

Church Council Agenda

Sep 4, 2025 6:30 [Heartbeat Bay](#)

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.

We welcomed Rev. Leslie, Rev. Lee, Pastor Matthew, Desiree, Cindy, John M, John K, Debbie, Barry, Andrea, Joy and Judy.

Welcome/devotion ~ Judy shared some of Father Richard Rohr's perspective on change (since that has been a focus of FUMC for some time). "Change is **not** something humans are attracted to... . We like things the way we like things. And yet, the first words out of Jesus's mouth tell us that he's come to give us a philosophy of **change**."

Approve July minutes; officially approve the email minutes from Aug 4 **Both sets of minutes were approved unanimously.**

Prayer requests ~ **Desiree asked that we be in gratitude for alight and love that we don't always notice; we pray for hearing God's guidance; Andrea adopted two dogs and one, Callie, has a possible tear in her knee; Pam Erikson is experiencing miserable allergies; Doug Hill is having painful back issues.**

Pastors

- Rev. Leslie Wood
- Rev. Lee Anderson Harris
- Pastor Matthew Utley, Youth Ministries Coordinator

Staff

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| Church Treasurer | Karen Lumpkin |
| Music Coordinator | Kathryn Peiffer |
| Choir Director | Nicole Ceciliani |
| Youth Ministries Coordinator | Matthew Utley |
| | youth group! |
| Family Programming Coordinator | Desiree Aragon |
| Bell Choir Director | Susan Harding |

**Pastor Matt is happy to have several new faces in
We are so happy to have Desiree back!**

Committees

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| Lay Leader | TBD |
| Financial Secretary | Cindy Utley |
| Staff Parish | John Morgan |
| Finance | Charlie Bouchard |
| Trustees | Debbie Tikka |

- **The dead tree on the east side of the building will be removed. We will contract for tree maintenance so that trees can be checked regularly.**
- **We have the same wifi password throughout the church! Users should sign on the BeMyGuest@FUMC network, using the same password as the one used for the prior WIFI networks. Check with Pam Day in the office, or visit the Sound Booth on Sunday if you don't know or have forgotten the password.**
- **Painting projects have been completed.**
- **Trustees are working on a grant for LED lights and fixtures to replace fluorescent lights throughout the building.**

- We are getting a new elevator, and it will be paid for from the 57th St property money. Installation will take about three weeks as soon after the Christmas holidays as possible. Installation will cause some inconvenience, but we will announce it as soon as we have the dates so people can plan around it.
- Joyful Junction needs cameras; Trustees will put this on their agenda.

Abiding Memorials

Betty Hill

Stewardship

John Kindred

- \$375K has been pledged/promised in the first week of the stewardship campaign!
- We wanted to raise \$58K from the congregation to match the \$60K donated anonymously. To date, \$34K has been raised.

Missions and Social Concerns

Barry Wehrle

Marketing & Outreach

Andrea Ortega

Membership Secretary

Janeen Anderson

Safety and Security

- Chris, our IT guy, has some concerns about digital security; he will present some ideas for addressing them to a small, representative team of staff and laity soon.
- There are two main parts to security: physical things (tripping hazards, elevators, etc.) and the security system itself (doors, monitors, etc.). Pam Day is working with Gary Parry to get the system up to speed.
- Do we need a fire drill? We will plan for one at a future date that will happen with advance notice and probably after the Sunday morning benediction.
- We have talked about putting handicap buttons by the bathrooms (for everyone who needs it, including renters). It is a bigger expense than we can take on now, but we will make sure that Pam Day lets potential renters know that no buttons are available. It is still on the table.

UM Foundation

Mike Westbrook

Lay Members to AC

Matthew Utley, TBD

At Large

Marlene Thurman, Joy Shaw, Pam Erickson

Church Council Chair

Judy Stout

Discussion

Committee reports

Building Use Committee (aka Get It Done Committee)

Joy asked for some feedback from CC so that the project can be 'finalized.'

- Room names: realizing that there is some level of confusion about room names, and some think the names are too 'cutsey' or the changes unnecessary, the names do identify the purpose of the spaces. They are there to let potential renters know what we are about. There will eventually be signs. The names were approved with one abstention.
- Dividers for Hearteat Bay and Pause Place are still on the table. We hope for more options before making a final decision. For now, Pam Day will let potential renters know that the space isn't divided, and a group may be moved to a different space if Heart Hub AND one of the smaller spaces are rented at the same time.
- Renters of Heart Hub have access to the kitchen. We can work on a separate rental process for the kitchen only.
- Joyful Junction can be divided, but will be available as one large room.
- The Facilities Documents (including maps) were approved unanimously with one correction: the label "Finance Office" will be removed.
- Looking ahead, Joy suggested that at a potluck we have a scavenger hunt to help acquaint people with the new names.
- We need to have an attorney look at our rental information/documents. Judy will contact Mike Westbrook and Randy Starr.
- Joy and other committee members were congratulated for completing this Herculean task!! 🙌🙌

Policies and education needed for protocols in case ICE shows up at the church:

- We received some information from the Conference, but much of it was updated in May, and circumstances have changed.
- Andrea will contact the preschool to find out what they have decided.
- Judy contacted "Ask the UMC" and received a response that will be attached to the minutes. We can continue to discuss the issue.
- Judy recalled a report Rev Lee made from a previous Annual Conference where 'inclusion' meant to look beyond physical/obvious differences. For example, many people have sensitivity to things such as loud sounds, certain lights and strong scents such as flowers and perfume. We will continue discussing ways to make our worship spaces comfortably accessible to everyone.

Nominations ~ If you have not let Rev. Leslie know of your intentions to continue in your leadership role in the next year, please do so.

Rev. Leslie noted that in a personal conversation with Bishop Stoneking, "[s]he expressed to me her appreciation and enthusiasm for the work...the justice and love-centered missions and ministries...that we are doing here at FUMC. As I heard her words, I felt so grateful for all of you, our laity leaders and volunteers."

Closing Prayer ~ we are sent out to embrace change and the possibilities that God has placed before us.

Future Church Council Meetings: Heartbeat Bay at 6:30

Thursday Nov 6

Meeting TBD to approve budget

Charge/Church Conference Oct 12

Purpose of Church Council ~ The church council is the primary group responsible for the overall ministry of the local church. By establishing the vision of the congregation, the council can then help to order and implement the various ministry opportunities.

CC is the visioning body of the church and is comprised of all committee chairs and at-large members. We are not a 'confederation of silos' acting independently; we all work together for the good of our church and community.

Meetings are open to all.