The Window

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

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.



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

What if we're so busy waiting for God to do something extraordinary that we're missing what God is already doing? We spend a lot of time focusing on what's missing, what's broken, and what's next. But what if the miracle isn't waiting somewhere in the future? Join us Sunday as we explore how gratitude can change the way we see our lives, and why sometimes the greatest miracle is simply learning to notice what's already there.



Nov. 8 – Spirit Sounds Bell Choir, Susan Chapman - flute
Nov. 15 – Chancel Choir, Clegern duet
Nov. 22 – Chancel Choir, Joanne Scheihing – clarinet
Nov. 29 – (First Sunday in Advent) Melanie Peffer – flute & Alaina Bongers – harp, Men's Quartet

ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE (A.K.A. CHARGE CONFERENCE)

You're Invited! **Join us this Sunday**, **November 8, from 1:00–2:30 p.m.** for our annual Charge Conference! This is an opportunity to gather as a church, celebrate ministry, conduct important church business, and look ahead to where God is leading us. Staying after worship? We'll have the **Broncos game on the big screen** so you can enjoy some football and fellowship before the meeting begins. We hope you'll join us!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Hanging of the Greens | November 29 @ 4pm. Come be a part of FUMC's kick-off to the Advent season! Do you love to sing, dance, play an instrument or narrate? We would love to have you participate in Hanging of the Greens service this year! Music can be traditional or contemporary, sacred or secular, expert or beginning levels. All are welcome! Please **contact Susan Harding by November 8** with questions or to sign up. susanmusicharding@gmail.com



ANGEL TREE

Our Church will be working with Prison Ministry Fellowship to provide Christmas gifts for many of Loveland's children this Christmas season. Paper Angel Ornaments will be ready on **November 15**, following Worship in **Heart Hub/Coy Hall.** You are invited to select one for the child you would like to purchase a gift for. The Angels will include the child's name, age, sizes & hopefully gift suggestions as well as gift return dates. For many years our Church Family's generosity has blessed the lives of many children in the Loveland area. Thank you all so much! Questions, please contact Terry Gindlespargar tgindle@msn.com or Pam Erickson lucyalicekansas2@gmail.com



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

FUMC Women's Fellowship will meet **Thursday, November 19th** at 1:00 p.m. in Heart Hub. We are having a "Dessert Potluck" (yum)! Please bring a dessert of your choice to share (about 12 servings). We will have a fellowship time, and Janet Wood will share stories of her life. All women and guests are welcome. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Darlene Lowe at: Aldarlowe@gmail.com.



FRIENDSGIVING

Join friends old and new for a Thanksgiving meal at FUMC on **Sunday, November 22nd** following worship. Food will be served in Heart Hub beginning at **11:30**. Carl Williams is cooking as a way to bring people together, so feel free to invite people you know, especially those who might be lonely during the holiday season! This is a free meal, but if you would like to make a donation, all donations will go to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to help the community of Pagosa Springs as they recover from flooding. This is not a potluck, but if you want to bring a dessert, pies are welcome. **Help is needed for serving food and clean up**, so please sign-up at the Volunteer Hub in Lobby Court or contact Pastor Lee (lee@fumcloveland.com) or Carl Williams (cpwilliams1985@gmail.com).



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

Salvation Army Christmas Kettle – Our congregation has "rung the bell" for the Loveland Salvation Army for a number of years and to great effect. Our Saturdays at the Loveland Sam's Club raise more than $3,000 each year, money that stays and is used in Loveland. Sign-up sheets will be available in Lobby Court for two-hour slots beginning Sunday, Nov. 1. You may also register/sign up for a particular time slot (or two!) using this link-
https://volunteer.western.salvationarmyusa.org/reservations/AHuAgaLL52
We start ringing the Saturday before Thanksgiving and continue through Christmas. Please direct any questions to Barry Wehrle - barrywehrle@gmail.com. This is fun, people are generous and the Salvation Army and its many programs are supported. Please sign up!



LOOKING FOR MONEY COUNTERS

Do you like to count money? Here's an opportunity for you. Each week a dedicated, small team of people help count Sunday's offering. The team is losing a member, and they need someone to fill their place. They meet on Monday mornings at 8:00 and are typically finished by 8:45. No accounting or bookkeeping experience necessary. Please contact Betsy Elliott at elliott1710@comcast.net if you are interested in helping.



CIRCLE OF LIFE

Circle of Life is a program that trains volunteers who provide support and resilience education for grieving children in the Thompson School District. Bev Goodier, M.A., from First United Methodist Church, and other community professionals provide training for volunteers from First United Methodist Church, Trinity Lutheran Church and the wider community. School counselors identify students who have experienced a death, divorce or incarceration. Mary Camp from Trinity is our administrator who works with the schools to schedule the groups. These trained, competent and dedicated volunteers are starting new groups in the next few weeks. Research shows that early intervention after a loss can help prevent a host of issues, such as complicated grief, posttraumatic stress disorder, depression and anxiety, suicidal thoughts, addiction, developmental disruption, etc., that can develop in people who receive no help after a loss. This is what motivates volunteers to provide support for kids experiencing distressing events in their lives. Please pray for these volunteers as they begin the new year with new groups, new kids and new stories. Please know, FUMC is making a difference.



GRATEFUL FOR KAREN LUMPKIN'S MINISTRY!
Karen Lumpkin has retired from her position as our Business Manager and her last day in the office is November 5. We are grateful to Karen for her faithfulness and dedication in serving alongside of us in ministry. We are excited for her as she enters this new chapter of her life, traveling, playing tennis, and spending time with her grandchildren and family. We encourage you to share your appreciation for Karen's ministry by bringing a card to the church office. We will be sure she receives your cards when she returns from her vacation.

SPRC is currently accepting resumes for our Business Manager position. In the meantime, Dan Nelson of Black Ink Bookkeeping will be our interim bookkeeper, ensuring that payroll and bills are paid. Dan is a former ordained United Methodist pastor and understands the intricacies of church life and the United Methodist system. He will be in the office on Tuesdays during the interim if you'd like to stop in and say hello and thank him for helping us bridge the gap in this season of transition.

HIGHLIGHTED VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT FUMC
(For more ways to serve, see the Volunteer Hub in Lobby Court or go to fumcloveland.org/Ministries/Missions & Service)]



- ***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. These roles are in addition to the set up and clean up roles for fellowship; hosts focus on making coffee and setting out food. Sign up sheets are on the Volunteer Hub table in Lobby Court.
- ***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@fumcloveland.com to help or talk to Gary about what the job entails.
- ***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@fumcloveland.com to ask questions or volunteer.



MID & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP
Contact Judy Graff for more information. jcatgraff@gmail.com
November 8 – Guest Speaker: Carolyn Bouchard. Discerning our emotions and the stories we tell about them.
November 15 - Shopping for Angel Tree and Friendsgiving dinner



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Contact Sarah Clegern for more information. dcmsarah@yahoo.com

Stay tuned for more children's ministry news coming soon.



PRAYERS
Melanie & Kevin Peffer and family, in the death of Melanie's father on October 5.

We give thanks for the life of Virginia Tanner, who entered eternal life on October 4. We hold in prayer her daughter Ellen and son-in-law David Shepherd and family. At Virginia's request, there will not be a memorial service but her family will gather at a later time.



November 2 – November 8
Jim Willard Shelley Tungesvick John Morgan



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.fumcloveland.org. Scroll down on the Worship tab.