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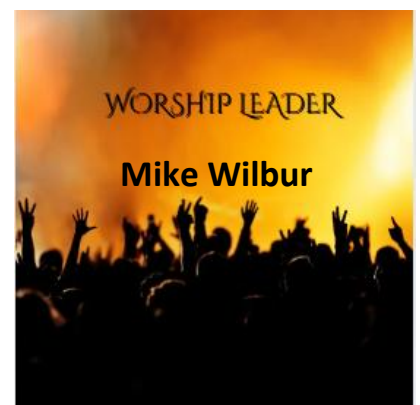
**“Back to School with
Wesley: Grace 101”**
Rev. Lee Anderson-Harris

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-10 CEB

8 You are saved by God's grace because of your faith. This salvation is God's gift. It's not something you possessed.

9 It's not something you did that you can be proud of.

10 Instead, we are God's accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things. God planned for these good things to be the way that we live our lives.

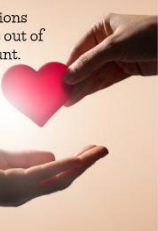


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What's Happening

9.28.26	7:00 pm	Administrative Board Meeting
10.5.26	6:00 pm	UMW Meeting
10.7.26	12:00 pm	Worship Planning

Wednesdays

9:30 am	Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 pm	Choir

Fridays

5:30 – 6:30 pm	Youth Group
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**We now have a lock on the dumpster.
The code is 2011.**

Jan. 1 - July 31, 2026 Financial Update	
Income	\$ 111,311.57
Expenses	\$ 116,178.84
Revenue/(Loss)	\$ (4,867.27)

*Income includes \$9000 interest from Endowment

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
STARTS SUNDAY, 10.4.26**

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
MEETS IN SMALL CONFERENCE
ROOM.**

*Facilitator - Marty
McDermott*

**YOUNG AT HEARTS
MEETS IN LARGE CONFERENCE
ROOM.**

*Facilitator - Michelle
Bettger*

Upcoming class: Learning from Bonhoeffer

Pastor Lee and Pastor Jeremiah Harris of Longs Peak UMC are bringing to you a three-week Zoom conversation about Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the martyred German pastor and theologian, on October 8, 15, and 22 from 6:30-8:00 PM. Bonhoeffer's witness continues to challenge the church today. Together we will explore how his life, writings, and resistance to Nazi ideology speak with urgency to current questions about Christian nationalism, faithful discipleship, and the church's public witness. This class invites thoughtful reflection, honest conversation, and renewed courage for following Christ in our own time. This class will be led by Dennis Shaw. Rev. Shaw has spent his adult life in service to church, country, and community. Born in the West and raised in the South, he has sung, listened, led, and served across the United States and abroad, including formative seasons in Alaska, Korea, and Germany. He served more than twenty-three years in the U.S. Army and later two decades as a United Methodist pastor, with meaningful time in Colorado and Utah. A lifelong athlete and Boston Marathon finisher, Dennis now lives in West Virginia with his wife, Marilyn. Dennis has been a keen student of Dietrich Bonhoeffer for over 30 years, and he has recently self-published *Slow Work of Trust*, which is available only on Amazon in paperback, Kindle, and Audible.

To register, email Pastor Lee at pastor@fumc-fortlupton.org, or sign up in the back of the sanctuary, by October 7. While this class necessitates Zoom, you can indicate if you would like to gather with others in person to participate in the Zoom when you register.





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We would love to come together to celebrate this remarkable establishment and the legacy it leaves behind.

WHEN:
SATURDAY, 9.26.26
TIME: 1:00 - 3:00 PM
WHERE: 306 PARK AVE.,
FORT LUPTON



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Cake Decorating

WORKSHOP



Fun for All Ages!

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 Sunday, October 18 • 3:00 PM

 306 S Park Ave, Fort Lupton, CO

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 **303-931-1319**

 a.wilbur77@yahoo.com





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Address: _____

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Phone: _____ ☐ Mobile ☐ Home

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Ministry interests: _____

Skills or gifts I'd like to share: _____

Care & Prayer (Optional)

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Signature: _____ Date: _____



The Sound of Music

There are over 1,000 references to music, singing, or dancing in the Bible, but this scripture (2 Chronicles 5: 11-14) is one of my favorites because it clearly illustrates God's power through music. Once the ark of the covenant was brought into the temple of Solomon, they began to praise God through music. The cloud of glory filled the temple. The cloud filled the room so intensely that the priests could not continue to minister to the people. This was a physical manifestation of an invisible God. It was proof to the Israelites that God was not just a distant concept. He was actively living among His people, and when God's absolute holiness and glory are present, all human rituals, effort, and pride must step aside. God completely takes over.

The earliest mention of music is in Genesis 4:21, where Jubal is referred to as the father of all those who play the harp and flute. The first song is the Song of Moses found in Exodus 15, sung by Moses and the Israelites after safely crossing the Red Sea and witnessing the defeat of Pharaoh's army. You can even find music mentioned in the book of Revelation, in an angel's prophecy, where it illustrates the sudden silence in the fallen city of Babylon when the sound of harpists and musicians, of flute players and trumpeters, will never be heard again.

I think for a lot of us, our first experiences with music in church came when we were very young, in the form of children's bible songs. I never realized how many there are until I went back and looked. I remember songs like "He's Got the Whole World" and "Jesus Loves the Little Children" that teach kids how God loves everyone equally, regardless of race, background, or appearance. One that I missed out on was the "Books of the Bible" song. Sandy talked about it one night at youth group, and I had to go look it up. As the name suggests, it's a song to help kids memorize all 66 books of the Bible. Even now, for me, the thought of memorizing all the books of the Bible is intimidating.

Think about how powerful music can be. Sometimes you can hear a song you haven't heard in twenty years, and suddenly you're transported back to a specific place or particular moment in your life. Maybe it reminds you of someone. Right now, just as I said that, I'm sure some of you are thinking of a song that has the power to do this for you. Music has a way of reaching places in our hearts that ordinary words just can't reach. And this should not be a surprise. God created us, which means that God created rhythm, God created melody, God created harmony, and God created the human voice, so God created music.

Music can also transform people. In 1 Samuel 16, we learn about Saul and how he was tormented by evil spirits. Whenever these spirits descended on Saul, he would send for David. David would take up his lyre and play. Only then would the spirits leave Saul, and he would feel better. Saul was not transformed by David's talent for calming music or the beauty of the melody. Saul was healed by the presence of God carried through music. When Micah was a baby, we made it a point to place her in her crib in her own bedroom very early on at night. This meant we had a crying baby on our hands every single night for quite a while. I don't mean to compare a crying 3-month-old Micah to Saul being tormented, but anyone who has been there... well... anyway. We put up a set of speakers and played lullabies in her room all night long. Matter of fact, it was one of those iPods I had filled with nothing but lullabies on repeat. It wasn't a magic cure, but I'd like to think it helped us get more sleep than we otherwise would have. The music helped calm her, and I think it also planted seeds that are now blooming into her love for music. This Summer, Amy and I took Micah to the Forrest Frank concert at Ball Arena. It was amazing to see a building that is usually filled with 18,000 pumped-up basketball and hockey fans transformed into a church through Christian music-loving fans of every age and race singing, dancing, and praising God together.

Throughout history, God's people have used music in all its forms to worship and glorify Him. From the songs of Moses and Miriam to the Psalms of David and the trumpets at Jericho. Music has been used to celebrate God's goodness, express sorrow and repentance, proclaim His truth, and give thanks for his blessings. Though musical styles, instruments, and traditions change throughout generations, the purpose remains the same. To give God the honor and glory He deserves. Amen

Carol's Corner
By Carol McDermott

What a mix of weather we are having... Hot, chilly, warm, leaves blowing all over! Soon our trees will be tall skeletons with their slender arms stretching to the sky with no leaves. One thing never changes, though, it is the warmth of fellowship we share at church. We feel the presence of Jesus in our midst and it is sweet. Pastor Lee was in her other church in Loveland today and we missed her, but Mike Wilbur did a great job leading the service. He even had the Children's sermon! His whole theme for the day was music and how it stirs us to action and challenges us. He had several examples of music and how it has been recorded over the last few decades: vinyl records[MM1] , 8 tracks, cassette tapes, CDs, Walkmen, iPods, and on and on – all ways that are available for creating and saving music. What a journey it has been! Mike talked to the youth about the importance of music and choosing carefully.

His sermon was titled "The Sound of Music," based on 2 Chronicles 5:11-14. After the temple Solomon built was finished, there was a dedication ceremony to the Lord with choirs singing, musicians playing, dancers dancing, and the congregation singing. Just picture it in your mind – the biggest celebration ever, a Super Bowl service, for sure. Mike said there are over 1,000 references to music, singing, or dancing in the Bible, but this one is his favorite, because it demonstrated the sacredness of bringing the Ark of the Covenant into the temple. The glory of the Lord filled the temple with His presence, interrupting and overwhelming the celebration. The first musician named in scripture is Jubal, in Genesis 4:21, the father of harp and flute. Mike reminded us that Moses composed and taught the people of Israel to sing songs to commemorate and remember significant events in their journey. Eventually, as written in the book of Revelations, it talks about the fall of Babylon, when its music will be permanently silenced. Mike said that many of us grew up in church and learned children's songs of joy, and about the love of Jesus. There's even a song with the "Books of the Bible" that helps us find our way through the Bible. Mike said music touches us when nothing else does, and it calms our souls and minds.

I believe Mike touched on the great gift that music is to us, a gift that we can share with each other and enjoy as we join in singing in church. What a blessing. Mike summarized it all up with this, "Though music styles, instruments, and traditions change throughout generations, the purpose remains the same: to give God the honor and glory He deserves." Sing on, O church of God! Sing when you don't feel like singing and sing when you are filled with joy, just keep singing!

Pics to Enjoy!

Youth Group at Miller Farms





Sunday Worship



Sunday School Fun







Mike Bangert	10/06
Patty Bucher	10/11
Kevin Gross	10/12
Grant Fankhauser	10/12
Rob Payne	10/16
Mike Acre	10/18
Kamdin Johnston	10/19
Esmeralda Asebedo	10/24
Vada Roedel	10/24
Jim Kopfman	10/25
Lee Anderson-Harris	10/26
Angel Thieman	10/29
Courtney Gaul - Peters	10/30

Anniversaries



Donald & Diana Tomoi	10/06
Dan & Jacque Kerr	10/15
Dale & Linda Hunt	10/17
Phil & Jeanie Tiffany	10/22
Adam & Nonnie Hunziker	10/23



October Calendar 2026

SUN 27	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU Oct 1	FRI 2	SAT 3
9am Worship Service 9am Children's Sunday 10:15am Adult Sunday	7pm Ad Board Meeting		9:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir		5pm Youth Group	
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