



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
September 20, 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

Sept. 20 – Spirit Sounds Bell Choir

Sept. 27 – Chancel Choir, Ben Clegern, soloist



ELEVATOR UPDATE

The east elevator is finally repaired and ready for use! Thank you so much for your patience during these many months of construction!



MISSION MEAL

The next Mission Fellowship Meal will be Wednesday, **September 23rd!** Dinner is served between **5:30pm and 6:00pm.**

The menu is a taco bar, cold drinks and a dessert. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child 10 & under. Tickets will be on sale at the church on Sunday, September 13 and 20; or you can **sign up online** [here](#) and pay at the door. **RESERVATIONS ARE ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED.**

It is impossible to adequately prepare if we don't know the number attending. There is also a need for some extra hands to help set up, serve, and clean up! **Please sign up** to help when you make your reservation or contact Barry Wehrle - barrywehrle@gmail.com.



FUMC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our Women's Fellowship will meet on Thursday, **September 24th**, in Heartbeat Bay at **1:00**. (Note new time change, from noon to 1:00) Janet Wood will provide a snack. Our project this month is to bring small square boxes of Kleenex for our church. Pastor Don Bird will share stories about his life. Please **WEAR YOUR NAME TAG!** All women are welcome. If you plan to attend, **please RSVP to Darlene Lowe**

at Aldarlowe@gmail.com

PARENTS' Night Out

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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@fumcleveland.com



CROP WALK

Our CROP Walk is in two short weeks! We have a few committed walkers on our team so far, and we've raised \$700, which puts us to 14% of our goal. We are on our way! If you would like to help support us by walking or donating, please stop by Sarah's table before or after church in Lobby Court. Or, you can

go online to 2026 CROP Hunger Walk, and then search for Methodists on the Move. We'd so appreciate your help as we endeavor to be Christ's hands and feet to feed the hungry and provide disaster relief here in the US and around the world. "For whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me."

Exploring What's Possible

A Cooperative Parish Conversation Between First UMC & Trinity UMC

First United Methodist Church and Trinity United Methodist Church are beginning a conversation about what it might look like for our two congregations to explore a cooperative parish. Over the summer, we have already had the opportunity to share meals, get to know one another, and begin building relationships. Now, we invite you to take the next step together.

Tuesday, October 6 | 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church

Hybrid participation will be available via the following Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86728103413?pwd=Mng2WZ85v9FkgZk7Sid92c6JrqG0fv.1>

This gathering is an opportunity to listen, ask questions, and explore together. It is not a decision-making meeting. There will be no votes, and no final decisions will be made. Instead, we want to create space for honest conversation and curiosity as we learn more about what a cooperative parish could mean for both congregations.

Do you already have questions about cooperative parishes? We would love to hear them. You may send your questions in advance to: Pastor Bryson (pastor@tumc-loveland.org) or Pastor Don (don@fumcleveland.org). We will gather those questions and use them to help shape our conversation. To make the evening a little sweeter, we invite everyone to bring a dessert to share for a dessert potluck!

For some quick resources on cooperative parishes, check out these links:

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/a-fresh-approach-to-cooperative-parishes>

<https://www.nyac.com/cooperative-parishes-roles-and-responsibilities>

<https://youtu.be/YKWYZzInviE?si=8QcyDYxKYPUVGnaj>

<https://neumc.brtaapp.com/files/dcm/cooperativeparish101-2.pdf>

Come with your questions. Come with your hopes. Come ready to listen. Most of all, come ready to discover what God might be doing among us as we explore this possibility together.



CELEBRATING DESIREE' ARAGON'S MINISTRY

For almost a year-and-a-half, Desiree Aragon has served as the Family Programming Coordinator for FUMC, TUMC and Union. She has brought energy, creativity, and fun to the ministry we do with children and families. Now that she's going back to school for her Social Work degree, it's time to celebrate her service with us. Join us **Sunday,**

October 4, at 11:30, at Trinity UMC for an awesome celebration. We'll have food, fellowship, and plenty of opportunities to honor Desiree together. If Desiree has been part of your family's life over the past couple of years, we'd love to have you there. Come celebrate with us!



JOY FELLOWSHIP

Join JOY Fellowship for a Pizza Party on **October 7!** JOY Fellowship is a monthly meal for folks 55+ and a chance to eat together, catch up, and enjoy some good conversation. This month, we'll be joined by a team from the Fort Collins Rescue Mission. They'll talk with us about some of the myths surrounding homelessness and homeless ministry, along with their exciting new building. We'll gather in the **TUMC Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m.** Bring a side, salad, or dessert to share, or just bring yourself. We'll take care of the pizza!



MEET THE PASTOR

Be sure to join our next Meet and Greet for those that would like to meet Pastor Don in a small group setting. These meetings are for groups of 15 to 20 people. Sign up for a "Meet and Greet" time on Sunday mornings in Lobby Court.

- 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

HIGHLIGHTED VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

(For more ways to serve, see the Volunteer Hub in Lobby Court or go to [fumcleveland.org/Ministries/Missions & Service](http://fumcleveland.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.



MID & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

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

Stay tuned for more youth news coming soon.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Contact Sarah Clegern for more information. dcmsarah@yahoo.com

Stay tuned for more children's ministry news coming soon.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are given today by Kitty Nutting, in memory of Ted Nutting's life and service to our church.

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

We give thanks for the life of Martha Johnson, who entered into eternal life on September 6. We hold in prayer her daughter Kelly Torrez, also an FUMC member, and all of Martha's family. Service information is pending.



**Happy
Birthday!**

SEPTEMBER 14 – 20

Susan Kuhling
Kevin Ball

Zack Latshaw
Juliana Hoch

Cindy Lewandowski