



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
September 27, 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

What if going to church is actually a little dangerous? Jesus challenges us to look beyond the traditions and assumptions that can shape our faith and asks whether they are still helping us experience God's transforming love. This Sunday, Sept. 27, we'll explore how worship can expand our hearts, challenge our certainty, and open us to the possibility that God may be calling us to see, love, and live differently. We will be blessed by the musical talents of Ben Clegern and our Chancel Choir.



SPECIAL MUSIC

Sept. 27 – Chancel Choir, Ben Clegern, soloist

Oct. 4 – Chancel Choir, Vocal quartet, Ian Sanderson – piano

Oct. 11 – Chancel Choir, Rex Berg – guitar/vocals & Guy Keith - bass

Oct. 18 – Spirit Sounds Bell Choir

Oct. 25 – Chancel Choir



CONVERSATIONS

Come join the Conversation! The Conversations group has started meeting again this fall. For those unfamiliar, Conversations is a small fellowship group that meets **every Sunday at 8:30 a.m.** in the east room of Heart Hub. We discuss a wide variety of topics that pertain to our daily spiritual challenges and how those affect our relationship with our Creator. It is a discussion group, not a sit and get. **This**

Sunday, Sept. 27, we will be discussing Richard Rohr's thoughts on the distinction between "ascending religions" and "descending religions". All are welcome. Come join the Conversation!



CROP WALK

The CROP Hunger Walk happens this **Sunday Sept. 27th!** Thank you, thank you to all who have donated to this great cause so far! You are making a difference in a world that desperately needs changemakers and peacemakers. If you would still like to register to walk with us or donate to help get us closer to our goal, please go

to: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/sarah-clegern>, or, see me before church out in Lobby Court. We leave from King of Glory Lutheran Church at noon and will walk down to the Loveland Sculpture Park and back again. Well-behaved dogs on leash are welcome, too!



A SUNDAY CELEBRATION & REMEMBRANCE, OCTOBER 4

CELEBRATING DESIREE ARAGON'S MINISTRY

For almost a year-and-a-half, Desiree Aragon has served as the Family Programing 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!

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR MYRNA MCINTOSH

A celebration of life for Myrna McIntosh will be held at **FUMC** on **Sunday, October 4** at **12:30**, with a reception following. All are welcome. Those who wish can attend Desiree's reception at Trinity following worship and return to FUMC for Myrna's celebration of life. Coffee and treats will be provided in Lobby Court following worship for those who prefer to stay at FUMC.

COME RING WITH US

Tuesday nights 4:30 – 5:15, starting October 6



Have you ever wanted to try handbells? You don't have to be an experienced musician or bell ringer to join us! Whether you're a beginner looking to learn, an experienced ringer who'd like to try a different position or someone who would simply enjoy ringing easier music in a relaxed setting, there is the place for you in this additional ringing ensemble.

Come discover the joy of making music together, learning something new and being part of a wonderful group. No experience with bells required, but knowing how to read music at as basic level is necessary. **RSVP to Susan Harding** at susanmusicharding@gmail.com



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!



Online
Class

LEARNING WITH BONHOEFFER

Join us for a **three-week Zoom conversation** on Dietrich Bonhoeffer, led by Dennis Shaw, on **October 8, 15, and 22 from 6:30–8:00 PM**. Together, we'll explore how Bonhoeffer's life, writings, and resistance to Nazi ideology speak to questions of Christian nationalism, faithful discipleship, and the church's public witness today.

Dennis Shaw, a retired U.S. Army officer and United Methodist pastor, has studied Bonhoeffer for more than 30 years and is the author of *Slow Work of Trust*. To **register by October 7, email Pastor Lee** at lee@fumcleveland.org or **sign up at the Ask Me Desk**; contact Pastor Lee with questions at (970) 667-0876.

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

September 27: Youth will walk in CROP Walk. Meet at King of Glory Lutheran Church 2919 N. Wilson. in 29th St. The walk is from there to the sculpture park and back. Join us for ice cream after the walk and return to the church by 3 PM for parent pick

up. **Please remember to bring your envelopes with your pledge money on Sunday.**

October 4: Youth Group 5:00 to 7:00 in the Youth range. Devotions by Ian and Mara Church Scavenger hunt. Refreshments by Gracie

Children's



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

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

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.fumcleveland.org. Scroll down on the Worship tab.



PRAYERS

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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.



SEPTEMBER 21 – 27

Rick Bradley

Pat Mathena

Kathy Prevost