

## *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**

One of the most common questions asked this time of year to most Christians is “What are you giving up for Lent?” I am sure some of you have asked that very question, or at least been asked that by someone else. It seems almost commonplace in this day and age that for Lent we are supposed to “give up” something in our lives in the observation of Lent.

Some of the frequently mentioned things that people give up for lent are soda, coffee, candy, chocolate, television, and social media. We have been told that we need to sacrifice something in our lives for 40 days of Lent to be better in our relationship with God. Oh sure, in the past I have given up many things, and often wondered why I was giving up something for 40 days that really had little to no impact on my relationship with God. Many years ago, I was told that we sacrifice things for Lent because that is what Jesus did in the Wilderness.

As many of us know, Jesus the moment after he was baptized in the River Jordan, walked into the Wilderness for a time of prayer and preparation for his ministry to God's Children. This happens in Matthew (4:1-11), Mark (1:12-13), and in Luke (4:1-13) and is a story that we seem to know. Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit and for forty days he is in the Wilderness being tempted by Satan. After all that time Jesus still refutes what Satan has to offer, is tended by angels, and then begins his ministry.

We emulate this today with our time in Lent. We prepare for the joy of Easter, the celebration of new life, and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. But what do we really need to do for our time of Lent? Do we still need to sacrifice our M&Ms and television? It is not an easy answer. For some of us we feel the need to give up something for Lent, while others feel obligated, and still others feel that it is a waste of time.



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I would say that Lent is a time for us to do something that makes us grow in our relationship with God. For some it is sacrificing something, for others it might be adding a new spiritual discipline to their life. Over the past few years, my Lenten journey has changed from one of sacrifice, to one of addition. So often I would give things up just because I felt that was the right thing to do, but one year I decided that I would be intentional about adding something to my spiritual life. I didn't give something up, what I did was start adding a prayer time every day. A time to sit in conversation with God, and to pray for those people who were important in my life. I found that I had changed because of Lent that year, and each year after that I made sure to add a spiritual practice to my life.

What are you planning to do for Lent this year? Where is God leading you to grow? Is removing something from your life what God is asking or is adding a practice what you need to do this Lent? Let Lent this year be something amazing! No matter how you participate in Lent, may you find God in a new and exciting way!

*Rev. Cory Young*



## Hydroponics Update

As a non-profit organization we are now registered with Amazon smile. Before you place your next purchase from Amazon, go to this link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/30-1263792>. Amazon will donate to Living Water Produce, 0.5% of purchase amount. For everyone, including our non-lettuce eating friends, this is an easy way to support us and we are most appreciative.

Now that we have been in our location producing lettuce on a consistent level, we were able to analyze our production costs vs income. Sadly we will need to increase our sale price of lettuce to \$4.50 a container beginning Mar 1.

On a happier note, we have received a grant through the YES House for \$4950 to put towards another hydroponic system!! This new system is needed to meet the demands of Ranch & Roost and be their sole provider of lettuce. More on this to come. We also had a vertical system donated to us but haven't decided what to use it for yet.

As you can see, we have exciting things happening, we would love to have you join us in our mission.

You can talk with any of us- Rose, Thayne, Janet, Dave or Ann Hardesty

## Finance Minutes

A huge thank you and God bless you for your response to the financial pledge card campaign. As of Feb. 24, we have received 29 out of 75 pledge cards sent out. That's 39%, which is a good statistic for this kind of event. We are at \$118,920 with these pledges. We can continue to take them through the end of the month to be put into a firm number in the budget. After that it will be considered part of the faith giving for budget purposes. Whatever you give, pledged or unpledged, is truly a blessing to us. I recently heard Rev. David Jeremiah say that one of God's investments is the people of the church. Together, we are truly blessed.

Claudia



The trustees approved the purchase of a new computer for Meghan, our church administrative assistant. The finance committee has approved a special giving request for this item as it was not budgeted in this year's budget. The price for this new computer is \$900. Please mark computer fund in your giving if you wish to contribute to this need. Thank you.

-Trustees and Finance

Trustees and Ad Council has approved to start an Ad Hoc Building committee that will start looking at the remodel of the kitchen. If you would like to be a part of the committee please see Claudia



Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 am Contemplative

9:15-10:15 am Blended Worship


Sunday School 10:30am all ages



Lent



March 6 Luka  
March 13 Niko  
March 20 Koryn  
March 27



Shrove Tuesday


Pancake Dinner –  
March 1<sup>st</sup>  
5:30pm -7:30pm

Ash Wednesday Service  
March 2nd at 7pm





Easter Flower  
orders will  
start on March  
27th. Watch  
for order forms



VBS  
Planning meeting, March 5th at  
9am

**Lent Study**  
Reverend Cory will have a three week Lent study on Wesley Heritage and Theology Starting March 20th after worship



**Reminder- All committee information for Ad Council meeting is due into the office by Wednesday March 9th. We will also have a Breeze demo during the meeting**

Navi Ivory	March 04
Luke Muffie	March 04
Greg Schreurs	March 08
Alora Urlaub	March 10
Juli Pierce	March 12
Lillie Hintz	March 14
Garrett Davies	March 16
Layne Kelsey	March 18
Art Hardesty	March 19
Linda Blakeman	March 20
Molly Strub	March 22
Lyla Pierce	March 25
Jason Michael	March 29



Tom and Carol Hanson March 18



- Clyde Warner’s family, Janet
- Bosecker brother in law, AnDee
- brother in law, Camille, Edward
- Matt, Marjorie, Theron Prichart,
- Kim’s sister and family, Rose’s
- brother and his wife Ann, Stacy and
- family, Stone family, Randi Scherer,
- those traveling, Annette, Chad,
- leaders, military, Danny Porter, Aunt
- Diane




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
March 6	Pastor Cory Young	Juli Pierce	Gray’s
March 13	Pastor Cory Young		Bosecker’s
March 20	Pastor Cory Young		Fox’s
March 27	Pastor Cory Young		Kelsey’s

# March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Shrove Tuesday Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	2 Ash Wednesday Service 7pm	3 Hydroponics Meeting @4pm	4	5 VBS Planning Meeting 9am Soup Kitchen 10am
6 Plastic bag ministry @ 10:30am PACER @ 10:30am	7 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	8 Cub Scouts @ 6pm Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 6:30pm	9	10 Finance Meeting @ 7pm	11	12
13 Ad Council @ 10:30am Plastic bag ministry @ 10:30am 	14 Girl Scouts @ 6pm Boy Scouts @ 6pm	15 OATH @ noon Cub Scouts @ 6pm Page Turners book club @ 6:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 6:30pm	16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19
20 Plastic bag ministry @ 10:30am Lent study @10:30am	21 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	22 Cub Scouts @ 6pm Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 6:30pm	23	24	25	26
27 Plastic bag ministry @ 10:30am Lent study @ 10:30am UMCOR Sunday	28 Girl Scouts @ 6pm Boy Scouts @ 6pm	29 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 6:30pm	30	31		