



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
November 16, 2025

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.

ANGEL TREE PROJECT

Our Church will, once again this Christmas Season, be working with **Prison Ministry Fellowship** to provide Christmas gifts for many of Loveland's children. Angel Ornaments will be ready on **November 16th** in Heart Hub (formerly Coy Hall), following Worship. 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. You will want to select yours before they're all gone! We have received news of another way to provide gift(s) for a child this Christmas. We will have informational flyers on Sunday if you might be interested. 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 call** Terry Gindlespargar, 563-343-2268 or Pam Erickson, 970-988-8424.

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS

In light of SNAP benefits being unavailable right now, the Missions/Social Concerns Committee has discussed how FUMC can respond. There are two ways you can give to folks in need:

- Truscott Elementary is starting a food pantry for their families and has asked FUMC to help stock it. Their families in need are looking for these items: rice (1 or 2 lb bags), canned soup, canned pinto beans, pasta and cereal. These shelf-stable items will go a long way. You can bring these items to the church on Sundays or during office hours (M-Th 8-3, Fri 8-12) between now and Thanksgiving. Look for the Truscott collection box in Lobby Court.
- You can make a financial donation that will be given to the Food Bank of Larimer County. Bring or mail a check made out to First United Methodist Church with Food Bank or FBLC in the memo line. Or, donate online at fumcloveland.org, click Give & Support, and make a one-time donation with Food Bank or FBLC typed into the "write a note" section.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our FUMC Women's Fellowship will meet Thursday, November 20th at noon in Heartbeat Bay (formerly West Coy). This is our annual salad luncheon. Please bring a salad to share, and your own table service. Jim Willard (an FUMC member) will present an interesting program on religious gospel music. He will play some of his favorite gospel pieces and review them. All women and guests are welcome. Please let me know if you plan to attend. RSVP to Darlene Lowe: Aldarlowe@gmail.com. Hope to see you on November 20th.

CHURCH DECORATING DAY NOV 24

Come help decorate the church for Advent! Meet in the sanctuary on November 24th at 9:00am to lend a hand in beautifying the building for this special season. No need to RSVP, just show up! Thank you for your help!

ADVENT BOOK STUDY

With all the war and unrest in the Holy Land these past two years, this year's **Advent Book Study** will shed light on the land and people that have called Palestine home in heart and hearth for thousands of years. [*The First Advent in Palestine: Reversals, Resistance, and the Ongoing Complexity of Hope*](#) by Kelley Nikondeha will put the Advent story in its historical context and help us gain a new understanding of the tumultuous times in which that first Christmas took place and illustrate the connections that make this scripture story all the more relevant for our world today. Join Pastors Leslie, Lee and Bryson in

Serenity Center (Fellowship Hall), each Sunday during Advent from 11:30-1:00pm. **Sign up** to participate at the Ask Me Desk **by November 16th**. Books will be available by November 23rd, on the table outside the office. Cost per book is \$16.00 and can be placed in the cash box next to the books.



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Hanging of the Greens is back this year! It will be **Sunday, November 30th at 4:00pm** in the sanctuary. Come be a part of this special service to start off the Advent Season! The service will be followed by a meal in Heart Hub (formerly Coy Hall). We are looking for instrumental and vocal performers to be a part of the Hanging of the Green's service. Click [HERE](#) to see a slide

show that has narrations and vacant slots for performers to sign up. We need you to complete the service! PLEASE consider contributing your talents to kick off the Advent season with a sensational, uplifting performance/gathering as we enter the season of HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE. Please reach out to Susan Harding at susanmusicharding@gmail.com if you have any questions!

ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS TODAY

The worship Committee is offering the opportunity to purchase Christmas Poinsettias for \$10.00 each to be used for our Advent services. **Order forms are at the Ask Me Desk** in Lobby Court with spaces to dedicate the Poinsettia in memory or honor of loved ones. Place your check and order form in the basket labeled "Christmas Poinsettias". **The deadline for ordering Poinsettias is November 30th**. Thank you for helping beautify the sanctuary for Christmas! Please pick up your Poinsettias after the last service on Christmas Eve.



SPECIAL MUSIC IN NOVEMBER

Nov. 16th – Spirit Sounds Bell Choir

Nov. 23rd – Chancel Choir, Sarah & Ben Clegern, duet

Nov. 30th – Chancel Choir, Alaina Bongers, harp

CHAIR YOGA CLASSES AT FUMC

Curious about the Christ-centered chair yoga happening at FUMC? Class instructor Susan Van Meakins has put together a video to talk more about it, and even guides you through a short movement prayer. Watch the video by clicking [here](#).



HISTORY HAS BEEN MADE

Annual conferences across the globe have now voted on four constitutional amendments that were approved by the 2024 General Conference. Our Bishop Stoneking writes, "History has been made! Thanks be to God...for a new church which we are celebrating with the passage of all four amendments of the United Methodist constitution!...A commitment to inclusiveness has been strengthened [and] we have affirmed our commitment to combating racism, racial inequity, colonialism, white privilege, and white supremacy. For more information about the amendments and how they will shape the United Methodist Church going forward, click [HERE](#).



AN ALTERNATIVE GIFT OPTION FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Pura Vida is once again offering Alternative Gift Cards for sale. You can make a tax-deductible contribution to support Pura Vida's Christmas Milk Program and Unsponsored Student Fund, and receive a beautiful card to send to friends and family, telling them a donation has been made in their name. Pura Vida is a mission partner of FUMC. For many years,

members of this congregation have volunteered time and given financial contributions to provide housing and support to students and families in rural Guatemala. To order your cards, click [HERE](#).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS** are needed to help raise funds for the Loveland Salvation Army this holiday season. FUMC partners with this program each year, ringing the bell to encourage donations at the Loveland Sam's Club on Saturdays. 2-hour shifts are available beginning November 22. Sign up at the "holiday" Volunteer Hub 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.

- **PURA VIDA**

FUMC is a mission partner with Pura Vida. Here are some upcoming ways to support this valuable organization!

- The **2026 Pura Vida English Camp**, sponsored by Church of the Hills Presbyterian in Evergreen, is still in need of volunteers to help provide a week of intensive English language instruction to students in the Western Highlands of Guatemala. No special skills are needed! The ability to speak English and a love of working with young people is all that's required. We will work with small groups of well-behaved kids, enhancing their basic English skills using conversation, songs, and games.

Trip Dates: June 12 - 21, 2026. Trip Cost: \$1475 + airfare (variable); trip deposit is \$500.

Deadline for application and trip deposit: November 15, 2025. [Trip application can be completed by clicking here.](#) The deposit and subsequent payments can be made by credit card [by clicking here](#), or by check made out to Pura Vida and mailed to: Pura Vida, PO Box 843, Salida, CO 81201.

- **Pura Vida Virtual Mission Trip**....Join the FUMC Mission Trip to Guatemala virtually. Our team will be traveling in February and you can be an important team member by signing up at the following link: https://www.puravida.org/virtual-trip.html?trip_id=119. Joining as a virtual member helps cover construction costs and will provide you with exclusive access to photos and videos during our week of construction. If virtual membership isn't in the cards, any donation would be appreciated. Make donations at that same link or donate through FUMC with the memo "2026 Pura Vida Work Trip". Thank you for your support.

- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY & FUMC**

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

- **Colorado Gives Day**

Early Giving is open! Your generosity will help us continue building homes, communities, and hope in Loveland for years to come. Colorado Gives Day is the biggest giving event in the state and is an amazing way to make a meaningful impact. As housing costs continue to rise, every dollar can make a difference in helping Lovelanders achieve the dream of safe, decent, and affordable homeownership in our community. From November 1st through December 9th, every donation you make is boosted by a \$1M+ Incentive Fund, thanks to Colorado Gives Foundation and FirstBank. Our 2025 goal of \$20,000 will help us continue building homes - from laying the foundations to the final coat of paint. Colorado Gives Day 2025 is on Tuesday, December 9th. Don't miss out on your chance to join the wave of generosity. Together, we build affordable communities.

- **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.

- **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.



Family Programming Coordinator - Desiree Aragon -
familycoordinator@tunc-loveland.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

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](#)



Mid & Senior High Youth Coordinator - Matthew Utley -
youth@fumcleveland.com

Sunday 11/16: Regular youth group 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Snacks provided.

Sunday 11/23: Youth Group Friendsgiving Dinner 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Parents Welcome.

Sunday 11/30: No Youth Group: Thanksgiving Break

Sunday 12/07: Regular youth group 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Snacks provided.

Saturday 12/13: Cookie Jar Fundraiser 9 - 11 am.

Sunday 12/14: No Youth Group

Sunday 12/21: Christmas Caroling!



Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Del Schultz - husband of Charlotte and father of Karen James.

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. Scroll down on the Worship tab.

PERSONALS

Prayers:

Rich Stiverson, healing from hand injury/surgery
Ginger Champion, recovering from an ankle injury.
Bob Link, declining health, at Good Sam
Janeen Anderson, in rehab



We give thanks for the life of Royal Ryser, who entered eternal life on November 6, and remember in prayer his family. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 6 at 2:00 at FUMC.

We give a prayer of gratitude and praise for Rev. Leslie's newest grandchild, Sage Aurora Wood born 11/12/2025, 6lbs. 12oz. Parents Shane, Rachel and baby Sage are all doing great!



Birthdays: Nov. 10th - Nov. 16th, 2025

Don Burton
Clara Stutzman
Lyle Gilroy

Lexi Jo Barrett
Dean Schwartz
Jean Reinhart

Marvin Morganti
Rebecca Champion
Ruth Van Voorhis