

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

February is an interesting month for me. It's a month when baseball starts back up, also a month that seems to last more than the twenty-eight days the calendar shows, and February is a month that begins our Lenten journey. Lent seems early this year. I just got through January and here I am planning Ash Wednesday Service, Lenten Studies, and looking forward to Easter. There is snow on the ground and still Easter is just around the corner. February is interesting to say the least.



As I sat down to write out this monthly letter and I looked at the calendar, I realized February was the month that held one of the scariest moments in my life. It was in February way back in 2011 that I preached my first sermon. Talk about a moment where I was so worried and nervous that I couldn't sleep for days, I rewrote and rewrote my sermon, and all I could focus on at any time was what I would share with people.

I was serving as in an intern at a campus ministry at Northwestern University, and every year it was the intern's duty to preach an Ash Wednesday service in the main chapel on campus. The chapel is a giant place that can hold three hundred and fifty people easily with beautiful stained glass behind the altar and a pipe organ that could compare to those in some of the church's in Europe. I was told weeks before that I would be having the "honor" of preaching for Ash Wednesday in this giant space, and I needed to figure out what to say. Talk about stress! Ash Wednesday is a day of remembering our mortality and somehow I was to share the Good News of Jesus. Needless to say I panicked.

As I prepared, nothing felt right that I put down to paper. It was either too simple, too complex, too focused on me, or just felt wrong. I struggled for four weeks to write something, and when I finally had something written I kept second guessing myself. I was miserable.



Open Hearts

Open Minds

Open Doors

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Finally Ash Wednesday came and to say I was unprepared was an understatement! I was nervous, sacred, overthinking, and just simply a mess. I arrived to the chapel about thirty minutes beforehand thinking I was ready, and then I asked “who is reading the scripture?” The reply I got was one that sent me into a sheer panic, they said to me “Well you are!” I didn’t have it written down, nor was there a Bible to be seen in the whole chapel (which is still very odd to me). After a few minutes I was handed a Bible that was oversized and ancient, and was told “Good luck!”

As I stood up to preach I was shaking so bad I believed that the people in the last row of the church could hear my knees knocking together. But I gave my message. To this day I have no idea what my sermon was about, but I do recall the fear I had.

Why am I sharing this story? Because it shows that we are not always instantly great at anything. It takes practice to perfect your form, no matter if its preaching, sports, or even perfecting your faith. Yet as you grow you find that you can do things you never thought you would be able to do. God is there, and sometimes we need to go through struggles to see what God is really doing in our lives.

As you prepare for Lent, let God guide you into new places and new experiences. Lent is about connecting with God and finding that through God all things are possible!

Have a blessed Lent,
Rev. Cory Young



February 5th

We will be taking a special offering for the scouting program. This will include the girl scouts and boy scouts that meet at our church. The scouts will be leading service and are looking forward to showing their appreciation for the charter.



February’s meeting is on the 12th at 10:30 am. All board chair members please have reports into the office by Wednesday, February 8th so the agenda can go out on Friday. New business will include an at home offering idea for lent. More details will be available at the meeting.

A note from finance

The noisy offering that was gathered during the last quarter for the Gillette Assistance League raised \$477.18!!! Thank you for your continued support of this mission!!




Friendship Circle met January 12th. After doing a devotional from *The Upper Room*, we decided to make snowflakes to decorate the dining tables at The Legacy. Prior to doing this The Legacy had been contacted and were eager for anything we could contribute. In February we will be making Valentines. Please join us. We meet for a little over an hour.



Big news, we were able to rid the plants of the brown mildew and our crops are growing bigger with no signs of the disease. Thanks to the experts Janet consulted with, we’ve implemented a different cleaning method after harvesting. A quick response from our growing plants. God is good!!

We have re-connected with the YES House and are optimistic that we can work together moving forward. We attended a training session called ‘ Understanding adverse childhood events’- based on an extensive study done a few years ago. We found it most interesting.

We also have a new vendor coming in that sells bundles of beef, pork and lamb. We are still seeking a baker. If you know of a good baker that could use a little extra income have them contact us.




Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 am Contemplative

9:15-10:15 am Blended Worship

Sunday School 10:30am all ages

Book Read Together:
Bible Story Book





February 5 Boy Scouts
February 12 Emma
February 19 Brisban and Navi
February 26 Niko



Rev. Cory will be out of the office February 6-16th



Friendship Circle

Thursday, February 9, 10:00am

Making Valentines for the legacy



February 21st
5:30-7pm

Shrove Tuesday

Sign up sheet is by the atrium

Mary Dickey Scholarship committee

We will meet again starting the first Sunday in Feb.



Those involved in accidents due to recent weather, Tracy Wasserberger, Brittany Bowersox and Fiancee, Micheal and family, Tim Leair, Chris, Randy Scheur family, Kathrine’s father, Harris Family, Sharon Schreurs, Claudia’s mom

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



Tim and Maurica Hanson February 06

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



Date	Preaching	Worship Leaders	Ushers
February 5	Pastor Cory Young	Scouts	Gray’s
February 12	Penny Kremer	Janet Bosecker	Bosecker’s
February 19	Pastor Cory Young	Juli Pierce	Fox’s
February 26	Pastor Cory Young		Kelsey’s

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Worship @ 1pm Hydroponics @ 4pm	3	4 Soup Kitchen 10am
5 Mary Dickey Memorial @ 10am	6 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	7 Cub Scouts @ 6pm	8 Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm	9 Friendship Circle @ 10am Finance @ 7pm	10	11
	Rev. Cory out of the office					
12 Ad Council @ 10:30am	13 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	14 Cub Scouts @ 6pm	15	16 Prayer Shawl ministry @ 6:30pm	17	18
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19	20 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	21 OATH @ noon Shrove Tuesday 5:30-7pm Cub Scouts @ 6pm	22 Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:30pm Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm	23	24	25
26	27 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	28 Cub Scouts @ 6pm				