



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
July 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.



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 5th**, we welcome **Jase Schiereck**. Jase is a follower of Jesus.

With nearly 15 years of experience in family ministries, connectional outreach, church communications, teaching and preaching, and congregational care, he believes that the local church is the hands and feet of God's love in our communities. Today, Jase serves as Program Director at Longs Peak UMC in

Longmont, CO, and will begin seminary in August. Outside the church, he works as Director of Public Relations for a lifestyle PR agency based in Los Angeles. Jase and his husband, CJ, are licensed foster parents and are passionate about fall hikes, baking, and a good cup of coffee.



SUMMER COMMUNITY MEALS

This summer, Union Spiritual Community, Trinity United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church are partnering for two special evenings centered around food, fellowship, and connection. Both meals will feature dishes prepared by trained culinary professionals. If you missed the meal on June 30th at Trinity United Methodist Church, then 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.



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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

July 5 – Sarah Clegern, Susan VanMeakins, Neal Anderson, Ben Clegern - quartet. Join us this Sunday to hear the quartet sing the hymn, “*We the People of One Nation*.” See excerpt below.

July 12 – Anna Sundheim, soprano

July 19 – Summer Choir; Chaeli Ferguson, viola

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



On July 4, 2026, the United States will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the ratification of the Declaration of Independence. As affirmed at America250.org, this celebration will provide us with, “an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation’s past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond.”

On Sunday, July 5th, many congregations will observe the semiquincentennial by singing classic hymns. However, others may wish to “look ahead toward the future” with a new hymn, such as “*We the People of One Nation*,” first penned in 2014 but recently revised by John A. Dalles (b.1954) and set to a new tune, *People of One*, composed by Patrick Michaels (b. 1954) especially for the Dalles text. Given that each stanza of the text opens with “We the people” (the first three words of the preamble to the U.S. Constitution) and closes with a variation of the entreaty “God bless America,” the hymn seems a perfect congregational prayer for commemorating the nations’ 250th birthday.”

Excerpt by Mark Filbert, Hymnology Consultant, The Leupold Foundation

NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

Have you been looking for a volunteer job that can be quite infrequent?

This coordinator position is all set for you. A trained team is already in place and enjoy serving families as part of the bereavement committee.

Your task would be to liaise with the pastors for the date & time. Then email the team for the quantity of volunteers needed and oversee the team

on the date of the service. Interacting with the family on the date to ensure all needs are met would also be essential. Contact Rev Lee at lee@fumcloveland.com or Susan Kuhling at 970-402-3983 or susann53@gmail.com. Thank you in advance.



FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS - WE NEED YOU!

FUMC’s members’ fellowship gatherings (fellowship hours, Salad Sundays, Wednesday mission dinners, etc.) bring us and hold us together as a church. They also 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 cover.

Door greeters: Four greeters needed each Sunday, 9:30 - 10:00am.

Fellowship Hour Helpers: 1st and 3rd Sunday every month, 9:00 - 10:00am, to set up tables/chairs and help in the kitchen; then from 11:45am to 12:30pm for cleanup and putting tables and chairs away.

Salad Sundays Helpers: 4th Sunday of each month, 9:30 - 10:00am to set up tables/chairs and from 11:45am to 12:15pm to help with clean up and putting tables and chairs away.

Mission Dinners Helpers: Wednesdays, 5:30pm, every two months from 4:30 - 5:30pm to set up tables and chairs and from 6:15 - 6:45pm 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 [fumcloveland.org/Ministries/Missions & Service](http://fumcloveland.org/Ministries/Missions%20&%20Service))

- **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@fumcloveland.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@fumcloveland.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@fumcloveland.com



Mid & Senior High Youth Coordinator - Matthew Utley

youth@fumcloveland.com

We are sad to say goodbye to Rev. Matthew Utley, but are excited for him in his next adventure as Pastor of Mountain Vista UMC in Utah! His closing time with the FUMC youth was during their mission trip in Billings, MT. They all returned safely and did amazing work supplying food to the less fortunate, pulling lots of weeds, landscaping, general cleaning, and copious other duties assigned. Watch for updates about a slideshow and dessert time for the youth to share more about their experience.

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

If you'd like to provide altar flowers for a worship service, details on how to sign up can be found at www.funccleveland.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



BIRTHDAYS: June 29th - July 5th

Reeve Barrett

Summer Williams

Russ Steen

Rich Stiverson

Larry Hagan