



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
February 1, 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.

TRUSCOTT POZOLE DINNER

FUMC will again host Truscott Elementary's annual fundraiser, the Pozole Dinner, on **February 5th from 5:00-7:00pm**. This is a wonderful way to be in fellowship with Truscott families and others from the community. And, you will enjoy delicious homemade pozole and more for a small donation! We are looking for volunteers to help with this event. Contact Barry Wehrle at barrywehrle@gmail.com or 732-754-2235 to volunteer, or just show up to help.

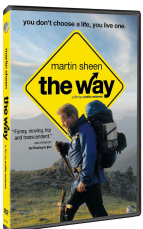
UPCOMING GROUP: UNDERSTANDING YOUR GRIEF

Join Pastor Lee and pastors and leaders from Zion Lutheran Church for this valuable support group for grieverers 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'll work together to understand the normal and necessary process of grief. The group meets at Zion Lutheran Church on Thursdays from 6:00-7:30pm, from February 12th-March 26th. Contact Pastor Lee with questions and to register at lee@fumcloveland.com or (970) 667-0876. **Please register by Sunday, February 8th.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LENTEN DISCOVERY

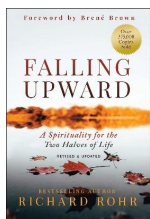
Lent is a time to examine ourselves. It's a time to consider our life journey, the paths we're choosing, the pilgrimage that defines our lives. This year our Lenten experience will be centered on examining our hearts, our faith and our place in the world through pilgrimage. **You are invited to engage in pilgrimage through a variety of meaningful ways during Lent.**

○ The **Ash Wednesday service** will be held here at **FUMC** at **6:30pm** on **February 18th**. Come enter into the Lenten season at this reflective ecumenical service, which will include an imposition of ashes.



○ Mark your calendars for a **movie night!** (Well, really a movie afternoon.) On **Sunday, February 22nd, at 2:45pm** we'll gather in Heart Hub to enjoy the moving, funny and inspirational movie, "The Way" (2010), starring Martin Sheen. The movie will kick off our Lenten experience, helping us remember how precious life is and how important it is to take time to think about our life journey. Popcorn and sodas will be provided. Feel free to bring a comfy chair or cushion or your own snacks. **Parents, childcare will be provided!**

***As this movie launches our Lenten time of reflection, you are encouraged to watch this movie on your own if you aren't able to attend in person at the church.



- Join Revs. Leslie, Lee and Bryson on a spiritual journey. Our **Lenten book study** will explore the **bestselling book by Fr. Richard Rohr, Falling Upward**. Fr. Rohr seeks to help readers come to terms with the two halves of life, teaching that we can't understand the meaning of "up" until we have fallen "down." More importantly, Rohr describes what "up" can look like in the second half of life.

Most of us tend to think of the second half of life in chronological terms, but this book proposes a different paradigm...spiritual maturity. Learn how we "grow spiritually much more by doing it wrong than by doing it right". Find practical guidance to live a life of love and meaning in a world of suffering and challenge. Falling Upward is an invitation to living the gospel and a call to ongoing transformation.

Classes will be **held at 11:30am** following worship **each Sunday, March 8th – 29th** in **Serenity Center** (formerly Fellowship Hall). **Books are \$15** and should be ready for pickup and payment outside the church office on February 8th. A **sign-up sheet** for the class is available at the Ask Me Desk.

- **Custom Lenten devotionals** will arrive in your inbox each **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** during Lent. We hope you enjoy brief moments of reflection. They will also be posted on Facebook. You're encouraged to like and share with your friends.

- Join us in worship for a six week Lenten sermon series called "The Way". You don't have to travel far – or even leave your home – to discover more intentional times of contemplation and connection with God.

- In the comfort of your own space, engage in **virtual "Street Wisdom Walkshops"** during Lent. Making intentional journeys has been a ritual of humankind across time and traditions. **Dr. Marcia McFee will be hosting online "walkshops" each week of the Lent season.** Using Zoom, Dr. Marcia will guide us through a time of "wandering" in order to gain wisdom for our lives. Based on the philosophy and practice of an international organization called "Street Wisdom" created by David Pearl, these sessions can be done on your phone as you take a walk around your city or neighborhood, or on a computer as you "travel" the rooms of your home—whatever works! It is about opening our senses in a way that helps us reflect on our journeys and discern next steps. To learn more and register, click [HERE for Walkshops](#). This is a new sort of thing. Why not give it a try?



SPECIAL MUSIC IN FEBRUARY



Feb 1 – Chancel Choir, Clegern duet

Feb. 8 – Chancel Choir, Brian & Pam Day – guitar/vocal

Feb. 15 – Spirit Sounds Bell Choir

Feb. 22 – Chancel Choir, Neal Anderson – vocalist with Dave Mills, flute

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **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@fumcleveland.com to help, or talk to Gary about what the job entails.



- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY & FUMC**

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

- **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@fumcleveland.com to ask questions or volunteer.



Mid & Senior High Youth Coordinator - Matthew Utley

youth@fumcleveland.com

Sunday 01/25: Regular youth group 4:00pm - 6:00pm. **Movie night! Dinner & snacks provided.**

Sunday 02/01: Regular youth group 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Snacks provided

Sunday 02/08: **No youth group:** Superbowl Sunday

Friday 02/13 - Monday 02-16: **Ski Trip!**

Sunday 02/15: **No youth group:** Ski Trip

Sunday 02/22: **Church Movie Night!** 2:45pm - 5:15pm. The church will be showing *The Way* because it connects to the worship series we are doing for Lent. Snacks provided.

Sunday 03/01: Regular youth group 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Snacks provided

Sunday 03/08: Regular youth group 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Snacks provided

Sunday 03/15: **No youth group:** Spring Break



Family Programming Coordinator - Desiree Aragon

familycoordinator@tumc-loveland.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our FUMC Sunday school kids are going to embark on a fun adventure through the Bible story found in Luke 4:38-44, Jesus Heals. The kids will learn that Jesus cares about our needs, has power to heal, and wants people to hear God's good news and actions they can do to help support people in their community.

The kids will make a helping hand puppet to take home.

Attention Parents: Buckhorn Camp – It is almost time to register kids for Camp Buckhorn! For more details reach out to Desiree Aragon at 308-520-8103.

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](#).

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



PERSONALS

Prayers:

Doneata Cohn's brother, Thomas, passed away January 25th, following heart surgery
James Clegern's sister, Judy, passed away. Please remember the Clegern family, mother-in-law Carol, and nieces Olivia and Tisha in your prayers.

A memorial service for Brad Eastman, son of Harriette & Rich Eastman who died December 31st, will be held Saturday, February 21st at 10:30am at FUMC. All are welcome.



Birthdays: January 26th - February 1st

Gregor Goody
Doug Burns

Lynette Mannering
Mary Willard

Betty Balderson
Steve Tungesvik

Lester Marcinkowski