



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
October 4, 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 are you writing on the hearts of others? This Sunday, we begin a new message series, *Ripple Effect*, exploring how the love, grace, faith, and relationships we experience can ripple outward in ways we may never see. On this World Communion Sunday, we'll reflect on Paul's surprising words in 2 Corinthians: "You yourselves are our letter... known and read by all." What if our lives are

communicating something to the people around us—even when we aren't saying a word? And what if the things God writes on our hearts are meant to travel farther than we ever imagined? Come discover where your story, your faith, and your everyday life intersect with the ripple God is creating. Join us this Sunday as we begin the journey together, with music from the Chancel Choir, a vocal quartet, and Ian Sanderson sharing his gifts on the piano.



SPECIAL MUSIC

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



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 4

World Communion Sunday is a denomination-wide celebration emphasizing the value of education and training. Half of the offering benefits World Communion scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. The remainder provides grants to support training for worldwide inclusion, diversity, equity, and access.

You may donate to World Communion by putting your check in one of the special

Sunday envelopes at the back of the sanctuary or simply by writing "World Communion Sunday" on the memo line on your check. Your gift is a practical expression of care, equipping students to shape a hopeful future. Thank you for giving generously.



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 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. All are welcome. Come join the Conversation!



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.



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!



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@fumcloveland.org or sign up at the Ask Me Desk; contact Pastor Lee with questions at (970) 667-0876.



Get ready for some fall fun! FUMC, TUMC, and Loveland Preschool are teaming up to host our annual Trunk or Treat **on Saturday, October 31 from 2:00–4:00 PM** at 533 Grant Ave. Want to host a trunk? You can **sign up in Lobby Court or online by clicking [HERE](#) by October 24**. Not hosting a trunk? No problem — we have plenty of volunteer opportunities:

- Love welcoming people? Join the hospitality team by contacting Pastor Don at don@fumcloveland.org
- Want to help kids have a blast? Volunteer for games with Alison at nursery@fumcloveland.com
- Prefer serving snacks? Help with popcorn and drinks by reaching out to Pastor Bryson at pastor@tumc-loveland.org

Want to support the event another way? 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.



CROP WALK

Yippee! It looks like our church has raised over \$3,500 this year and was the majority of our 24 CROP walkers today! Final totals are not in, but I believe that all together, the Loveland CROP Walk will raise close to \$6,000 to fight hunger locally and around the world. Thank you so much to all who participated and helped to support this great event. Sarah will close out the books next weekend and let us know the final numbers. Anyone who was meaning to donate but didn't get it done is still welcome to contribute at CROP Hunger Walks 2026, and then search Methodists on the Move. Thank you, church! **See The Insight for more pictures!**

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



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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Molly Kenders	Shirley Beaver	Lisa Hettrick
Roberta Douthit	Celia Frey	Rick West
Frankie Dickson	Ellen Shepherd	



DID YOU LOSE A JACKET?

There are a variety of jackets accumulating on the coat rack in lobby court. If you are missing a jacket, it may be here! Please pick up your coats by October 15. All coats not claimed by then will be donated to someone in need. Thank you