



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
May 17, 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.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Peace with Justice Sunday is a UMC special Sunday that supports ministries working to end injustice, pursue reconciliation, and build communities shaped by God's peace. This year FUMC will recognize this important Sunday giving opportunity **THIS SUNDAY, May 17th** by welcoming two special women to FUMC, both dedicated to supporting survivors of human sex trafficking.

- Jillian Winters is the Community Development Coordinator for Sarah's Home, a residential home and sanctuary on the Front Range for girls ages 12 through 17 who are survivors of sex trafficking. Their ministry offers healing, education, restoration and reintegration so the girls will learn to live as survivors instead of victims. Jillian will offer the Mission Moment that Sunday.
- Mandie Hoehne is the Director of Survivor Care for Reclaiming Hope, an organization that cares for survivors of sex trafficking at any age, journeying with them to discover hope. Their ministry provides care from the point of recovery, during restoration and reintegration by addressing their physical, emotional and spiritual needs. The daughter of Lynette and Doug Mannering, Mandie grew up at FUMC and will be delivering the message that Sunday.



Your Peace with Justice special offering will be split to support both of these amazing ministries. You may give during the service in the special envelopes provided, mail to the office, or give online using the QR code or by logging on to www.fumcloveland.org. Please write "Peace with Justice offering" in the memo line of your check or in the "write a note" box on the giving page.



Send Off Dinner
For
Matthew Utley

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Wednesday, May 27th at 5:30. Instead of a Mission Dinner in May, there will be a Send Off Dinner for Matthew as he moves to Utah to serve as a full-time pastor as a Provisional Elder in the UMC.

Come and join the gathering of our church as we give thanks for

Matthew and send him off with our prayers and blessings.

Reservations needed. Cost of the Meal: \$10. Menu: Fried Chicken with sides. There will be a money tree for anyone who would like to give a love gift to Matthew. A basket will be available for cards and notes.

Reservations and payment can be made at a table in **Lobby Court** on Sunday mornings, **May 17th and 24th**, or by calling Pam at the church office by Monday, May 25th, 970-667-0876.

SALAD SUNDAYS

Plan to gather again after worship in Heart Hub following worship for tasty, simple, healthy 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 couple now: May 24th, and June 28th.

FUMC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our FUMC Women's Fellowship will meet at NOON on **Thursday, May 28th**. Jan Krening will share stories about her life. Kay Neckel will provide a snack. Our project this month will be to furnish individual (small) bottles of gatorade and juice for the youth. They will take these on their mission trip to Billings, MT in June. All women are invited and welcome to join us on May 28th for food, fellowship, and fun! Please RSVP to Darlene Lowe (aldarlowe@gmail.com).

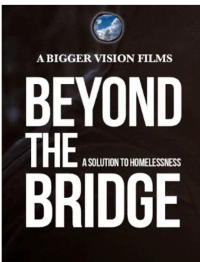


FROM INSURRECTION TO INSPIRATION-IMAGES OF HOPE

Join Indivisible and Principles over Party-Colorado for a powerful afternoon with photojournalist Nate Gowdy. Moderated by Bazi Kanani, of Colorado Public Radio, this will be a moving visual journey from January 6th to Nate's recent ICE coverage in Minneapolis. Raw, emotional, and ultimately inspiring. Coming **May 30th, 1:00-3:00pm in FUMC's Heart Hub. Space is limited. RSVP early [HERE](#)** or scan the QR code. The event is free, but donations will



be accepted of non-perishable food items for the Larimer County Food Bank.



BEYOND THE BRIDGE: A SOLUTION TO HOMELESSNESS

Be part of the conversation at a special screening of BEYOND THE BRIDGE: A Solution to Homelessness, followed by a panel discussion with community leaders. Free and open to the public. This powerful and solution-focused documentary offers an uplifting and hopeful perspective, emphasizing that solutions are not only achievable but already working in communities committed to change. Central to the film's message is the importance of collaboration across all sectors. Learn more about the film at

asolutiontohomelessness.com. Saturday, **May 30th from 5:30pm-8:00pm at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Loveland.** RSVP [HERE](#) or scan the QR code.



RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR REV. LESLIE

You are invited to a Potluck Lunch Retirement Celebration for Pastor Leslie, **Sunday, June 7, 2026**. FUMC Heart Hub (Coy Hall). **Time: 12:00pm**. Bring a dish of your choice. Dessert will be provided.

There will be a short program following the lunch. If you wish to contribute to a monetary retirement gift for Leslie, you may place it in the offering plate or send it to Pam Day, Office Manager. Please write on the check or envelope that it is for Leslie's gift. There will be a basket for cards at the lunch. We hope everyone will make plans to attend!

EASTER OFFERING TOTAL

Thank you for your generosity in giving toward this year's Easter offering! A total of \$6,478 was given, and this was divided and donated equally to Family Village at LoveFirst, World Central Kitchen, and UMCOR. Thank you for making a difference!



SPECIAL MUSIC

May 17th – Spirit Sounds Bell Choir

The Spirit Sounds will be ringing *Mountain Grandeur* this morning in honor of Rev. Leslie. A slideshow will accompany the bells with many of Leslie's photos, some from her walk on the Camino de Santiago, some from her time while serving the United Church of the San Juans in Ridgway, Colorado. Leslie

clearly sees the beauty of God's creation. The composer of *Mountain Grandeur*, Phyllis Anschicks, was commissioned by the Fort Collins Centennial-Bicentennial Council for the Area 11 Centennial-Bicentennial English Handbell Festival on November 4, 1976.

May 24th – Susan Harding and Steve Hanna, bassoon duet/solo

May 31st – Mark Kubichek, soloist

The FUMC Bell Choir belongs to Area 11 of the Handbell Musicians of America which includes choirs from Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico. Some FUMC ringers will be attending an Area 11 festival being held this year at Embassy Suites in Loveland, from June 11 - 14. There will be a massed choir concert on Sunday, June 14 at 11:00am, the public is invited to attend

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.

- **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

Sunday School Lesson: Paul and Silas: Acts 16: 16-40

Activity: This Sunday is FUMC Children's ministry service week. The children will be making a craft that will contribute to the church dinner events.

Sunday School Sign In: Please sign in your kiddo(s) for Sunday school and nursery in Lobby Court. Look for the bulletin board with the balloons.

May 17th Sunday School & Nursery support: Desiree, Alison, and Bailey.

Last Day of Sunday School: May 24th

Sunday School will resume: September 13th 2026



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

Saturday 05/16: Drive in Diner and Classic Car Show Fundraiser with Union.

Sunday 05/17: Regular youth group 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Snacks provided.

Sunday 05/24: Senior Recognition Sunday during worship service. **No youth group:**
Memorial Day Weekend

Sunday 05/31: Mission Trip Parent Meeting starts at 4:00pm. Dinner provided.

Sunday 06/07: Regular youth group 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Snacks provided.

Sunday 06/14: No youth group

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.



Prayers:

Neal Anderson's sister, Lynne, hospitalized with health issues.
Jay and Tena Britt at the loss of their home due to fire
For the family at the passing of Mariah Clegern's grandmother,
Patricia Melrose

We give thanks for the life of Mary McCormick, who entered eternal life on April 25th, and remember in prayer her sister Kay and brother-in-law Larry Ward. A memorial service will be held at FUMC on Tuesday, May 26th at 1:00. All are welcome.

We give thanks for the life of Jean Reinhart, who entered eternal life on May 10th. Services are pending.

We give thanks for the life of Steve McMillan, who entered eternal life on May 9th. Services are pending.

We give thanks for the life of Norma Hammond, who entered eternal life on May 2, 2026. A Celebration of Norma's Life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on June 29, 2026 at Ellis Ranch in Loveland.



Birthdays: May 11th - May 17th

Gordo McQueen Roger Williams Jeanne Burns
Colleen Cameron