



CIRCUIT RIDER

FALL EDITION 2023





SEPTEMBER

9/4 Church Office Closed for Labor Day
9/10 Children/Youth Sunday School
9/13 A Little Noon Music
9/17 Exploring FUMC Luncheon & Info
9/24 Ministry Fair

OCTOBER

10/1 World Communion Sunday
10/7 Program Ministry Council Mtg.
10/8 New Member Sunday
10/11 A Little Noon Music
10/29 Only 1 Worship Service at 11AM
Fall Festival

NOVEMBER

11/3 Holiday House Bazaar
11/5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
Native American Sunday
11/8 A Little Noon Music
11/11 Church Office Closed for Veterans Day
11/24 & 11/25 Church Office Closed for
Thanksgiving Holiday

Autumn Prayer

God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn.

We thank you

**for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a
new burst of energy,**

**for the coloring of trees that shows the creativity of
the Divine Artist,**

**for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the
branches,**

for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls,

for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children,

**for the fall harvest which that brings us gratitude for
the bounty of our land,**

**for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of
life.**

**God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, trans-
form us by your Spirit.**

Amen

— Rev. Doug Leonhardt, S.J.

2023 FUMC Scholarships

FUMC Memorial Scholarship Celebrations

The FUMC Memorial Scholarship Fund was established many years ago by our congregation to invest in the educational pursuits of its students. Gifts to the Fund were given in memory or in honor of many individuals. Applications were made available this past spring for awards intended for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. The FUMC Memorial Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce and celebrate this year's recipients!

Congratulations and best wishes to...

Laurel Rafferty
Megan TerLouw
Robert Liwanag
Kayla Liwanag

Bell Bits

The adult bell group finished their regular rehearsals for the 2022-23 program year by playing "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" in the 11:00 AM church service on May 21st. Throughout the summer small groups have worked on a variety of music and bell ringing skills.

Those interested in joining the bell group should call or email Terri Godby at 303-437-5311 or Terrilgodby@msn.com. The 2023-24 program year will begin with Sunday rehearsals starting on Sunday, September 17 at 4:00 PM in the sanctuary.

With the regrouping of the adult bells last spring, they decided a renaming was in order. The bell group, formerly know as Flame 'n' Bells will now be known as Bells of Faith. The quartet which has enhanced our traditional worship service several times will be known as Praise Bell Quartet.





Welcome to Sunday School

Join us for an
open house
September 3rd
at 10 a.m.
Upstairs in the
"music room"

This year we will be learning
who Jesus was and how we
can be more like Him.

Regular Sunday school begins
Sept. 10th at 10am

Volunteers NEEDED! Help our kids grow deeper in
their faith, and love for God and others. contact
Anna to get involved

for more information: familyministry@fumcgj.org



First United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

MINISTRY FAIR

10:00AM-12:30PM

COME AND FIND YOUR PLACE

LEARN MORE and GET INVOLVED at FUMC
JOIN US for our MINISTRY FAIR and
OPEN HOUSE



ALL ARE WELCOME!
9am CONTEMPORARY service
11am TRADITIONAL service

For more information contact Jessica at programministry@fumcgj.org



National Diaper Need
AWARENESS WEEK
*** 09.18.23-09.24.23

We invite you to get involved





New national research shows that diaper need is common – affecting about 1 in 2 families with babies.

Help keep babies clean, dry and healthy

How You Can Help!

Donate Diapers or Dollars



Scan Here to give via PayPal

Host a Diaper Drive

To get started or for more information
Scan Below for the
DIAPER DRIVE TOOLKIT



Scan Here

Become a Partner

Diaper Depot

519 Grand Ave. Ste. C Grand Junction
diaperdepot@fumcgj.org

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES SUMMER FUN



JOIN US FOR A

FALL FESTIVAL

2:00- 4:00 PM

Everyone
Welcome

29
OCTOBER
SUNDAY

TRUNK-OR-TREAT ~ HAYRIDE ~
GAMES ~ FOOD ~ FUN ~ & MORE

**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

522 WHITE AVE
GRAND JUNCTION

FOR MORE INFORMATION

970-242-4850

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH PROGRAM and EVENT CALENDAR



**PEACEMAKERS AND
JUSTICE SEEKERS**

PRESENTER: SUE YEAGER



**BOLD WOMEN OF
FAITH**

PRESENTER: TBA



**HOLIDAY HOUSE
BAZAAR**

SEEKING ORGANIZERS AND OTHER ELVES



**LIFE-GIVING
CREATION AND
TRANSFORMATION**

PRESENTER: ELLIE YOUNG



*Prayer
Shawl*
ministry
*4th Thursday of
each month*
9:30AM TO 11:00AM
FUMC PARLOR

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Are you receiving the weekly What's Cookin' Eblast? If not, check to see if the church office has your current email.

SARAH CIRCLE

fellowship and mission
United Women in Faith



Annual picnic
Marta Collazo's house 569 E. Valley Dr.
5pm



**Craft evening! Group activity to benefit
Holiday House Bazaar**
5pm



**Christmas Mission project planning
Thanksgiving program**
5pm

Meet at church parlor unless otherwise indicated
Information: Amy Gibbs - gnesiosgibbs@gmail.com



Holiday House Bazaar

Come join the fun! Bake pie,
serve some tea, greet our loyal
guests and more!

Watch for volunteer opportunities



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Holiday House Bazaar

Christmas Boutique
Country Store
Pantry
Victorian Tea Room

November 3, 9am to 3pm





HANGING OF THE GREENS

CALLING ALL HOLIDAY DECORATORS

The Worship Planning Team needs your help on Sunday, November 26, for the annual Hanging of the Greens!

Gather after church for a warm and filling lunch before tackling the decking of our halls for Christmas.

All ages, all skills, all abilities are welcome

We will find a job for you

The grandeur of our decorated church is only possible when our Village of Faith works together.

The more hands that pitch in, the faster our church will sparkle!



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Sunday Mornings at FUMC
In-Person & Live Stream via fumcgj.org
9 AM Contemporary Worship
11 AM Traditional Worship
Our nursery is fully open for both worship services