



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
August 30, 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

Life is full of transitions, and faith is a journey of continual growth. From August 16 – September 20 our *Unfinished* message series will explore how God meets us in the midst of change, shapes us through grace, and calls us into a hopeful future together. Through stories of faith, abundance, purpose, and possibility, we'll discover what it means to be the Church in the 21st century. The Apostle Paul said in Philippians 1:6, "I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." You are invited to join us as we remember, reimagine, and embrace the truth that God isn't finished with us...ever!



SPECIAL MUSIC

Aug. 30 – Chancel Choir

Sept 6 – Cindy Utley, soprano; Neal Anderson, vocal and Dave Mills, flute

Sept. 13 – Chancel Choir, Men's Quartet

Sept. 20 – Spirit Sounds Bell Choir

Sept. 27 – Chancel Choir



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!



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.**



JOY FELLOWSHIP AT TUMC

TUMC's first JOY Fellowship lunch of the fall is coming up on **September 2, 2026**, at **11:00 a.m.** in our Fellowship Hall. JOY Fellowship is a gathering especially for people 55 and older. It's a chance to enjoy good food, good people, and learn from our presenters! This month, we are welcoming Thompson Valley EMS to join us. They will give a presentation on how EMS works and what you can expect if you ever have to call for help in an emergency. We'd love to have you join us! For more information contact Bryson Lillie at pastor@tumc-loveland

MEET THE PASTOR

SPRC is hosting several "Meet and Greets" for those that would like to meet Pastor Don in a small group setting. These meetings are for groups of 15 to 20 people. Several folks asked for a meeting time in October, so we have added another time following the church service on October 11th. **Sign up** for a "Meet and Greet" time **on Sunday mornings in Lobby Court.**



- 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)
 - 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.
 - 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)
 - Sunday, **October 11, at 11:30 am** - following the church service in Heart Hub (Pause Place)
- If you have any questions, **please contact Kathy Prevost** at katprev48@gmail.com



CIRCLE TALK BY ASPEN CLUB & UCHEALTH

Circle Talk is a structured conversation program that uses a fun, unique and non-repeating curriculum to support new meaningful connections and inspire sharing. A commitment to the full eight-week program is requested. **Tuesdays, August 25 – October 13 at 1:30 – 2:30 in FUMC Heart Hub.** If you weren't able to make last week's class, there are still a **few spots available for late registration.** **Registration is required** by calling Aspen Club at **970-495-8565.**



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Parents' Night Out will be starting again **September 25th at 6:00 – 9:00** in FUMC Heart Hub and Happy Notes Nursery. Ages 1-10. \$35.00 per child with a sibling discount. **Limited Spots** available so be sure to **sign up no later than September 18th.** Sign up and get more information by contacting Alison Williams, PNO coordinator at nursery@fumcloveland.com

♥ **A LITTLE TIME. A BIG DIFFERENCE** An opportunity to nurture faith and community with our children. Beginning **September 13**, we're inviting people who enjoy spending time with children to be part of our Sunday morning Children's Activity Time, following the Children's Message. There are two ways to serve: **Teachers** lead the morning's lesson and activity, while **Shepherds** assist the leader and help create a welcoming, safe space where children can learn, grow, and have fun. Our hope is to build a team large enough that each person might serve only once every 4–6 weeks. It's a simple way to share your gifts and make a meaningful difference in the lives of our youngest disciples. As we move through this season of transition and take steps toward welcoming a new Children's Ministry leader, this is an opportunity for our congregation to surround our children with love, encouragement, and faith. **Could this be a place where your gifts might make a difference?** We'd love to have you join us. Please contact Alison Williams, nursery@fumcloveland.com, to sign-up!



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@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.

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.



MID & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Contact Judy Graff for more information. jcatgraff@gmail.com

Youth Group in August!

August 30: Welcome New Sixth Graders! 5:00 -7:00 in the Youth Range. Games, Ice Cream Sundae's and Fun! Bring your friends! Devotions by David Williams



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are given today by Andrea Ortega in Memory of her Grandpa Paul Bodenberger's birthday.

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. 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 24th - August 30th

Robert Hoch

Patricia Gillespie

Virginia Brant

Richard Kittel

Patricia Nelson

Grace Williams

Carol Messervey