



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
April 5, 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 POTLUCK

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 12th and join us at our next Cuisine, Catchup & Conversation (CCC) potluck. Bring a dish to share if you're able and come for good food, great fellowship and newsy things to ponder in the life of our faith community.



2026 EASTER OFFERING

FUMC's special Easter offering will once again be distributed equally among three 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. Don't forget to 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.

* **TONIGHT**, Maundy Thursday, an ecumenical worship experience at TUMC, 801 Cleveland Ave., 7:00pm

* Good Friday, an ecumenical worship experience at LoveFirst Community Church, 2000 N. Lincoln Ave., 7:00pm

* Easter Sunday worship at FUMC, 10:00am



EASTER PARTY

What an incredible turnout this year for our Easter egg hunt! Heart Hub was buzzing with excitement—packed full of families and fun, the line for the prize table stretched right out the door and along the west side of the church. It was truly wonderful to see our community come together in such a big way. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who volunteered and lent a hand. Your time, energy, and support made all the difference, and we're so grateful. And to those who donated snacks and prizes—thank you for your kindness and generosity. You helped make the day extra special for so many.

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.

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.



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.

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.



SPECIAL MUSIC IN APRIL

April 5 (Easter) - Spirit Sounds Bell Choir, Chancel Choir

April 12 – Steve Eulberg, professional hammered dulcimer player

April 19 – Chancel Choir

April 26 – Spirit Sounds Bell Choir, Bill Eads & Neal Anderson - duet

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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 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: The Resurrection of Jesus Scripture: John 20:1-18.

Activity: Resurrection Garden

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.



Mid & Senior High Youth Coordinator - Matthew Utley

youth@fumcloveland.com

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: 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.



Birthdays: March 30th - April 5th

Susan Williamson
Marilynn Addington
Mauro Losz

Barbara Franke
Jackie Gruber
Ron Dahl

Nolan Johnson
Jason Hettrick
Susan Garcia