



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO  
August 16, 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

Join us on **August 16, 2026** at 10:00 as we welcome Pastor Don Bird and his wife, Mandy, to FUMC, along with being blessed by the music of High Plains Flute Ensemble. We will kick off our new six-week sermon series *Unfinished*, exploring what it means to trust God in the chapters of life that have yet to be written. We'll begin with *Unfinished Stories*, reflecting on the Emmaus Road and the surprising truth that Christ often walks beside us before we even recognize Him. As we begin this new chapter together, come hear a story about hope, grace, and the possibility that our most important chapters may still be ahead.



#### SPECIAL MUSIC

**Aug. 16** – High Plains Flute Ensemble (Pastor Don Bird's first Sunday)  
**Aug. 23** – Beth Wells, cello  
**Aug. 30** – Chancel Choir



#### WELCOME POTLUCK FOR PASTOR DON AND MANDY BIRD

On Sunday, **August 16th**, following the worship service, the congregation is invited to come to a Potluck which will be held in Heart Hub. It will be a time to gather as a church and greet Pastor Don Bird and his wife Mandy. Please mark your calendars and join in this celebration. P.S. Remember to wear your name tag.



#### PREPARING FOR PASTOR DON

In preparation for Pastor Don, SPRC is sending out a friendly reminder to be sure to wear your name tags starting Sunday, August 16th. If you can not find your name tag in the closets in Lobby Court or need a new one, please contact Pam in the office at [office@fumcloveland.com](mailto:office@fumcloveland.com). She will be happy to make you one.



#### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

On **Sunday, August 30**, we'll have a special **Blessing of the Backpacks** during our Children's Message. We invite all of our elementary school friends to bring your backpack to worship and bring it forward for a special blessing. We'll pray for you, your teachers, your friends, and all the adventures waiting for you this new school year. Bring your backpack. Bring your grown-ups. Let's start the school year with a blessing!

## 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 & 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@fumcloveland.com](mailto: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](mailto:av@fumcloveland.com) to ask questions or volunteer.

## INTRODUCING A NEW SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S PROGRAM AT FUMC!

We are launching a fun, experimental program called **Children's Activity Time (C.A.T.)!**



- **When:** Four weeks, beginning August 16th and running through September 13th.
- **Time:** Sundays from 10:20 AM (after the Children's Sermon) until the end of the service at 11:00
- **Who:** Kindergarten – 5th graders.
- **Where:** The Journeys Room (downstairs, behind the Youth Range).
- **What to Expect:** Each session will feature faith-based stories, crafts, games, and a snack! Our lessons will explore Bible stories and faith concepts—like our first theme: “What makes God smile?”

### How You Can Help

We would love your support to make this program a success!

- **Bring Your Kids:** Please entrust your children to us for 40 minutes of fun! You can sign your child in at the table by the Journeys Room door.
- **Volunteer:** If you love teaching and having fun, and you are already trained in Safe Sanctuary, we need you! Sign up at the Volunteer Hub in the Lobby Court of FUMC, or email Sarah Clegern at [dcmsarah@yahoo.com](mailto:dcmsarah@yahoo.com).
- **Spread the Word:** Invite a friend to come along! The more, the merrier. We will be inviting the Trinity UMC and Union kids, too.

Have questions or want to let us know your child is coming? Please email Sarah Clegern (a 30+ year teacher and former Director of Children's Ministries) at [dcmsarah@yahoo.com](mailto:dcmsarah@yahoo.com).



**Mid & Senior High Youth Group** [youth@fumcloveland.com](mailto:youth@fumcloveland.com)

**Youth Group in August!**

**August 15 & 16:** Lock-In. 7:00pm - 11:00 am. Please bring a change of clothes and we'll go to church to welcome our new pastor Don and his family. Devotions by: Ian Sanderson and Camdyn Lucas

**August 16:** No Youth Group

**August 21:** Volunteer at Community Kitchen 4-7pm - Meet at Community Kitchen at 4:00.

**August 23:** Photo Scavenger Hunt 5-7pm Devotions by: Colton Landon & Joise Gall

**August 30:** Welcome New Sixth Graders - Games and Fun! Devotions by: Leaders



## ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are given today by Micheal Carlson, to celebrate she and Larry's 64th anniversary wedding which took place in this church.

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:

We give thanks for the life of Myrna McIntosh, who passed peacefully August 4. Myrna spent a short time in hospice care after a fall. We remember in prayer her husband Terry and their family. Service information will be shared here. If you would like to send a card, please mail to:

Terry McIntosh  
2101 S Garfield Ave Apt.151 Loveland, CO 80537

Georgia Chenoweth is continuing recovery from a broken hip and surgery at her daughter's home.



## August 10th - August 16th

James Gartner  
Anita Williams  
Michele Moore

Elden Gayman  
Megan Avery  
Suzanne Proctor

Bob Beers  
John Scheihing