

Church Council Agenda

May 12, 2025

**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, Katheryn Peiffer, Matthew Utley, Cindy Utley, John Morgan, Charlie Bouchard, Betty Hill, John Kindred, Andrea Ortega, Joy Shaw, Judy Stout**

**We missed Nicole Ceciliani, Desiree Aragon, susan Harding, Debbie Tikka, Barry Wehrle, Janeen Anderson, Keith Flaming, Mike Westbrook, Marlene Thurman, Pam Erickson and guest Ginny Angelovic**

Welcome ~ Judy

Devotion ~ Judy **(from a colleague of Rev. Leslie's) What was good for the past will not work in the present. Many things have changed over our lifetimes, but church has not...**

Approve Mar 10 minutes: **approved**

Prayer requests: **Rev Leslie's brother-in-law who has extreme back pain from spinal fractures. And his wife, Cindy.**

Pastors

Rev. Leslie Wood and Rev. Lee Anderson Harris

Staff

Church Treasurer	Karen Lumpkin
Music Coordinator	Kathryn Peiffer
Choir Director	Nicole Ceciliani
Youth Ministries Coordinator	Matthew Utley

**In his role as intern, Matthew has created an awesome "We Believe" webpage. John Morgan moved approval to add it to our website (with minor changes), Charlie seconded and it was unanimously approved.**

Family Programming Coordinator	Desiree Aragon
Bell Choir Director	Susan Harding

Committees

Lay Leader	TBD
Financial Secretary	Cindy Utley
Staff Parish	John Morgan
Finance	Charlie Bouchard
Trustees	Debbie Tikka
Abiding Memorials	Betty Hill
Stewardship	John Kindred
Missions and Social Concerns	Barry Wehrle
Marketing & Outreach	Andrea Ortega
Membership Secretary	Janeen Anderson
Safety and Security	Keith Flaming
UM Foundation	Mike Westbrook
Lay Members to AC	Matthew Utley, TBD
At Large	Marlene Thurman, Joy Shaw, Pam Erickson
Church Council Chair	Judy Stout

Additions to the agenda?

Business:

- Committee reports

- Karen Lumpkin has received notice that FUMC Loveland is a beneficiary of Helen Hengl's estate. First Interstate Bank is the trustee of the Helen L Hengl Trust. With Council's approval, they would like her to sign a W-9 form for tax purposes. They need a copy of Council meeting minutes stating per Council vote and approval that 'Karen Lumpkin as the Business Manager, has the authority to sign the W-9 on FUMC Loveland's behalf.' **Motion made by Cindy Utley and seconded by John Kindred: "Move to approve authority for Karen Lumpkin, FUMC Business Manager, to sign the W-9 form on FUMC Loveland's behalf. This form is from First Interstate Bank, trustee of the Helen L Hengl Trust, and is for tax purposes." Motion unanimously approved.**
- Our financial issues...
  - Follow-up on comments from all-church meetings **We appreciated attendance and comments made at the meetings.**
  - Responsibilities related to donation
    - **We are astonished and excited about our anonymous donation, but realize that it does not *solve* the financial problem. We still need to increase our revenue to match expenditures.**
    - **Rev. Leslie will reach out to the donor.**
    - **We believe that the stewardship campaign needs to begin now; there is a sense of urgency that we should capitalize on. We need to keep the momentum of the anonymous donation going. John K agreed, saying we will start stewardship for now and the next year.**
    - **John K reminded us that volunteer (including the 5Ms) hours save us a LOT of money.**
    - **A church garage sale would help clean out 'stuff' and raise money; we could rent parking spaces for people who want to participate.**
    - **We need a church COMMITMENT.**
    - **Joy agreed to create and maintain a 'matching contribution' thermometer or bucket measuring the amount of new money we take in as part of this campaign.**
    - **Rev. Leslie reiterated that although we haven't had a lot of new members in the past year, we have had a number of constituent members who give regularly. Our congregation needs to be on the lookout for visitors and be RADICALLY WELCOMING in greeting them!**
- Vision statement ~ we will work on this using our new "Our Beliefs" web info as well as the new UMC vision statement and guidelines. Looking for volunteers...

#### Discussion

- Do we have an 'official' Facility Use Agreement and Fee Schedule? **The document is still fluid per Joy. We hope to have it 'finalized' in September.**
- Thoughts about dividers in Coy Hall? **This discussion has been tabled for a year, although it was mentioned that we could have a divider for W Coy and leave E Coy open. E Coy is being used in a lot of ways.**
- Thoughts about renaming Coy Hall?
  - **There has been a lot of interest per the display in Lobby Court. The question was asked— why does it need to be renamed? The answer is that as we create space in our building for the community, we are trying to 'freshen it up.' We have new carpet and are getting new paint. It seems time for a change. We could add a plaque that tells the history of Coy Hall ('This space was Coy Hall, now it is\_\_\_\_'). Council was in agreement that we will still ask for congregation input.**
  - **John Morgan moved, Cindy Utley seconded the motion to approve removing the lettering in Coy Hall ('Coy Hall' and the 'Transforming lives' text) for painting purposes. Approved unanimously.**
- Can we get our mission statement more visible? On the bulletin, the screen before service, our outside sign? **YES, we will work on that.**

Closing Prayer ~ Judy Rev. Lee (thanks!)

**Future Church Council Meetings: Mondays at 6:00 in Fellowship Hall**

**July 7**

**(We may change the dates for Sept. and Nov. so we can have Trustees' representation.)**

**Sept. 8**

**Nov. 10**

**Charge/Church Conference Oct 12**

**Meeting TBD to approve budget**