

## *First United Methodist Church*

*2000 W. Lakeway*

*Gillette, WY 82718*

*Return Service Requested*

*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  
*Lay Leader:* Juli Pierce  
*Custodian:* Sheila Huckins  
*Nursery:* Sheila Huckins/Meghan Davies



### **Open Hearts**

### **Open Minds**

### **Open Doors**

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# GRACE NOTES

January 2023

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## **The Pastor's Door**

## **Reverend Cory Young**

January is different than other months. We start off by celebrating a new year, and then quickly it becomes a month of worry, depression, and winter blahs. The adrenaline of Christmas has worn off, we are back to work and back to school, houses are no longer decorated, and all the gifts we were excited to give and receive have been opened. It is a month we start resolutions, and yet so often fall short of completing.

What I find most interesting about January is the day of Epiphany. The Sunday we celebrate the Wise Men showing up to see the young baby Jesus. It is a wonderful story and one of my personal favorites. In Matthew's Gospel we find this story and what we hear is about learned men who travel from far away to encounter Emmanuel (God with us) and see the wonders of God's love. Yet what is really known about these men? Who were they? Where did they come from? How many were there?

Each of these questions have been answered through Christian Tradition, but does it give us the whole story? The answer is no. There has been a lot of information created, changed, lost to time, or just deleted. But what remains is a story that reminds us of who Jesus was to these Wise Men, and who Jesus is to us today. Jesus is for everyone!

Jesus is for us in December when we are excited about the Advent and Christmas seasons, and Jesus is for us in January when we feel the burden of short days and cold night! Jesus is not just around for Christmas and Easter, but for every day of the year. Sometimes it is a journey for us to get to Jesus, like the Wise Men, and other times we can find Jesus without leaving our house.

Where are you on your journey as we start a new year? Are you still wandering, or have you come to a place where you have found Jesus in your life? No matter where you are know that I am glad that you here with the rest of us!

As we begin this new year may we also continue our journey with one another. May we celebrate the highs, and be present with one another for the lows. We are a community that is journeying onward and I am pleased to be on this journey with you!

Happy New Year

*Rev Cory*





Mission Trees

**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

**We will collect until January 8th**

Finance Update

Thank you so much for your support through pledging. Our pledging total is \$140,401.00. That is 75% of our budget!! Due to continuous non-pledged giving records over the past years, we feel confident at this time that our 2023 budget can be met. Your faithfulness and support is greatly appreciated. God Bless.



UMW Pecan sales

The UMW annual pecan sale is going on. There are milk chocolate, dark chocolate, cinnamon glazed, clusters and plain.

\$12 each

From Me to You Stats

MONTH / YEAR	# of SWAPS/ DAYS OPEN	NEW FAMILIES	FAMILIES	CHILDREN	ADULTS	TOTAL SERVED
October 2022	3 / 4	20	211	282	251	533
November 2022	2 / 6	21	219	300	269	569
December 2022						

Mary Dickey Scholarship committee


We will meet again starting the first Sunday in Feb.



The Salvation Army is getting a new building!!!!

They will be moving the month of January and will need help in many areas. No official dates have been set but if you would like to help or know of anyone that has skills in painting, flooring, possibly some demo and construction, or has trucks and trailers to help move furniture it would be greatly appreciated. Watch for upcoming details or give the office a call at 682-6982 or Jenny at 680-8881






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





January 8	Brisban and Navi Ivory
January 15	Carter & Tucker Nordhougen
January 22	Emma Michael
January 29	Niko Zeleski



Friendship Circle

Thursday, January 12, 10:00am

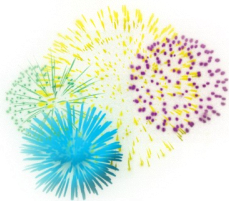
Sharing ideas

See Ann for more information



Rev. Cory will be out of the office January 9-20th

Meghan will be out of the office January 27th



Janet’s brother in law, Family of Randy Scherer, families of those involved in the bus accident, Jan Hastings, Tracy Wasserburger, those that have been sick, Lang and Otto families, Koryn, those traveling, the family of the gentleman who passed out snowmobiling.

Barb Anthes	January 03
Terry Bosecker	January 03
Tom Hanson	January 06
Jeff Wasserburger	January 08
Gerald King	January 09
Penny Kremer	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
Trey Wasserburger	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

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

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



Date	Preaching	Worship Leaders	Ushers
January 1	Pastor Cory Young	Juli Pierce	Gray’s
January 8	Pastor Cory Young	Mike Urlaub	Bosecker’s
January 15	Ann Hardesty	Shone Gray	Fox’s
January 22	Pastor Cory Young		Kelsey’s
January 29	Pastor Cory Young		King



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ★ ★ <i>Happy New Year</i> ★ ★	2 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	3 Cub Scouts @ 6pm	4	5 Hydroponics @ 4pm Finance @ 7pm	6	7 Soup Kitchen 10am
8 Ad Council @ 10:30am	9 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	10 Cub Scouts @ 6pm	11 Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm	12	13	14
		Rev. Cory out of the office				
15 PACER @ 10:30am	16 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	17 OATH @ noon Cub Scouts @ 6pm	18	19 Prayer Shawl ministry @ 6:30pm	20	21
	Rev. Cory out of the office					
22	23 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	24 Cub Scouts @ 6pm	25 Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm	26	27	28
					Meghan out of the office	
29	30 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	31 Cub Scouts @ 6pm				