



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO  
February 8, 2026

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*Our mission: Loveland FUMC strives to bless and serve our local and world communities while living the teachings of Jesus Christ. We accept people as they are and strive to live in harmony with God and all of divine creation.*

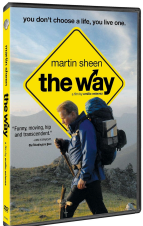
#### UPCOMING GROUP: UNDERSTANDING YOUR GRIEF

Join Pastor Lee and pastors and leaders from Zion Lutheran Church for this valuable support group for grievers that uses Dr. Alan Wolfelt's book ***Understanding Your Grief: Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart***. Through reading, journaling, and group discussions, we'll work together to understand the normal and necessary process of grief. The group meets at Zion Lutheran Church on Thursdays from 6:00-7:30pm, from February 12th-March 26th. Contact Pastor Lee with questions and to register at [lee@fumcloveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcloveland.com) or (970) 667-0876. **Please register by THIS Sunday, February 8th.**

#### OPPORTUNITIES FOR LENTEN DISCOVERY

Lent is a time to examine ourselves. It's a time to consider our life journey, the paths we're choosing, the pilgrimage that defines our lives. This year our Lenten experience will be centered on examining our hearts, our faith and our place in the world through pilgrimage. **You are invited to engage in pilgrimage through a variety of meaningful ways during Lent.**

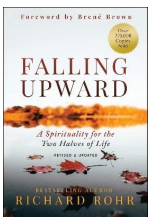
○ The **Ash Wednesday service** will be held here at **FUMC** at **6:30pm** on **February 18<sup>th</sup>**. Come enter into the Lenten season at this reflective ecumenical service, which will include an imposition of ashes.



○ Mark your calendars for a **movie night!** (Well, really a movie afternoon.) On **Sunday, February 22nd, at 2:45pm** we'll gather in Heart Hub to enjoy the moving, funny and inspirational movie, "The Way" (2010), starring Martin Sheen. The movie will kick off our Lenten experience, helping us remember how precious life is and how important it is to take time to think about our life journey. Popcorn and sodas will be provided. Feel free to bring a comfy chair or cushion or your own snacks.

**Parents, childcare will be provided!**

\*\*\*As this movie launches our Lenten time of reflection, you are encouraged to watch this movie on your own if you aren't able to attend in person at the church.



○ Join Revs. Leslie, Lee and Bryson on a spiritual journey. Our **Lenten book study** will explore the **bestselling book by Fr. Richard Rohr, Falling Upward**. Fr. Rohr seeks to help readers come to terms with the two halves of life, teaching that we can't understand the meaning of "up" until we have fallen "down." More importantly, Rohr describes what "up" can look like in the second half of life.

Most of us tend to think of the second half of life in chronological terms, but this book proposes a different paradigm...spiritual maturity. Learn how we "grow spiritually much more by doing it wrong than by doing it right". Find practical guidance to live a life of love and meaning in a world of suffering and challenge. Falling Upward is an invitation to living the gospel and a call to ongoing transformation.

Classes will be held at 11:30am following worship each Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> in Serenity Center (formerly Fellowship Hall). Books are \$15 and are ready for pickup and payment on the table outside the church office. Please let us know you'll be joining us on the sign-up sheet and place payment in the box when picking up your book.

- Custom Lenten devotionals will arrive in your inbox each Monday, Wednesday and Friday during Lent. We hope you enjoy brief moments of reflection. They will also be posted on Facebook. You're encouraged to like and share with your friends.

- Join us in worship for a six week Lenten sermon series called "The Way". You don't have to travel far – or even leave your home – to discover more intentional times of contemplation and connection with God.

- In the comfort of your own space, engage in virtual "Street Wisdom Walkshops" during Lent. Making intentional journeys has been a ritual of humankind across time and traditions. Dr. Marcia McFee will be hosting online "walkshops" each week of the Lent season. Using Zoom, Dr. Marcia will guide us through a time of "wandering" in order to gain wisdom for our lives. Based on the philosophy and practice of an international organization called "Street Wisdom" created by David Pearl, these sessions can be done on your phone as you take a walk around your city or neighborhood, or on a computer as you "travel" the rooms of your home—whatever works! It is about opening our senses in a way that helps us reflect on our journeys and discern next steps. To learn more and register, click [HERE for Walkshops](#). This is a new sort of thing. Why not give it a try?



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

**Hosts and Treat Makers are needed** on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month in order to ensure that we can all enjoy Fellowship Time together. Sign up sheets are on the Volunteer Hub table in Lobby Court.

**NOTE:** The Pot Luck which was advertised for March 1 has been CANCELED. We will have regular fellowship on March 1.



- **MORE BUS DRIVERS ARE NEEDED** for Sunday mornings. Gary Small currently drives the bus to help some of our homebound members come to worship in person, and there is a need for additional drivers to help. You do not need to drive every Sunday. Contact Pastor Lee at [lee@fumcleveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcleveland.com) to help, or talk to Gary about what the job entails.

- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY & FUMC**

FUMC is a mission partner with Loveland Habitat for Humanity. Here are some upcoming ways to support this valuable organization!

- **Become a ReStore Regular!** Do you or someone you know love sorting and organizing? Our ReStore is overflowing with donations, and we're looking for regular volunteers to help us sort clothes and housewares, test electronics, and put things out onto our sales floor. Learn more at [lovelandhabitat.org/volunteer](http://lovelandhabitat.org/volunteer).

- **CALLING THOSE WHO CAN OPERATE A VOLUME BUTTON!**

Volunteers are needed to assist with running the soundboard during the Sunday morning service. Training is available and prior experience is not required. Volunteers would not be expected to work every Sunday. Please contact Ryan Millard at [av@fumcleveland.com](mailto:av@fumcleveland.com) to ask questions or volunteer.

## SPECIAL MUSIC IN FEBRUARY

**Feb. 8** – Chancel Choir, Brian & Pam Day – guitar/vocal

**Feb. 15** – Spirit Sounds Bell Choir

**Feb. 22** – Chancel Choir, Neal Anderson – vocalist with Dave Mills, flute



**Mid & Senior High Youth Coordinator - Matthew Utley**

[youth@fumcloveland.com](mailto:youth@fumcloveland.com)

**Sunday 02/08: Youth Super Bowl Watch Party** / games at the church (4pm - end of Super Bowl). I will have something to serve for dinner. If able, bring a snack to share.

**Friday 02/13 - Monday 02-16: Ski Trip**

**Sunday 02/15: No youth group: Ski Trip**

**Sunday 02/22: Church Movie Night** 2:45pm - 5:15pm. The church will be showing *The Way* because it connects to the worship series we are doing for Lent. Snacks provided.

**Sunday 03/01:** Regular youth group 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Snacks provided

**Sunday 03/08:** Regular youth group 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Snacks provided

**Sunday 03/15: No youth group:** Spring Break



**Family Programming Coordinator - Desiree Aragon**

[familycoordinator@tumc-loveland.org](mailto:familycoordinator@tumc-loveland.org)

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS:**

This week the children are going to discover what it means to have faith in Jesus. The Bible story is from Luke: 5:17-26. In the story the five friends carry their friend on a mat to see Jesus to be healed.

**Interactive activity:** The kids will balance a stuffed animal on a handkerchief and walk from one point in the room to the next without dropping the animal. This instills the lesson of the friends carrying their friend.

### **Sunday School Volunteer Sign-Up (March–May)**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to teach Sunday School in January and February—we truly appreciate your help. The new teaching schedule for **March through May** is now available. Please click the sign-up link below to choose the date(s) that work best for you to volunteer. [FUMC Sunday School Volunteer Here](#)

**Attention Parents:** Buckhorn Camp – It is almost time to register kids for Camp Buckhorn! For more details reach out to Desiree Aragon at 308-520-8103.

**Parents:** Please note that there is a better way to sign in your kiddo(s) for Sunday school this year. You will find the scan code at the table with the balloons near the volunteer hub in Lobby Court along with the lead Sunday School teacher. Sunday School volunteers are vital for the success of children's ministries. You're invited to sign up for a date and time that works best for you. **Sign up [HERE](#).**

**Altar Flowers:** If you'd like to provide altar flowers for a worship service, details on how to sign up can be found at [www.fumcleveland.org](http://www.fumcleveland.org). Scroll down on the Worship tab.



### **PERSONALS**

#### **Prayers:**

Doneata Cohn's brother, Thomas, passed away January 25th, following heart surgery  
James Clegern's sister, Judy, passed away. Please remember the Clegern family, mother-in-law Carol, and nieces Olivia and Tisha in your prayers.

Mariah Clegern's grandmother, Patricia Melrose, in hospice care

A memorial service for Brad Eastman, son of Harriette & Rich Eastman who died December 31st, will be held Saturday, February 21st at 10:30am at FUMC. All are welcome.



#### **Birthdays: February 2nd - February 8th**

Matthew Utley  
Ginny Angelovic

Linda Schilling  
Richard Zelenka

Terry Gindlesparger  
Penny Kindred

Sheila Berg  
Mary Beth Rodgers