

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

As the leaves turn and the air grows crisp, November often invites us into a season of reflection. Thanksgiving, with all its familiar rhythms of gathering, gratitude, and grace, calls us to pause and remember God’s faithfulness. In a world that can feel hurried and uncertain, gratitude grounds us. It helps us see that even in times of challenge, there are blessings to be named and hope for tomorrow.

Gratitude and hope are deeply connected. Gratitude reminds us of where God has been faithful; hope reminds us that God’s faithfulness continues. Together, they form a rhythm of trust—past, present, and future held in God’s steady hands.

The Apostle Paul wrote, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” Paul’s words don’t ignore life’s difficulties—they reframe them. He reminds us that gratitude is not about pretending everything is perfect, but about remembering that God is present, working for good even when we cannot see the whole picture.

This November, may we take time to count blessings both big and small: a shared meal, a note of encouragement, a sunrise, a child’s laughter, the comfort of our church family. And as we do, may those moments of gratitude open our hearts to hope—hope for healing, for renewal, for the continued movement of God’s Spirit among us.

In a world that often points to what’s missing, the church is called to point toward abundance—to proclaim that God is not finished with us or with creation. Gratitude roots us in God’s grace; hope lifts our eyes toward God’s future.

May this season draw us closer to the heart of Christ, who gives us both gratitude for the cross and hope in the resurrection.

May our thanksgiving overflow into acts of kindness, generosity, and love.

Grace and Peace,

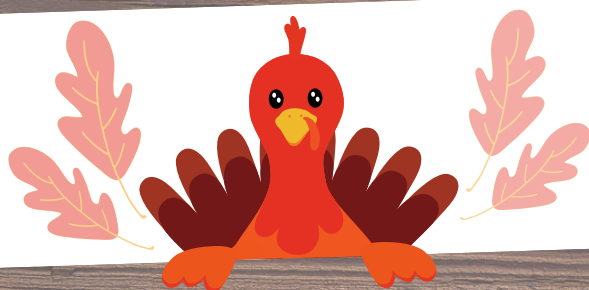
Pastor Leah

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHEDULE



11/01 Buckhorn Camp
SAT Closing



11/09 Friendsgiving
SUN Thanksgiving Potluck



11/22 Make Cheese Balls
11/22 & 23 Pick up Cheese Balls
SAT/SUN



11/30 Heifer
SUN International

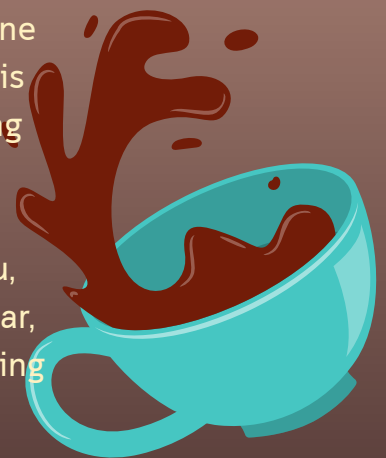
Heifer International

Our Heifer International support campaign will be kicking off November 30th.
Plan to help support this wonderful effort in December.



A Buddhist monk asked his students a question. He said, "If you're carrying a cup of coffee and someone bumps into you, why did you spill the coffee?" Each and every one of his students said, "Because someone bumped into me". He said, "No, the reason why you spilled the coffee is because that's what you were carrying in your cup. If you were carrying water, you would have spilled water".

Then he said something profound. He said, "Whenever life shakes you, what ever you are carrying is going to spill out. So, if you're carrying fear, jealousy, anger, greed, that's what's going to spill out. But if you're carrying love, compassion, kindness, empathy, that's what going to spill out."



So, each and every day you should pause and think to yourself, "What am I carrying in my cup today?"

A New Phone System at CUMC - Much Needed, Much Appreciated



In September, the church purchased and installed a new phone system. The old system was slowly giving up the ghost and was only partially working, with different issues popping up daily. But it had a good life, and the staff was not sorry to say goodbye. The new system is from Zoom. Zoom Phone is a Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) system. The days of old analog systems with a PBX in the closet are gone. Our old system received power through the internet via Comcast but was not a VoIP system.

Other vendors were reviewed, but Zoom Phone offers the most services for the money and has a good quality rating. The actual phones were purchased with funds set aside for IT upgrades and cost \$455. The monthly charge from Zoom will be approximately \$93 with taxes, and we were paying approximately \$75 with Comcast.

If you hear anything from users about it not being able to do this or that, more than likely it actually does those things and will just require some additional training. There are many Zoom videos on YouTube about the phones, as well as a chat window available through our Zoom account.

Because the system operates through the internet, more phone lines may be added in the future using Wi-Fi. We hope this choice will be flexible for our needs going forward.

A big thank-you goes to Susie McCollum for agreeing to be our Phone Installation Hero—and on short notice! She worked closely with the staff, the Zoom representatives, and Mark Herndon from iPoint Technologies, our local IT professional. Together, they figured it out, got the number ported from Comcast, and had it up and running. We'd also like to thank Brenda Thompson, who worked closely with Comcast to change our old account without an increase in costs, even though we lost our "bundle" pricing.

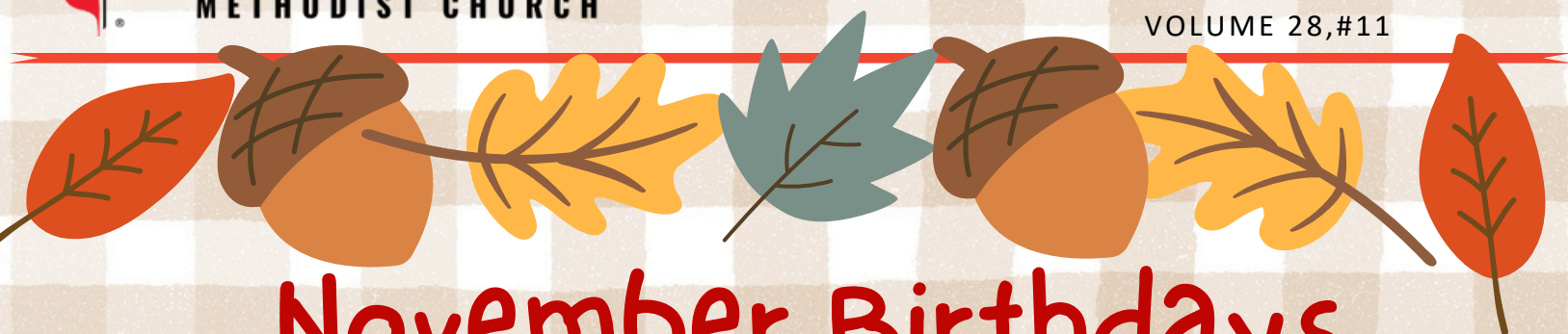
Our volunteers on the Trustees committee are wonderful! Thanks to all.



Thank you for the kind expressions of love and appreciation shared on Pastor Appreciation Sunday. The beautiful flowers, the Moot House gift card, birthday wishes, and your thoughtful words touched me deeply. It is truly a blessing and a joy to serve God alongside this wonderful congregation. Your ongoing support, prayers, and encouragement mean more than words can express.

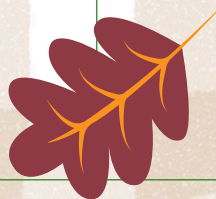
**With gratitude,
Pastor Leah**

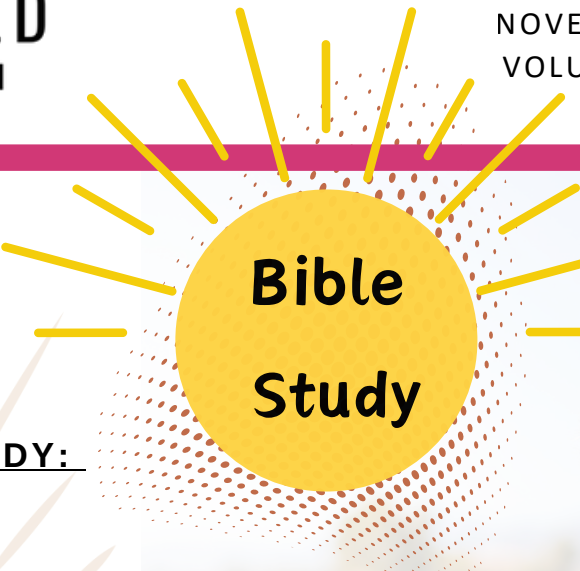




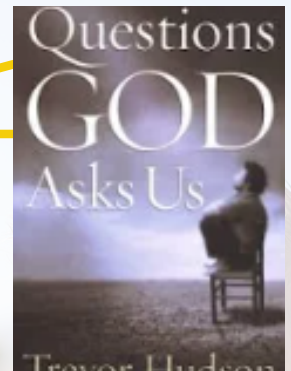
November Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Amber Rowland Judy Robinson Virginia Street
2	3 Carolyn Peterson	4	5	6	7	8 Katie Fletcher
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Karen Gibbs	17 Kendra Coleman	18	19	20	21 Sharon Kunze	22
23	24	25 Mary Ritchie	26 Ian Alder	27	28 Darold Klein	29 Rose Aberle
30 Brett Beardmore						





Bible Study



MONDAY 9:30 A.M. BIBLE STUDY:

The Monday Morning Bible Study in room 107. Our current study, The Acts of The Apostles, from the New Testament shows the growth of the early church after Jesus' crucifixion. We follow the ministries of Peter, Stephen, Philip, John and others to Samaria, Antioch, Jerusalem and Damascus. Sound exciting? Come join us!

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

In November, the Tuesday afternoon Bible Study will continue the study: Questions God Asks Us by Trevor Hudson. God wants to enter into a conversation with us, His children, and the questions He poses in the Bible draw us into a deeper sharing and intimacy with Him. Come join us on November 11th and 25th at 2:00 pm in the Lounge for interesting insights and discussion.

Contact Carma at Mynacee@aol.com for materials.

Adult Sunday School

From Max Lucado, a new video study "How Happiness Happens"! The happiest people on earth aren't those who have the most! Lucado shares practical and applicable ways to quarry joy by sharing it with others! Join us Sunday mornings in the lounge at 8:45 for this interesting study and conversation. Drop-ins are always welcome!

Sue Ptacek 970-218-8701.

Seekers Bible Study

We have begun a NavPress study of John's Revelation. The group meets in room 107 each Tuesday morning at 9:30.

All are welcome. Contact Carol Hopson (817-228-3452) for additional details.





Cheese Balls for Sale



The United Women in Faith are taking orders for homemade cheese balls as a fundraiser for missions. You'll want to have several on hand. The Cheese balls are only \$10 each and freeze well. We will have order forms at the church on Sundays. Payments can be made by cash or check made out to "United Women In Faith". **The ordering deadline is November 16th.**

There are two varieties available: one made with ham and the other without.

- Cheese balls are a great gift, appetizer, or snack.
- Great for football game snacks
- Ideal hostess gifts
- Fun for Holiday gifts for neighbors and friends
- Great appetizers before holiday dinners
- Popular book club or card group snacks
- Fun for Midnight munching



United Women in Faith contributes to missions that support women, youth, and children in our own community and around the world. Order your cheeseballs soon. Cheese balls will be available for pick up on November 22nd or 23rd.



Congregational Care Team

The goal of the Congregational Care Team (CCT) is to reach out to those in our community of faith who have special needs and to help make our church a friendly, nurturing faith community.

When the Care Team is made aware of someone who needs a little extra encouragement, they do their best to be there with cards, phone calls and visits. During the past month CCT members sent 55 cards and emails, made 8 calls and 9 visits.

The Congregational Care Team (CCT) meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the church lounge to update, review and to assure that the known needs of those in our community of faith are being met. You are invited to join the Team!

For more information, please call Linda Glover, 970-481-1415.

FFH Volunteers Needed

We have decided to take on an additional rotation in 2025 to help cover for the loss of several host churches. As a result, our final rotation of this year will be December 28 – January 4.

Because this rotation includes a holiday, we're beginning the sign-up process earlier than usual. Please watch for your email invitation in mid-November, and prayerfully consider volunteering if you are available. Use SignUpGenius to get your first choice of available slots.

New volunteers are always welcome—so feel free to invite a friend to join you!

If you have questions about the upcoming rotation or need assistance with the electronic sign-up, please contact Nathalee Novy at 970-224-5331.



Got old prescription glasses. You can donate them to the Lions Club. There's a box in the Narthex just put them in. Thank you, The Green Team



FORT COLLINS AREA FOOD RESOURCES

**MURPHY CENTER
FOR HOPE**

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 AM - 10 AM

- **FOOD BANK FOR LARIMER COUNTY**

- 1301 BLUE SPRUCE DRIVE (THREE DOORS DOWN FROM THE MURPHY CENTER)
 - TUESDAY: 10 AM - 3 PM
 - THURSDAY: 10 AM - 3 PM
 - FRIDAY: 10 AM - 3 PM
 - SATURDAY: 10 AM - 3 PM
 - WEDNESDAYS 10 AM - 3 PM (FOR PEOPLE 60+ OR DISABLED ONLY)

- **FOCO CAFÉ** (MEALS, "FREEDGE" FREE REFRIGERATOR, GIVING SHED, DONATE WHAT YOU CAN OR VOLUNTEER)

- 225 MAPLE STREET
 - MONDAY – FRIDAY 11 AM-2 PM

- **FOOD NOT BOMBS**

- MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP
- 300 E OAK ST, FORT COLLINS
 - WEDNESDAYS 5 PM - 7 PM
 - SATURDAYS 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
 - SUNDAYS 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM
- CREEKSIDE PARK (BY COLLEGE AVE DQ)
 - THURSDAYS 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM
- SCRIMSHAW MEAL SHARE
- 1008 N. COLLEGE AVE
 - FRIDAYS 4 PM - 5 PM

- **VINDEKET FOODS**

- 400 DELOZIER DRIVE
 - TUESDAY 12 PM - 7 PM
 - THURSDAY 9 AM - 1 PM
 - SUNDAY 12 PM - 3 PM

- **POLARIS DRIVE LITTLE FREE PANTRY**

- 6004 POLARIS DRIVE
 - 24-7

- **FOOTHILLS UNITARIAN CHURCH**

- 1815 YORKTOWN AVENUE
 - 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS OF EVERY MONTH

- **FAMILY MEDICINE CENTER PANTRY**

- NEED NOT BE A PATIENT
- 1025 PENNOCK PLACE, SUITE 109
 - MONDAY 10 AM - 3 PM
 - TUESDAY 9 AM – 3 PM
 - WEDNESDAY 10 AM – 3 PM
 - THURSDAY 9 AM - 1 PM

- **SALVATION ARMY**

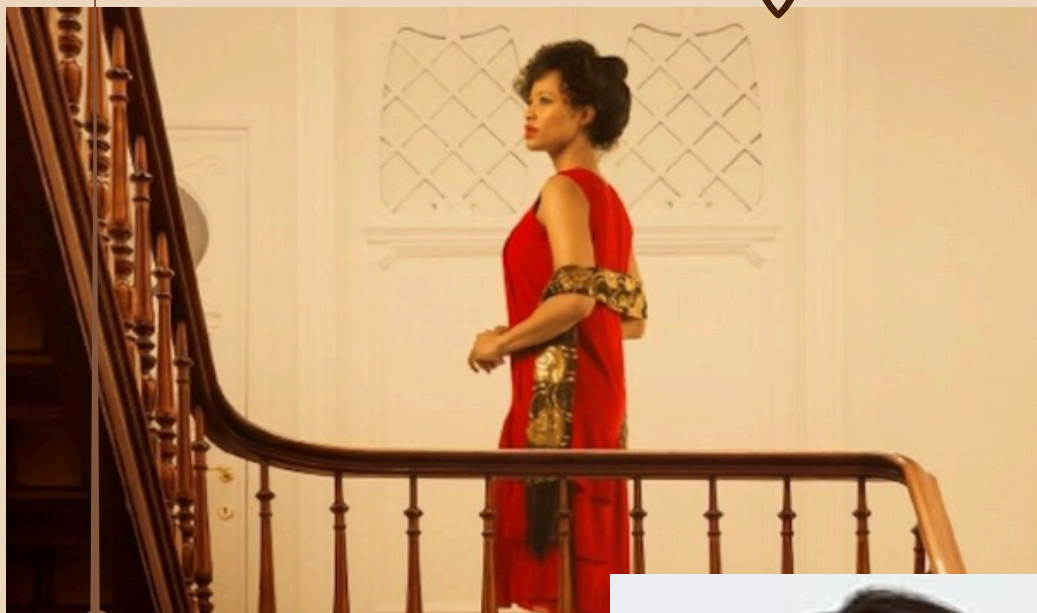
- 3901 S. MASON ST
- BREAKFAST
 - MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 8:30 AM - 9:15 AM
- FOOD BOXES
 - MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
 - THURSDAY 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

- **SENIOR 60+ MEALS** (DINE-IN AND TO-GO)

- FORT COLLINS SENIOR CENTER
- 1200 RAINTREE DRIVE
 - MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
 - 11:45 AM – 12:15 PM

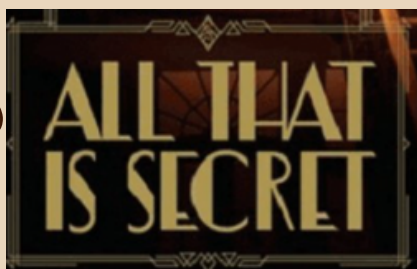
- **LOVELAND'S COMMUNITY KITCHEN**

- HOT MEALS AND TO-GO BAGS
- 427 N. GARFIELD AVE, LOVELAND
 - MONDAY - FRIDAY 5 PM - 6:30 PM
 - SATURDAY - SUNDAY 3 PM- 4:30 PM



United Women In Faith have many books in their section of the Library. Those shelves are at the far east end of the Library. Current books (fiction and non-fiction) on Social Action, Nurturing for Community, Leadership Development, Education for Mission and Spiritual Growth give many choices for every reader. You will see the checkout instructions on one of the shelves.

PLEASE RETURN ANY BOOKS YOU CHECK OUT IN 3 WEEKS OR LESS. Other readers are waiting.

The book cover for "All That Is Secret" features the title in a stylized, gold-colored font on a dark background. The cover is framed by a decorative border.

Library News

Here is a short review of a book from the
“Nurturing for Community” category.
“**ALL THAT IS SECRET**” by Patricia Raybon.

An exciting “history mystery” featuring a young Black theologian—a fan of Sherlock Holmes—who solves crimes during Colorado’s dangerous 1920s Klan years. In the winter of 1923, Professor Annalee Spain receives a cryptic telegram calling her home to Denver to solve the mystery of the murder of her beloved but estranged father. For a young Black woman, searching for answers in a city ruled by the KKK could mean real danger. Still, she launches her hunt for clues, attracting two surprising allies and following clues that land her among Denver’s powerful elite.

Monthly Review	Givings	Expenses	Difference
Jul, 2025	21,620.40	23,926.79	-2,306.39
Aug, 2025	26,167.24	25,326.67	840.57
Sep, 2025	20,528.43	29,601.57	-9,073.14

Your Faith Can Move Mountains

³⁵For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.³⁶

– Matthew 17:20

In October, a mailing went out to announce our annual Stewardship Campaign. We hope you received your letter and pledge card. The campaign officially ends on November 2, 2025, and if you have not yet sent in your card, please do so, so we can add it to our totals. If you didn't receive a card, please call the church to request one.

We have faith in our church and in our congregation to accept the challenge of supporting this church in 2026 and each year thereafter.

We believe this church has a future. We have faith that it does. And this is the mountain-moving kind of faith we speak of.

To those who have already pledged, thank you—for your pledge and for having faith the size of a mustard seed to get that mountain moving.

With gratitude,
The Finance Committee



TRUNK OR TREAT WAS A HIT!

Trunk Or Treat was greatly enjoyed by all of the kiddos! Thank you to all who participated to make this a fun, safe event.



OUR GOBLIN WALK WAS A SPOOKY SUCCESS!

Our Goblin Walk was a spooky success! We walked through the Thunderbird neighborhood collecting non-perishable food items for local food pantries. Families also had the option to leave donations on their porches, making it easy for everyone to join in the fun and help those in need.

We're so grateful for our generous neighborhood — your kindness and support made this event both festive and meaningful. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make a difference!



CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
GOBLIN WALK
October 29th

On October 29, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., we will be going door-to-door asking for food donations. If you are not available, you can leave your donations outside on your porch.

We will be walking our neighborhood collecting non-perishable food items for:

Local Food Pantries
Food Bank for Larimer County
Vindeket Foods

Want to participate in our Goblin Walk to collect the donations?

Meet at:
Christ United Methodist Church
(301 East Drake Road) on October 29 at 5:15 p.m. in the east parking lot.

MORNING GLORY PRESCHOOL NOVEMBER NEWS



Preschool Highlight

FALL IS EVERYWHERE

Fall is a magical time in preschool! Our little learners are exploring the season with joy by collecting colorful leaves, painting pumpkins and discovering nature's changes. Through quality books and stories and playful outdoor adventures, children are building creativity, curiosity and friendships. Each activity nurtures their imagination and love of learning. We love watching their eyes light up as they collect leaves and pinecones and celebrate the beauty of fall together!



On the horizon:

November 21–Pies with Parents event

November 24–28–
Thanksgiving Break



Whats happening

Together with the CUMC congregation, our Bucks for Bikes campaign raised \$103 for Realities for Children's bike drive. Money raised will go toward buying one bike at Recycled Cycles for an at risk child in our community.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Christ United Methodist Church
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Ft. Collins, CO 80525

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