



ENCOUNTER

Newsletter | September 2026

Celebrating 155 years is more than a date on a calendar; it is a testament to the legacy of faith, resilience, and community in the heart of downtown Colorado Springs. First United Methodist Church was founded in 1871—the very same year General William Jackson Palmer established the city itself. From our humble beginnings meeting in a wood-framed building on Bijou Street to laying the cornerstone of our iconic sanctuary at Nevada and St. Vrain in 1906, FUMC has grown alongside our city. For over a century and a half, our steeple has stood as a beacon of hope, welcoming generations through seasons of change, challenge, and renewal.

Throughout our rich history, the story of FUMC has always been written by its people and their dedication to service. At the turn of the 20th Century, we launched and supported the first hospital in Colorado Springs.

From hosting community arts and music ministries to pioneering neighborhood mission projects, our congregation has continually stepped beyond the sanctuary walls to share the love of Christ in tangible, transformative ways.

As we look back with deep gratitude on 155 years of God's faithfulness, we also look forward with joyful expectation to where we are being called next. This anniversary isn't just about preserving our heritage—it's about renewing our commitment to be a vital, welcoming sanctuary for future generations. Join us throughout this season as we celebrate the foundation laid by those who came before us and step boldly into the next chapter of our shared journey.

See you Sunday,

Rev.  Eric Strader

~ SUNDAY WORSHIP ~

8:00AM | TRADITIONAL SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL

9:00AM | CONTEMPORARY SERVICE IN THE THEATRE

11:00AM | TRADITIONAL SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

EARLY BELIEVERS

9:30AM | NB 10 Community Room

Early Believers is a small group discussion class with shared leadership, using Bible themed study books and amplify videos.

BEREANS

9:30AM | N2 Rm 210

A look at God - the ultimate guide to the Almighty. This month won't explore a specific book of the Bible, but will instead offer an in-depth look at the character of God as found in the Bible and how we engage this character today.

PAIRS AND SPARES

9:30AM | N2 Rm 205

Pairs and Spares welcomes curious Christians who love thoughtful questions. Embracing faith as a journey, we explore Christ's teachings for today's world through lively discussion. All ages welcome.

PARENTS' SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:10AM | N2 Rm 203

A community for parents of FUMC, meeting at the same time as Children's Sunday School.

THE CHOSEN

10:10AM | Starting Sept. 27th | N2 Rm 206

Join us as we explore the life and ministry of Jesus through the lens of the popular TV show The Chosen.

UNLOCKING THE BIBLE

10:10AM | Starting Sept. 20th | Gather in The Commons

Do you ever wonder about how the Bible fits together? Youth and adults are invited to engage with the lessons in different ways each week, through breakout groups, discussion, and activities. The class will use the One Story and Can I Ask That? curriculum, designed for all ages to unpack the Bible together. It may seem unusual for adults and youth to learn together, but taking the pressure off to have all the answers opens up a safe, low-stakes space where everyone can wonder and grow.

NURSERY, CHILDREN, & YOUTH CLASSES

NURSERY CARE

7:45AM - 12:15PM

Open to Ages: Birth - PreK age 5

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:10AM - 11:00AM

Open to Ages: Kindergardeners - 5th Grade

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

9:20AM - 10:00AM | Meet in Theatre

Open to Ages: Preschool - 2nd Grade

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:10AM - 11:00AM

Open to Ages: 6th - 12th Grade

WORSHIP OVERVIEW

THE PATH: ANCIENT STEPS

This September, we embark on a journey along the sacred pathways of Scripture, tracing how God meets us on the roads we travel. From an unexpected encounter with Christ on a dusty road away from Jerusalem to the strategic highways that carried the early Church's mission across empires, and even the coastal routes God strategically redirects for our protection, each passage invites us to recognize God's presence in motion.

SEPTEMBER 6 QUESTIONS SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 13

155TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
**THE ROAD TO EMMAUS: THE
STRANGER IN OUR MIDST**
Luke 24:13-35

SEPTEMBER 20

**THE ROAD TO ROME: VIA EGNATIA:
THE PULSE OF THE MISSION**
Acts 11:11-17:1

SEPTEMBER 27

**THE ROAD TO SALVATION: VIA MARIS,
THE RHYTHM OF THE SHORE**
Exodus 13:17

O TANNENBAUM DECORATING

Q&A SESSIONS SEPTEMBER 20TH

9:00AM OR 12:00PM

SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM

This year's Lessons & Carols is a German inspired service which includes the classic German Christmas Carol - *O Tannenbaum*. In order to bring this festive season to its' fullest potential, **we are asking small groups, Sunday School classes, etc. to creatively decorate a 5' - 8' Christmas Tree** that will be displayed in the entry hall, courtyard, hallway to the sanctuary, or the narthex! Your tree will be based on a theme of your group's choosing. (For example: if we had a car club at church they may decorate the tree with car company logos, miniature replicas or cars or car parts, etc.). Groups are asked to provide their own tree, if possible, as the church trees will be used in our worship spaces.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to demonstrate our hospitality to the 7000+ estimated guests that will enter our building in the month of December alone! Don't miss participating in this fun, festive, holiday experience. Your creativity will be sure to delight all who enter our building. Talk to your small group/class and have one designated representative complete questionnaire to sign-up to attend one of the short Q&A sessions on September 20 at 9:00am or 12:00pm in the Small Conference Room with Doug. We look forward to seeing a forest of creative and beautifully decorated themed trees!

SIGN UP FOR YOUR CLASS/GROUP

go.fumc-cs.org/christmasdecorating

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER:

DEATH AND DYING

Facing the end of life is one of the most profound journeys we undertake, yet it is often the one we prepare for the least. This October, join us for a compassionate, practical four-part series designed to bring comfort and clarity to death, dying, and legacy. Whether you are navigating loss, caring for a loved one, or simply seeking to approach your own future with intention and peace, these weekly gatherings offer expert guidance, spiritual care, and honest conversation. Each session includes a complimentary meal hosted by our ministry partners, creating a warm and supportive space to learn and share together.

OCTOBER 4TH | FUNERAL PREPARATION

Learn how to thoughtfully plan a memorial service that honors a life well-lived while easing the emotional burden on your loved ones.

- **Speakers:** Sharon Harter, Bereavement Coordinator & Rev. Eric Strader
- **Meal Provided By:** Caring Ministries

OCTOBER 11TH | DYING WITH DIGNITY

Discover the role of a death doula and how professional guidance can help usher individuals into the eternal with choice, peace, and deep intentionality.

- **Speaker:** Kim Lewis, Death Doula
- **Meal Provided By:** Swan-Law Funeral Directors

OCTOBER 18TH | HOW YOUR CLERGY CAN HELP IN DYING

Explore the spiritual, pastoral, and emotional support available from church leadership during the final stages of life and grief.

- **Speaker:** Rev. Carrie West
- **Meal Provided By:** The Pastoral Team

OCTOBER 25TH | ESTATE PLANNING

Receive practical legal insight on wills, trusts, and other directives to ensure your legacy and intentions are clearly protected. This is for all age groups; protect your family at every stage.

- **Speaker:** Alan Agee, Attorney
- **Meal Provided By:** FUMC Foundation

REGISTER AT [GO.FUMC-CS.ORG/LEGACY](https://go.fumc-cs.org/legacy)

LESSONS & CAROLS FESTIVAL CHOIR 2026!

Rehearsals for our annual Lessons & Carols concerts kick off with our first Christmas retreat on Saturday, September 26. If you match pitch and would like to be a part of the choir for this special event, there is a place for you! After the retreat, it is a one hour commitment each Thursday from (7pm-8pm). By the time Lessons & Carols rolls around you will have volunteered about 19 hours of your time to be a blessing to our church and community.

Top five reasons you should sing in

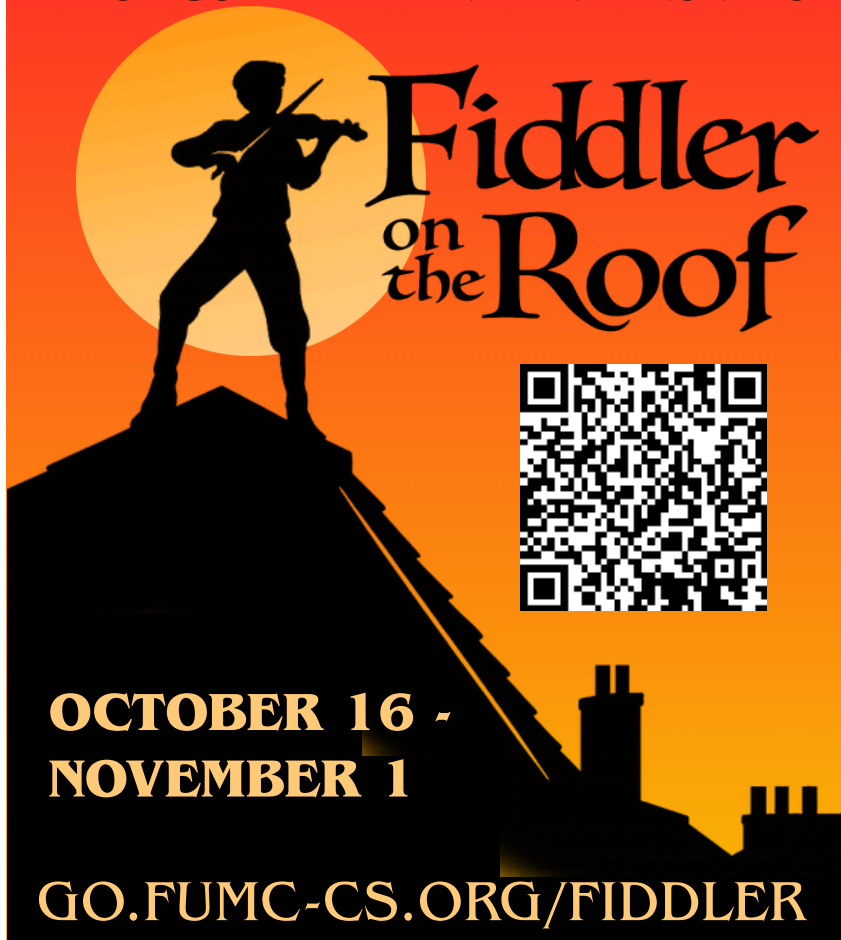
Lesson & Carols

- #5 = The orchestra reports the music ministry has some of the best rehearsal snacks
- #4 = Rumor has it Doug will keep you entertained in rehearsal
- #3 = Singing is good for your physical, mental, and spiritual health
- #2 = You will make new friends
- #1 = Celebrating the birth of the Messiah through music....priceless!

If your interest is piqued and you want to be a part of this celebration email Douglas Grogan by September 15.
dougg@fumc-cs.org or call 719.471.8522 ext 111.



FIRST COMPANY THEATRE PRESENTS



Fiddler on the Roof



**OCTOBER 16 -
NOVEMBER 1**

GO.FUMC-CS.ORG/FIDDLER

FIRST COMPANY
CELEBRATES 40 YEARS!



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

JOY I CIRCLE

SEPTEMBER 10TH | 1:30PM | NB RM 10

JOY II CIRCLE

SEPTEMBER 10TH | ZOOM

SUNSHINE CIRCLE

SEPTEMBER 9TH | 9:30AM | NB RM 10

NIGHTINGALE CIRCLE

SEPTEMBER 17TH | 1:30PM | NB RM 10

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

SEPTEMBER 22ND | 1:00PM | NB RM 10

WHAT IS A COVENANT RELATIONSHIP?

Our educational theme this fall includes the mission work of Ken Nkando as he serves in Angola. Most of the circle programs will explain how the covenant relationship with Ken works and will include a financial drive to help finance the covenant relationship. Ken assists in the direction of funds as well as assisting agriculture projects in the Quessua area.

BAZAAR SAVE THE DATE! OCTOBER 17-18TH

COMPLETION OF UMCOR KITS

Due to the closing of Segar Brown where flood and fire buckets as well as hygiene kits have been stored for years, we have now been notified that kits will be accepted until January 1, 2027 with unknown activity later in the year. With time limited we are asking everyone to bring supplies for the UMCOR hygiene kits by the end of September. Please deliver them to your circle or the Mission Depot marked UMCOR. All items are needed except for nail clippers.





DID YOU KNOW?

You have likely heard that we welcome our unhoused friends on Sunday mornings for coffee, breakfast burritos, and warming/comfort time. But did you know that every morning, Monday - Friday, our security team welcomes friends to come in from 7:30-8:00 for coffee and to use the restroom? This is another way we at FUMC are going above and beyond to welcome those unwanted at other churches in the downtown area. If you are inclined to support our unhoused ministry programs, we have a fund you can donate to, or you are always welcome to be physically present to help. Please see Rev. Carrie for more information.

FLEXIBLE MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

The Missions and Justice Council has opportunities for you to serve joyfully in the missions of the church. These opportunities will enable you to be part of a team that will creatively work together at the convenience of the group and/or individuals. Teams being formed include:

- Breakfast burrito making for our unhoused ministry program on Sunday mornings. This team will work together to ensure we have enough burritos on Sunday mornings. This task could be a monthly or an every-other-month event. We are currently going through 80ish burritos each month. We do have a team leader for this activity, but need volunteers to help.
- Christmas in the Parking Lot team. This team will begin meeting in September to make plans for our annual mission project of providing a Merry Christmas for our neighbors in need.
- Westside Food Bags team. This team will help on a weekly basis, at a time most convenient, to help empty the grocery bags brought in on Sunday mornings. This is a 1-2 hour task for one person. A team of helpers would mean an individual would possibly only need to come once a month.
- Clothing closet management and distribution. Our clothing closet is such a blessing to those who are in need. It's time for us to increase the availability of our closet and this team would help to dream of new ways to display, distribute, and restock this important resource.



If any of these teams sound compelling to you, please see Rev. Carrie or sign up with the QR code or at go.fumc-cs.org/missions

FOOD COLLECTION MISSION FOR WESTSIDE CARES



Westside CARES food pantry is an incredibly important resource for our neighbors dealing with food insecurity. Each month a list will be published of food items that are most-needed by Westside CARES. Suggested donations for September include: Canned fruit, Canned chicken, Cereal, Fruit juices-all sizes, Shelf- stable milk, Jelly, Jam, Preserves. PLEASE NO CANNED VEGETABLES.

Westside CARES is a volunteer-driven interfaith organization that provides care and compassion to over

22,000 neighbors each year - "we can, and should, do better for our neighbors." When considering donations, please provide only unopened/unexpired packages of non-perishable FOOD items. FUMC is offering a new process for donating food items! Please consider picking up a Westside CARES reusable grocery bag at the Security Desk during the week or the information desk on Sunday mornings. A list of needed food items is printed on the bag. Take the bag to the store, purchase the items, and return the bag to the Security Desk when you come to church. Pick up an empty bag as you leave and repeat the process as you are able! Thank you for your continued support!

2026 FROM HUNGER TO HOPE FMSC COLORADO SPRINGS MOBILE PACK

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian non-profit organization with the sole mission of Feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. The process is simple: Donations given by people like you fund the meal ingredients. Volunteers hand-pack the meals. Meals are donated to FMSC food partners around the world, where kids are fed and lives are saved!

THANK YOU to everyone who donated, volunteered, and prayed! With our partner churches Bethel Lutheran, Monument Presbyterian, Prairie United Methodist, and First Lutheran, we accomplished a lot!



WE ACHIEVED:

Funds Raised = \$35,000+

Volunteers = 500+

Completed Boxes = 540

Meals = 116,640

Kids Fed for a Year = 319!



The Justice League of FUMC meets on the 4th Sunday of every month at 12:15, usually on the 2nd floor. We will continue planning for education events and communicating opportunities for this congregation to advocate for the least among us. In the Spring, we will focus on White Christian Nationalism and Racism. This would include a tentative trip to Montgomery, Alabama, and surrounding area historical/educational sites. Contact Rev. Carrie if you are interested in such a trip.

ELECTION/VOTING

INFORMATION AND EVENTS:

The UMC has historically emphasized social justice, civic responsibility, and engagement in public life as part of its teachings on Christian ethics and social responsibility. In a democratic society, our Methodist faith calls us to actively engage in the political process as part of our Christian witness, including the crucial act of voting. Guided by the Wesleyan Quadrilateral—Scripture, tradition, reason, and experience—we are compelled to support laws and policies that safeguard and extend the rights of all citizens to vote and ensure that every vote is counted. We also uphold efforts to eliminate barriers to voting and advocate for fair and transparent elections, believing that such participation aligns with our call to seek justice and love mercy in all aspects of life. Throughout October, we will gather to discuss upcoming ballot initiatives as they relate to our faith. Those dates and times will be advertised in next month's Encounter.

FAITH IN THE 2026 ELECTION

SEPTEMBER 28TH

6:00PM | Sanctuary

Free education event with El Paso County Clerk and Recorder, Steve Schleiker sponsored by Together Colorado's COS chapter, Faith Table. Plan to attend and invite your friends and neighbors as we learn about the integrity of our county's election process. This event is designed to bring hope and peace in the reality that our county's voting process remains fair, safe, and trustworthy despite the accusations of the current administration's insistence that elections are rigged.

ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE NOW

- Find upcoming events with candidates running for office in our county on the League for Women Voters website <https://lwvppr.org/>
- Check your voter registration is active and accurate, or register to vote, at [GoVoteColorado.gov](https://www.GoVoteColorado.gov)
- Ideas for celebrating Voter Registration Day, September 15!
- Host a gathering of friends and neighbors for conversation about the importance of voting in our democracy.
- Purchase merchandise ahead of the big day at www.bonfire.com/store/national-voter-registration-day
- Engage in a day of prayer ahead of the elections.
- Read one of the following books with friends or a small group in the church:
 - [Our Unfinished March](#) by Eric Holden
 - [Public Faith in Action](#) in Miroslav Volf
 - [Subversive Witness](#) by Dominique DuBois Gilliard

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE SECOND FLOOR?

MEET WELCOME COS

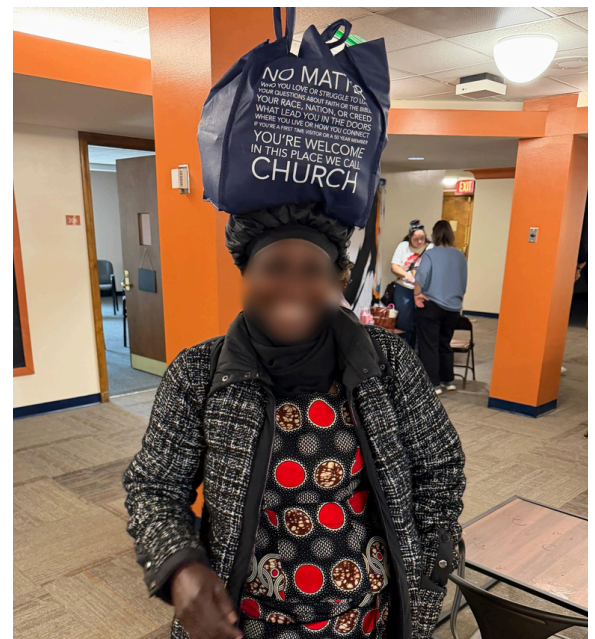
If you've noticed new faces in the building lately, or wondered what's happening on the second floor, let us introduce you to Welcome COS. We're a local nonprofit walking alongside refugees and immigrants as they build new lives here, offering English classes, one-on-one volunteers, entrepreneurship opportunities through cooking and cottage industry events, and friendship across cultures. Since April 2025, much of that work has happened right here at FUMC — from hosting our Culinary Connections program, to providing classroom space that helped us launch Welcome English, to giving our team office space on the second floor. Your generosity has literally given Welcome COS a home.

Welcome English is our classroom ESL program. Hosted on the 2nd floor of FUMC, we continue to grow with up to 50 students, plus 15 to 20 children. We gather each week to build language skills and community with one another. When students celebrated completing their first semester, FUMC's children's ministry put together food bags with gift cards for them — we might have even had some ladies dancing up to receive their ESL certificates and gift bags!

This summer, we also hosted our first-ever Welcome English Bazaar right here at FUMC. More than 125 people came out to shop, and 18 students sold food and handmade crafts from their home countries. One student, unable to sell food due to certification requirements, picked up a borrowed sewing machine for the first time on a Friday. By Tuesday, she arrived with 15 sets of coasters and seven table runners, all sold out within two hours. She beamed, holding up her very first check.

Thank you, FUMC, for being such a vital part of this story. We're grateful to call your church home, and hope you'll enjoy getting to know your new neighbors as much as we have. Please stop by our office on the 2nd floor anytime!

Amy Schulte, Executive Director and President of Welcome COS



Please note: faces are blurred to protect client's privacy.

BEYOND SUNDAY MORNING

It used to be simple: counting kids in Sunday School or youth group told you how many families called your church their spiritual home. That era has shifted, but smaller Sunday headcounts don't mean less impact. In fact, research proves that high attendance in traditional youth groups doesn't predict adult faith.

At FUMC, our reach takes many forms:

- **Sunday Reach:** Across all our Sunday morning spaces, we impact nearly 40 children and youth each week. They just aren't all in one room at the same time.
- **Midweek & Special Events:** Programs like Parents' Night Out and No School Camps reached 56 individual children.
- **Looking Ahead:** In 2027, we are expanding our reach even further with four summer camps!

It can be tough for a congregation to see these wins. But think about it this way: smaller gatherings flex around busy schedules and let leaders build real relationships instead of just managing a crowd. If our goal is to give every young person space to belong, grow, and serve, we don't need 50 middle schoolers in the church basement to do that.

TWEEN HANG

SEPTEMBER 20TH

11:00AM - 1:00PM | N2 Commons

Let's kickoff 2026-2027 with a new Tween Hang! This special group for 3rd-5th graders will meet once a month to build friendships, play some games, and get some deeper learning about our Sunday School topic.

Childcare is available for younger kids. If you'd like to have childcare for a kids not participating in Tween Hang, sign up at go.fumc-cs.org/childcare

PIZZA AND CHILL

SEPTEMBER 27TH

11:00AM - 1:00PM | N2 Commons

Join us for our first Pizza and Chill of the school year! We'll meet at the church and head to Louie's Pizza for some casual fellowship time.

Childcare is available for younger kids. If you'd like to have childcare for a kids not participating in youth group, sign up at go.fumc-cs.org/childcare

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

SEPTEMBER 19TH

4:00pm - 7:00PM | N2 Commons

A night off is calling! Drop off the kids and take the evening for yourself. Date night, dinner, shopping, or whatever you've been putting off. We've got them covered.

This year, we are changing the process slightly to allow more families to attend. Each family will only be able to attend five of our nine Parent's Night Out dates. See all of the dates in our community magazine. Contact Lyn with any questions at lynh@fumc-cs.org.

Sign up at go.fumc-cs.org/PNO



RANCH CAMP RECAP

During Ranch Camp, we did a lot of fun things! We flew kites, and fished. We jumped in the trailer for a hay ride to see more of the Ranch property. We had s'mores (around a propane fire, of course). We made breakfast burritos together to be handed out for homeless ministries. When the rain and hail came, we played cards and made homemade ice cream.

But as much fun as all of those things were, it's not about what we did; it's about who we did it with. With campers from age 1 to 74, we sure proved that Ranch Camp is for the whole church family. Adults helped young hands get the kits in the air, while a 4th grader patiently showed a 4-year-old how to hold a fishing rod. Teenagers walked the labyrinth side-by-side with their parents.

Ranch Camp offers a welcoming, accessible getaway into the outdoors with built-in activities and a chance for folks who might not otherwise be able to retreat into nature to do so with ease. But perhaps most importantly, it gave us space to talk far beyond what a quick greeting on Sunday morning allows. Kids and adults now have new friendly faces to spot in the church halls, and old friendships have grown deeper. It reminded us what it means to truly be a church, rather than just people who attend worship under the same roof.

Thank you to everyone who made this experience so special. Mark your calendars for late August 2027—we would love for you to join us at the Ranch next year!



MEN'S RETREAT @ JOHN WESLEY RANCH

OCTOBER 2-4TH

Join us for a weekend of man stuff; grilled and smoked meats, hikes, campfires, and conversations that actually matter. We joke about the man stuff, but toxic masculinity is a real issue in our culture. So, seriously, come unplug, eat well, and gather with other guys who strive to be courageous and kind in a challenging social time.

Cost: \$80 | We never want cost to prevent participation;

| full or partial scholarships available.

Register for the retreat
here or at go.fumc-cs.org/manstuff



CARING MINISTRIES PROGRAM LAUNCH

We are embarking on an intentional new season in Caring Ministries, shifting our focus toward building and nurturing a true "beloved community of care" for every member and friend of our congregation. Rooted deeply in scripture—from Galatians 6:2's call to carry one another's burdens to Christ's overarching command in John 13:34 to love one another—this direction moves us beyond transactional check-ins. True care is an ongoing, shared experience where no one walks alone through life's triumphs, transitions, or trials. By expanding our peer support networks, small group care teams, and relational visitation, we are creating a culture where mutual support flows naturally throughout our entire faith family.



LOVE BOLDLY.

This initiative flows directly out of our call to love boldly. Loving boldly means showing up with courage, vulnerability, and radical hospitality—crossing boundaries to ensure that every person feels seen, valued, and deeply known. It requires us to step past comfortable surface-level greetings and invest in authentic relationships that reflect God's grace. As we cultivate this beloved community, we invite you to actively participate, whether by opening your heart to receive care or by stepping up to extend a compassionate hand to a neighbor. Together, we are weaving a resilient safety net of grace, embodying the transformative love of Christ in everything we do. Please contact Rev. Carrie to inquire about volunteering in one or more of our areas of focus: Caring Companions, Prayer Partners, Caring Communicators, Homebound Visitations, Grief and Bereavement Care.



**CARING
COMPANIONS**



**PRAYER
PARTNERS**



**CARING
COMMUNICATORS**



**HOMEBOUND
VISITATIONS**



**GRIEF AND
BEREAVEMENT
CARE**

CONTACT REV. CARRIE WEST TO LEARN MORE OR GET INVOLVED

carriew@fumc-cs.org | 719-471-8522 x104

SHEBREWS RESUMES!

SEPTEMBER 1ST

6:00PM

José Muldoons | 222 N Tejon st.

SheBrews, a women's fellowship group, resumes meeting on the first Wednesday of every month. Appetizers are provided. Dinner and beverages are on your own go.fumc-cs.org/shebrews.

For more information please contact Rev. Carrie at carriew@fumc-cs.org



WHEREVER THEOLOGY

SEPTEMBER 11th | 6:30pm | Register at go.fumc-cs.org/whenevertheology

A men's theology group open to all. Please note this is a BYOB event. If you are in recovery and wish to participate, contact Rev. Eric at erics@fumc-cs.org to discuss support options.

NOAH | NEVER OLD AT HEART



SEPTEMBER 23RD | 11:30AM

Black Bear Diner | 1340 Garden of the Gods Rd

NOAH is a group of folks who meet monthly for breakfast and/or lunch at a local restaurant.

If you would like to sign-up or RSVP you can go to go.fumc-cs.org/noah.

BON APPÉTIT!

Do you have the gift of hospitality? If so, we have an opportunity for YOU! We are looking to add additional Sunday morning hosts to our monthly rotation. Here are the details for volunteers:

Sunday Mornings | 7:30am-12:10pm

(Either all morning or split with a partner)

- Refreshments are selected and donated by the host: popular options include pastries, fruit, cheese/crackers. You do not need to be extravagant, simply provide whatever fits within your budget.
- Coffee and creamer is provided by the church.
- Breakfast burritos are served by Missions Team representatives, not hospitality volunteers.

Interested? Contact Megan Render, Host Coordinator: 719-304-1083 | megan.render@usa.net

TABLES OF GRACE: FINDING COMMUNITY AT THE TABLE

SIGN UP BY SEPTEMBER 14TH
go.fumc-cs.org/tablesofgrace



Opening Potluck

September 27th | 5:00pm | Fellowship Hall

Registration is officially open for Tables of Grace! These casual, monthly meal groups of 8-10 people are the perfect way to get to know your FUMC-CS family beyond Sunday mornings—no agenda, no homework—just good food and great fellowship.

DISCIPLE II IS COMING!

Register at go.fumc-cs.org/asf

STARTS SEPTEMBER 22ND | 6:30PM | N2 RM 204

Take your scriptural journey to the next level with Disciple II: Into the Word, Into the World.

This study dives deep into Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts, exploring how foundational Scripture calls us to action in our modern world. Disciple 1 is a prerequisite for this class.



INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 10TH | go.fumc-cs.org/intro

SEPTEMBER 15TH | 6:00PM | N2 RM 202

This is a six-week class for anyone interested in an overview of how the Bible came to be, the different kinds of Bibles available, the Old and New Testaments, and the intersection of archaeology and Biblical stories. This study assumes no prior knowledge and explores a broad overview of the entire Bible. More in-depth studies on the Old and New Testaments will be offered in the Spring/Winter session.

DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY

Register at go.fumc-cs.org/asf

STARTS SEPTEMBER 16TH | 9 WEEK | STUDY 2:00PM | N2 RM 204

Join us for an enriching 9-week journey through the New Testament letters of 1 & 2 Peter and Jude, guided by the insights of renowned theologian and scholar N.T. Wright. In a world that often feels chaotic and challenging to the Christian faith, these three short letters offer powerful, practical wisdom on endurance, hope, and standing firm in the truth. Whether you are new to Bible study or a lifelong student, this class will deepen your understanding of what it means to live out your faith with confidence today.

WIDENING GOD'S MERCY

STARTS SEPTEMBER 22ND | 6 WEEK STUDY | go.fumc-cs.org/asf

6:30PM | N2 RM 204

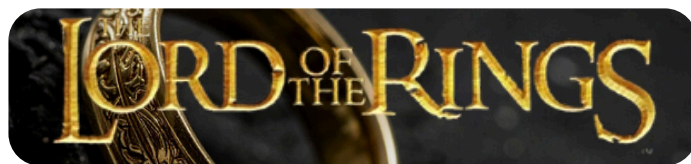
"Widening God's mercy" is the transformative practice of expanding our theological and cultural boundaries to reflect a grace that is inherently more inclusive, boundless, and radical than human judgment often allows. Changing long-held beliefs is not easy; join us for a process to help learn how to embrace the bible from biblical scholars who also changed their minds.

LORD OF THE RINGS

Register at go.fumc-cs.org/asf

September 28th | 6:30pm | Small Conference Room

Have you ever wanted to read this EPIC tale, but could not get into it? Explore this story through the Christian allegory lens, uncovering themes of grace and redemption in Tolkien's fantasy. Sign up at go.fumc-cs.org/asf



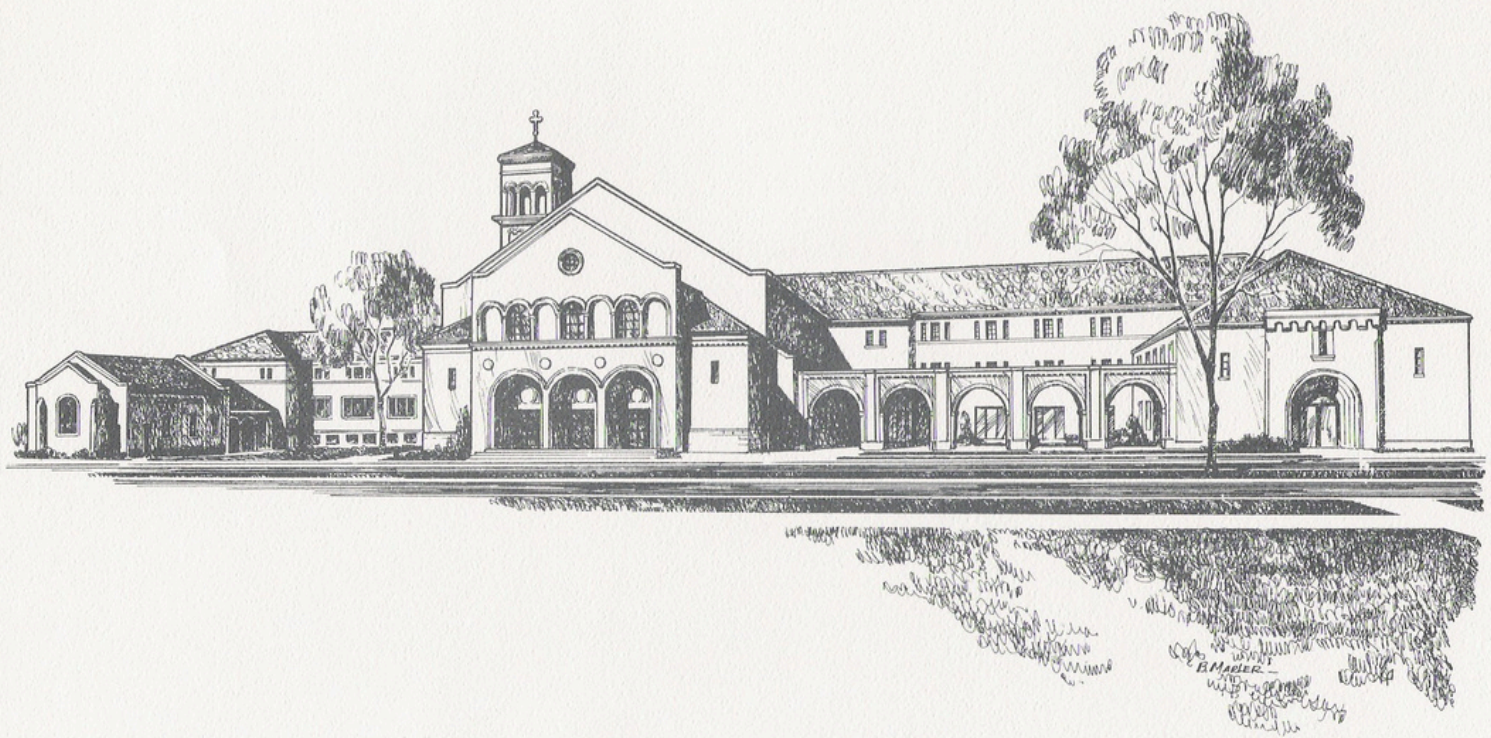
WOMENS STUDY GROUP:

NEW SERIES STARTS SEPTEMBER 28TH | MONDAYS

9:30AM - 11:00AM | N2 Rm204

We will read and discuss selected books from the Apocrypha, including Maccabees, Sirach, and Judith, the Gospels of Thomas and Mary, and the Acts of Paul and Thecla. All are welcome.





DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00am Chapel Service

9:00am Contemporary Worship Service

9:00am TV broadcast on SOCO-CW (pre-recorded service)

11:00am Traditional Service

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