home, 2925 9th Place Ct SW. Attendees choose from an assortment of games. Call Joyce at 218-205-4777 to join us. **The next game day is September 27.**



HOLY HAPPY HOUR GROUP MEETS ON ALTERNATE MONDAYS

Holy Happy Hour meets on the **2nd and 4th Monday's of the month from 5:00 - 7:00 pm** at Vatos Tacos, at the Foundry, 270 N Cleveland in Loveland. For more information, contact Tom Thompson at revtgt@hotmail.com.

SEARCHERS CLASS

Class meets on Sundays at 8:45 am in Fellowship Hall, Rooms S030 & S040.

SOUL FEAST BOOK STUDY

Join us every **Thursday at 2:00 pm in West Coy Hall**. All are welcome to join our discussion any week. Call Barbie Clark at 970-667-7445 or brbclark@msn.com for more information.

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.



WOMEN OF THE CLOTH

The Women of the Cloth group would like to invite anyone that is interested in any of the needle arts to attend. **We meet in West Coy Hall every Friday at 9:30 am**. (Unless the church needs our space.) This group has been meeting for about 27 years and welcomes everyone.

On September 15 we will be staying all day to sew. So bring something to work on, your sack lunch, and join in. For more information call Ann Eatman at 970-215-3757.

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.