



First United Methodist Church, Loveland, CO
August 31, 2025

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.



BISHOP STONEKING TO PREACH

In collaboration with Trinity UMC, and to celebrate the ministries of our two UMC churches in Loveland, we are delighted to welcome **Bishop Kristin Stoneking**, our new Mountain Sky Conference bishop, to the pulpit on **August 31st** to deliver the message. Bishop will **preach in person at TUMC**, while she is **streamed live at FUMC** for her sermon. A reception for Bishop Stoneking will be held at FUMC at 11:20am following the service.

(Note: If you typically give your pledged or committed giving in person in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, but

plan to worship in person at TUMC that Sunday, we will have an offering plate available during the reception. Or, simply put your offering in an envelope with your name and "FUMC Offering" written on the outside, and leave it in the offering plate at TUMC. You can also give online at fumcloveland.com, at the Give and Support tab.)

SPECIAL OFFERING – UMCOR FIRE KITS

This Sunday, during our combined service, we will receive a special offering in response to the Bishop's call to support churches on the Colorado Western Slope that have been affected by recent wildfires. All gifts given to this offering will go toward providing UMCOR Fire Kits, bringing much-needed relief and support to those congregations and their communities. To give to this special offering, use the giving envelopes provided in the pews for cash donations. Write "UMCOR Fire Kits" on the envelope. Or, write a check designating "UMCOR Fire Kits" in the memo line. Or go to www.fumcloveland.com and click on the Give and Support tab to give online. Be sure to write "UMCOR Fire Kits" in the notes section. You may also click on the QR code to the left to go straight to the secure giving page. For more information about the call for Fire Kits, click here: [Call for Fire Kits](#)



KOREA PRESENTATION & POTLUCK Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, September 3rd, 5:30-7:00pm**. Matthew Utley attended the Young Adult Pilgrimage of Peace to South Korea last June. Join us for another Wednesday evening potluck where Matthew will share a presentation on his experiences in South Korea. You will see photos from his trip as well as how the pilgrimage impacted Matthew on an educational and spiritual level. **Please bring food at 5:15 pm. We will begin serving at 5:30 pm.**



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Volunteers, we want to celebrate YOU! On **September 14th**, FUMC staff will say thank you to all the laity volunteers who have helped FUMC "be the church" over the past year. There are two ways we will extend our thanks.

- Before worship, between 8:15 and 9:15 am, the FUMC staff will serve a volunteer appreciation breakfast to anyone who has volunteered for the missions and ministries. This includes those who serve at FUMC as well as those who serve through FUMC with one of our community partners - (see a list of Ministries and community partners [HERE](#).)

So that no one is unintentionally left out, personal invitations will not be mailed. Please, if you are a volunteer, know that you are welcome and we ask you to **please RSVP to Pastor Leslie** at leslie@fumcleveland.com or **Pastor Lee** at lee@fumcleveland.com, or **sign the RSVP form on the Ask-Me Desk**. We look forward to sharing our gratitude with a good meal and time together!

- Pastors Leslie and Lee are excited to welcome the musical worship duo, Skip & Gayn, to lead a special worship experience that morning. Gaynor Nelson is a musician, artist and mother of one, playing guitar, ukulele and singing for the Skip & Gayn duo. Skip Strickland is a retired pastor and District Superintendent in the Mountain Sky Conference of the UMC and has been playing, singing and leading some form of music and worship all his life. For the past three years, Skip and Gaynor have also been leading worship at churches throughout Colorado, combining music with a message centered around themes of love, kindness, and acceptance. Learn more about Skip & Gayn [HERE](#)



SPECIAL MUSIC IN AUGUST

Aug. 31st, 10:00 - Ben Clegern, vocal



Altar Flowers: Given by Andrea Ortega, in memory of Gramps Bonenberger's birthday.

SPECIAL CONVERSATION WITH REV. JERRY HERSHIPS!

Union Spiritual Community is excited to welcome Rev. Jerry Hershops as our guest speaker for our Bi-Monthly "Convo" gathering on **Tuesday, September 17th**, from **6:00 to 7:30pm** at **Artworks Loveland, 310 N. Railroad Ave., Loveland, CO 80537**. **Learn More** [HERE](#) or Contact Bryson Lillie or Molly Waller at (unionloveland@gmail.com)

HCHC - Health Coaches for Hypertension Control 10-11:30am, Mondays, September 15-November 10.

HCHC is an evidence-based program that's been proven to help improve the health of those diagnosed with high blood pressure. These 9-weekly classes help participants manage hypertension by focusing on lifestyle change. Please call 970.495.8565 to register for this program. Cost: Suggested donation of \$15 for materials, payable by cash or check at class. This class is one of many **offered by UCHealth Aspen Club**, which provides health-related programs and support to people over 50. FUMC has a good partnership with Aspen Club by hosting several of their classes. Look for more classes here at FUMC in the future!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



- **CALLING ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS!**

Get Involved in Sunday School this Fall!

- **School Year, Consistent Sunday School Starts September 7th!**

- **Opportunities Available:**

- * Sunday School Lead
- * Sunday School Shepherd
- * Nursery Helper

- **Easy & Rewarding:** The curriculum and activities are *completely* planned and prepared.

- **Support Provided:** Desiree Aragon will send you a personalized email with all the details after you sign up.

- **Ready to Make a Difference? Here are the ways!**

Take a look at a special invitation from Desiree [HERE](#), then **sign up online to volunteer** [HERE](#) or use the sign up sheet at the Volunteer Hub.

- **COME SING WITH THE CHOIR**

We love summer choir. If you sang with us and were blessed by the experience, please consider whether you just want to sing in the summer or if you're interested in singing during our regular season, August-May. Even if you didn't sing with the summer choir, but are interested in joining the Chancel Choir, we'd love to have you! Please call (no texts) or email Kathryn Peiffer, 970-624-8971, kpeiffer@fumcleveland.com.

- **FUMC & TUMC COLLABORATE IN MISSION**

The Truscott Community Garden Project, a mission collaboration between FUMC & TUMC, is coming together nicely under the leadership of TUMC Pastor Bryson. Our two congregations, along with Truscott Elementary staff and families, will give the Truscott Elementary School Garden (two blocks north of FUMC on Grant Ave) a fresh new look! We need FUMC members to join the fun on **Saturday, September 6th, 8:00–10:00am** as we clean and refresh the space for the school year. Bring gloves, sunscreen, a hat, and your favorite gardening tools—we'll provide water, snacks, and heavier equipment. Pastor Bryson says, "Even if they can't get down in the dirt, we are inviting people to stop by just to chat. The big goal here is to build relationships and we need people who can test the benches we are building." On **Sunday, September 7th**, after worship around **11:30 a.m.** join us **on site** as we **bless the garden and pray for the students**, teachers, and families who will use it. **More FUMC volunteers are needed. There is a sign-up sheet on the Ask Me desk. And, more money gifts will be a big help as well. Any gift should be made to FUMC and marked "Truscott Garden."** Questions? Contact Barry Wehrle (barrywehrle@gmail.com) or TUMC's Pastor Bryson (pastor@tumc-loveland.org).

- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY & FUMC**

FUMC is a mission partner with Loveland Habitat for Humanity. Here are some upcoming ways to support this valuable organization!

Become a ReStore Regular!

Do you or someone you know love sorting and organizing? Our ReStore is overflowing with donations, and we're looking for regular volunteers to help us sort clothes and housewares, test electronics, and put things out onto our sales floor. Learn more at lovelandhabitat.org/volunteer.

Veterans Build

Thursday, September 11th at Grace Gardens. Help us honor those who have served with a special build day. Our opening ceremony will include an opening prayer, performance of the National Anthem, a presentation of the colors, and a speech by Larimer County Commissioner Jody Shaddock-McNally.

Veterans, service members, and first responders are invited to register at lovelandhabitat.org/veterans-build. For more information, contact development@lovelandhabitat.org.

- **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.

- **2025 CROP HUNGER WALK**

No child should have to suffer from hunger in our world. That's why we're participating in the 2025 CROP Hunger Walk to support Church World Service and help families who are struggling with hunger. Please join us with your steps and your donations! It is hard to see the starvation in the world and feel helpless. This is one way to help! 25 percent of what we raise will be donated to The Community Kitchen here in Loveland. 75 percent will support those in countries that lack food for nourishment and seeds for growing. **Sign up online** to walk with us or donate to help us meet our goal of \$2,000 from our church [HERE](#). For more information, Sarah will have a table set up beginning on **September 7th** at church.

- **STUFF THE TRUCK LOVELAND**

With Loveland's overnight shelter closing, more of our unhoused neighbors will be sleeping outside this winter. Help us provide lifesaving food and gear! A Drive-Thru Donation Drop-Off **Saturday Morning, September 6th, 9:00am - Noon** at Zion Lutheran Church, 815 East 16th Street. Look for the silver utility trailer. **Learn more by scanning the QR code.** Coffee & pastries for all donors!



FRESH UPDATES AROUND FUMC! ✨

If you've been in the Heart Hub (Coy Hall) or the Soul Shelter (Youth Range) lately, you may have noticed a fresh pop of color—thanks to the beautiful new paintwork by our talented resident painter, **Jerry Yoder**! These spaces are just two of the many projects Jerry has skillfully completed, brightening up our church home.

And that's not all—keep an eye out for our decorative banners, which will soon be proudly displayed on custom rolling frames. These one-of-a-kind wood-and-metal creations were designed and built by **John Morgan**, with the creative spark and support of his wife, **Cece**. Their teamwork has given us a wonderful new way to showcase our banners in style. A heartfelt thank-you to Jerry, John, and Cece for sharing their gifts and dedication with our church family. Your hard work adds beauty and spirit to our community!

CHANGES TO THE FUMC WiFi

To simplify logging onto the church guest network, there is now a single WiFi network name (or SSID) throughout the church. You'll no longer have location dependent connections such as "Sanctuary", or "Coy Hall", or... (You get the idea.). Instead, connect your cellphone or computer WiFi to: **BeMyGuest@FUMC**.

The password remains the same as the one used for the prior WiFi networks. If you've forgotten what that was, you can check with our new Office Manager, Pam Day. Or visit the Sound Booth on Sunday to get the password.

GUATEMALA CONSTRUCTION & ENGLISH CAMP MEETING

Join us for an informal informational meeting **Wednesday, September 10th at 6:00pm** in the Soul Shelter (Youth Range) Spanish Room. Come and see slides and hear stories about this joyful experience of teaching, working and learning with the Guatemalan people. **Call Carolyn Bouchard** at 970-481-2818 to reserve your spot and snack ticket!



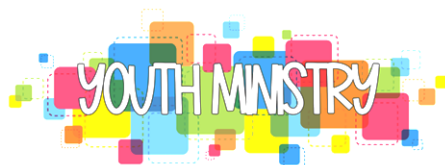
Family Programming Coordinator - Desiree Aragon -
familycoordinator@tunc-loveland.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Mark your calendars! The **first day** of Sunday school will be **September 7th!**

Parents: Please note that there will be a better way to sign in your kiddo(s) for Sunday school this year. See **Desiree before the service** at the table with the balloons near the volunteer hub in Lobby Court.

Sunday School volunteers are vital for the success of children's ministries. **See pg. 2 above** for ways that you can support this ministry.



Mid & Senior High Youth Coordinator - Matthew Utley -
youth@fumcloveland.com

Sunday 08/31: No Youth Group - Labor Day Weekend

Sunday 09/07: Regular youth group 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Snacks provided

Sunday 09/14: French Fry Rally 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Meet at the church.

Sunday 09/21: Regular youth group 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Snacks provided





PLEASE NOTE: The church office will be closed Friday, August 29th - Monday, September 1st. Happy Labor Day!

PERSONALS



Prayers:

Laurie Mullins, in hospice care, visits are welcome and encouraged

Barbie Clark, healing from heart attack in July

Jeanne Burns, healing from surgery

Lyle Gilroy, in rehab for torn muscle

Doug & Lynette Mannering, for Doug's continued healing from surgery, and for comfort and peace at the passing of their son, Jared.

Mary & Gary Small...for peace and comfort at the recent passing of Mary's mother, Muriel Ross

We give thanks for the life of FUMC member Harriett Piersel, who entered eternal life on July 17TH, and hold in prayer her friends in family. There will not be a service for Harriett.

A celebration of life service for Jack and Jane Gill will be held August 30th at 1:00pm at LiNC Library, 501 8th Ave, Greeley.



Birthdays: Aug 25 - Aug 31, 2025

Richard Kittel

Grace Williams

Patricia Gillespie

Patricia Nelson

Carol Messervey

Virginia Brant