



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO  
September 21, 2025

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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.*



#### NEXT MISSIONS FUNDRAISER DINNER

Join us **NEXT week, September 24th** for the **Wednesday Missions Meal**. Dinner is served **5:30-6:00pm**. The menu will be Mexican, with tamales, rice, guacamole, chips, and a dessert. The FUMC Missions/Social Concerns Committee hosts these as a

way to bring people together and raise funds. 100% of the money received goes into the Missions fund to be used to respond quickly to local, national or worldwide fundraising needs as they arise. Tickets are required for a headcount and cost \$10 per adult and \$5 per child 10 & under. **The deadline to purchase/reserve your meal ticket is THIS Sunday.** Purchase yours in Lobby Court after the worship service this week, or reserve your ticket [online here](#) and pay at the door. **There is also a need for some extra hands this month!** Please sign up to help when you make your reservation or contact Barry Wehrle at [barrywehrle@gmail.com](mailto:barrywehrle@gmail.com) or 732-754-2235.

#### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

**THIS Sunday**, we'll be holding a backpack blessing during the children's message. Please encourage your child to bring their backpack to church that day to participate and receive a blessing for the school year ahead.

#### CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

A HUGE thank-you to Matthew Utley and Mark Elliott for the hours and excellent work that has been put into creating our new website: [www.fumcloveland.org](http://www.fumcloveland.org). Be sure to take a look by clicking [HERE](#). Note the new web address. It's really a **simple change, from ".com" to ".org"**. Everything else remains the same.



#### CHANGES TO FUMC WIFI

To simplify logging onto the church guest network, there is now a single WiFi network name. Be sure to connect your cellphone or computer WiFi to: **BeMyGuest@FUMC**. The password remains the same as the one used for the prior WiFi networks. Check with our Office Manager, Pam Day or visit the Sound Booth on Sunday if you have forgotten the password.

#### FUMC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

FUMC Women's Fellowship will meet at **Noon NEXT Thursday, September 25th**, in Heart Hub, (W. Coy Hall). Our project this month is to donate socks for Salvation Army clients (new or clean used adult socks). Phyllis Wehrle & Kathryn Peiffer will present the program on the life of Fanny Crosby (hymn writer). Phyllis will give some biographical information about her. We will listen to and sing some of her songs. Kathryn will play, on her hammered dulcimer, some of Fanny Crosby's hymns, and also some traditional standard tunes. All women and guests are welcome. Please RSVP to Darlene Lowe ([aldarlowe@gmail.com](mailto:aldarlowe@gmail.com)).

## 2025 CROP HUNGER WALK

**September 28, 2025, Noon to 1:30 p.m.**

**Venue:** King of Glory Lutheran Church, 2919 Wilson Ave, Loveland, CO 80538

**Route:** 2.6 miles round-trip; King of Glory Church to Benson Sculpture Park

We're one week away from joining the fight against hunger both here and around the world with the CROP Walk, and we are halfway to our goal of raising \$2,000! If you can afford to give even \$20, a family in Kenya with food insecurity can receive five chickens. And the help stays locally, too! 25% of what we raise will go to the Community Kitchen. Come walk with us, support us with prayer, or make a donation if you are able. Together, we are Christ's hands and feet! To donate, click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code.



## SPECIAL MUSIC IN SEPTEMBER



**Sept. 21** – Chancel Choir, Melanie Pepper, flute & Joanne Scheihing, clarinet duet

**Sept. 28** – Lutheran Men of Song (guest choir)

## 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 will work together to understand the normal and necessary process that we call grief. The group meets at Zion Lutheran Church on Thursdays from 6:00-7:30pm, from October 2nd - December 18th (excluding Thanksgiving). 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, September 21st.**

## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

FUMC Church Council met on Thursday, September 4th. If you would like a copy of the minutes, please contact council chair Judy Stout at [jstout@lpbroadband.net](mailto:jstout@lpbroadband.net) or 303 956-2080 or click [HERE](#) to read online.

## CHAIR YOGA CLASSES COMING SOON

I am so excited and grateful to be invited to share my love of **Christ-centered Chair Yoga** with the FUMC family! My name is **Susan VanMeakins**, and I have been teaching Christ-centered yoga since 2021 at LifeSpring Church in Loveland. I specialize in teaching gentle yoga on a mat or a chair, combined with Christian spiritual disciplines, biblical scripture readings, and prayer. Our 45-minute classes at your church will be held on **Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.**, downstairs in the Serenity Room (Fellowship Hall).

*Yoga Classes*

The **first class will be on October 8th**, and your **first class is always free**. You will experience a fun, loving community of believers gently exercising their bodies and filling their minds with God's word together, so come and check it out! If you choose to continue and transform your life and health with Christ-centered chair yoga, I offer reasonable packages and memberships. Learn more on my website at Christ-Centered Yoga Reflections LLC [HERE](#).

P.S. You've probably seen me a few times singing at your church with my sister, Sarah Clegern. I can't wait to meet you!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ***The 2025 PURA VIDA ANNUAL GATHERING and SILENT AUCTION is on October 17*** at St. Luke's UMC in Highlands Ranch. Pura Vida, which provides support to rural Guatemalans through housing, assistance with education for kids, and more is a mission partner with FUMC. Tickets are \$55. Get your tickets by October 12 and more information at [puravida.org/gathering](http://puravida.org/gathering).



- ***CALLING ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS!***

**Get Involved in Sunday School this Fall!**

- **Sunday School is in full swing again.**

- **Opportunities Available:**

- \* Sunday School Lead
- \* Sunday School Shepherd
- \* Nursery Helper

- **Easy & Rewarding:** The curriculum and activities are *completely* planned and prepared.

- **Support Provided:** Desiree Aragon will send you a personalized email with all the details after you sign up.

- **Ready to Make a Difference? Here are the ways!**

**Sign up online to volunteer [HERE](#) or use the sign up sheet at the Volunteer Hub.**

- ***HABITAT FOR HUMANITY & FUMC***

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

- **Faith Build with Habitat for Humanity**

Join us Saturday, September 27th, 8:00am - 3:30pm to help build a home with Habitat for Humanity. No experience necessary. **Lunch** will be provided by FUMC. Sign up [HERE](#) or at the Volunteer Hub in Lobby Court.

- **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).

- **The Builder's Ball**

**Get your tickets today for the 9th Annual Builder's Ball!** Celebrate community, connection and hope! Join Loveland Habitat for Humanity on **Saturday, November 1st** at Ellis Ranch for an unforgettable evening to support affordable homeownership in Loveland. More than a night out—it's a chance to change lives. With your support, we'll be able to provide more Lovelanders with the security and stability of a home they can call their own. The night will include silent and live auctions, entertainment and Loveland Habitat highlights. Don't miss out—purchase your tickets or become a sponsor today! Learn more [HERE](#).

- ***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](mailto:av@fumcloveland.com) to ask questions or volunteer.



Family Programming Coordinator - Desiree Aragon -  
[familycoordinator@tumc-loveland.org](mailto:familycoordinator@tumc-loveland.org)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

**Parents:** Please note that there will be a better way to sign in your kiddo(s) for Sunday school this year. See **Desiree before the service** at the table with the balloons near the volunteer hub in Lobby Court.

**Sunday School volunteers** are vital for the success of children's ministries. **See above** for ways that you can support this ministry.

Don't forget the **Blessing of the Backpacks** is **THIS Sunday** during the Little's Message in the worship service. Please encourage your child to bring their backpack to church that day to participate and receive a blessing for the school year ahead.



Mid & Senior High Youth Coordinator - Matthew Utley - [youth@fumcloveland.com](mailto:youth@fumcloveland.com)

**Sunday 09/21:** Regular youth group 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Snacks provided

**Sunday 09/28:** Regular youth group 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Snacks provided

**Sunday 10/05:** Regular youth group 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Snacks provided

**Sunday 10/12:** Regular youth group 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Snacks provided

**Sunday 10/19:** No Youth Group: Ignite

**Sunday 10/26:** Trunk or Treat

## PERSONALS



### Prayers:

Laurie Mullins, in hospice care, visits are welcome and encouraged  
Barbie Clark, healing from heart attack in July  
Jeanne Burns, healing from surgery  
Suzanne Proctor, Mother (Margaret Smith) passed away.

We give thanks for the life of Rev. Ted Nutting, who entered into eternal life on September 16th after a short illness. We remember in prayer his wife Kitty and their family. A memorial service is pending.

### Birthdays: Sept. 15 - Sept. 21, 2025

Zach Latshaw

Cindy Lewandowski

Kevin Ball

Juliana Hoch

