The Window

First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
November 22, 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.



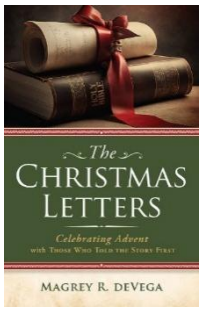
JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
Our lives have a way of filling up every available space. Between responsibilities, commitments, distractions, and the constant demands of everyday life, we can become so busy that we miss the moments that matter most. This Sunday, as we conclude our *God-Winks* series, we'll explore the story of Mary and Martha and consider what it means to make room for God, for one another, and for the unexpected moments of grace that might be right in front of us. **What if the key to experiencing more of God isn't doing more, but making room?**



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



FRIENDSGIVING
Join friends old and new for a Thanksgiving meal at FUMC this **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 please bring your favorite desserts or pies! Help is greatly needed for serving food and clean up**. If you are willing to help, there is still time to sign up HERE or just show up! Questions? Contact Pastor Lee (lee@fumcloveland.com) or Carl Williams (cpwilliams1985@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.

WAYS TO GIVE AND SERVE THIS SEASON



There are many ways to support FUMC and the community during this holiday season. No one can do it all, so we have gathered the opportunities in one place here to help you plan and make choices!

- **Church Decorating Day**
  Come help decorate the church for Advent! Meet in the sanctuary on **November 23, at 9:00 a.m.** to lend a hand in beautifying the building for this special season. No need to RSVP, just show up! Thank you for your help!
- **Cookie Jar**
  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. Thank you for making Cookie Jar happen—one homemade treat at a time!
  Sign up: Sign up to bake cookies at the Ask Me Desk **this Sunday, November 22.**
  Drop-off: Drop off your homemade cookies on **Friday, December 11, at 9:00–11:00 a.m. OR 5:00-7:00 p.m.** in Heart Hub.
  Shop: Shop for cookies on **December 12, 9:00-11:00 a.m.** in Heart Hub.
- **Poinsettias for Christmas**
  The worship Committee is offering the opportunity to purchase Christmas Poinsettias for $12.00 each to be used for our Advent services. **The sign-up sheet is at the Ask Me Desk starting this Sunday, November 22** in Lobby Court with spaces to dedicate the Poinsettia in memory or honor of loved ones. Place your payment in the box and order form in the basket labeled "Christmas Poinsettias". **The deadline for ordering Poinsettias is December 6.** Thank you for helping beautify the sanctuary for Christmas! Please pick up your Poinsettias after the last service on Christmas Eve.
- **Salvation Army Kettle Bell Ringers**
  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!
- **Truscott Pantry**
  The Truscott Family Pantry needs your help. They are looking for **volunteers** to help in the 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
- **King Soopers Community Rewards**
  Did you know you can sign up to generate a donation to FUMC Ministries every time you shop at King Soopers? There are cards at the Ask Me Desk with instructions for signing up, or you can contact Andrea Ortega at ortega.andrea.m@gmail.com It's easy to get started, and there is no cost to you! Thank you for being part of this rewards program!
- **All Church Caroling…**stay tuned!
- **Salvation Army Gift Cards & Bags**…stay tuned!
- **Christmas Offering**…stay tuned!



GRATEFUL FOR KAREN LUMPKIN'S MINISTRY!
Karen Lumpkin has retired from her position as our Business Manager. 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 by December 1**. 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!

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)]



- ***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.
- ***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 22: – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Game night and gift wrapping. Refreshments by Chelsea. Devotions by Judy.
November 29: No youth group. Join us for Hanging of the Greens Service
December 6: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Decorate cookies
December 11: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Set up for Cookie Jar Fundraiser
December 12: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Cookie Jar and Cleanup



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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



PRAYERS

Meadow Williams and family – health concerns.

Ann Eatman and family and sister Joyce Sullivan who passed away November 15.



November 16 – November 22
Pat Boegli David Williams Alicia Mitchell Cathy Trout



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.