The Window

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
November 15, 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



How often are we so busy worrying about tomorrow that we forget to enjoy today? How many ordinary moments pass us by while we're distracted by everything else? This Sunday, we'll explore Jesus' invitation to stop worrying about what lies ahead and rediscover the sacred gift of the present. Through our God-Winks series, we'll consider how God's presence is already woven into the ordinary moments of our lives—and how much we might miss when we're not paying attention. Tomorrow will come soon enough.



Nov. 15 – Chancel Choir, Clegern duet
Nov. 22 – Chancel Choir, Joanne Scheihing – clarinet
Nov. 29 – Melanie Peffer – flute & Alaina Bongers – harp, Men's Quartet

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



FUMC Women's Fellowship will meet **Thursday, November 19th** at 1:00 p.m. in Heart Hub. We are having a "Dessert Potluck" (yum)! Please bring a dessert of your choice to share (about 12 servings). We will have a fellowship time, and Janet Wood



ANGEL TREE

Paper Angel Ornaments will be ready **this Sunday, 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

CHURCH DECORATING DAY



Come help decorate the church for Advent! Meet in the sanctuary on **November 23th** at 9:00am to lend a hand in beautifying the building for this special season. No need to RSVP, just show up! Thank you for your help!



FRIENDSGIVING

Join friends old and new for a Thanksgiving meal at FUMC on **Sunday, November 22nd** in Heart Hub beginning at **11:30**. Carl Williams is cooking as a way to bring people together, so feel free to invite people you know, especially those who might be lonely during the holiday season! The meal is free, but donations are appreciated and will go to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to help the community of Pagosa Springs as they recover from flooding. This is not a potluck, but desserts or pies are welcome. **Help is needed for serving food and clean up**, so please sign-up at the Volunteer Hub in Lobby Court or online HERE. Questions? Contact Pastor Lee (lee@fumcloveland.com) or Carl Williams (cpwilliams1985@gmail.com).

COOKIE JAR IS COMING SOON!

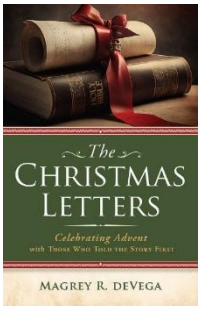


Cookie Jar is one of FUMC's sweetest traditions and our largest fundraiser for Youth Missions. Each year, our church comes together to bake hundreds of beautiful, homemade Christmas cookies, candies, and fudge to share with our community. We are asking for volunteers to donate a couple dozen of your best, prettiest, fully homemade treats—no store-bought items, please. Homemade goodies are what make Cookie Jar special! **Interested in baking for us? Sign up at the Ask Me Desk next Sunday, November 22**. Stay tuned for more details about the Cookie Jar event!

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** with questions or to sign up. susanmusicharding@gmail.com

ADVENT BOOK STUDY



Join Pastor Lee and others in an advent book study on **Sundays, November 29-December 20 from 11:15-12:45.** We will be studying *The Christmas Letters: Celebrating Advent with Those Who Told the Story First*, by Magrey DeVega. This book looks at the epistles to learn how the earliest Christians understood Jesus's birth. We will meet in Serenity Center (a.k.a. Fellowship Hall) and a light lunch will be provided. Books and ebooks can be purchased on your own at Cokesbury.com, Amazon, or other booksellers; we will review Chapter 1 on November 29. **Sign up by November 24 by contacting Pastor Lee** at lee@fumcloveland.org, or use the sign-up sheet at the Ask Me Desk.



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 in Lobby Court at the Volunteer Hub or online HERE. 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.



GRATEFUL FOR KAREN LUMPKIN'S MINISTRY!

Karen Lumpkin has retired from her position as our Business Manager and her last day in the office was November 5. We are grateful to Karen for her faithfulness and dedication in serving alongside of us in ministry. We are excited for her as she enters this new chapter of her life, traveling, playing tennis, and spending time with her grandchildren and family. We encourage you to share your appreciation for Karen's ministry by bringing a card to the church office. We will be sure she receives your cards when she returns from her vacation.

SPRC is currently accepting resumes for our Business Manager position. In the meantime, Dan Nelson of Black Ink Bookkeeping will be our interim bookkeeper, ensuring that payroll and bills are paid. Dan is a former

ordained United Methodist pastor and understands the intricacies of church life and the United Methodist system. He will be in the office on Tuesdays during the interim if you'd like to stop in and say hello and thank him for helping us bridge the gap in this season of transition.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
Your donations to the Missions Fundraiser Meals are making an impact! FUMC was able to give $500 from these funds to the Disaster Response Team of the United Methodist Church of Johnstown, for use toward supplies that will help people impacted by the floods in CO. The Johnstown DRT wrote in a thank you letter, "Teams like your FUMC Loveland Missions and Social Concerns Committee make a big difference with our DRT Ministry. Please tell the congregation and committee how grateful we are to have their support…both financial and in prayer." Thank you for making a difference!

HELP NEEDED AT TRUSCOTT



The Truscott Family Pantry needs your help. They are looking for **volunteers** to help in pantry 30 mins before school and 30 mins after school on Mondays and/or Fridays. Can be teams of 2 that work together or trade off weeks. **Donations are also welcome. Food needed:** can tuna, pasta/alfredo sauce, pasta, can soup, peanut butter, microwave rice/noodles/lentil packs, broth, cereal. **Household needs:** paper towels, toilet paper, and toiletries. Collection box will be in the Lobby until November 30th. Interested? Please email or call/text Betsy Elliott at elliott1710@comcast.net or 720-988-4893

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

November 15 – 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Shopping for Angel Tree and Friendsgiving dinner.
November 22 – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Game night and gift wrapping.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

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



PRAYERS

Meadow Williams and family – health concerns.



November 9 – November 15

Harvey Hirning	Don Burton	Lexi Jo Barrett	Marvin Morganti
Clara Stutzman	Dean Schwartz	Lyle Gilroy	Ruth Van Voorhis



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.