

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

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GRACE NOTES

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The Pastor's Door

Reverend Cory Young

Do you know what the most often topic that Jesus taught in his ministry? If you would have guessed finances, you would be correct. Of the 39 parables that Jesus shared in the Gospels, 11 are about finances. It seems like an odd thing for Jesus to teach about frequently. You would guess that Jesus would teach more about the Love of God, or maybe what Heaven is like. Yet money is one of the biggest topics for Jesus Christ to teach on.

In today's world it seems weird to even bring up the idea of money. We get uncomfortable when someone asks us how much we make, or how much our house cost us. We start to clam up out of embarrassment or guilt at what we have, when we know that there are others in the world who have less (or more) than we do. But the world functions on money, and to be honest so does a church.

A common question asked of pastors is "If money is the root of all evil, why does the church need it?" The truth is that a church needs money because we have costs in doing the mission work we are called to do. We pay for the building we are in, the salary of the staff, the utilities, and even the office supplies. It would be nice if the utility companies would just give us free water, gas, internet, and electricity but we must pay for them like everyone else.

So why talk about finances in the church? To many it seems like numbers on a page, but they really do tell the story of this church. For those of you who have been with us in worship over the past couple of months (in person or online), we have been talking about what it means to give to the church. Not just in financial offerings, but in prayer, presence, service, and witness. All of these are ways to support the church! Even if you cannot give much but can help in a ministry, you are sharing in the story of the finances of the church. And we want that story to continue into the foreseeable future!

Many of you have been given envelopes (and if you have not received one, please contact Jim Hastings or Claudia Urlaub) in which you found a letter from the finance committee, the budget that was approved for the 2022 year, a pledge card, and an envelope to return the pledge card in. I am asking that as you look through the budget, you pray about what you can give to continue the story of this church.

As you discern what is best for you, know that I too will be looking at my finances and see what I can give to this church as well. I cannot just ask this of you if I am not prepared to do the same for myself. As you give know this; no matter what you can offer we are grateful for you to be part of this church!

In Christ,

Rev Cory



Open Hearts

Open Minds

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Finance Minutes

Mission Connect Mountain Sky Conference

Fund Name	Annual Amount	Amount Paid
Mission Shares	\$17,716.35	\$20,155.27
Native American Sunday		\$143.00
Peace with Justice Sunday		\$180.00
UMCOR Sunday		\$205.00
World Communion Sunday		\$70.00
Total		\$20,753.27



Hydroponics Update

Our lettuce is looking beautiful! Going with popular demand, we have stopped planting Oakleaf, as it is not a big seller, and have also cut back on the Romaine. What is selling is our Butterhead and the Spring Mix, and we moved the Spinach to the white system where it will have more room to grow. The strawberries are beginning to bear fruit weekly in low quantities. All this fresh produce in JANUARY, in WYOMING!!

Though we have a restaurant and grocery store buying consistently, we are still dependent on our walk-in sales to cover our overhead costs. Remember us when you need lettuce or spinach. We really are the freshest produce in town. Your word of mouth to others will also help build our clientele and would be greatly appreciated.

We are currently in negotiations with Ranch & Roost. Please Pray this new endeavor will be successful.

We would welcome anyone who would like to join us on this ministry. It has been an exciting venture, so come join the fun! Contact Rose or Thayne for more information.

Lay Leader Lead

Advanced Lay Servant Classes:

- “Living Our United Methodist Beliefs” – March 8-22nd via Zoom 6-8pm
- “Life Together in the United Methodist Connection” – March 7-25

Investigating Faith –

The big game is coming up on February 13th, will you be cheering on your team? How about “praying” they win? Have you ever asked yourself if God would really answer your prayers over your friend’s prayers who is rooting for the other team?

Consider these words from Richard Rohr in “YES, AND... Daily Meditations”

Prayer

“Everything exposed to the light itself becomes light” (Ephesians5:13). In prayer, we merely keep returning the divine gaze and we become its reflection, almost in spite of ourselves (2 Corinthians 3:18). The word *prayer* has often been trivialized by making it into a way of getting what we want. But I use *prayer* as the umbrella word for any *interior journeys or practices that allow us to experience faith, hope and love within ourselves*. It is not a technique for getting things, a pious exercise that somehow makes God happy, or a requirement for entry into heaven. It is much more like practicing heaven now.

+Adapted from *The Naked Now: Learning to See as the Mystics See*, pp 22-23

So, on February 13th what will your prayers be?





Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 am Contemplative
9:15-10:15 am Blended Worship
Sunday School 10:30am all ages



Agabe—Winter Games



February 6 Luka
February 13 Niko
February 20 Koryn
February 27 Koryn

The UMW is selling Pecans!!!

Mammoth Halves (16 oz) bags \$12
Flavored (12 oz) bags are \$10
Milk Chocolate
Dark Chocolate
Cinnamon Glaze
Clusters



Shrove
Tuesday

Pancake Dinner –
March 1st
5:30pm -7:30pm



Tonga, synagogue in Texas, Weston Gray, a new foster child and the foster family, those fighting covid, Annette, Rose’s brother, Czapla family, Kim Murphy mom, Marjorie, all our law enforcement and first responders, Carlson’s, those dealing with the heartache of a stillborn, AnDee brother,

SusanMcKay	February 02
Halie Huber	February 06
Steve Shurtz	February 06
Kylie Davies	February 10
Ric Tarno	February 10
Tammy Huber	February 12
Dave Dorson	February 13
Lindsay Wakefield	February 15
Sawyer Hanson	February 16
Sarah Glasser	February 19
Carter Nordhaugan	February 21
William Snyder	February 24
Tim Hanson	February 26
Susie Hooker	February 28
Susan Howard	February 28



Tim and Maurica Hanson February 06

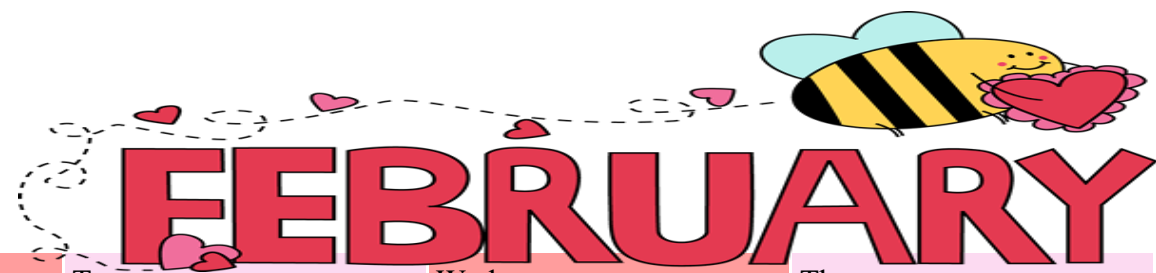


We NEED Liturgists!!!!
Sign up or contact the
office today!!!!

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



Date	Preaching	Worship Leaders	Ushers
February 6	Pastor Cory Young	Juli Pierce	Gray’s
February 13	Pastor Cory Young		Bosecker’s
February 20	Pastor Cory Young		Fox’s
February 27	Pastor Cory Young		Kelsey’s



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Hydroponics Meeting @4pm	4 Meghan Gone	5 Soup Kitchen 10am
		Reverend Cory Gone				
6 Plastic bag ministry @ 10:30am	7 Boy Scouts @ 6pm PACER @ 7pm	8 Cub Scouts @ 6pm SPR Meeting @ 6pm	9 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 6:30pm	10 Worship meeting @ noon Finance Meeting @ 7pm	11	12
13 Ad Council @ 10:30am Plastic bag ministry @ 10:30am	14 Girl Scouts @ 6pm Boy Scouts @ 6pm HAPPY Valentine's DAY	15 OATH @ noon Cub Scouts @ 6pm Page Turners book club @ 6:30pm	16 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 6:30pm	17	18	19
20 Plastic bag ministry @ 10:30am	21 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	22 Cub Scouts @ 6pm	23 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 6:30pm	24	25	26
27 Plastic bag ministry @ 10:30am	28 Girl Scouts @ 6pm Boy Scouts @ 6pm					