The Window

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
November 1, 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 God has been present in some of the most meaningful moments of our lives, even when we didn't recognize it? This All-Saints Sunday, we'll begin our new series, *God-Winks*, with a reflection on the unexpected ways grace finds us and how we sometimes recognize God's presence only when we look back. We'll remember those whose lives have shaped our faith, give thanks for the love that continues to sustain us, and share in Holy Communion. Join us as we make space for remembrance, comfort, gratitude, and the possibility that God has been closer than we realized.

Nov. 1 – Chancel Choir, Clegern duet
Nov. 8 – Spirit Sounds Bell Choir, Susan Chapman - flute
Nov. 15 – Chancel Choir, Clegern duet
Nov. 22 – Chancel Choir, Joanne Scheihing – clarinet
Nov. 29 – (First Sunday in Advent) Melanie Peffer – flute & Alaina Bongers – harp, Men's Quartet

ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE (A.K.A. CHARGE CONFERENCE)

You're Invited! Join us Sunday, **November 8, from 1:00–2:30 p.m.** for our annual Charge Conference! This is an opportunity to gather as a church, celebrate ministry, conduct important church business, and look ahead to where God is leading us. Staying after worship? We'll have the **Broncos game on the big screen** so you can enjoy some football and fellowship before the meeting begins. We hope you'll join us!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Hanging of the Greens | November 29 @ 4pm. Come be a part of FUMC's kick-off to the Advent season! Do you love to sing, dance, play an instrument or narrate? We would love to have you participate in Hanging of the Greens service this year! Music can be traditional or contemporary, sacred or secular, expert or beginning levels. All are welcome! Please **contact Susan Harding by November 8** with questions or to sign up. susanmusicharding@gmail.com

ANGEL TREE

Our Church will be working **with Prison Ministry Fellowship** to provide Christmas gifts for many of Loveland's children this Christmas season. Paper Angel Ornaments will be ready on **November 15**, following Worship in **Heart Hub/Coy Hall.** You are invited to select one for the child you would like to purchase a gift for. The Angels will include the child's name, age, sizes & hopefully gift suggestions as well as gift return dates. For many years our Church Family's generosity has blessed the lives of many children in the Loveland area. Thank you all so much! Questions, please contact Terry Gindlespargar tgindle@msn.com or Pam Erickson lucyalicekansas2@gmail.com

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

Salvation Army Christmas Kettle – Our congregation has "rung the bell" for the Loveland Salvation Army for a number of years and to great effect. Our Saturdays at the Loveland Sam's Club raise more than $3,000 each year, money that stays and is used in Loveland. Sign-up sheets will be available in Lobby Court for two-hour slots beginning Sunday, Nov. 1. You may also register/sign up for a particular time slot (or two!) using this link- https://volunteer.western.salvationarmyusa.org/reservations/AHuAgaLL52
We start ringing the Saturday before Thanksgiving and continue through Christmas. Please direct any questions to Barry Wehrle - barrywehrle@gmail.com. This is fun, people are generous and the Salvation Army and its many programs are supported. Please sign up!

LOOKING FOR MONEY COUNTERS

Do you like to count money? Here's an opportunity for you. Each week a dedicated, small team of people help count Sunday's offering. The team is losing a member and they need someone to fill their place. They meet on Monday mornings at 8:00 and are typically finished by 8:45. No accounting or bookkeeping experience necessary. Please contact Betsy Elliott at elliott1710@comcast.net if you are interested in helping.

GRATITUDE

There is exciting news to share from Finance. After a protracted time of negotiation, the estate of Helen Hengl has been settled. Helen and her husband Clyde were long-time members of FUMC. Helen passed last year and left FUMC as a beneficiary in her trust. Our share of her estate is just over $525,000! This is a substantial gift to our church. It needs to be noted that the Finance Committee has no intention of using bequests such as these to fund our operating budget. These funds are being held in a separate account. The goal with these funds is to see them used for investing in uses that will benefit our community and help the long-term growth of our church. There will be discussions in Church Council on how to best use these funds. We are grateful for the generosity of the Hengl family and their faithfulness in helping our church thrive!

HIGHLIGHTED VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT FUMC
(For more ways to serve, see the Volunteer Hub in Lobby Court or go to 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 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
Contact Judy Graff for more information. jcatgraff@gmail.com
October 31- Haunted Bus-Trunk or Treat
November 1- No Youth Group
November 8 – Guest Speaker: Carolyn Bouchard

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

PRAYERS

Melanie & Kevin Peffer and family, in the death of Melanie's father on October 5.

We give thanks for the life of Virginia Tanner, who entered eternal life on October 4. We hold in prayer her daughter Ellen and son-in-law David Shepherd and family. At Virginia's request, there will not be a memorial service but her family will gather at a later time.

October 26 – November 1

Barry Wehrle	Kristi Burns	Barb Irelan
Barbara Eckman	Jerry Westbrook	

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
There is so much we can be a part of to show our support to our community.

- **The Spirituals Project**

Mark your calendars! You are invited to a concert by The Spirituals Project, a concert experience rising out of The Lamont School of Music with the University of Denver to be held on **November 7th at 3:00 in the Loveland High Auditorium.** The Spirituals Project is a Community Organization dedicated to preserving and revitalizing the spirituals, through music, education, and social justice work in our community. Programs of The Spirituals Project include musical performance, education and research, into the multi-layered history and impact of the spiritual tradition. The concert is free, but a free will donation will be taken and will go directly to the Spirituals Project.