



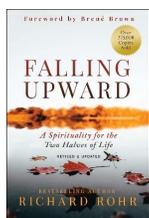
First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO

March 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.*

## 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. **Get inspired! Join us on The Way... a Lenten Spiritual Journey. Click [HERE](#) to watch our Lenten Series Video Trailer.**



- Our **Lenten book study starts TODAY!** Come 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." Learn how we "grow spiritually much more by doing it wrong than by doing it right". **Class begins TODAY at 11:30am. We meet today and the next two Sundays at Trinity UMC.** The **last two Sundays**, March 22nd & 29th, **we will meet at FUMC** in Serenity Center (formerly Fellowship Hall). A light soup lunch will be served.

- **Enjoy the custom Lenten devotionals** arriving in your inbox each **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** during Lent.



- Join us in worship for the 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. You're encouraged to **watch the movie, *The Way***, as part of your

Lenten worship experience. It will add depth and meaning to the sermon series. Simply click [HERE](#) or use the QR code to find where you can watch this wonderful movie.



- 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?

## A FOOD DRIVE FOR KIDS

KidsPak is a local nonprofit that provides weekend food bags to students in our community.

**THIS Sunday**, March 1st, is the last day of KidsPak's Annual City-Wide Food Drive, and volunteers are needed. To learn more or sign up, visit:

<https://kidspak.org/events/food-drive-2026>

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council will meet on **March 2nd at 6:00pm** in Heartbeat Bay (formerly W. Coy). The agenda includes discussion of the UMC process for the appointment of a new pastor. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend.



## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT STAFF POSITION

FUMC is looking for one to two paid staff to support a Parents' Night Out program. All persons will be trained in our Safe Sanctuary Policies and pass a background check. Must be 18 years old to apply. Please contact Alison Williams at 318-290-8068 **before March 4th, 2026**. Our first PNO is planned for March 27th, 2026 from 6:00-9:00pm.



## SPECIAL MUSIC IN MARCH

**March 1st** – Chancel Choir, Dave Beegle- guitar

Dave Beegle is an American guitarist, composer and producer whose genre-spanning work blends technical mastery with deep musical expression. Described by Guitar Magazine as a “one-man guitar army,” he is widely

regarded as a musician's musician. In addition to his work as a performer, Dave is a highly respected producer, mixer and recording engineer. Dave is also a dedicated educator and mentor, having taught and inspired generations of musicians.

**March 8th** – Chancel Choir (Women Composer Sunday)

**March 15th** – Spirit Sounds Bell Choir, Cindy Utley – soprano

**March 22nd** – Amy Madden, soprano

**March 29th (Palm Sunday)** – Chancel Choir

## EASTER EGGS SERVE THE COMMUNITY

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday March 29th. We need your help to achieve this memorable community event again this year. Children's ministry is collecting prize donations for the prize table and financial donations to purchase the plastic eggs. The prizes we need are slinkies, bracelets, bubbles, stickers, removable tattoos, candy, rubber ducks and playdough. You may place donations in the box on the Sunday school bulletin table this Sunday.

We are also in need of volunteers for: **Set-Up** March 28th 3:00-5:00pm \* **Breakdown** March 29th 4:00 - 4:30pm \* People to provide **snacks and refreshments** \* **Help with the egg hunts:** 1-3 year olds, 4-6 year olds and 7-11 year olds.

## BUCKHORN CAMP ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Buckhorn Camp is approaching, and FUMC is holding another fundraising drive to help our kids go to camp! Check out the colorful display in Lobby Court and take an envelope or several. There are instructions in the envelope for making your donations. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our children!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

**Hosts and Treat Makers are needed** on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month in order to ensure that we can all enjoy Fellowship Time together. Sign up sheets are on the Volunteer Hub table in Lobby Court.

**NOTE:** The Pot Luck which was advertised for March 1st has been CANCELED. We will have regular fellowship on March 1st.

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



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

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS:

03-01-2026 Sunday School: Your child will embark on the journey of Jesus's healing ministry in Luke 7: 1-10. Your child will learn about ways that Jesus healed many people and helped them become full members of the community and the value of having faith. Faith as small as a mustard seed.

**Individual Craft Activity:** Your children will make a mustard seed megaphone.

**Sunday School Sign In:** Please sign in your kiddo(s) for Sunday school. Look for the sign in scan code at the table with the balloons near the volunteer hub in Lobby Court along with the lead Sunday School teacher.

**Sunday School Volunteer Help** for May Sign Up Here: [FUMC Sunday School Volunteers](#)  
Remember, the lesson and activities are all planned for you. Thank you for your support.

### Buckhorn Camp:

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



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

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

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

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

**Sunday 03/22:** Regular youth group 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Snacks provided

**Sunday 03/29:** **Children's Easter Party** (1:30pm - 3:30pm) - Youth volunteers needed starting at 12:30pm.

**Mission Trip 2026:** This year the youth will be going to Billings MT for their annual mission trip from June 20th - 27th.

**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](http://www.fumcleveland.org). Scroll down on the Worship tab.



### PERSONALS

#### **Prayers:**

Mariah Clegern's grandmother, Patricia Melrose, in hospice care

Former FUMC member Mary Edwards entered into eternal life on February 24. A memorial service will be held at Allnutt Funeral Chapel, 2100 N. Lincoln Ave., on Saturday, March 7 at 11:00am. All are welcome.



#### **Birthdays: February 23rd - March 1st**

Cooper Battige  
Rusty Mathena

Ann Eatman

Andrea Ortega

Jasper Pepper

Judy Deal