



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO  
March 29, 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.*

### NEW SENIOR PASTOR APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Bishop Kristin Stoneking has appointed a new senior pastor to serve FUMC beginning July 1, 2026, following Rev. Leslie's retirement. Click [HERE](#) to read the appointment announcement letter about your new pastor.



### EASTER EGGS SERVE THE COMMUNITY

Join us on Sunday, March 29th, for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Last year, we welcomed 200 enthusiastic little ones from our community, and this year, we aim to host 200 children again.

Our Children's Ministry is seeking prize donations for the prize table and plastic eggs. We welcome items like slinkies, bracelets, bubbles, stickers, temporary tattoos, candy, rubber ducks, and playdough. Please drop off your donations at

the Sunday School bulletin table this Sunday. We also need volunteers for: **Set-Up: March 28th, 3:00-5:00pm** in Heart Hub and **Breakdown: March 29th, 4:00-4:30pm** in Heart Hub. If you're interested in volunteering, kindly contact Desiree at 308-520-8103. **Additionally**, we are looking for **snack and refreshment donations**, including cheese, crackers, pinwheels, and fruit. Bring snacks on the day of the event, or feel free to drop them off the day before in the Heart Hub kitchen fridge, labeled "Easter Party."



### 2026 EASTER OFFERING

FUMC's special Easter offering will once again be distributed equally among 3 valuable charities. Locally, we will give to Family Village at LoveFirst church, a resource center aimed at stabilizing families experiencing a crisis. This service is in the development phase, and these funds are valuable in launching this

ministry. See the flyer on the Volunteer Hub for more details. This year there are 2 international recipients to allow us to respond to continually unfolding humanitarian crises around the world. We will give to World Central Kitchen and UMCOR, both of which provide meals and disaster relief on the frontlines of humanitarian and climate crises, respectively. Your generous support is greatly appreciated. Checks should be made to FUMC and marked "Easter Offering." On-line giving is available through our church website at [fumcloveland.org](http://fumcloveland.org); type "Easter Offering" in the "write a note" section.



### 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

### **BUCKHORN CAMP ANNUAL FUNDRAISER**

Thank you, everyone, for your contributions to the Buckhorn fundraiser. We have raised \$964 toward our \$2,100 goal. **THIS Sunday** March 29th is the **last day** to submit envelope donations. If you feel called to give, please do using the envelopes in lobby court. Ongoing donations are always welcome anytime by speaking with Desiree (308-520-8103). Thanks again for your heartfelt support!

### **WHITE CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM STUDY**

What is White Christian Nationalism? How did it take root? And how are we called, as Christians, to respond? The Mountain Sky Conference invites you to a conference-wide study series beginning **THIS SUNDAY**, March 22nd, as we learn together, reflect together, and explore faithful ways to oppose White Christian Nationalism. This multi-month journey will include documentary discussions, a book study, and conversation with others from across the Conference. Whether you attend every session or join when you can, you are welcome.

**When:** Fourth Sunday of each month, 4:30 p.m. MT

**Note:** In May, the study will be on May 31st, the 5th Sunday, due to Memorial Day weekend

**Where:** Zoom

**Registration:** Click on this link [Christian Nationalism Study](#)

#### **Upcoming sessions:**

April 26th — Book Study, Bring Back Your People by Aaron Scott, Introduction & Chapters 1–3

May 31st — Chapters 4–6

June 28th — Chapters 7–10

July 26th — Documentary Discussion: God and Country

\*\*Participants will receive **one Zoom link for all sessions** automatically upon registration.



### **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. **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](http://cwsfortcollins.org) for dates and locations.

### **WALL OF REMEMBRANCE**

To honor and remember those who rest elsewhere, the Peace Garden has added a new area called the Wall of Remembrance. It is a space where plaques can be displayed to honor and remember a loved one who rests elsewhere. It is located on the wall just east of the Urn Garden wall and is for members and non-members. Plaques must be purchased through the church business office and will be identical to those plaques that are on the Urn Garden wall. The plaques show the loved one's name, birth and death dates. They are bronze and made at one of the local foundries here in Loveland. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Prevost at [katprev48@gmail.com](mailto:katprev48@gmail.com) or call 970-219-1722.



### **SPECIAL MUSIC IN MARCH**

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

## DUMPSTER KEYS

The Trustees have had to put locks on both the recycling and trash dumpsters due to other people using them for their own waste disposal. This only works, though, if everyone locks the dumpsters up after disposing of the waste. There have been numerous times when we find the dumpsters unlocked. If you have any questions about the location of the key or how to lock up afterwards, please talk to Pam in the office.



## 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](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.** 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](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 Programing Coordinator - Desiree Aragon  
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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS:

**Sunday School Lesson:** Bible Lesson Palm Sunday – John 12:12-19

**Activity:** Each child will make their own Palm Branch.

**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 on April 1st.



Mid & Senior High Youth Coordinator - Matthew Utley  
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**Sunday 03/29: Children's Easter Party** (Event is 2:00pm - 4:00pm; Youth volunteers needed 1:30pm - 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.

**Sunday 04/26:** Regular youth group 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Snacks provided.

**Sunday 05/03:** 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:** Given this week by Sarah Clegern in honor of their son Ben's 26th birthday.



**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 23rd - March 29th**

Betsy Elliott

Donna Fishel

Marjie Tessean

Cecilia Morgan

Terry Ogilvie

Ben Clegern