



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
January 18, 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.

HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY

This Sunday, January 18th is Special Offering Sunday. It is celebrated to raise awareness for the development of better human relations through community and youth outreach. Offerings on this Special Sunday support Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Service and Youth Offender Rehabilitation programs.



SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Come learn some new spiritual practices, or join in a short practice with others if these are already familiar to you! You will learn how to use a labyrinth and the methods of centering prayer, lectio divina (contemplative scripture reading) and visio divina (contemplation using art). All ages are welcome, these are great practices for families to do together. This will be held at FUMC on Tuesday, January 27th, and there are two time options for you to choose from: 2:00-4:00pm in Heart Hub and 6:00-8:00pm in Soul Shelter (formerly youth range) and Heart Hub. Contact Pastor Lee with questions at lee@fumcloveland.com or (970) 667-0876.

MISSION MEAL

The first Missions Fundraising Meal of the year will be **Wednesday, January 28th!** Dinner is served between 5:30pm and 6:00pm. The FUMC Missions/Social Concerns Committee hosts these as a way to bring people together and raise funds; 100% of the money received will go into the Missions fund to be used to respond quickly to local, national, or worldwide fundraising needs as they arise. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child 10 & under. Tickets will be on sale at the church the next two Sundays, January 18th and 25th; or you can [sign up online](#) here and pay at the door. **There is also a need for some extra hands to help set up, serve, and clean up!** Please sign up to help when you make your reservation or contact Barry Wehrle at barrywehrle@gmail.com or 732-754-2235.



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.



OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday January 19th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

FUMC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

FUMC Women's Fellowship will meet Thursday, January 22nd at Noon in Heartbeat Bay, (formerly known as West Coy Hall). Rev. Lee will present the program and will talk about the formation of the Women's Army Corps during WWII and how these women served as WACs. Our project this month is to bring cans of fruit (peaches, pears), for our local Salvation Army. All women and guests are welcome. Please RSVP to Darlene Lowe at aldarlowe@gmail.com.

SPECIAL MUSIC IN JANUARY

Jan. 18 – Spirit Sounds Bell Choir

Jan. 25 – Chancel Choir, Wind Trio (Flute, Clarinet, Bassoon) with Harp

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 that we call 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@fumcleveland.com or (970) 667-0876. **Please register by Sunday, February 8th.**



THE WAY...A MOVIE WATCH PARTY

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. As this movie begins 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.

CIRCLE OF LIFE GROUP

"I was bad so my parents got divorced..." "If I had been with her, the car wouldn't have hit her..." These are some stories from Circle of Life. Circle of Life is a program that trains volunteers who provide support and resilience education for grieving children in the Thompson School District. Bev Goodier, M.A., from FUMC, and other community professionals provide training for volunteers from FUMC and Trinity Lutheran Church. School counselors identify students who have had a death, divorce or incarceration and provide a space for our groups to meet. Mary Camp from TLC is our administrator who works with the schools to schedule the groups. Early intervention after a loss can help prevent a host of issues that can develop in people who receive no help after a loss. This is what motivates us to provide support for kids experiencing distressing events in their lives.

Please pray for these volunteers as they begin the new year with new groups, new kids and new stories.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING TOTALS

FUMC members raised \$3,145.17 for the Loveland Salvation Army through their bell ringing at Sam's Club over 6 Saturdays in November and December. The total amount raised was \$113,566.72, exceeding their \$25,000 goal! Thank you to those who gave their time to help make this happen! For more information about FUMC's impact over the holidays, see the January issue of The Insight.

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@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!

- **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!

- **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@tumc-loveland.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School Lesson 1-18-26

In addition to our exciting Bible story Luke 4:1-13, the children will have a wonderful opportunity to create something special for one of our church committees! This is a chance for them to shine their lights and use their creativity to bless others in our church community. Together, we will make something meaningful that reflects the love of God, reminding us all of the great things we can do when we work together!

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](#).



Mid & Senior High Youth Coordinator - Matthew Utle
youth@fumcloveland.com

Sunday 01/11: Regular youth group 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Snacks provided

Sunday 01/18: Regular youth group 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Snacks provided

Sunday 01/25: Regular youth group 4:00pm - 6:00pm. 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.

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



PERSONALS

Prayers:

Harriette Eastman, unexpected death of her son

Jean Reinhart, recovery from surgery for broken hip

Donna Fishel, recovery from a broken hip. Surgery was Tuesday 12/16

Doneata Cohn requests prayers for her brother for heart surgery on 1/21

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 Beth Bristol will be held Wednesday, January 21st at 1:00pm at FUMC.



Birthdays: January 12th - 18th

Mary Kelman

Jamie Barbaccia-Holmes

Diana Anderson