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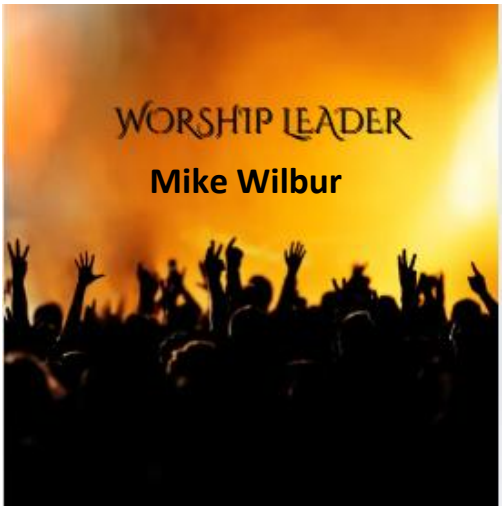
Staying in Touch

→ First United Methodist Church of Fort Lupton

Email - office@fumc-fortlupton.org Website - www.fumc-fortlupton.org

Message
"Hallelujah Sunday"





WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH



Safeway cards -available downstairs after worship

Endowments

SAFEWAY

DONATE TO THE CHURCH ONLINE.

KING Soopers

King Soopers Community Rewards Program:
Visit http://www.kingsoopers.com search for First United Methodist Church of Fort Lupton either by name or VY166. Need assistance call church office.

What's Happening

10.26.26	6:00 pm	Mission Congregational Care Meeting
	7:00 pm	Administrative Board Meeting
11.2.26	6:00 pm	UMW Meeting
11.3.26	12:00 pm	Worship Planning

Mondays

1st & 3rd 9:00am Cup of Hope – small conference room

Wednesdays

9:30 am Wednesday Bible Study

7:00 pm Choir

Fridays

5:30 – 6:30 pm Youth Group



We now have a lock on the dumpster.

The code is 2011.

Jan. 1 - Aug 31, 2026 Financial Update	
*Income	$ 149,113.18
Expenses	$ 127,865.37
Revenue/(Loss)	$ 21,247.81

*Income includes $9,000 interest from Endowment

* Income includes $30,000 principal from CD





UMW Silent Auction and Bake Sale

Nov 6 & 7, 2026

We are in need of silent auction items

We are having a silent auction this year and would like to ask for donations. Gift baskets, homemade items, loved items that you would be willing to donate. We will also need baked goods and food items. Please call Kathy 303-229-2197 if you have items. I will pick them up! Or bring them to the church by the 1st. I will need all items by November 1st.





Two Chances for Two Quilts





Shoeboxes Available in Cry Room.

Dedication Sunday will be11.15.26.



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

On **Sunday, November 1st** , we welcome **Robin Riley, M.Div., Ph.D.**

Robin is an ordained minister in the American Baptist church and served part-time at three churches in his denomination over the span of several decades. Most recently, he served as a minister fulltime with the United Methodist Church in Colorado and Wyoming over an eight-year period. He retired from the ministry in December of 2024. Prior to his move to Colorado in 2014, he taught college for 25-years in the field of media production and communication studies, most notably at the University of Cincinnati. Robin has produced two documentaries and countless videos for two front range denominations (American Baptist, Evangelical Lutheran Church).

He has a Ph.D. from the University of Utah and is married to Reverend Claire Cassell, a retired pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. They have no children but do have two small dogs, Mojo (Boston Terrier) and Gracie (Pappion). They have lived in Arvada, Colorado for the last 11 years and love it there. Robin enjoys skiing, hiking, kayaking, golfing and playing fingerstyle guitar. He also loves to travel and is planning a trip to Europe in 2027.



Gwen will be working on a new directory. If you want to be included, please complete the form and return it to the church office.

First United Methodist Church Contact Information

Name(s):_____

Household Members (optional):_____

Address:_____

City/State/ZIP:_____

Phone:_____ ☐ Mobile ☐ Home

☐ OK to include in directory ☐ Staff use only

Email:_____ ☐ OK to include in directory ☐ Staff use only

Photo

☐ I will upload/attach a photo

☐ ☐ No photo in directory, please

Celebrations (Optional)

Birthdays:_____

Anniversary:_____

☐ OK to include in newsletter ☐ Staff use only

Interests & Involvement (Optional)

Ministry interests:_____

Skills or gifts I'd like to share:_____

Care & Prayer (Optional)

Prayer requests: ☐ Public prayer list ☐ Pastoral staff only

Privacy & Permission

☐ I give permission for the information I selected to appear in:

☐ Printed directory, (Newsletter – Staying in Touch/Web page)

☐ Please do NOT share my information publicly; staff use only

Signature:_____ Date: _____

Carol's Corner

By Carol McDermott

Whoa Nellie! I didn't anticipate the weather change we experienced last Wednesday with rain, sleet and cold temps! Our furnace got its first workout for the season and I was still chilled to the bone. The weather bounced back quite a bit later in the week, but it was a wakeup call for me! Today we had a warm service with a good group of church family there. Carol McDermott (that's me) had the Children's sermon and talked about the season of changing colors of the leaves, leaves falling to the ground, and what challenges these changes bring to us. We talked about raking leaves that fall to the ground vs. letting them just lay and turn to mulch. Our neighbors are not happy if we let our leaves blow onto their yards for them to have to rake. But the main point was how creative God was to design trees that change colors and lose their leaves every fall or winter (deciduous trees) vs. evergreens that don't lose their needles to the same extent. Psalm 19 says "The heavens declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of His hands" and Ecclesiastes 3:1 says "There's a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens." Sometimes I feel like God is just showing off His imaginative colors and creations, and we get to enjoy it all. Isn't God good!? Sue Hubert introduced the Samaritan's Purse project, Operation Christmas Child, always a favorite of our family as we choose gifts for children around the world who can enjoy something new just for them and also hear the Good News of God's Love for them. The choir sang a great arrangement of "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" that had a bit of a jazz feel to it. The choir sang it perfectly.

Pastor Lee was in Loveland this week, so we heard a presentation from Claire Kokoszka, Gwen Ceretto, and Mariann Johnston called "A Cup of Hope." This is an exciting new ministry in our church for anyone who feels a need to just talk and share concerns in a confidential setting. This is not a counseling session, it is a listening, sharing and caring opportunity for anyone who is carrying a concern and just needs a listening ear. They will be meeting on Mondays at 10 a.m. in the small conference room across the hall from the church office. It is for anyone who needs someone to talk to, pray with, and fellowship with over a cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate. I think it's a wonderful opportunity for anyone and everyone. It is said that a burden shared is half as heavy as it was before it was shared with a friend in confidence. Claire, Gwen, and Mariann have gone through extensive training for this ministry and are eager to begin.

We were blessed today to have Jacque Kerr join us. She and her husband, Dan live in South Dakota now and are happily retired. They are planning to sell their home in Brighton and are beginning that process. It was such a treat to see her. She was such an important part of our church's ministry for many years. We wish her and Dan well and will always miss her.

Pic to Enjoy

Bringing in the Light of Christ





Carol sharing Chilcren's Time

Nothing like seeing longtime friends, we miss you Jacque.
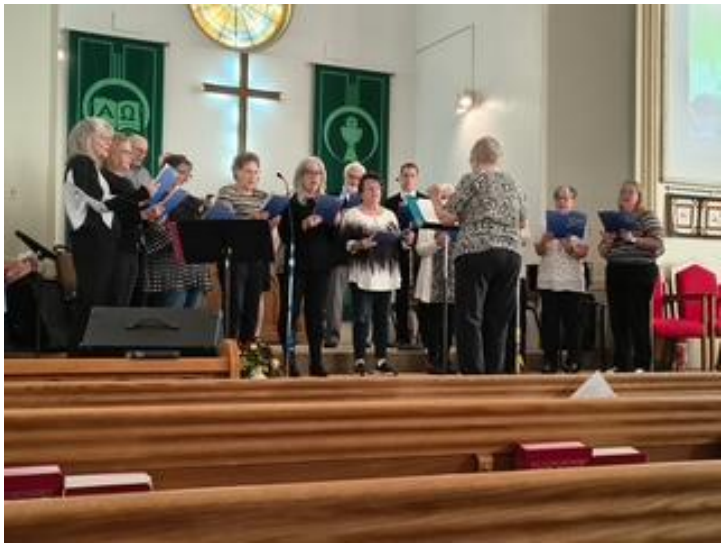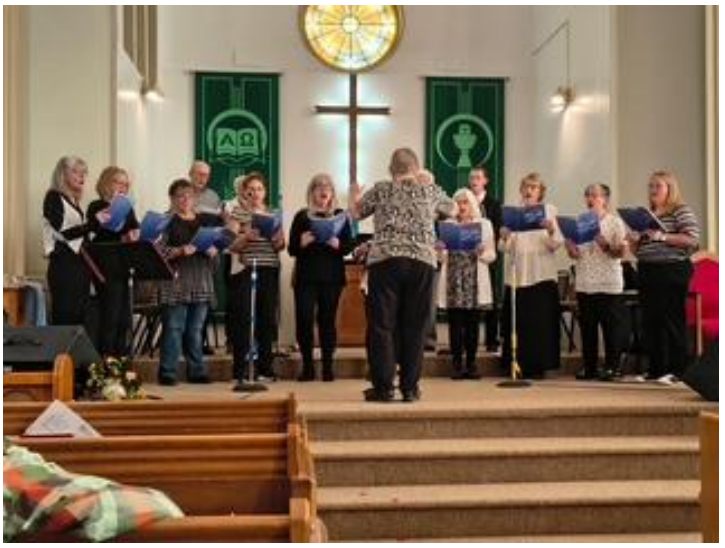




Stephen Minster's skit about, Cup of Hope.



Choir singing, Just a Closer Walk with Thee.





Cake Decorating with Amy
What a great time!























