



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
April 12, 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.

ALL-CHURCH



ALL CHURCH POTLUCK

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 12th and join us at our next Cuisine, Catchup & Conversation (CCC) potluck after worship. Bring a dish to share if you're able and come for good food, great fellowship and conversation about your opportunity to consider and discern a new possibility for vital ministry in this community. (See the letter sent with the April 9th e-blast and via email/mail on Monday, April 6th, for a letter from Rev. Leslie, Rev. Lee, Rev. Bryson and DS Jessica Rooks for details.)

BOOK STUDY

Why Did Jesus Have to Die? – The Meaning of the Crucifixion. In a six-session study we will look at this important question of our faith. Rev. Adam Hamilton helps us with our exploration, suggesting that this is not the correct question at all. Hamilton asks, "What if the cross isn't a transaction to be explained, but a living Word from God meant to transform who we are and how we live?" Episcopal Bishop Mariann Budde has said, "If you imagine or were taught that there is one correct answer to one of Christianity's most perplexing questions, this book is for you. Rejecting the notion that God needed Jesus to die, Hamilton encourages us to ask what Jesus' death means. The breadth of meaning will astonish you, and more importantly, deepen your faith." We will meet on **Wednesday mornings from 10-11:30am beginning on April 15th** in **room E140 - next to the church offices**. Hardcover books will be available at church on **Sunday, April 5th for \$18.00**. An ebook is available from Amazon/Kindle for \$9.46. Barry Wehrle is the convener for this class.



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 for dates and locations.

SALAD SUNDAYS

Each month, salads are prepared in Heart Hub following worship as a way to gather people for food and conversation. This is a lovely act of giving that comes from the heart of the provider, and nothing in return is expected...just show up and enjoy! Mark your calendars for the next few now; dates are April 26th, May 24th, and June 28th.



METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Please visit the church's website [HERE](#) to download the application for the Loveland Methodist Foundation Scholarship. The applicant or the applicant's spouse, parent, guardian, or child must be a member of the First United Methodist Church of Loveland. Completed applications will be accepted at the Church until Friday, May 1, 2026. Please put applications in the Loveland Methodist Foundation mailbox outside of the office door.



DRIVE INN DINER AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Roll down your windows, bring the family, and step back in time for a night of food, fun and classic cars! Join us at First UMC in Loveland on May 16th from 4:00–6:00pm for our Drive-In Diner & Classic Car Show—a retro-inspired evening designed for the whole community to relax, connect, and enjoy. Cruise in with your family and friends for burgers, fries, hot dogs, milkshakes, and more—served drive-in style right to your car or at outdoor seating. Check out a lineup of vintage vehicles and vote for your favorite in our People's Choice Award (announced at 5:30)! This is a laid-back, family-friendly event all about having fun together as a community. Proceeds will also help fund our FUMC's youth mission trip and Union Spiritual Community. Bring your friends, bring your family, and come enjoy a night of nostalgia. We'd love to see you there!



SPECIAL MUSIC IN APRIL

- April 12 – Steve Eulberg, professional hammered dulcimer player
- April 19 – Chancel Choir
- April 26 – Spirit Sounds Bell Choir, Bill Eads & Neal Anderson - duet

Steve Eulberg, Hammered Dulcimer Player

Steve Eulberg will be enhancing worship through his dulcimer music on Sunday, April 12th. Steve was born and raised near the Great Black Swamp in Northwest Ohio. His first instrument was his mother's ukulele and from there he played piano, trumpet, mandolin, harmonica, guitar, mountain and hammered dulcimers and the dulci-bro. He provides "smile-inducing, toe-tapping, thought-provoking folkgrass" and has also been called the "Appalachian Jimmy Buffet." In 2004, Steve founded and organized the Colorado Dulcimer Festival that meets yearly. In addition to performing instrumental music, he is also a singer, composer, music educator and an ordained Lutheran minister. More information can be found at steveeulberg.com.

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 Programing Coordinator - Desiree Aragon
familycoordinator@tumc-loveland.org

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS:

Sunday School Lesson: Breakfast on the Beach. Bible Scripture: John 21:1–19

Activity: Individual Activity: "My Part, Jesus' Part" Worksheet + Reflection

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. Your help is appreciated for the following dates. May 10th & May 24th. Thank you for your support.

Buckhorn Camp: Please register your kids for Buckhorn camp by reaching out to Desiree Aragon at 308-520-8103 or familycoordinator@tumc-lovealnd.org



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

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.

Sunday 05/10: No youth group: Happy Mother's Day!

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



Prayers:

Mary McCormick is in 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
Julie Monroe's father Bill Wellner passed away March 25th after a

brief time in the hospital and hospice care. Services will be held in his home state of Arkansas. Cindy Crawley's ex-husband, Randy, passed away March 30th. Prayers for her and the family in this time of grief.

Bart Utley's father passed away April 3. We remember in prayer Cindy, Matthew, and the Utley family.



Birthdays: April 6th - April 12th

Phyllis Wehrle
Cathy Haines

Desiree Aragon
Bailey Williams

Mary McCreary
Lynda Smith