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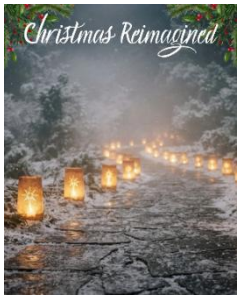
First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
November 29, 2026

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.



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
The church office will be closed November 26 & 27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Happy Thanksgiving!

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

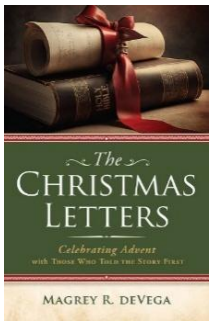


Ready or not, here we are at another Advent. It comes every year, and the rhythms and stories become so familiar that they can almost become background noise. And despite intentions, we are once again swept up in the hustle and bustle of the season. This Advent, we're going to slow down, look again, and reimagine Christmas through fresh questions and unexpected perspectives. Sometimes the hardest part of Advent isn't waiting for Christmas. It's figuring out what we're actually waiting for. This Sunday, we join the prophets of old in a familiar longing for a world made peaceful. We dare to hope, but not passively. **We look for what God is already doing and ask, "How can I join in?"** Celebrate with us on this first Sunday of Advent as we dive into our newest sermon series, *Christmas Reimagined.*



Nov. 29 – Melanie Peffer – flute & Alaina Bongers – harp, Men's Quartet

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. There is still time to join! If you did not sign up in advance, just join us for the first class.



NOTES OF GRATITUDE

- I'd like to give thanks for all those who are involved in the children's ministry here at our church....because even though we do not currently have an official Children's Ministry Director, we DO absolutely have children's ministry happening each week! During the last 12 weeks, our FUMC kids (and some visitors from time to time) have been busy learning, listening, communicating, creating and growing. They've created gorgeous artwork like watercolor resist paintings, Fall dream catchers, personal affirmation mirrors, and hieroglyphic name plates. They've enthusiastically participated in service projects and blessed others with windshield notes, caring cards for shut-ins, dried soup mix jars for visitations, and even the nicely wrapped silverware for our church's Friendsgiving Thanksgiving meal last

Sunday. They've played games and shared in snacks. They've talked about gratitude, thankfulness, hope, and love through Bible teachings and children's Christian literature. What a gift our children are! And what a gift each of YOU are, who help us run Children's Activity Time and our fun children's events like Trunk or Treat through your talents, time, prayers and donations. Thank you! As we head into Advent, thank you all for your support and for spreading the word about our children's ministry so that we may bless others. Have questions or want to get involved? I'd be happy to help! With gratitude, Sarah Clegern dcmsarah@yahoo.com

- Thank you to all the kitchen users for treating the kitchen as if it were their own. The kitchen team.
- 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!

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!



- **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** 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.

- **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.

  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.

- **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!

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 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

What a gift our children are! And what a gift each of YOU are, who help us run Children's Activity Time and our fun children's events. Have questions or want to get involved? Contact Sarah, She's happy to help! Sarah Clegern dcmsarah@yahoo.com



PRAYERS

Meadow Williams and family – health concerns.

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



November 23 – November 29

Bentley Champion	Bill McCreary	Debbie Schwartz
Susan Harding	Bob Angelovic	



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.