



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
March 15, 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.



TODAY IS SPECIAL GIVING SUNDAY

UMCOR Sunday seeks to increase awareness and support for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Gifts given on UMCOR Sunday play a vital role in enhancing the church's global humanitarian response because these funds cover UMCOR's administrative costs. This support ensures that 100% of donations given to UMCOR throughout the year can be directed toward on-the-ground relief and recovery efforts, allowing UMCOR to effectively respond to crises and provide assistance where it's needed most. **Special Offering envelopes** are available at the small table at the back of the sanctuary. You may also give online by clicking [HERE](#). Please write "UMCOR Sunday donation" in the memo box.



ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS

The Worship Committee is offering the opportunity to purchase potted spring flowers for \$12.50 each to be used for our Easter services on April 5th. **Order forms will be available this Sunday, March 15th and April 22nd at the Ask Me Desk.** Please write your name and the name of the person you wish to dedicate the flowers in memory of or in honor of on the order form. Please indicate your payment on the order form and place it in the basket next to the form. Thank you for helping beautify the sanctuary for Easter!

MISSION MEAL

The next Missions Fundraising Meal will be **Wednesday, March 25th!** Dinner is served between 5:30pm and 6:00pm. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child 10 & under. The menu is fajitas, chosen because it is Rev. Leslie's favorite meal and this will be her last Wednesday Mission Meal...you might consider this a "last supper" with her! Tickets will be on sale at the church on Sunday, March 15th and 22nd; 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 Pastor Lee at lee@fumcloveland.com.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Mark your calendars and join Revs. Leslie and Lee at one or all special worship services during Holy Week.

- * Palm Sunday worship at FUMC, 10:00am
- * Maundy Thursday, an ecumenical worship experience at TUMC, 801 Cleveland Ave., 7:00pm
- * Good Friday, an ecumenical worship experience at Love First Community Church, 2000 N. Lincoln Ave., 7:00pm
- * Easter Sunday worship at FUMC, 10:00am





FAITH250 CONVERSATIONS

FUMC is one of four churches in Loveland hosting dialogues based on foundational texts of American democracy over the next few months, in celebration of America's 250th anniversary. *Faith250: Sacred Bonds, Shared Hopes* is a national program that is meant to build community and create

space for people of all faiths and political stripes to engage in meaningful conversations, finding what we share in common. **The first of these events is March 17th** at First United Presbyterian Church, 400 E. 4th Street. **FUMC will host on April 21st.** You can also mark your calendars for May 19th at All Saints Episcopal and June 23rd at Zion Lutheran. **All gatherings are held from 6:00-7:30pm.** You can attend one or all. These dialogues are also being held at venues in Fort Collins, hosted by Church World Service; go to cwsfortcollins.org for dates and locations.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

FUMC Women's Fellowship will meet at NOON, Thursday, March 26th, in Heart Hub (West Coy Hall). Phyllis Wehrle will provide a snack. Kay Neckel will tell about her life and her quilting! Our project this month is to bring spools of thread. All women are welcome to join us and attend this time of fellowship. Any questions or comments, please RSVP to Darlene Lowe (aldarlowe@gmail.com).



EASTER EGGS SERVE THE COMMUNITY

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday March 29th. Last year we had many, many little feet hunting eggs and playing games, the majority from the community. This year, the hope is to, again, welcome as many as 200 children. 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
- * **Donations of snacks and refreshments**, such as cheese, crackers, pinwheels, and fruit
- * **Volunteers for...**the "bunny hop game" and the "balancing the wooden egg on the wooden spoon game"
- * **Help with the egg hunts:** 1-3 year olds, 4-6 year olds and 7-11 year olds

Come join the fun and help make this a memorable community event again this year. The volunteer list can be found on the Sunday school table in Lobby Court.

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!



SPECIAL MUSIC IN MARCH

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

March 22nd – Clegern duet

March 29th (Palm Sunday) – Chancel Choir

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. **Treat makers on April 5, Easter Sunday, are still needed!**

- **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.

• **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY & FUMC**

FUMC is a mission partner with Loveland Habitat for Humanity. You can support this valuable organization by becoming a **ReStore Regular!** Do you or someone you know love sorting and organizing? The Habitat ReStore is overflowing with donations, and they are looking for regular volunteers to help 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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS:

Sunday School Sign In: Please sign in your kiddo(s) for Sunday school in Lobby Court. We are going back to a hard copy sign in sheet.

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: Please register your kids for Buckhorn camp by reaching out to Desiree Aragon at 308-520-8103. Cost goes up by April 1st.

Easter Extravaganza: Sunday March 29th, 2-4pm



Mid & Senior High Youth Coordinator - Matthew Utley

youth@fumcloveland.com

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

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

Sunday 03/29: **Children's Easter Party** (Event is 2:00 - 4:00pm; Youth volunteers needed 1:30 - 4:30pm).

Sunday 04/05: **No youth group:** Happy Easter!

Sunday 04/12: Regular youth group 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Snacks provided.

Sunday 04/19: Regular youth group 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Snacks provided.

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. Scroll down on the Worship tab.



PERSONALS

Prayers:

Mary McCormick is going into palliative care due to cancer. She is at Riverbend Health and Rehabilitation, 821 Duffield Ct., Loveland. Cards and visits are welcome.

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



Birthdays: March 9th - March 15th

Jeannine Gosso
Clara Battige

Toni Perry
Judith Losz

Marcia Yoder
Alison Williams

Neal Anderson

Janeen Anderson