

First United Methodist Church

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To Our Friends:

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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

Administrative Assistant: Meghan Davies
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Open Minds

Open Doors

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GRACE NOTES

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The Pastor's Door

Reverend Cory Young

Christmas letters are something I don't understand. Sure, I understand reaching out to people to tell them what you have been up to for the last year, how your family is doing, and any major life events. But I often wonder why do we only share what has happened during the holiday season? How do we fit all of our lives in one letter, once a year?

I think many people feel that way about their faith as well. Advent and Christmas are the times we show compassion and love, but as soon as Epiphany Sunday comes in January we wait till next December to share our lives again. Advent and Christmas are important for us as Christians, it reminds us of the hope that came into the world and is still active in this world year round. Yes, we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ knowing that he was and is God's love incarnate. But does that mean in January we just put him away till the season of Lent? No, of course not.

Our faith is year round and so are our stories. Sure we can summarize the highs and lows of a year in a brief letter, but we need to be in community with one another year round as well. What I really love about First UMC of Gillette is that we are a community. Each week we share our joys, concerns, birthdays, anniversaries in service; and I cannot tell you how many times I have been contacted through the prayer chain or texts to pray for those who are near and dear to us.

I think of Jesus as he taught and showed people the love of God; he was often with those he loved most (disciples and friends), and he heard what was happening in their lives. Ministry is all about being present with those around us. Sharing in the highs and lows as they come and making sure that we can help each other on our Christian walk.

As you write that Christmas letter this year think about how you can be there for those who are important for you. Taking time to have coffee or a meal with someone, or maybe just sitting down and doing crafts together, or just visiting someone. Letters are great, but spending time with someone is a wonderful opportunity that shouldn't be passed up.

I wish you all of you a wonderful Advent, a joyous Christmas, and a hopeful New Year. Thank you for all you have done this year and what you will do in the upcoming year!

Rev. Cory Young





Mission Trees

Angel Tree- For Kids who have an incarcerated parent. Due December 18th

Angel Fund- \$20 gas cards, or funds to go toward gas, rent, utilities, etc.

Food Tree– build a tree with non perishable food items to be donated to the Salvation Army



Christmas Services

December 21st

Blue Christmas 6:30pm

December 24th

4:30pm Family service

7:00 pm Candlelight

December 25th

Hymn Sing and Breakfast



UMW Pecan sales



The UMW annual pecan sale is going on. There are milk chocolate, dark chocolate, cinnamon glazed, clusters and plain. These make great stocking stuffer gifts!!!

\$12 each



Christmas Choir

During our Advent season, we invite you to enjoy the wonderful music provided by the Christmas Choir and special guests!!



Hydroponics Update

All of us at Living Water Produce feel blessed this year. It has been a year of growth and seeing dreams come to life. We have had our trials and challenges and have come through with lessons learned.

We have two grants that will take us well into next year to complete the expansion. Our next challenge is growing vegetables. We will begin with broccoli, green peppers and cherry tomatoes

We thank you for your ongoing support. Remember to use our Amazon smile account during your Christmas shopping.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed new year!



Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 am Contemplative

9:15-10:15 am Blended Worship

Sunday School 10:30am all ages


Christmas Eve Service


4:00 pm Family Service

7:30pm Candlelight

Lesson: Christmas Road Trip

Book Read Together:
Bible Story Book





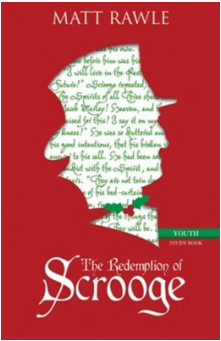
Dec 4 Luka
Dec 11 Navi and Brisban Ivory
Dec 18 Niko



December 18th during worship



Thank you to all who attended the Church Charge Conference!!!



Advent book Study

Starts Sunday, December 4th at 11am

Mary Dickey Scholarship committee

We will meet again starting the first Sunday in Feb.



Shootings happening across the country, Sana Lamb, those traveling, Rachelle and family, Randy Scherer, Shea and family, Pat's family on the passing of her dad, those struggling and contemplating suicide

Susan Shurtz	December 04
Jason Taylor	December 04
David Fall	December 12
Wanda Fox	December 12
Michelle Miller	December 13
Jessica Kelsey	December 16
Margaret Chase	December 17
Janet Czapla	December 24
Gerald Baker	December 26
Tom Kremer	December 28



Art and Marge Tarno	December 11
Gerald and Linda Baker	December 16
Bruce and Carol Bowersox	December 16
Jeff and Tracy Wasserburger	December 31

Reminder to watch us live on Facebook Sunday morning for worship!!!
<https://www.facebook.com/FirstUnitedMethodistofGillette>



Date	Preaching	Worship Leaders	Ushers
December 4	Pastor Cory Young	Mike Urlaub	Gray's
December 11	Pastor Cory Young	Sharon Schreurs	Bosecker's
December 18	Pastor Cory Young	Luka Zeleski	Fox's
December 24	Pastor Cory Young	4:30- Ann Hardesty 7:00-	Kelsey's
December 25	HYMN SING		

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Hydroponics @ 4pm	2	3 Soup Kitchen 10am
4	5 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	6 Cub Scouts @ 6pm	7	8	9	10
11	12 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	13 Cub Scouts @ 6pm	14 Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm	15	16	17
18 Children's Christmas Program	19 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	20 OATH @ noon Cub Scouts @ 6pm	21 Blue Christmas Service 6:30pm Finance @ 7:15pm	22	23	24 4:30pm Family service 7:00pm Candlelight
25 9:15 Hymn Sing and Breakfast 	26 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	27 Cub Scouts @ 6pm	28 Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm	29	30	31 Howard Wedding