



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO  
May 24, 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.*

### SALAD SUNDAY

Plan to gather again after worship this Sunday 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! This will be an extra special Sunday, as we'll also recognize Hayden Berdahl's graduation with a cake and well wishes. Mark your calendars for the next Salad Sunday, too, on June 28th.

### OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.



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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** this Sunday, **May 24th**, or by calling Pam at the church office by Monday, May 25th, 970-667-0876.

### 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](mailto:aldarlowe@gmail.com)).



### FROM INSURRECTION TO INSPIRATION-IMAGES OF HOPE

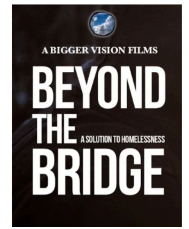
Join Indivisible and Principles over Party-Colorado for a powerful afternoon with photojournalist Nate Gowdy. Moderated by Bazi Kanani, of Colorado Public Radio, this will be a moving visual journey from January 6th to Nate's recent ICE coverage in Minneapolis. Raw, emotional, and ultimately inspiring. Coming **May 30th, 1:00-3:00pm in FUMC's Heart**

**Hub. Space is limited. RSVP by clicking [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](http://asolutiontohomelessness.com).

Saturday, **May 30th from 5:30pm–8:00pm** at **St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Loveland**. RSVP by clicking [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 24th** – Susan Harding and Steve Hanna, bassoon duet/solo

**May 31st** – Mark Kubicek, soloist

## VOLUNTEERS - WE NEED YOU!

FUMC's members' fellowship gatherings (fellowship hours, Sunday salads mission dinners, potlucks, etc.) bring us and hold us together as a church and provide an opportunity for welcoming visitors and new members. We have a need for more volunteers to support fellowship activities. Volunteers will not be expected to help at every event. Members on the list of available volunteers for specific activities will be asked if they are available to assist for a specific event.

**If you are willing to help** with one or more of these activities, please send an **email** with your **phone number to office@fumcloveland.com or call 970-667-0876**. Please indicate the activity or activities/times you are willing to help with. Sign up sheets are also on the Volunteer Hub table in Lobby Court.

**Door greeters:** 4 greeters needed each Sunday, 9:30 to 10:00 AM

**Fellowship Hour:** 1st and 3rd Sunday every month from 9:00 - 10:00 AM to set up tables/chairs and help in the kitchen and from 11:45 AM to 12:30 PM for cleanup and putting tables and chairs away.

**Salad Sundays:** 4th Sunday of each month from 9:30 to 10:00 AM to set up tables/chairs and from 11:45 AM to 12:15 PM to help with clean up and putting tables and chairs away.

**Mission Dinners:** Wednesday, 5:30 PM, every two months from 4:30 to 5:30 PM to set up tables and chairs and from 6:15 to 6:45 PM to clean up and put away tables and chairs.



## HIGHLIGHTED VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

(For more ways to serve, see the Volunteer Hub in Lobby Court or go to [fumcleveland.org/Ministries/Missions & Service](http://fumcleveland.org/Ministries/Missions & Service))

- **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. These roles are in addition to the set up and clean up roles for fellowship; hosts focus on making coffee and setting out food. 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@fumcleveland.com](mailto:lee@fumcleveland.com) to help, or talk to Gary about what the job entails.

- **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@fumcleveland.com](mailto:av@fumcleveland.com) to ask questions or volunteer.



**Family Programing Coordinator - Desiree Aragon**  
[familycoordinator@tumc-loveland.org](mailto:familycoordinator@tumc-loveland.org)

**Sunday School Lesson:** Shipwrecked – Acts 27:1-44

**Activity:** In addition to the Bible story lesson your child will participate in a service opportunity for our church dinners.

**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.

Sunday School & Nursery Support: Sarah, Alison, and Bailey.

**Last Day of Sunday School:** May 24, 2026.

**Resume:** September 13, 2026 Some of you may not know I have a 9 month contract with TUMC and FUMC that runs the same schedule as the Thompson Valley School District. That means this is the last week of my contract. I will miss seeing you over the summer months. I hope you make wonderful memories with your family and friends. I'll return September 13th the week Thompson Valley starts back at school. Until then be light and love, Desiree Aragon



**Mid & Senior High Youth Coordinator - Matthew Utley**  
[youth@fumcleveland.com](mailto:youth@fumcleveland.com)

**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** given by Larry & Mike Carlson in honor of their 2 grandsons graduating this month from college.

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](http://www.fumcloveland.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

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 with a reception following.

We give thanks for the life of Steve McMillan, who entered eternal life on May 9th. A memorial service will be held at FUMC on Saturday, May 30 at 2:00pm. A reception will follow off-site, address will be provided at the service.

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.

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



**Birthdays: May 18th - May 24th**

Jim Combs

Cindy Ogilvie