

## *First United Methodist Church*

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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  
*Lay Leader:* Juli Pierce  
*Custodian:* Sheila Huckins  
*Nursery:* Kelsey Brunelli



**Open Hearts**

**Open Minds**

**Open**

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# GRACE NOTES

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## **The Pastor's Door**

**Reverend Cory Young**

We made it to another year! We have eaten our share of cookies and sweets and now many of us feel it is time for us to get into better shape. Some of us plan new year's resolutions to abide by for the coming year, and yet as soon as we get a few weeks in, we forget our promises. Our spiritual life is the same way. We celebrate the birth of Christ, and then as soon as January comes around, we seem to forget what it means to honor our commitment as Christians. To care for those around us in the community and in our lives.

Instead of this year making a resolution that you may or may not keep; I am inviting you to work on your spiritual journey over the next year. How many of you can say you read the Bible? How many of you know how to pray? How many of you feel the calling to do some type of ministry, but have never really taken the opportunity to explore it beyond a fleeting thought here or there? How do you feel you want to make this community a better place?

These are not easy questions to answer. Sometimes we push the thought aside because it is easier for us to just stay where we are. But we are in this together, and sometimes we need a little push. I recall when Jesus took James and Peter to the mountains. It was a special moment for Jesus, as he was transfigured and shown like the sun and his clothes were dazzling white (Matthew 17:1-2). In that moment Peter wanted to stay up on the mountain, and never leave. He told Jesus he would build a place for them to dwell (Matthew 17:4), because he wanted to stay right where he was. Jesus knew that couldn't happen, there were things that needed to be done. So he took Peter and James back down the mountain to continue the work they were all called to do.

We like staying where we are, it is comfy! We can predict most things and feel safe and secure, but we are called to something better. Think of it this way, if I wasn't willing to step out of my comfort zone I would never have been called to serve this church! But this is not just about me.

What is the motivation you need this coming year? How can we help one another? We are embarking on a new year and new opportunities. God is calling us to some great things in 2022 and I am excited to see where we go as a community in the coming year!

Blessings,

*Rev Cory*

### Finance Minutes

I recently read an article explaining that the month of January is named after the two-headed god, Janus. One head is looking behind and one is looking ahead. Isn't that what the New Year is about? We look ahead with expectation – things to change or improve upon, things to get rid of, or plans to look forward to. While at the same time looking back to see what happened to drive the expectations for a new year.

The church is much the same. We have felt the pain of loss, prayed for that as well as those suffering illness or other needs. We have been blessed – successful mission projects, Sunday School, Bible studies, OATH, UMW and worshipped together. We have gathered together, cried and laughed, labored, hugged and enjoyed fellowship with old and new friends at church. This is all part of giving through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. What a testimony [story] to what Christ has led Frist United Methodist Church to do this past year!

So what does this mean for us going forward? What part have you had in our story thus far? Do you have expectations of what the church's story should be in 2022 and your part in that story? There are more needs than ever in our community. How do we answer those needs? There are also needs in the church as we practice food stewardship. How do we/you answer those needs?

Later in January, the finance committee will be holding a pledge drive, the story of our foundation that makes doing and giving possible within our walls and beyond our walls into the many areas of outreach we already practice and possibly new ones to adopt. What is your story? Where do you feel your story can best be told in the practice of giving?

We look forward to sharing with each other in the New Year. Our story must continue and growth happens with the best of each one of us. God has blessed us. May you feel His presence and blessings in 2022.



### Hydroponics Update

Living Water Produce has great news!! The IRS has granted our application for non-profit status and we are now a 501 3 Public Service organization!! So what does this mean?? It means we are no longer operating under the church's non-profit umbrella. We are still a ministry of this church, though operating as our own entity. This allows us to apply for grants that would otherwise not support religious affiliations.

We now are harvesting Baby Spinach each week in limited quantities. It is an experiment and a test of the market to see if this is a product that will sell consistently. Give us a try and we always welcome your feedback.

New products are being added every week from our vendors. Caramel popcorn, fermented cranberries and zucchini bread just to name a few. Stop down and see what is being offered.

We are entering into a quiet time and there is very little foot traffic. We could really use your support in getting the word out about all that we have available.



### From Me to You Clothes Swap statistics

December	Children	Adults	Families	New Families	Total
1 swap	158	159	122	17	317
2021	Children	Adults	Families	New families	Total
34 swaps	1726	1432	1132	334	3158



Sunday Worship Schedule

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



Class Resumes January 9  
Life of Jesus and the parables  
He told



January 9 Brysan Topping  
January 16 Carter Nordhogen  
January 23 Koryn Urlab  
January 30 Niko Zeleski

The UMW is selling Pecans!!!



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



Kevin and Shara Rhodes, Marjorie, Tammy's sister, baby Kopper, Jenn Ivory, Danielle Gray's Family, Kari, Melissa's mother in law, Jean Roberts, Susan Reichenberg, Jim Heiser and Tom Bird, Jim Beckett, Janette Kienzle, Peter, Jenny Hartung, all those affected by covid, and natural disasters

Barb Anthes	January 03
Terry Bosecker	January 03
Tom Hanson	January 06
Jeff Wasserburger	January 08
Penny Kremer	January 09
Gerald King	January 09
Charla Carlson	January 17
Maurica Hanson	January 18
Zelda Lay	January 18
Olivia Olmedo	January 19
Patrick Murphy	January 19
Meghan Hanson	January 23
Janet Bosecker	January 25
Kim Lindeman	January 27
Ruth Borszich	January 29



Tim and Pat Leair	January 22
Kevin and Marcia Knutson	January 24



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
January 2	Pastor Cory Young		Gray's
January 9	Pastor Cory Young		Bosecker's
January 16	Pastor Cory Young		Fox's
January 23	Pastor Cory Young		Kelsey's
January 30	Shone Gray		King

# January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Soup Kitchen 10am 
2 Sunday Night book Study @ 5pm Plastic bag ministry @ 11am	3 Girl Scouts @ 6pm Boy Scouts @ 6pm PACER @ 7pm	4 Cub Scouts @ 6pm	5 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 6:30pm	6 Hydroponics @ 4pm Finance Meeting @ 7pm	7	8
9 Ad Council @ 11:30am Sunday Night book Study @ 5pm Plastic bag ministry @ 11am	10 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	11 Cub Scouts @ 6pm	12 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 6:30pm	13	14  Meghan Gone	15
16 Sunday Night book Study @ 5pm Plastic bag ministry @ 11am	17 Girl Scouts @ 6pm Boy Scouts @ 6pm	18 OATH @ noon Cub Scouts @ 6pm Page turners book club @6:30pm	19 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 6:30pm	20	21	22
23 Sunday Night book Study @ 5pm Plastic bag ministry @ 11am	24 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	25 Cub Scouts @ 6pm	26 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 6:30pm	27	28	29
30 Sunday Night book Study @ 5pm Plastic bag ministry @ 11am	31 Girl Scouts @ 6pm Boy Scouts @ 6pm					
Reverend Cory on Vacation						
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