



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
July 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.



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

We are honored to have a variety of guest preachers for the month of July and first part of August.

This **Sunday, July 12th**, we welcome **Robin Riley, M.Div., Ph.D.**

Robin is an ordained minister in the American Baptist church and served part-time at three churches in his denomination over the span of several decades. Most recently, he served as a minister fulltime with the United Methodist Church in Colorado and Wyoming over an eight-year period. He retired from the

ministry in December of 2024. Prior to his move to Colorado in 2014, he taught college for 25-years in the field of media production and communication studies, most notably at the University of Cincinnati. Robin has produced two documentaries and countless videos for two front range denominations (American Baptist, Evangelical Lutheran Church).

He has a Ph.D. from the University of Utah and is married to Reverend Claire Cassell, a retired pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. They have no children but do have two small dogs, Mojo (Boston Terrier) and Gracie (Pappion). They have lived in Arvada, Colorado for the last 11 years and love it there. Robin enjoys skiing, hiking, kayaking, golfing and playing fingerstyle guitar. He also loves to travel and is planning a trip to Europe in 2027.



SUMMER CHOIR

If you've wanted to sing with the Chancel Choir but can't commit to Wed. evenings, please consider joining us **Sunday July 19th**. We'll meet at **9:00 AM in Heart Hub (Coy Hall)** for vocal warm-ups and then learn a new (not too difficult!) choir anthem under the direction of Nicole Ceciliani. We'll sing the anthem for worship that morning

at 10:00. Our regular fall schedule will begin on Aug. 30th. We would love for you to join us!

Questions: kpeiffer@fumcloveland.com.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our FUMC Women's Fellowship will meet at NOON on Thursday, **July 23rd**. Mike Carlson will provide a light snack. The program this month will be given by Olga Duval. She is the head of the Salvation Army here in Loveland. She will share the many activities they do to help people in our community. Our project this month is to bring men's deodorant for the Salvation Army clients. All women and guests are welcome to join us. **Please RSVP** to Darlene Lowe: aldarlowe@gmail.com

SUMMER COMMUNITY MEALS

This summer, Union Spiritual Community, Trinity United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church are partnering for an evening centered around food, fellowship, and connection. Both meals will feature dishes prepared by trained culinary professionals. Be sure to join us on **July 29th at 5:30pm** at First United Methodist Church. We will host our traditional Mission Meals dinner prepared by Carl Williams. Tickets will be sold for this meal, with proceeds supporting a joint missions project. RSVPs for both gatherings can be completed by [clicking here](#) or at the Ask Me Desk. Join us for good food, meaningful conversation, and a chance to connect across our communities.



SPECIAL MUSIC

July 12 – Anna Sundheim, soprano

July 19 – Summer Choir; Chaeli Ferguson, viola

July 26 – Joanne Scheihing & Melanie Pepper, clarinet/flute duets

UNION ANNOUNCEMENT!

After receiving 11 applications and narrowing the field to four outstanding finalists, we're thrilled to announce that we've hired our **new Community Coordinator: Erin Williams!** Erin, Carl, and their daughters, Summer and Meadow, have been part of Union almost since the very beginning.

During the interview process, Erin impressed our hiring team with her experience, leadership, and vision. Her work as an Operations Manager is remarkably similar to what we're asking our Community Coordinator to do, and she has a real gift for helping teams work together toward a shared goal. Erin says, "I am excited for the opportunity to help strengthen connections among Union, our local churches, and the wider community. I look forward to building relationships, supporting collaboration, and helping create spaces where people feel welcomed, connected, and valued." Erin can be reached at unionloveland@gmail.com.



TRUSCOTT COMMUNITY GARDEN WATERING

In 2025, FUMC and TUMC joined forces with Truscott Elementary families to give the Truscott Community Garden a facelift! This year, we are joining forces again to help Truscott families keep the garden watered over the summer! Union, FUMC, TUMC, and Truscott folks can access an online sign up form to claim a day or several over the summer. Instructions are posted at the garden (a picture is provided here) and all the equipment is provided. All you need to do is sign up and show up any time that day. [Click here](#) to sign up. You only need to sign up in the slots next to "Water." If you need help signing up, please call the church office at

(970) 667-0876 and talk to Pam or Pastor Lee.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT PREACHING?

Yes, you too can preach and share your gifts to spread the good news! The Compelling Preaching Initiative is a Mountain Sky Conference-wide venture that teaches preaching skills to laity and clergy. This initiative provides everything from single-day workshops to multi-day retreats, with the intent of not just honing your preaching skills, but creating community and soul care as well. If you would like to learn more, look for the Compelling Preaching brochure on The Ask Me Desk, or contact the church office to have one emailed to you at office@fumcloveland.com.



A DEEP KNOWING: Experiencing Emmanuel Through Every Part of Our Lives

Sponsored by Mountain Sky United Women in Faith & Mountain Sky Mission Team. Open to all adults, clergy, and lay persons. Participants will study the times in the Bible when people experienced Emmanuel, or "God with us."

How do we discern God's presence and call on our lives in times of joy and in times of sadness, fear, or anxiety? What can we learn from these Emmanuel encounters in the Bible to help inform our discernment to faith, hope, and love in action? Learn more by clicking [HERE](#) or scanning the QR code



NEW FIRST AID KITS

There are many little details that go on behind the scenes at FUMC that aren't so little when you are in a pinch! The First Aid Kits stationed around the building are one of those details. A huge **thank you to Lou DePelatis**, a member of the Safety & Security Committee, who spent time carefully going through every kit to replace outdated and missing items, or replace the kits altogether. Lou, we are grateful for your care and time!

CONGRATULATIONS JIM AND BARB

Jim Willard wrote and directed a play called, "How the West Was Spun: A Fanciful Re-Imagining of Western Legends" that was performed at the Good Samaritan Retirement Village on June 30. In addition to Jim, Barb Irelan was also involved and said, "I love to act. I was in drama in high school and college and I love to do it." Barb also sings in the Chancel Choir at FUMC. We congratulate both Jim & Barb! Be sure to check out the Reporter Herald write up posted on the bulletin board in the church foyer.

HIGHLIGHTED VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

(For more ways to serve, see the Volunteer Hub in Lobby Court or go to 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 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 to ask questions or volunteer.



Family Programing Coordinator - Desiree Aragon

familycoordinator@tumc-loveland.org

Sunday school is on summer break until September 13, 2026, therefore nursery services will move from the Sunday school room back to the nursery. Please ask ushers to direct you to the nursery. Contact Alison Williams for nursery questions. **Nursery Coordinator:** Allison Williams: nursery@fumcleveland.com



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

Watch for updates about a slideshow and dessert time for the youth to share more about their mission trip in Billings, MT.

Please join us in prayer as FUMC continues the search for a new Youth Coordinator. Meanwhile, during the summer, there will be opportunities for the youth to gather and stay connected. You can watch this space for updates.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers today are given by Sarah Clegern in honor of James and Sarah's 28th Anniversary.

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:

Jerry Yoder, healing from knee surgery June 24th
Shelby Woodward, healing from major back surgery June 8th

A celebration of life will be held for Jean Reinhart on Saturday, August 1st at 1:00pm in Heart Hub. Jean passed away after a fall on May 10th. There will not be a formal service in the sanctuary; come for refreshments and a time to reflect on Jean's life.



BIRTHDAYS: July 6th - July 12th

Robert Proctor
Jeff Goody
Martha Johnson

Molly Westbrook
Rex Berg
Douglas Mannering

Kathy Dufur
Terry Gruber