The Window

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
October 25, 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 happens when we choose to live generously? This Sunday, we'll explore how sharing our stories, practicing our faith, extending grace, and giving our resources can create a ripple of love that helps others flourish. Join us as we celebrate the difference we can make together and consider how our generosity helps build a community where everyone can belong. It's also **Blessing Sunday!** Remember to bring the 2027 Blessing Card you received in the mail as we offer our commitments to support the ministries of our church in the coming year. Extra cards will be available in the pews.

SPECIAL MUSIC
Oct. 25 – Chancel Choir

SALAD AND SUCH SUNDAY
Plan to gather again after worship this Sunday **October 25** 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!

TRUNK OR TREAT
Saturday, October 31 | 2:00-4:00 p.m. at FUMC 533 Grant Ave. Get ready for some fall fun! FUMC, TUMC and Loveland Preschool are teaming up to host our annual Trunk or Treat Want to host at trunk? **Sign up** in Lobby Court or on online by clicking HERE **by October 24.** Not hosting a trunk? No problem-we have plenty of volunteer opportunities: Join the hospitality team by contacting Pastor Don at don@fumcloveland.org Volunteer for games with Alison at nursery@fumcloveland.com Help with popcorn and drinks by reaching out to Pastor Bryson at pastor@tumc-loveland.org Candy donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in Lobby Court in the Halloween cauldron. Last year we welcomed nearly 300 kids! Come be part of a fun, safe, and festive afternoon for our community.

TUMC COMMUNITY CHILI COOKOFF
Saturday, November 7 | 4:00–6:00 p.m.

It's time for one of our favorite fall traditions! This year, Trinity United Methodist Church is opening our annual Chili Cookoff to the entire community, including our friends at First UMC and Union Spiritual Community. Bring your favorite chili recipe and compete in one of three categories: Traditional Chili, Non-Traditional Chili & Spicy Chili.
We'll also have a Pie Contest, with one category: Best Tasting Pie. Whether you're bringing a recipe to compete, coming to sample the competition, or just looking for a fun evening with friends, everyone is welcome. Bring your appetite and join us for an evening of good food, friendly competition, and community!
Want to enter the competition? Be sure to enter by October 31. Contact the Trinity church office at secretary@tumc-loveland.org to register.

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!

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!

CIRCLE OF LIFE

Circle of Life is a program that trains volunteers who provide support and resilience education for grieving children in the Thompson School District. Bev Goodier, M.A., from First United Methodist Church, and other community professionals provide training for volunteers from First United Methodist Church, Trinity Lutheran Church and the wider community. School counselors identify students who have experienced a death, divorce or incarceration. Mary Camp from Trinity is our administrator who works with the schools to schedule the groups. These trained, competent and dedicated volunteers are starting new groups in the next few weeks. Research shows that early intervention after a loss can help prevent a host of issues, such as complicated grief, posttraumatic stress disorder, depression and anxiety, suicidal thoughts, addiction, developmental disruption, etc., that can develop in people who receive no help after a loss. This is what motivates volunteers to provide support for kids experiencing distressing events in their lives. Please pray for these volunteers as they begin the new year with new groups, new kids and new stories. Please know, FUMC is making a difference.

STAFF TRANSITION

Karen Lumpkin has announced her intention to retire November 6. We will be seeking her replacement as soon as possible for the half-time position. In the meantime, we could use some temporary help. Anyone with some experience in the field and available time please let John Morgan know at morganjr44@gmail.com. Thanks!

SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS

The Salvation Army is always in need of nonperishable food items, hygiene items, in season clothing that is in good condition, small decorations for making a home look inviting, soft items for homes such as throw pillows, blankets, lap robes, towels, etc. You can bring your donations any time to the FUMC's Salvation Army collection box, located by the staircase between Lobby Court and Heart Hub. A member of the Mission Committee is taking the items to the Salvation Army on a regular basis. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

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 25- Carving pumpkins
October 31- Haunted bus Trunk or Treat
November 1- No Youth Group

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 19 – October 25

Helen Goody	Staci Hennings	Daniel Clegern	Ann Howard
Rose McQueen	Leighton Millar	William Kuhling	
Rev. Lee Anderson-Harris			

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.