

## *First United Methodist Church*

*2000 W. Lakeway*

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*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

March 2023

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## **The Pastor's Door**

## **Reverend Cory Young**

March feels like a month that is often overlooked. February has Valentine's Day, April has Easter, but what does March have? College Basketball? Yet, March has value we don't often see. It is most often the month that most of Lent takes place in; it's the month of Major League Baseball's Spring Training; and Saint Patrick's Day. All good things in a month that many people just gloss over.



But don't we do this sometimes with portions of our faith? Things that are special to us that we seldom acknowledge, and they seem to go unnoticed? From the first day I walked through the doors of this church I have been amazed at what this church does! Not only in keeping up with the physical building but helping the community in mission and ministry too. You are a church who is active in your faith and sometimes that feels like few people notice. But I can tell you, that more people realize what we do then you can possibly imagine.

I bring this up because we get so used to things that they are no longer in the forefront of our thoughts. Our spiritual life can be like the month of March, often there but seldom celebrated for what it is. When is the last time you celebrated a conversation with God? When have you acknowledge that even though you might be struggling, you ask others how they are? Common place doesn't mean it is less holy.

Lent to many is just "something you go through to get to Easter", kind of like March is something we go through to get to Spring. March is important, and so is your faith, the journey matters as much as the end.

Jesus never said that following him would be easy. In fact he said it would be difficult, people will hate you, try and slander you, and do anything they can to make you feel that what you are doing isn't making a difference in the world. Those people are wrong! You do matter! What you do makes a difference! And you are loved!

March might not be the flashiest month, but a month that is as vital as all the others. And you are vital to the this church and the Kingdom of God as well!

Happy March

Rev Cory

Coins for Lent

March

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1  A coin for every type of bread.	2  A coin for every jar of jelly.	3  A coin for every bottle of salad dressing.	4  A coin for every jar of peanut butter.
5 Pray today, thanking God for the food you enjoy. Pray for those who have no food this day.	6  A coin for every ball cap or hat.	7  A coin for every pair of shoes.	8  A coin for every pair of jeans or pants.	9  A coin for every coat.	10  A coin for every t-shirt.	11  A coin for every sweatshirt.
12 Pray today, thanking God for clothing that protects you from the elements. Pray for those who lack clothing to keep them warm and dry.	13  A coin for every ball or piece of athletic equipment.	14  A coin for every electronic video game.	15  A coin for every smart device (phones, tablets, etc.).	16  A coin for every television.	17  A coin for every doll or stuffed animal.	18  A coin for every board or card game.
19 Pray today, thanking God for how you can enjoy entertainment in your home. Pray for those who would be grateful for just one of these items.	20  A coin for every box of band-aids.	21  A coin for every bottle of vitamins.	22  A coin for every box of tissues.	23  A coin for every bottle of hand sanitizer.	24  A coin for every toothbrush and tube of toothpaste.	25  A coin for every cough drop in your house.
26 Pray today, thanking God for your health. Pray for those who are sick.	27  A coin for every room in your home.	28  A coin for every electrical outlet in your home.	29  A coin for every chair in your home.	30  A coin for every desk (virtual work/school) in your home.	31  A coin for every bathroom.	

Easter Flowers

Order forms will be available starting Sunday March 5th and will be due by March 26th




Friendship Circle met February 9. Carol Richards Bishop brought card making supplies that led to friends making over 100 Valentines for Legacy. Susan Eickbush also brought another idea that contributed to the Valentines. There was a brief devotional and prayer at the beginning. The next gathering will be March 9 to make Easter goodies for Legacy.

A note from finance

In six weeks of noisy offering we have collected \$271.14 for the school lunch fund. Thank you!!!



Lent Soup and Discussion  
Wednesday evenings at  
5:30pm  
Starting March 1st




*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





March 5      Niko  
March 12     Koryn  
March 19     Alora  
March 29

*Training for VBS March 4, 9:00am at church*




Volunteers are needed for this year's VBS. If interested come to the meeting on Saturday March 4th or talk to Kelani

After Worship

**BIBLE 101**

Lenten Book Study

March 19  
March 26  
April 2



*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

World, Janet's aunt passed and cousin has cancer, Janice's friend who has several leg surgeries coming up, a friend of Kelani for possible breast cancer surgery, Claudia friend with severe kidney stones, Bret, L.A. Arch Bishop, train derailment in Palestine, areas dealing with earthquakes, Classmate of Pastor Cory, Claudia's mom, Danny, Chuck's brother in law, Tracy Wasserburger, Sheila's neighbor, Chad and Susie on a new life chapter, Sue Howard's mom, Tim Lear

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
Chris Kelsey	March 17
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
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Reminder to watch us live on Facebook Sunday morning for worship!!!  
<https://www.facebook.com/FirstUnitedMethodistofGillette>



Date	Preaching	Worship Leaders	Ushers
March 5	Pastor Cory Young	AnDee Steiner	Gray's
March 12	Pastor Cory Young		Bosecker's
March 19	Pastor Cory Young	Janet Bosecker	Fox's
March 26	Pastor Cory Young		Kelsey's





# March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Lent soup & Discussion @ 5:30pm	2 Hydroponics @ 4pm	3	4 VBS Training @ 9am Soup Kitchen @ 10am
5 Mary Dickey Memorial @ 10am	6 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	7 Cub Scouts @ 6pm	8 Lent soup & Discussion @ 5:30pm Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm	9 Friendship Circle @ 10am Finance @ 7pm	10	11
12 Ad Council @ 10:30am	13 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	14 Cub Scouts @ 6pm Book Club @ 6:30pm	15 Lent soup & Discussion @ 5:30pm	16 Prayer Shawl ministry @ 6:30pm	17	18
19 PACER Meeting @ 10:30 Lent book study @ 10:30am	20 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	21 OATH @ noon Cub Scouts @ 6pm	22 Lent soup & Discussion @ 5:30pm Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm	23	24	25
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