

First United Methodist Church

2000 W. Lakeway

Gillette, WY 82718

Return Service Requested

To Our Friends:

Join Us at First United Methodist Church!

Sunday Worship Services

8:00 a.m. Contemplative

9:15-10:15 a.m. Blended Worship

10:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday School

We love kids at FUMC!

*First United Methodist Church is building a Christian community
where followers of Jesus advance God's mission for all creation.
We do this by reaching up to God, across to our neighbor, and out to the
world.*

Office Hours

Tuesday–Friday 9:00am-2:00pm
and by appointment

Pastor: Cory Young

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GRACE NOTES

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The Pastor's Door

Reverend Cory Young

Christ the Lord is risen today! Those words are sung every Easter by churches around the globe, from our church in Gillette Wyoming to the giant cathedrals of Europe. Sometimes it is played with a brass band, an organ, or a piano. But the hymn has always held a special place in my heart. Not only for the joy that the words bring to me each Easter, but because it really shows an understanding of what Easter is, a celebration!



When I began in ministry Easter was a holiday that I often struggled with. Not because of theology, but I was always trying to make Easter Sunday worship something that would be remembered. For weeks I would pray, worry, over think every aspect of the service. Are the hymns right? Are the right Easter banners upon the wall? Is my sermon short enough? I would critique it all and by the time Easter Sunday arrived I was exhausted and so tired I didn't even get to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.


But a few years ago, something changed. I was talking to a colleague about Easter and explaining my exhaustion and they told me something that has stuck with me to this day. They said, "You don't have to make Easter amazing, Jesus Christ already did that." It was in that moment I realized that Easter service is already amazing because of the love that God gave to us! It really changed my perspective; Easter is a celebration and God showed us how to celebrate!

As we come to Easter this year I invite you to take some time from your busy schedules and reflect on the love that Jesus Christ showed. The eggs and the candy are nice additions to Easter but we as Christian's are Easter People! We know that through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ that death is no more, and that we are forever loved by God! So as you sing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" open yourself up to the words and see the true love of God!

Happy Easter,

Rev Cory

Coins for Lent

April						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1  A coin for every bed.
2 Palm Sunday Pray today, thanking God for shelter. Pray for those who have no place to sleep at night.	3 A coin for every Bible.	4 A coin for every book of hymns or sacred songs in your home.	5 A coin for every cross in your home.	6 A coin for every prayer you say today.	7 A coin for every story of Jesus you can tell.	8 A coin for every person in your family.
9 Easter Sunday Pray, thanking God for Jesus and for the many ways we can gather and worship God. Pray for those who will receive the coins collected that they would see God's presence through them.	10	11	12	13	14	15

Holy Week

Good Friday Service– April 7th at 6:30pm

Easter Happenings

Sunrise Service– April 9th at 6:15am

Breakfast: 7:30-8:45am

Easter Service: 9:15am

Easter Egg Hunt: 10:30am
(up to 10yrs old) bring a basket



Friends gathered March 9th. Many plastic Easter eggs were decorated in a variety of ways and hung on a tree. The tree was on display in the foyer and later taken to the Legacy.



Trustee Report

Items worked on:

- replace the ceiling stained ceiling tiles in the Sanctuary, Thanks Chuck, Terry and Craig.
- had the Kitchen dishwasher repaired due to a bad pump.

Things needing addressed

- Need a new hot water heater as it is leaking and 10 years old.
 - Need the feed line to the sprinklers repaired as a break occurred during the hard freeze. Currently the line is shut off so not leaking.
 - Office phone issue of not recording messages is being looked at for repair or replacement.
- Parsonage**
- Rochelle and her committee went through the Parsonage to assess and review for possible items that should be addressed.
 - We have a list and a lot of the items are more cosmetic than repair now type items.
 - The two decks are being scheduled for replacement by (get name from Cory) at no cost to FUMC. Thank you.
 - looking at removal of the small storage shed or replacement in a different location.

Craig Speirs
Trustee Chairman



Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 am Contemplative

9:15-10:15 am Blended Worship

Sunday School 10:30am all ages

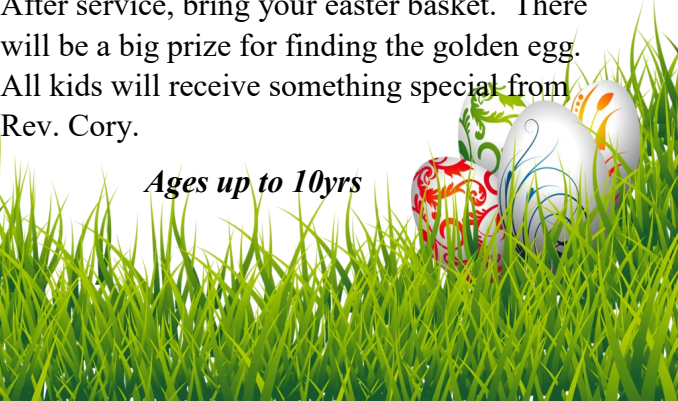
Star Words: A True Hope
No children’s class Easter Sunday
Awards May 7



April 2 Luka
Easter Emma
April 16 Niko
April 23 Alora
April 30 Koryn

Easter Egg Hunt

After service, bring your easter basket. There will be a big prize for finding the golden egg. All kids will receive something special from Rev. Cory.



Ages up to 10yrs



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Chris Clausen, those going thru cancer treatments, those involved in the train derailment, Kelani friend had a tumor removed, Tim Leair, Janet Boesecker’s cousins family, those at the Legacy, Tim Deets family, Marjorie Rainwater, Guy, Ripley, local suicides and depression, Ashley’s parents,



Friendship Circle

Thursday, April 13th @ 10:00am

Come and join us as we make birthday cards for the congregation

April/May Church Ad Council

Meeting will be held April 30, 2023. Committee chairs please send your notes for the agenda to the church office the Thursday before the meeting. This helps the meeting run smoothly. Thank you for all your help!

Susan Eickbush



Home Visits

If you would like a home visit please contact Rev. Cory

Marcia Knutson	April 02
Brad Christensen	April 06
Heather Ivory	April 09
Tracy Wasserburger	April 14
Meghan Davies	April 17
Kelsey Brunelli	April 19
Remington Knutson	April 20
Emma Michael	April 25
Abby Howard	April 29



Greg and Sharon Schreurs April 10



Do you have a special dessert that you’re known for? Or do you just like to bake? If so, would you consider baking something for the Mary Dickey Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser that’s going to happen here at the church Sunday, April 23

ALSO, If you have “something special”, a painting, a handmade quilt, etc. that you’d donate for our silent or live auction, please bring it to the church before or by April 22nd.

Thank you!

Mary Dickey Memorial Scholarship Committee

Reminder to watch us live on Facebook Sunday morning for worship!!!

<https://www.facebook.com/FirstUnitedMethodistofGillette>



Date	Preaching	Worship Leaders	Ushers
April 2	Pastor Cory Young	Rose Rennell	Gray’s
April 9	Pastor Cory Young		Bosecker’s
April 16	Ali Burd	Sharon Schreurs	Fox’s
April 23	Pastor Cory Young		Kelsey’s
April 30	Pastor Cory Young	Alice Speirs	King



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Soup Kitchen @ 10am
2 Mary Dickey Memorial @ 10am	3 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	4 Cub Scouts @ 6pm	5 Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm	6 Hydroponics @ 4pm Finance @ 7pm	7	8
9 Easter Sunrise service 6:15am Breakfast 7:30-8:45am Easter Service 9:15am Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am	10 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	11 Cub Scouts @ 6pm Book Club @ 6:30pm	12	13 Friendship Circle @ 10am Finance @ 7pm	14	15
16 PACER @ 10:30am	17 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	18 OATH @ noon Cub Scouts @ 6pm	19 Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm	20 Prayer Shawl ministry @ 6:30pm	21	22
23 Mary Dickey Memorial event after church	24 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	25 Cub Scouts @ 6pm	26	27	28	29
30 Ad Council 10:30am						