

COMMUNITY

2026-2027



FIRST UNITED
Methodist Church

CHURCH AFTER THE BENEDICTION



ALL CHURCH EVENTS

RANCH CAMP!

John Wesley Ranch

When was the last time you truly looked up? Join us for "Galactic" Ranch Camp, a chance for the whole church family to unplug and enjoy the great outdoors together. We'll launch scientific explosions by day and peer through telescopes at planets and stars by night. It's going to be an out of this world experience! Contact Rev. Amy for more information.



AUGUST 21 – 23

OCTOBER 18

FARM PARTY

John Wesley Ranch



Nothing says fall like pumpkins and hayrides. Grab a hot cider and hang out with church families for more than a quick Sunday morning hello. This casual afternoon gives families a chance to get to know one another.



EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP

JULY/AUGUST 2027

Next summer, a team from our church travels to El Salvador to serve children and support the local community. It's a meaningful way to share love and support with our global neighbors.



UWF BAZAAR

OCTOBER 17 – 18

The Bazaar is a yearly event to sell items for missions. Come find next-to-new goods, crafts, quilts, meals, nuts, and more!



CHRISTMAS TREASURES

DECEMBER 13

Christmas Treasures is a special event where kids create meaningful, handmade gifts for the people they love. It's also a great intergenerational opportunity, since children often need a little help making their gifts.



TABLES OF GRACE

Registration: go.fumc-cs.org/TablesOfGrace
Potluck 9/27 | 5:00pm

Do you want to meet new people, make new friends, and enjoy a common meal together? Tables of Grace Sessions begin with a large potluck, after which groups split up for weekly dinners.



WORSHIP

SERMON SERIES

The Path: Ancient Steps

September 2026

Emmaus, Egnatia, and Maris: not just roads.

The Final Amen

October 2026

Finding Grace in the Closing Chapter of our relationships.



The Way of Discipleship

November 2026

Postures That Shape Us.



Christmas Traditions

Advent 2026

From family tension to unexpected guests, we'll discover how our complicated holidays are mirrored in the holy story.



Why Be Christian?

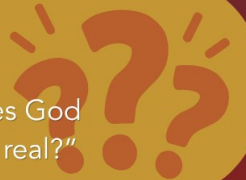
January 2027

In a world of Christian Nationalism, who would want to join us? Why do we choose Christianity?

Questions That Matter

Lent 2027

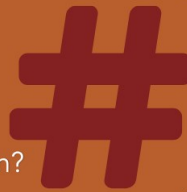
Answering questions like, "Why does God let bad things happen?" "Is heaven real?"



#JesusTrending

April 2027

How can ancient wisdom guide us through a world of constant connection?



Musicals That Made Us

May 2027

Stories of legacy, community, forbidden love, and hope.

The Holy Spirit

June 2027

The Saga: Genesis

Summer 2027



SPECIAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

WORSHIP

155th Anniversary September 13th | 10:00am **ONE SERVICE**

Join together as one as we celebrate 155 years of being this community we call church in Colorado Springs.

Ash Wednesday
February 10th
6:30pm

John Wesley Covenant Service

December 27th
ONE SERVICE
10:00am

Palm Sunday

March 21st
8:00am | Chapel
Informal Traditional
9:00am | Theater
Contemporary
11:00am | Sanctuary
Traditional

Thanksgiving

Service and Meal
November 22nd | 10:00am
ONE SERVICE

Following worship, a special thanksgiving meal. Bring a side dish or dessert to share; the church will provide turkeys!

Christmas Eve

2:00pm - Wiggle Friendly
with Contemporary Band
3:00pm - at Fountain FUMC
5:00 & 7:00pm - Traditional
with Chancel Choir and Brass
10:00pm - at The Ranch
11:00pm - Contemplative
with Communion

Love Lights A Candle

December 4th, 11th, 18th
12:00pm | Chapel

Love Lights a Candle is a beloved worship service at FUMC-CS focusing on those who are grieving in loss during the holidays. This year, we will host 30-minute services of singing and reflection to engage all the elements of loss and grief during the season of Christmas.

Maundy Thursday

March 25th | 6:30pm
Follow the steps of Jesus to the cross with a community meal.

Good Friday

March 26th | 6:30pm
Requiem by
Matthew Coleridge

Easter

March 28th
8:00am | Chapel
Informal Traditional
9:00am | Theater
Wiggle Friendly
11:00am | Sanctuary
Traditional with Brass



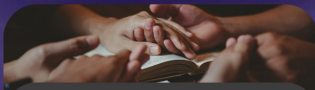
CARING MINISTRIES



WAYS TO SERVE

For more information or to volunteer, contact
CARING@FUMC-CS.ORG

Do you want to be part of the tangible difference we're making in our community? Here are some ways you can get involved in Caring Ministries.



Prayer Group

Our prayer group meets one Wednesday a month to offer prayer for a myriad of concerns.



Grief Groups

When a person has experienced the loss of a loved one, we offer support and care through Voices of Grief and special services like December's "Love Lights a Candle."



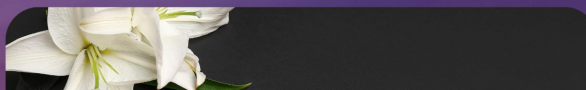
Homebound Visitation

This team of dedicated volunteers visits homebound church members, showing them our love and concern.



Prayer Shawls

Our beautiful prayer shawls are knitted and crocheted by dedicated church members. Together they pray for the tangible warmth and comfort of others.



Bereavement

Funerals are a difficult time for families and friends. Our Church offers both a Sanctuary and Chapel for services. FUMC is also home to a Columbarium, which is a consecrated space created to serve as a final resting place for your beloved's ashes. For bereavement support, contact Sharon Harter at sharonh@fumc-cs.org.



Welcome Team

This team is dedicated to welcoming all into our building for worship and special events.



CARING MINISTRY TRAININGS

Sundays | 12:15pm – 1:45pm | N2 Commons
Lunch Provided

Ready to get involved? Volunteer trainings are a great time to get started.

Please contact caring@fumc-cs.org or Rev. Carrie to get involved and RSVP for one of the training luncheons.

- August 30th, 2026
- May 2nd, 2027
- November 1st, 2026
- August 29th, 2027
- February 7th, 2027
- November 14th, 2027

NEVER OLD AT HEART



N.O.A.H. is a group of Senior Adults (60+) that meets for breakfast or lunch monthly. Visit go.fumc-cs.org/NOAH for the next meetup time, location, and to register.



Caring Companions

Caring Companions pairs volunteers with members who could use a friendly visit and a little company. Whether it's a regular phone call, a porch visit, or just someone to sit with, this ministry makes sure no one on our rolls feels forgotten.



Divorce Care

Tuesdays 1/26 – 4/27 | 6:00pm
N2 Rm 206 | Douglas Grogan

A supportive, seminar-led group to help individuals heal from the hurt of separation or divorce.



MISSIONS

MICRO-MISSIONS

Each month, we assemble food bags for our unhoused friends right here at church. Come when you can, stay as long as you're able.

- 1st Sunday of Each Month -
8:30am – 10:30am

AUGUST 2	JANUARY 3
SEPTEMBER 6	FEBRUARY 7
OCTOBER 4	MARCH 7
NOVEMBER 1	APRIL 4
DECEMBER 6	MAY 2
	JUNE 6

For more information or to volunteer, contact
MISSIONS@FUMC-CS.ORG

RIDES FOR RUBBISH

Every month, we walk downtown with Marion House clients to pick up trash in the parks. It helps them earn bus passes for the month. Come walk with us!

- 3rd Sunday of Each Month -
1:00pm | Marion House

SEPTEMBER 20	JANUARY 17
OCTOBER 18	FEBRUARY 21
NOVEMBER 15	MARCH 21
DECEMBER 20	APRIL 18
	MAY 16
	JUNE 20
	JULY 18



UNHOUSED HOSPITALITY

Loving our unhoused neighbors means active, proximate care and our Sunday courtyard has become a welcoming place each week. Join us in making and handing out breakfast burritos and offering warm hospitality.

- Sunday Mornings -
8:30am – 11:00am

JUSTICE LEAGUE

Justice League is about turning awareness into action. This group works together to plan and carry out meaningful social justice efforts that move FUMC forward.

Register at go.fumc-cs.org/justiceleague

MEETINGS

4th Sunday of Each Month
(except December)
12:15pm - 1:45pm

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

October 10 | Creation Justice/Water Conservation
March 13 | Christian Nationalism and Racism

SPECIAL EVENTS

OCTOBER 11

**NATIONAL FAITH COALITION'S
HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY**

NOVEMBER 25 – 29

**SAND CREEK MASSACRE
EXHIBITION @ FUMC
HEALING RUN**

JULY 4

**BBQ FOR THE
UNHOUSED**

NOVEMBER 2 – 11

**SAND CREEK
MASSACRE EXHIBITION**

DECEMBER 25

**CHRISTMAS IN THE
PARKING LOT**

JULY/AUGUST 2021

**EL SALVADOR
MISSION TRIP**



MUSIC & ARTS

For more information or to join, contact
MUSIC@FUMC-CS.ORG

Come Make Music With Us!

Join our music team as part of a music ensemble! Not ready to commit? Consider one of our short-term music commitments and come sing with us during special events.

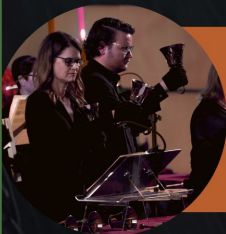


Chancel Choir

We provide leadership in the 11:00am Traditional Worship Service, as well as at concerts and special services.

Contemporary Band

An auditioned group of musicians who perform in the 9:00am Service.



Chancel Ringers

The Chancel Ringers provide music in worship services throughout the year.

The Overtones

Designed for those 50+, this group rings melody chimes, which are lighter than traditional bells.



O Tannenbaum
A German-inspired
Lessons & Carols

Friday, 12/4
7:00pm

Sunday, 12/6
3:00pm

Chancel Choir &
Festival Orchestra Present

REQUIEM

by Matthew Coleridge

Good Friday

March 26th | 6:30pm

Southern Colorado Handbell Festival

February 27th, 2027 | Norris Penrose Event Center

Concert at 5:30pm

Come experience the Southern Colorado Handbell Festival as a ringer, or enjoy the concert! This is a statewide showcase that Chancel Ringers will participate in at the Norris Penrose Indoor Event Center.



COLORADO SPRINGS CONSERVATORY

<https://coloradospringsconservatory.org/>

Holiday Extravaganza

Friday December 11th | 7:00pm–8:30pm

Contemporary Music Festival

Saturday, May 1st | 11:00AM

Foundational Theatre Festival Show Senior Recitals

Friday April 30th | 7:00pm

Saturday, May 1st | 7:00pm

Spring Theatre Show

Thursday April 22nd – Saturday April 24th
7:00pm

OTHER GROUPS

Chamber Orchestra of the Springs

<https://chamberorchestraofthesprings.org>

Organ Spectacular XI

September 20th 2026 | 2:30pm

Out Loud Men's Chorus

<https://outloudcsmc.com/>

Joyful & Triumphant

December 11th & 12th 2026

Colorado Springs Choral

<https://cschorale.org/>

Christmas with the Choral

December 13th 2026 | 2:00pm

ChoralSong of Colorado Springs

<https://choralsong.org/>

Peace on Earth

December 17th 2026 | 7:00pm

Soli Deo Gloria

<https://solichoir.org/>

Christmas Concert

December 19th 2026 | 4:00pm

Opera Theatre of the Rockies

<https://www.operatheatreoftherockies.org/>

Frankenstein

February 27th 2027 | 7:00pm

Concordia College Singers

<https://concordiacollege.edu/>

National Southwest Tour

March 2nd 2027 | 7:00pm

Soli Deo Gloria

<https://solichoir.org/>

Spring Concert

May 8th 2027 | 4:00pm

Candlelight Concerts

<https://feverup.com/en/colorado-springs/>

6:30pm & 8:45pm

September 12th | October 3rd | October 10th | November 7th | December 20th
January 16th | January 30th | February 13th | February 26th | March 20th | April 20th

MUSIC & ARTS



ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Sunday Morning Groups

Bereans | 9:30am | N2 Rm 210 | Lena Miller | Taught By: Rev. Eric

A community of adults learning from lively discussions of current topics with biblical relevance. Fellowship time at 9:30, class starts at 10:00.

Early Believers | 9:30am | NB Rm 10 | Jill Meider

Early Believers is a small group discussion class with shared leadership, using study guides and videos.

Pairs & Spares | 9:30am | N2 Rm 205 | Sarah Young

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 | 10:10am | N2 Rm 203 | Nancy Keeton

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

The Chosen | 10:10am | N2 Rm 206 | XB Cox

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

Unlocking the Bible: Together | 10:10am | N2 Rm 208 | Rev. Amy Strader

Adults and high school youth are teaming up in a zero-judgment space to explore the Bible's big story. Bring honest questions and learn without any pressure to have it all figured out.

Fall 2026

Disciple II | Wednesdays 9/9 – 7/14 | 6:30pm | Online | Anil Dewan

This life-changing study guides graduates of Disciple I through Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts to bridge deep biblical reflection with daily Christian witness.

Intro to the Bible | Tuesdays 9/15 – 10/20 | 6:00pm | N2 Rm 202 | Rev. Carrie

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.

Widening God's Mercy | Tuesdays 9/22 – 10/27 | 6:30pm | N2 Rm 204 | Rev. Eric

The transformative practice of expanding our theological and cultural boundaries to reflect a grace that is more inclusive, boundless, and radical than human judgment often allows.

Women's Study Group | Mondays | Starts 9/28 | 9:30am | Lori Smith

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.

Reading The Bible Chronologically: NT Edition! | Wednesdays 10/7 – 12/30 | N2 Rm 208

Becca Miller & Jan Caffey

Instead of reading from Matthew to Revelation in the traditional order, we'll be reading the books and letters in the order they were actually written and as events unfold.

Wesleyan Way of Grace | Tuesdays 10/13 – 11/17 | 6:00pm | N2 Rm 210 | Deb Teagan

Dive into the heart of Wesleyan theology, looking at how God's grace shapes our identity, grounds our community, and empowers us to live out justice and hope every day.

Daytime Scripture Study | Wednesdays 9/16 – 11/11 | 2:00pm | N2 Rm 204 | Rick Bereit

In a world that often feels chaotic and challenging to Christian faith, we will read three short letters that offer powerful, practical wisdom on endurance, hope, and standing firm in the truth.

The Holy Spirit | Mondays 10/19 – 11/16 | 6:00pm | N2 Rm 206 | Douglas Grogan

This five-week study helps believers understand and experience the Holy Spirit's presence and power in their daily walk with Christ.



ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Advent 2026

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Sundays 11/29 – 12/20 | 10:10am | N2 Rm 202

OR Tuesdays 12/1 – 12/22 | 6:00pm | N2 Rm 202

Through this study, we will reflect on the traditional themes of Advent and prepare our hearts to welcome Christ anew.

Women's Advent Group | Daily | 6:30am | Online

Rev. Amy

Daily, 30-minute morning engagement for women.

Lent 2027

Daily Reflections | 6:00pm | Online | Rev. Eric

Daily Reflections through the Lenten Season.

Plenty Good Room | Tuesdays 2/16 – 3/23 | 6:00pm | N2 Rm 202 | Deb Teagan

Connect deep Biblical reflection with the power of sacred music using the book *Plenty Good Room: A Lenten Bible Study Based on African American Spirituals*.

Winter/Spring 2027

Active Faith | Tuesday 1/12 – 2/9 | 6:00pm | N2 Rm 202 | Deb Teagan

Join us for our upcoming book study as we dive into *Active Faith: Resisting 4 Dangerous Ideologies with the Wesleyan Way* by renowned theologian and author Paul Chilcote.

Navigating the Digital World | Sundays 1/10 – 1/24 | 10:00am | Theater | Bryan Hurst & Ciera Holst

A three-part practical series covering how to spot a scam, how spot and use AI, and how to use social media while spotting fake news.

Divorce Care | Tuesdays 1/26 – 4/27 | 6:00pm | N2 Rm 206 | Douglas Grogan

A supportive, seminar-led group to help individuals heal from the hurt of separation or divorce.

*Intro to Old Testament Tuesdays 1/26 – 3/2 | Intro to New Testament Tuesdays 4/6 – 5/11
6:00pm | N2 Rm 204 | Rev. Carrie*

An introduction into the texts of the Old and New Testaments.

Radical Methodism | Wednesdays 3/3 – 3/24 | 6:30pm | N2 Rm 202 | Deb Teagan

Are you curious about the foundational roots of our faith and history? Join us for *Radical Methodism: Back to Our Roots*, a four-part journey exploring the earliest days of the Methodist movement up through the modern day.

Planning Worship | Sundays 4/4 – 4/18 | 9:10am | N2 Rm 202 | Douglas Grogan

This three-part series will discuss the process of how worship services are planned at FUMC; how to use the hymnal works; and other resources.

Reading the Bible Through Bonhoeffer | Tuesdays 4/6 – 5/18 | 6:30pm | N2 Rm 210 | Rev. Eric

Reading the Bible through Bonhoeffer, post-Christian Nationalism action series.

Introduction to the Psalms | Wednesdays 1/6 – 3/10 | 2:00pm | N2 Rm 204 | Becca Miller

Join us for *Introduction to the Psalms*, a dynamic study designed to open up the Bible's ultimate songbook. Over this course, we will explore the rich poetry, history, and emotion of the Psalms.

For more information, contact

ADULTS@FUMC-CS.ORG

Interested? Sign Up At:

go.fumc-cs.org/asf



ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



Monthly Groups

Check the Encounter for ways to register.

SHEBREWS 1.0 | *First Wednesday of the Month* | *Rev. Carrie*

A gathering of women for fellowship, relationship building, and lots of laughter!

WHEREVER THEOLOGY | *First Friday of the Month* | *Rev. Eric*

Our men's group comes together wherever—pubs, backyards, garages—to discuss theology.

SHEBREWS 2.0 | *Date Varies* | *Rev. Carrie*

This gathering is for women wishing to study scripture through the lens of feminist, womanist, and liberation theology!

Pop Culture & Faith

Faith in Science Fiction | *Sundays* | *12:30pm* | *N2 Rm 205*

Join us for a compelling, three-session discussion series as we unpack the intersection of theology, humanity, and extraterrestrial life through three of Spielberg's definitive sci-fi masterpieces.

10/25: Close Encounters of the Third Kind (1977)

2/7: E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial (1982)

4/4: Disclosure Day (2026)

Lord of the Rings | *Monthly, Sept. – May with Rev. Eric* | *N1 Small Conference Room*

Explore J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* through a Christian lens, uncovering the profound themes of grace, providence, and redemption woven into Middle-earth.

CHRISTMAS MEMBERSHIP TEA



December 12, 2026 | *10:00am*
NB Rm 10

Join us for a Christmas tea honoring women of faith, fellowship, and service who are interested in becoming part of United Women in Faith. Whether you're a new member or just curious, come meet your sisters and enjoy delicious food, fellowship, and fun.

MEMORIAL LUNCH

November 8, 2026 | *12:00pm*
NB Rm 10

All ladies of the church are invited to a memorial luncheon, a chance to celebrate and remember the United Women in Faith sisters who have passed this year.

UNIT MISSION MEETING

February 20, 2027 | *NB Rm 10*

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

April 17, 2027 | *Courtyard & Chapel*

United Women in Faith hosts their annual spiritual retreat at FUMC, a time for prayer, workshops, and fellowship centered on growing in faith together.

DAY AT THE RANCH

August 7, 2027 | *John Wesley Ranch*

All are welcome to join United Women in Faith for our annual "Day at the Ranch." Enjoy food, fellowship, and beautiful mountain views, with a potluck lunch, bring a dish to share if you can.

FUTURE SHOW DATES

OCTOBER 16 - NOVEMBER 1, 2026
Fiddler on the Roof

NOVEMBER 19 - 22, 2026
*The Best Christmas
Pageant Ever*

MARCH 5 - 14, 2027
To Be Announced October 15th!

JUNE 4 - 13, 2027
*You're a Good Man,
Charlie Brown*

SEPTEMBER 11, 2027
**FIRST COMPANY
40TH ANNIVERSARY**

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?



SET DESIGNERS



TECH TEAM



ACTORS

First Company always needs passionate individuals looking to bring stories to life on stage, in front of the audience, and behind the scenes.

Ticket and Audition info at
<https://fumc-cs.org/firstcompany>

For more information or to join, contact
FIRSTCOMPANY@FUMC-CS.ORG

FIRST COMPANY THEATRE

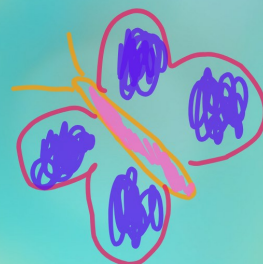
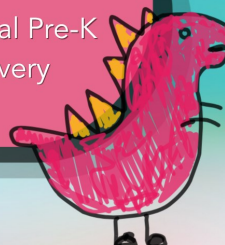


FIRST UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL

For more information or to join, contact
STACYM@FUMC-CS.ORG

WHY OUR PRESCHOOL?

Since 1991, FUMC Preschool has served our church and community with play-based care for ages 18 months to 6, guided by a whole-child philosophy and relational spirituality. We're a Colorado Shines Level 4, Universal Pre-K provider with small classrooms and two teachers in every room.



COMING SOON!

FUMC Preschool is launching a brand-new music program, with children attending music class one to two times per week. We're hoping it all builds toward a fun Christmas performance in December that families can attend.



FUMC Preschool has earned a Colorado Shines Level 4 rating, the state's quality rating system for early learning programs. This rating reflects our ongoing commitment to strong teacher-child relationships, intentional curriculum, and a safe, nurturing classroom environment. It's a reflection of the same values that shape everything we do, from our whole-child philosophy to our smaller class sizes.



New to our preschool family or just want to get more involved? Join us throughout the year for a Thanksgiving Feast, Gingerbread House Decorating, Donuts with Dad, Muffins with Mom, and an Ice Cream Social. We'd love to see you there.



LONG SUMMER DAYS = MORE FUN!

FUMC Preschool's Summer Camp Sessions run throughout the summer, giving families reliable care when school is out.



JOHN WESLEY RANCH

Where the Wi-Fi is Low and the Connection is High

Located off of Highway 67 on your way to Cripple Creek, the John Wesley Ranch offers a classic, mostly unplugged summer camp experience. The Ranch offers miles of hiking trails, opportunities to see elk and mule deer, and views of Pikes Peak.

Why Choose the Ranch?

The John Wesley Ranch offers many ways to stay, with bunk beds, private twin beds, and coming soon, the Retreat Center. No matter your size or space needs, the Ranch provides a perfect place for your small group retreat, family event, or wedding.

To make a reservation, call Kim Monjesky at (719) 471-8522 ext. 161

RETREATS

YOGA LAUNCH

AUGUST 16, 2026

4:00pm – 7:00pm

Mind, body, and Scripture at the John Wesley Ranch. Bring your mat and an open heart.

MAN RETREAT

OCTOBER 2 – 4, 2026

This year's theme: Man Stuff. Campfires, hikes, grilled meat, and conversations that actually matter. Come unplug, eat well, and gather with guys who are courageous and kind.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

FEBRUARY 12 – 13, 2027

A weekend at the John Wesley Ranch for couples in every season. Biblical wisdom for a lasting partnership, time to laugh together, and conversation with couples of all ages. Daytime childcare provided.

SUMMER CAMPS

THEATRE & ARTS OVERNIGHT CAMP

JULY 7 – 10, 2027

An overnight camp for middle schoolers who love theatre. Acting, set building, and costume design meet hiking, fishing, campfires, and optional river rafting.

THEATRE & ARTS DAY CAMP

JULY 12 – 16, 2027

GAMING & TABLETOP CAMP

JULY 19 – 23, 2027

A faith-based camp for kids who would rather be gaming. Mornings are for tech challenges and tabletop strategy, afternoons for fishing, hiking and optional rafting or high ropes. Hosted by Crossfire Ministry.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

DECEMBER 24 | 10:00pm

JOHN WESLEY RANCH



For more information, contact
RANCH@FUMC-CS.ORG

YOUTH SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Sign up for the Young People's Newsletter at go.fumc-cs.org/NewKids



UNLOCKING THE BIBLE, TOGETHER...A NEW TYPE OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

10:10AM – 11:00AM | N2 RM 201

Do you hear snippets of the Bible in church but wonder how it all fits together? High school youth and adults are joining forces in a zero-judgment space to tackle the real stuff. Spoiler: the adults don't have all the answers either! Come as you are, bring tough questions, let's explore and grow together.

Come spring, while middle schoolers walk through Confirmation, older youth will dive into the United Methodist Affirm curriculum. This series helps class members continue to articulate beliefs.

PLUS, once a month, children, youth, and adults will team up for a meaningful 'micro mission,' serving and learning more about the world around them.

CONFIRMATION

SUNDAYS, JANUARY – APRIL 2027



Confirmation is a 12-week journey where middle schoolers explore big questions about God, the Bible, the church, and what it all means for their lives during Sunday School. While many parents choose baptism for their children when they're young, Confirmation is when youth claim that faith for themselves. Along the way, they dig into church history and United Methodist beliefs, use a confidential "Question Box" for things they've always wondered about, and take field trips to see other faith traditions' worship services. At the end, each youth decides for themselves if they're ready to join the church.

IGNITE & REST FEST RETREATS

Retreats offer a rare chance for youth to disconnect from their screens and connect with nature, with each other, with themselves, and with God. Whether it's a cozy fall weekend at John Wesley Ranch or the larger winter gathering with youth groups from across Colorado, when youth attend a retreat, they spend more time together in a single weekend than in months of Sunday mornings, quickly building community with friends who share their values.



NOVEMBER 6-8, 2026
FEBRUARY 2027



DUNGEONS AND DISCIPLES



Using immersive gameplay to explore Biblical truths and values, Dungeons & Disciples blends story-driven gaming with a Christian twist. Kids level up their faith and connect through real-life highs and lows. Let Rev. Amy know if you are interested, and we'll pick a day and time that work for the group's schedules.

MIDDLE SCHOOL REMIX

10:01AM | N2 RM 201

Middle school is a time of transition—faith begins to shift from "what my parents believe" to asking, "what do I believe?" We'll dive into hot topics, figure out why the Bible matters in real life, and mix it up with art, videos, and games—all while building a tight-knit crew to share the ups and downs of life.



SEPTEMBER 27 | OCTOBER 25
NOVEMBER 29 | DECEMBER 20
JANUARY 31 | APRIL 25 | MAY 16

Great youth ministry starts with great friendships, which is why our youth group is all about connection. Once a month, youth head next door to Louie's Pizza for a casual slice and easy conversation. It's a space where youth can share their lives and support one another. True connection is built on regular time together—time that helps our youth discover a community where they truly belong and are never alone in their faith. Be on the lookout for big youth group outings, too!



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YOUTH SPIRITUAL FORMATION



CHILDREN'S SPIRITUAL FORMATION



SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:10AM – 11:00AM | KID CITY RM 216

Welcome to a brand-new year of Children's Sunday School!

In the Fall:

The Big Picture & The Life of Jesus. We start the school year by diving into the grand story of the Bible. Kids will learn how all the pieces of Scripture fit together and take a close look at the life, love, and ministry of Jesus.

In the Spring:

Faith in Daily Life. We will sync up with the main church sermon series, helping kids connect Scripture directly with the things that matter in their daily lives—like friendship, school, and family.

Once a month, children and youth Sunday School team up for a meaningful 'micro mission,' serving and learning more about the world around them.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT!

FREE | 4:00PM – 7:00PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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.

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

9/19	12/19	3/13
10/24	1/23	4/17
11/21	2/20	5/8

NO SCHOOL CAMP

No school? No problem! FUMC offers fun, engaging days to support families and keep kids active and learning.

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

10/16 | 11/23 | 1/5
2/16 | 4/29

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Sign up for the Young People's Newsletter at
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TWEEN HANG

Tween Hang offers a youth-group-style environment for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. Tweens will have a blast playing games and building friendships before diving a bit deeper into the month's Sunday School series. Plus, we've got the parents covered—free childcare is available upon request for younger siblings during this time, giving parents the perfect opportunity to enjoy some well-deserved hang time of their own!

September 20		At Church
October 18		Farm Party
November 22		3rd Grade Bible Celebration
December 20		Christmas Party
January 24		At Church
February 21		At Church
April 18		At Church
May 16		Rides for Rubbish



BIBLE CAMP

FALL 2026
JOHN WESLEY RANCH
21285 CO-67

Bible Camp offers 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders a "pre-Confirmation" introduction to scripture. Tweens will learn how to navigate the Bible, understand its history and writing styles, and discover why these ancient stories still matter today. Featuring a one-day retreat at John Wesley Ranch, a fun wrap-up outing, and a meaningful Bible presentation for our 3rd graders, it's a milestone experience your tween won't want to miss!

THEATRE & ARTS CAMP

JUNE 14 – 18, 2027

9:00AM – 12:00PM

Claude, the Loveable Camel, invites preschool–5th graders to a week-long celebration of the arts! From singing and playing instruments to enjoying puppet shows and creating their own masterpieces, it's a week of bringing Bible stories to life. After-camp care is offered 12:00pm – 3:00pm.



Sunday Services

8^{AM} CHAPEL

An intimate traditional service held in our Chapel at the corner of Boulder and Nevada with organ, hymns, and traditional liturgy.

9^{AM} CONTEMPORARY

An upbeat modern service held in our Theater with our Contemporary Band.

11^{AM} TRADITIONAL

A large traditional service held in our Sanctuary with pipe organ, choir, and hymns.

Also streamed online at <https://fumc-cs.org/streaming> and on TV on the SOCO CW at 9am

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