



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
August 23, 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.



A FAREWELL AND THANK YOU FROM DESIREE ARAGON

Family Programming Coordinator, Desiree Aragon, has resigned from her position. We will miss her leadership and all that she brought to her role and to this church, but we wish her the best in this next chapter of her life! Watch here for information about a farewell reception. Here are Desiree's words of farewell and thank you:

Thank you all for the opportunity to learn, contribute, and grow with you. I am truly blessed to have worked alongside such loving, caring, and talented individuals in this community. In a short time, we accomplished so much — from the children's ministry serving our homebound members and the wider church community, to one of the biggest Trunk-or-Treat and Easter Party events this church has seen in years.

This was all because of each and every one of you, who contributed your time, monetary support, and intentional good vibes. This congregation is God in action. You all are God in action, and I have felt it at its core. Even while I was still finding my footing in this role, you supported me with so much care and love.

Thank you for your open-heartedness and authenticity. I am forever grateful for you.

The decision to listen to where I'm being led next was not an easy one, but it is time. I know this is the next step in my calling, and I must take it as I continue my full-time academic path at Colorado State University, in preparation to become a Social Worker. Thank you again.

With light and Joy, Desiree Aragon

Salad Sunday



SALAD SUNDAY

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! Join us this **Sunday, August 23rd**.

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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!



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council meetings are open to everyone! We welcome visitors and the voices they bring. Our next two meetings are scheduled for August 31 and October 5 at 6:00 in Heartbeat Bay. We discuss a wide variety of topics related to FUMC and its mission. We continue to discuss ways to use our building and the concept of 'cooperative parish.' We look forward to our first **Council meeting with Pastor Don on August 31st**.



SPECIAL MUSIC

Aug. 23 – Beth Wells, cello

Aug. 30 – Chancel Choir

MEET THE PASTOR

SPRC is hosting five “Meet and Greet” in September for those that would like to meet Pastor Don in a small group setting. These meetings are for groups of 15 to 20 people. Please sign up by the Ask Me Desk the next two Sundays for one of the meeting times.



- Tuesday, September 8th, at 3:00 pm - at Verboten Brewery (127 East 5th Street, Loveland)
- Wednesday, September 9th, at 6:30 pm - at the home of Kathy Prevost (1857 Muddy Creek Circle, Loveland)
- Sunday, September 13th, at 11:30 am - following the church service in Heart Hub (Pause Place)
- Wednesday, September 16th, at 6:30 pm - at the home of Susan Harding (3300 Crowley Circle, Loveland)

There will also be a meeting at Good Samaritan on Thursday, September 10th, at 10:00 am. This is for residents of Good Samaritan and is being organized by Phyllis Wehrle. She will be in contact with those residents with more information.

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.



Mid & Senior High Youth Group youth@fumcloveland.com
Youth Group in August!

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

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.
- **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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are given today by Doug and Betty Hill in honor of their 54th wedding anniversary.

If you'd like to provide altar flowers for a worship service, details on how to sign up can be found at www.fumccleveland.org. Scroll down on the Worship tab.



PRAYERS:

We give thanks for the life of Myrna McIntosh, who passed peacefully August 4. We remember in prayer her husband Terry and their family. If you would like to send a card, please mail to:

Terry McIntosh

2101 S Garfield Ave Apt. 151 Loveland, CO 80537

A celebration of Myrna's life will be held at FUMC on Sunday, October 4 at 12:30, with a reception following. All are welcome.

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



August 17th - August 23rd

Mame Chambers

Vicky Shields

Cecilia Ball

Mike Spoon

Isla Hauschulz

Margie Billingsley