

John

The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things were made; with-

Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. 20He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not Christ."

21They asked him, "Then who are you?" He answered them, "I am Elijah."

ENCOUNTER Newsletter | June 2026

ILLUMINATED: THE WRITINGS OF JOHN

This summer, our church family is embarking on a journey through the eyes of the Apostle John—the disciple known for a close bond with Jesus. Starting June 7, we will dive into John’s unified message across his Gospel, his letters, and the book of Revelation. John uniquely captures Jesus as the Word made flesh, a beacon of light and life breaking into our broken world. From the joyful celebration of a wedding in Cana to the transformative encounters with the Samaritan woman and the man born blind, we will witness firsthand how Jesus meets us in our human vulnerability and restores our hope.

As the summer unfolds, our exploration will take us deeper into the early church's joys and challenges. We will reflect on the ultimate act of humility in the foot-washing, wrestle with honest doubts alongside Thomas, and lean into the urgent, radical calls to love found in John’s three letters—even navigating some early church politics along the way! Finally, we will lift our eyes to the powerful, hope-filled visions of Revelation. Remember, if you are traveling this summer, you can join us Sundays online, 11:00am at fumc-cs.org/streaming. We invite you to plug into this powerful series and discover how John’s ancient, beautiful message speaks directly to our lives today.

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

ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES

EARLY BELIEVERS

9:30AM | NB 10 Community Room

This month, Early Believers are studying the second half of *Reading the Old Testament Through Jewish Eyes*, by Rabbi Evan Moffic. In class, we discuss the text and watch a short, coordinating video to generate discussion. Guests are more than welcome and extra books are available at class. New members can join any time as every chapter stands alone. Questions? Call or text Megan Render at (719) 304-1083. Please stop by to see us. Class ends at 10:20 a.m.

BEREANS

9:30AM | N2 Rm 210

Bereans will explore Christian and Methodist history in the coming weeks. Join us to deepen your journey of our shared history. Bereans is a lectern-style format with roving discussion. Rev. Eric Strader leads the class learning.

PAIRS AND SPARES

9:30AM | N2 Rm 205

Pairs and Spares is an adult Christian Sunday discussion group. Topic calendar includes:

June 7 - Gardening with Sarah Young and Gloria Alewine.

June 14 - Man's Search for Meaning with Dale Gasser.

June 21 - Sand Creek Massacre with Rev. Carrie West.

June 28 - Sewing with Lineah, Sarah, Annette, and Nellie.

BEREANS - SHARED ADVENTURES

JUNE 21ST

12:00PM | N2 Commons

Paul McNeill and Peggy Gardner will present a slide show of their eight week trip from Los Angeles, all the way around South America, through the waters of Antarctica and up to Buenos Aires.

NURSERY, CHILDREN, & YOUTH CLASSES

NURSERY CARE

8:45AM - 12:15PM

Open to Ages: Birth - PreK age 5

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Returning in the Fall, stay tuned!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

Open to Ages: Preschool - 2nd Grade

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Returning in the Fall, stay tuned!

WORSHIP ————— OVERVIEW

JUNE 7TH

JOHN 1
INTRODUCTION

JUNE 14TH

JOHN 2
THE WEDDING IN CANA
All clergy will be in Montana for the Annual Conference. Rev. Deb Teagan preaching!

JUNE 21ST

JOHN 4
THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

JUNE 28TH

JOHN 5
HEALING OF THE MAN AT THE POOL

JULY 5TH

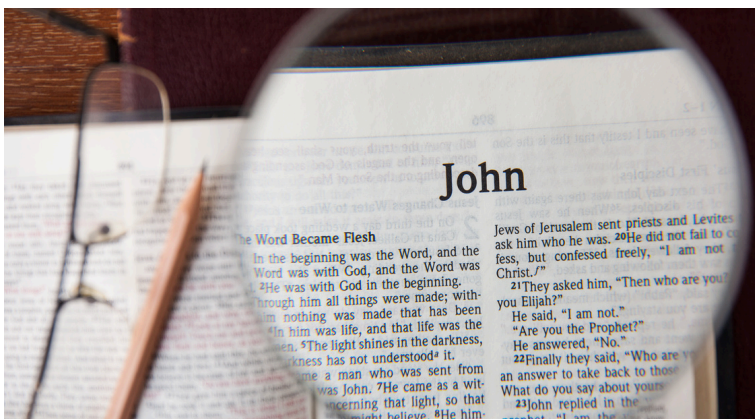
JOHN 9
THE MAN BORN BLIND
Acknowledging the 250th Anniversary of the USA and our continued stance against Christian Nationalism.

A FAMILIAR SMILE: A Heartwarming Story From Our Church Family



You never know when God will speak directly to you through the power of coincidence. During a beautiful morning in May, I had the pleasure of walking in downtown Colorado Springs with a friend who had moved here from Chicago. She wanted to experience visiting Poor Richard's, so we made our way across the street to the intersection of Tejon and Platte. Such a simple task until my left foot made contact with a menacing pothole and landed my body on the ground. A life-changing event occurring in a matter of minutes. I felt dazed and shaken, trying to make sense of what had just happened. Lucky for me, several men, seeing me fall, hurried to my side to get me up and safely out of the street. They assisted me over the curb and onto a ledge to sit. The startling thing was the familiar face of one of the gentlemen helping me. It was Ron, one of our homeless folks from Sunday mornings. I recognized his toothless smile as he gently handed me the bracelet I had lost during my fall. I was so surprised and thankful for his kindness. I told him we knew each other from FUMC on Sunday morning. He was so pleased that I remembered him. Yes, he said, I do go there on Sunday. My friend was speechless; she could not believe the coincidence. She stated this would never happen in downtown Chicago! On the ride home, it occurred to me that this coincidence was actually God speaking to me, demonstrating firsthand the power of FUMC's homeless outreach. That kindness and respect had come full circle back to me just when I needed it. And yes, I did fracture my ankle.

- Cherie Gorby



FUMC: FAITH, FUN, & FOOTBALL!

JUNE 24TH

7:00PM | WEIDNER FIELD | 111 W CIMARRON ST.

Football - as in soccer! Our summertime sporting event this year will be a Switchbacks game on June 24 at Weidner Field. All ages are welcome to join Rev. Carrie and other staff for a fun night of fellowship and cheering on our favorite soccer team! Please register by **June 7** so tickets can be purchased. Tickets are \$30.00/per person.

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

To sign-up please visit go.fumc-cs.org/football



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO GIVE: HOPE IN AN ENVELOPE

As our Hope in an Envelope campaign wraps up, we'd like to thank everyone who has already given. Your support is a reminder to our youth and young adults that their church family walks alongside them in faith

HOPE
IN AN ENVELOPE

and service. Through your investment, our team is ready to head to Phoenix, bringing hope to those navigating life's hardest seasons. If you haven't had a chance to donate yet, online giving remains open at go.fumc-cs.org/give. Thank you for putting hope into action!

4TH OF JULY BBQ!

JULY 4TH

12:00PM

Accessible Parking Lot

Our annual neighborhood BBQ will take place on July 4. We specifically invite our unhoused neighbors to join us in community building with food, fellowship, and some games! We will eat at noon. Please consider volunteering for an hour or three!



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP SURVEY

COMPLETE BY JUNE 25TH



In our effort to expand Community-building opportunities for adults, the Adult Discipleship Council has created this survey to gather information for offering small groups, studies, and faith-building events.

This is your opportunity to let us know your interests and availability. Dream big! This information will help us plan a variety of options for spiritual growth and discipleship.

Visit go.fumc-cs.org/adcsurvey2026

Please complete the survey by June 25th.

If you have any questions, please email adultdiscipleship@fumc-cs.org

RADICAL HOSPITALITY: --- WHAT IT TRULY MEANS TO BE A NEIGHBOR

JUNE 21ST

10:00AM - 10:45AM | 12:00PM - 12:45PM | RM 204

What does it mean to be a neighbor? In Luke 10, when a lawyer asks Jesus this exact question, Jesus doesn't respond with a zip code or a geographical boundary. Instead, he tells the Parable of the Good Samaritan. The hero of the story isn't the one who shared a demographic with the victim, but the one who stopped, looked past social stigmas, bound up wounds, and provided shelter.

Today, some of our most vulnerable neighbors are those experiencing homelessness. Loving them isn't about distant pity; it is about active, proximate care.

When we engage in ministry with the unhoused, we aren't just handing out resources—we are honoring God by recognizing His image in another person. It is a ministry of presence as much as it is a ministry of provision. It's looking someone in the eye, learning their name, and listening to their story.

Jesus famously notes that when we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, and clothe the naked, we are doing it directly to Him. "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

You may have noticed that our courtyard on Sunday mornings has become a place of refuge for some of our unhoused neighbors. Word moves quickly throughout the community that FUMC is a place where all are welcomed and fed. We are seeing more new friends come in each Sunday morning. The missions council has decided that Sunday morning hospitality for our unhoused guests is a top priority, and they are asking for

volunteers to help warm up breakfast burritos and ensure everyone feels safe, seen, and heard. **There are two shifts available each Sunday morning: 8-9:30 and 9:30 - 11:00 starting in July.** Not sure if you know how to engage in this mission opportunity? A training and discussion with Rev. Carrie will take place on June 21. You can choose one of the following time slots to attend the training:

10 - 10:45 or 12 - 12:45. Both training sessions will be held in

Room 204 on the 2nd floor. The training is not required, but is offered to help you feel ready for this mission assignment. To volunteer, please register at go.fumc-cs.org/neighbor, and Rev. Carrie will be in touch to coordinate when you would like to serve.



9AM CONTEMPORARY --- SERVICE PLAYLIST

Love the music from our 9am Contemporary Service? This playlist is updated regularly with the songs we're singing. Visit the link at go.fumc-cs.org/playlist or scan the QR code to follow along.



SHEBREWS WOMEN'S DINNER GROUP

JUNE 3RD

6:00PM

José Muldoons | 222 N Tejon st.

This is a fun gathering of women of all ages, whether new to the church, visiting, or a long-time member. Gathering around the table for food, laughter, and some learning are marks of the fellowship activity.

go.fumc-cs.org/shebrews.

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



SHEBREWS 2.0

NOT MEETING FOR SUMMER

SheBrews 2.0, a small-group study for women exploring theology and the female experience of God through Womanist Theology, will not be meeting over the summer. Stay tuned for updates on when the group returns!

WHEREVER THEOLOGY

JUNE 5TH

6:00PM - 8:00PM

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. Meet at Michael Parris' House. Sign up at go.fumc-cs.org/wherevertheology.

WOMENS STUDY GROUP



MONDAYS

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

What we study is constantly changing, but is always based on a Spiritual Life. Most of our studies require participants to purchase their own book.

Please contact Lori for more information.

All are welcome!

Lori Smith at

LAS2735@outlook.com.



READING THE BIBLE TOGETHER



ONGOING

6:30PM | N2 RM 208

There are many ways to read the Bible — but this year, we invite you to try something new. We will read through the biblical story chronologically, from Genesis 1 to Revelation 22, placing each story in the historical order we believe it occurred. Together in a weekly small group, we hope to see the story of God's people in a whole new way.

Led by Jan Caffey and Becca Miller, this group runs throughout 2026. A good study Bible is recommended for the best experience.

NOAH | NEVER OLD AT HEART



JUNE 8 | 9:00AM

Omelets Etc. | 1616 S 8th St.

JUNE 24 | 11:30AM

Mexico Real | 1899 S Nevada Ave.

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.

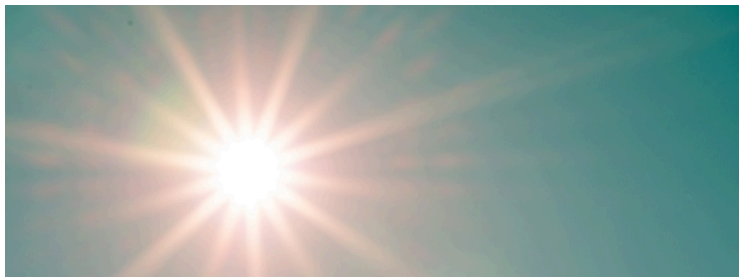
THE SACRED ART OF SUMMERTIME SELF-CARE

As summer arrives, there's an unspoken expectation that rest comes automatically. But for those in caring roles, the need doesn't take a vacation. Shifting schedules can leave our own wells running dry while we keep pouring out for others.

Even Jesus recognized the necessity of pulling away. In Mark 6:31, he told his weary disciples: "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while."

This summer, consider this your invitation to practice the sacred art of self-care. Three ways to replenish your soul:

Practice "Sabbath Seconds." When you step outside and feel the sun on your face, pause for sixty seconds. Breathe deeply and whisper a simple breath prayer: "Lord, you are my shade."



Embrace the Theology of Play. Do something purely because it brings you joy, with no ministry outcome attached. Plant a garden, read a novel, walk barefoot in the grass. Reconnect with the childlike joy of just being a child of God.

Seek Out "Green Pastures." Move your spiritual disciplines outside. Take your coffee and Bible to a park bench. Go for a prayer walk without headphones, listening to the birds and the wind.

Taking care of yourself is not selfish; it is stewardship. You cannot pour from an empty cup. This summer, may you find the courage to step away, rest a while, and let the Holy Spirit care for you. Have a beautiful summer and see you at church!

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Carrie

Pastor of Caring Ministries, Missions, and Social Justice



COMING ATTRACTIONS: WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON AT THE JOHN WESLEY RANCH



We are working behind the scenes on three brand-new retreat experiences designed to help you connect, grow, and renew your spirit. We aren't quite ready to drop the details yet, but we couldn't keep these a secret any longer!

Summer - Yoga Retreat: Ready to stretch your body and your faith? This summer, join us for a unique Yoga Retreat that integrates the Bible into daily movement. This event officially kicks off our new online yoga group!



Fall - Anywhere Theology Men's Retreat: FUMC men are heading out to recharge. No fancy programs—just a weekend dedicated to helping men connect with God and each other over good food and the great outdoors. If you like conversations that matter, this is for you.

Winter - Marriage Enrichment: Date night meets weekend getaway. This winter, give your marriage the gift of time and space to focus on each other without the distractions of home. Bonus: Childcare will be provided on-site!

Whether you're looking to strengthen your body, your mind, or your relationships, we have a space for you. Stay tuned!

THE BEAT GOES ON!

Summer is upon us and we all know what that means....people are traveling. This summer, you will see some ebb and flow in Chancel Choir attendance as these dedicated members go explore the world and visit with their family and friends. Thank you for your understanding and I hope you will take time to thank the wonderful volunteers you know in the Overtones, Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers, and Worship Band who give many hours of their time beyond what you see on a Sunday morning.

If you know of anyone interested in music ministry, please place them in contact with Douglas Grogan at dougg@fumc-cs.org



JUNE FOOD COLLECTION



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 June include: Small Peanut Butter, Small Jam/Jelly/Fruit Spread, Canned Chicken, Canned Pasta, Juice and Shelf-Stable Milk (all sizes), Canned Fruit, Canned Soups (all sizes), and Canned Pasta Sauce (all sizes). To transport food items to Westside CARES, standard paper grocery bags are desperately needed by our delivery team.

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. Please drop items in the bins found on the shelves marked Westside CARES, located in the Mission Depot (next to the first-floor elevator). Thank you for your continued support.



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN MOBILEPACK

JUNE 11TH

11:00AM - 10:00PM

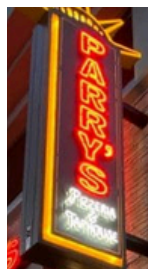
Parry's Pizzeria & Taphouse | 1268 Interquest Parkway

EAT and HELP Support FMSC!!

Head to Parry's Pizzeria & Taphouse (1268 Interquest Parkway) on Thursday, June 11th from 11:00 AM until 10:00 PM, dine-in or carry-out. Let your server know that you want to support FMSC! Our August FMSC MobilePack will receive 20% of the total bill at no additional cost to you!

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian non-profit organization with the sole mission of Feeding God's food insecure children. 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!

Our 2026 Colorado Springs From Hunger to Hope FMSC MobilePack will be held at Bethel Lutheran **August 21 - August 22**. We have partnered with several churches to share the work. Donations are encouraged and welcomed at give.fmsc.org/cosprings. The same website will open for volunteer sign-ups in July, 2026.



MICRO MISSIONS FOR SUMMER



JUNE 7TH

8:30AM - 11:00AM | Rm 204

Assembling food bags to hand out to unhoused friends.

Fire Bucket Supplies Collections and Assembling.



JUNE 28TH | JULY 26TH

8:30AM - 11:00AM | Rm 204

During the summer, we will collect cleaning supplies to create buckets in anticipation of an active fire season. Donations for the purchase of cleaning kit supplies will also be accepted. When donating, please reference "cleaning buckets". Here is the list:

Standard UMCOR Cleaning Kit

Designed to assist in the cleanup of homes surviving a disaster, the standard cleaning bucket requires the following new items:

- 1 Five-gallon round bucket with a resealable lid (no screw tops, can be used)
- 1 Bottle liquid laundry detergent (32-64 oz.)
- 1 Bottle liquid household cleaner (16-40 oz.)
- 1 Bottle dish soap (16-34 oz.)
- 1 Pump spray air freshener (4-8 oz.)
- 1 Pump spray insect repellent (6-14 oz.) or 10-20 wipes
- 1 Scrub brush
- 18 Reusable cleaning wipes (no microfiber or paper towels)
- 5 Scouring pads (no metal-soap pads)
- 36-50 Clothespins
- 1 Clothesline (50-100 ft.)
- 24 Heavy-duty trash bags
- 5 N-95 Dust masks
- 2 Pairs kitchen gloves
- 1 Pair work gloves

Wildfire Cleaning Kit

This kit is for use at those homes that survive a fire but suffer from ash, soot and smoke damage. This kit can be distributed by itself or in tandem with the cleaning bucket depending on the fire survivor's needs.

Total cost of kit - **\$13.00 to \$15.00.**

- Two (2) Smoke/Soot "Erasers" – Approx \$3.50 each (\$7.00 total/kit) (can be found on Amazon)
- Two KN-95 masks (available many places online or at most hardware stores). Price varies significantly based on quantity. Typically, about \$1.00 each. Folded version is best.
- One small hand sanitizer, about 2.0 fluid ounces.
- Four reusable cleaning wipes. About \$0.15 each or a total of \$0.60 for four. (can be found on Amazon)
- One (1) one-gallon Ziplock baggie (Available at grocery stores, etc. Prices vary by brand and quantity.)



INTRODUCING THE FAMILY ROOM!

Located on the **northwest side of the second floor** (just look for the cream-colored curtain), this quiet space is designed with young families in mind. Whether you need a changing table, a family restroom, a private space to nurse, or just a quiet spot for your little ones to calm down and reset, this room is here for you. In addition to serving our congregation, this space will be a wonderful asset for the outside groups who use our building—particularly the Welcome COS English Language Learners, many of whom have young children.

We want everyone who walks through our doors to feel comfortable and supported. Please feel free to make use of this new space whenever you need it!



PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION OPEN!



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATON OPEN!

2.5 - 6 YEAR OLDS WELCOME!

8:30AM - 12:30PM

JUNE 8 - 18 | \$300

JUNE 29 - JULY 9 | \$300

JULY 13 - 23 | \$300



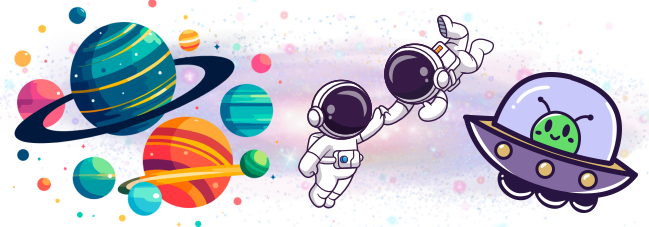
STACY MCLEOD, DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL:
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RANCH CAMP!

AUGUST 22-23

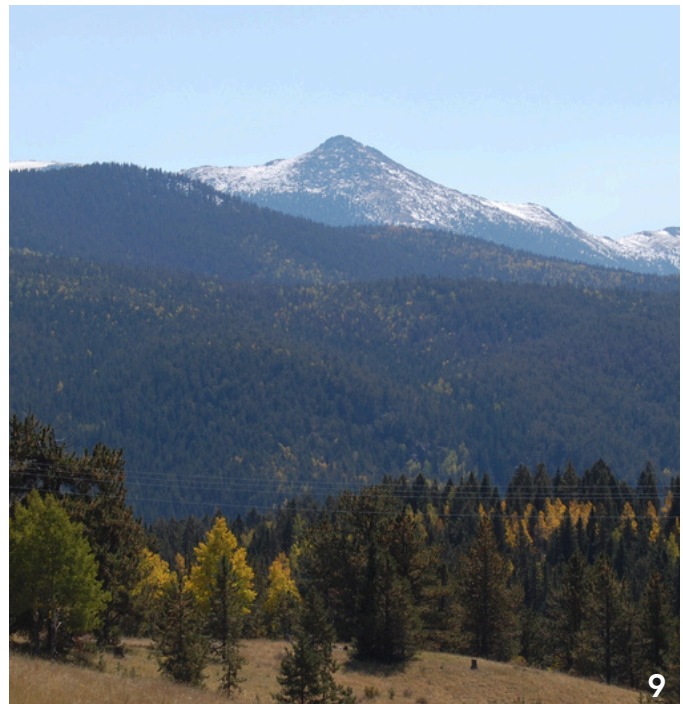
(AUGUST 21 IS OPTIONAL FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO MAKE A WEEKEND OUT OF IT.)

JOHN WESLEY RANCH | 21285 CO-67



When was the last time you truly looked up? "Galactic" Ranch Camp is a unique opportunity for the whole church family—children, youth, and adults—to get away, unplug, and enjoy the great outdoors together.

This year, we'll be celebrating the God of wonders beyond our galaxy. Join us to launch scientific explosions by day and peer through high-powered telescopes to see planets and distant stars by night. It is truly going to be an out-of-this-world experience! Sign-up at go.fumc-cs.org/ranchcamp.



CIRCLE MEETINGS

SUNSHINE CIRCLE

JUNE 10 | 9:30AM | COMMUNITY ROOM

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

JUNE 16 | 11:30AM | PATTY JEWETT



SOUTHERN COLORADO DISTRICT UWF RETREAT

JUNE 6TH

9:00AM

Franciscan Retreat Center | 7740 Deer Hill Grove

Being a Spiritual Woman in Difficult Times

Don't forget the Southern Colorado District United Women in Faith 2026 Spiritual Retreat on June 6, 2026 at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Colorado Springs. The address is: Franciscan Retreat Center, Mount St. Francis, 7740 Deer Hill Grove, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.

UWF MISSION TRIP TO MCCURDY MINISTRIES COMMUNITY CENTER

JUNE 10TH | 9:00AM

All ladies of the church, a McCurdy Mission Trip during the week of September 20th gives us an opportunity to minister to children in the Espanola, New Mexico area. This trip requires a background check since we will be working with children. We will have an early registration cut-off date of June 10th, which will allow for the background check to be completed before we depart. Registration includes a \$250.00 deposit, which will be applied toward a room fee. Contact Loeda Westphal if you are interested in this mission opportunity. loedawestphal@gmail.com



ADMINISTRATION REPORT



STAFF PARISH RELATIONS

Clergy Renewal Leave

This summer, Rev. Amy, Rev. Eric, and their family will embark on a well-deserved renewal leave. The United Methodist Book of Discipline intentionally provides clergy with multiple leaves—both annually and sexennially—to sustain their health and vigor amidst the unique and holy demands of ministry. Taking this time is not merely a break from labor, but a vital spiritual practice that ensures our leaders can continue to serve with clarity, joy, and a replenished spirit.

During the month of July, the Straders will join their extended family for a reunion and spend restorative time on the beach with their children, who also make enormous sacrifices for ministry.

While they are away resting and reconnecting, our church family remains in excellent hands. Rev. Carrie West will provide pastoral leadership and oversight during this period, ensuring the rhythms of our community continue without interruption. We are grateful for her presence and for a connectional system that allows for such seamless support. Please join us in praying for the Straders—that their time away is filled with laughter, safety, and deep refreshment. We look forward to welcoming them back, renewed and ready for the 155th Year of FUMC.

Welcome, Ranch Staff!

We are thrilled to welcome John McLeod to the Ranch as our new On-Site Maintenance Supervisor. John has a long history with the ranch and has served excellently as our Summer Ranch Hand for the past two summers. In this new role, John will ensure the ranch is prepped and ready as we transition from group to group, alongside overseeing the continual maintenance of the facility. The Finance Office will continue to oversee all business operations, and Rev. Amy Strader will coordinate and implement all camping and retreat programs.



FINANCE

FUMC Budgeted Financial Statement Year-to-Date April 30, 2026

	Total		Variance	
	Actual	Budget	Dollars	Percent
REVENUE				
Pledged Contributions	\$ 349,232	\$ 310,189	\$ 39,043	13%
Non-Pledge Contributions	140,028	142,825	(2,797)	-2%
Foundation Support	136,994	125,000	11,994	0%
Preschool Transfer	-	-	-	0%
Other	286,815	304,666	(17,851)	-6%
Total Revenue	\$ 913,069	\$ 882,680	\$ 30,389	3%
EXPENSES				
Apportionment	\$ 51,304	\$ 43,062	\$ 8,242	0%
Salaries	617,555	642,246	(24,691)	-4%
Administrative	284,957	262,928	22,029	8%
Program Expense	58,170	38,512	19,658	51%
Preschool Transfer	-	-	-	0%
Ranch Transfer	-	-	-	0%
Prairie Transfer	-	-	-	0%
Total Expenses	\$ 1,011,986	\$ 986,748	\$ 25,238	3%
TOTAL REV OVER/(UNDER)	\$ (98,917)	\$ (104,068)	\$ 5,151	0%

~ Kim Monjesky
Director of Finance

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



FINANCE

Renovation Overage & Reduction

The major building renovations over the past year experienced a \$600,000 overrun, primarily driven by steel tariff increases and necessary rerouting due to asbestos mitigation. Thanks to the incredible generosity of recent estate gifts and individual donors who recognize the value of our building improvements, this deficit has already been reduced to \$270,000. We are deeply grateful for this faithful support.

Fundraising Boundaries

As we prepare for an upcoming capital campaign in the coming years, the Finance Team kindly reminds all groups wishing to hold fundraisers to coordinate with them in advance. This coordination ensures we limit fundraising to no more than one event per Sunday morning, allowing us to balance the needs of all our various ministries. Thank you for your cooperation and support!

TRUSTEES

JW Ranch Updates

Work continues to ensure the new JW Retreat Center is ready for operations this fall. This summer, volunteers and staff painted both the interior and exterior of the house. Upcoming summer projects include:

- Acquisition and construction of retreat center furniture
- Railway timber placement and painting
- Exterior painting of the chapel
- Trail maintenance
- General cleaning and upkeep

Want to volunteer? If you would like to donate some volunteer hours this summer, please contact John at JWR.

Columbarium Expansion

The columbarium expansion will be installed later this summer, adding 45 new niches to our memorial garden. If you would like to inquire about securing a niche location, please contact our Bereavement Coordinator, Sharon Harter.

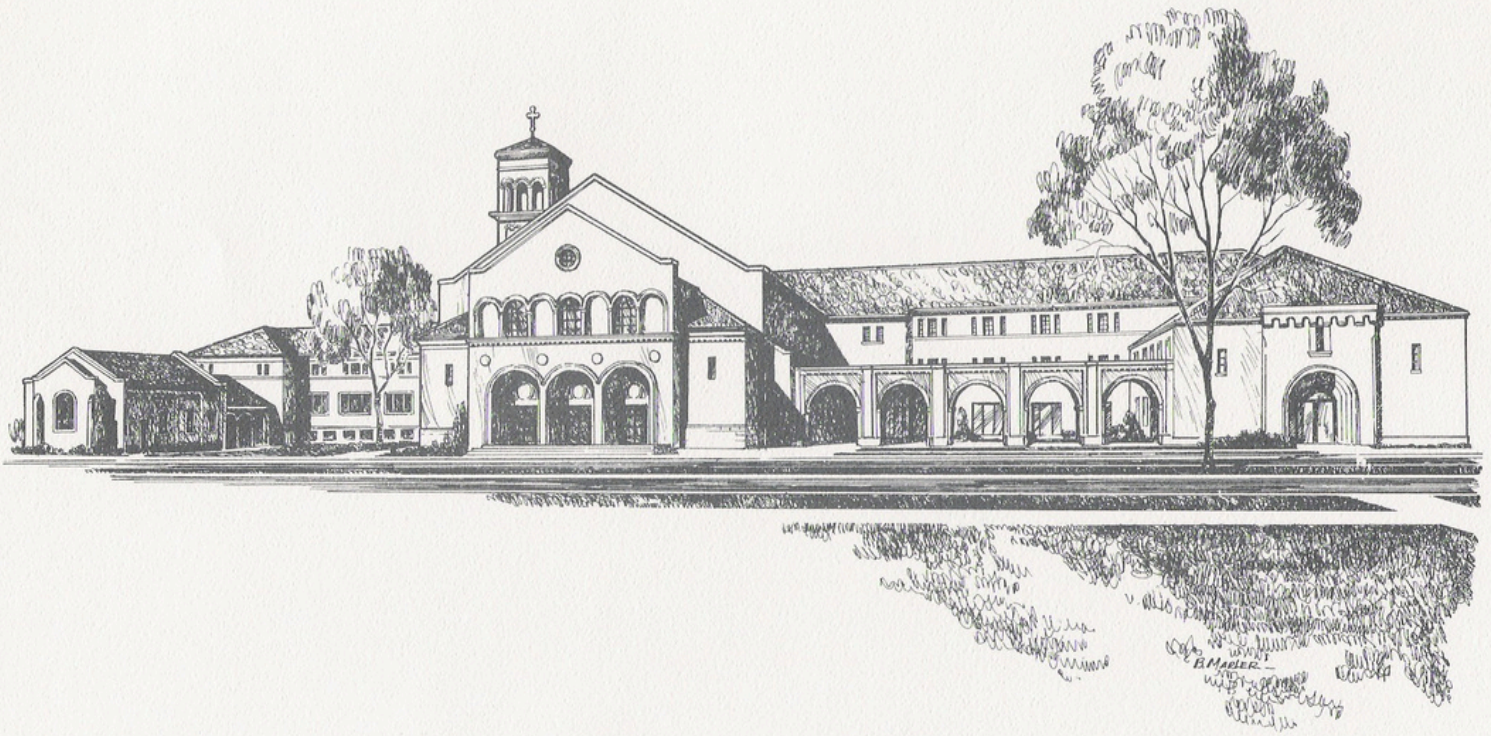
Safe Parking Ministry

FUMC-CS is partnering with Family Promise to support unhoused families who are currently living in their vehicles while working to get back on their feet. In the coming months, we will host a safe parking program in our north lot, focusing on hosting no more than five cars for one week at a time. The lot will feature security surveillance and nightly respite support for these families.

We extend a big thank you to the City Homeless Office, CSPD, and CSFD for partnering with us and supporting this vital effort to provide families with a safe space.

CPR Training Available On-Site

We are pleased to share that staff member Lyn Huff is now a certified CPR Trainer. The Trustees have authorized the purchase of training mannequins and additional necessary supplies. If your small group or ministry team would like to receive CPR and AED (defibrillator) training, please contact Lyn to schedule a session.



DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

420 N Nevada Ave | Colorado Springs CO 80903
(719) 471-8522 | fumc-cs.org

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

Livestreaming available at fumc-cs.org/streaming.

CONTACT STAFF | 719-471-8522 | fumc-cs.org

CLERGY:

Rev. Eric Strader x101
Rev. Amy Strader x102
Rev. Carrie West x104
Minister on Call x109

MUSIC & ARTS:

Douglas Grogan x111

FINANCE:

Kim Monjesky x161
Kat Brandenberger x162

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