

## *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*

**Pastor: Cory Young**

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**Open Minds**

**Open Doors**

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# GRACE NOTES

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## **The Pastor's Door**

## **Reverend Cory Young**

How did we get to May already? I believe that three weeks ago was Christmas, and last week was Easter! Yet here we are hoping that winter and the cold weather will finally break, and spring can happen here in Gillette. This is the time of the year that we all get rather antsy. We know that spring is on its way, school is almost over for many, and summer travel plans are being finalized as we travel across the state and the country during the brief three months of summer.



But what will you do if your summer plans don't work out as you hoped? Will you be upset, angry, sad, or maybe you will be calm and accept everything with aplomb? It reminds me of Jesus and his disciples crossing the Sea of Galilee from the Gospel of Luke. If you need a reminder of this story, it is in Luke 8:22-25, but basically Jesus tells his disciples to cross the sea and a storm comes up and Jesus is sound asleep. The disciples fret and worry, waking Jesus up to tell them that they are afraid to die. Jesus calms the sea and asks the disciples a question that I often reflect on "Where is your faith?" (Luke 8:25). This is a question I often ask myself and sometimes I do not like the answer because I am ashamed that I have doubted what God is doing in my life.

All too often we want things to go as we planned them; trips, career paths, family life, etc. and often plans are disturbed and thrown out the window. Yet what about God's plan for you? Are you saying that you know better the God about what you need to be doing? The disciples were scared because a storm came upon them, and they had no idea what God would do in that moment. What will God do for you this summer by changing your plans?

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I am the first to be frustrated when things don't go as I plan them, be it a delayed flight or having to spend an extra night someplace because of weather. But I do have to say that I have become much better about believing that everything works out how God wants it to even if I am inconvenienced. The younger me would have been stressed to no end if something doesn't work as I needed it to, and now the older me just tries to improvise, adapt, and overcome trusting that God will be with me to the end.

Enjoy this month for what it is, a time of awakening of the world around us and warmer weather! Soon enough we will be on to summer and looking back on May like it didn't happen because time went by so fast.

Till next month!  
Rev Cory



**Finance update**

The latest updates on mission giving. Thank you all so much for your support!!

- From Me to you Clothes Swap (from shopper donations) \$700
- Shrove Tuesday (Going to the Illini Riders) \$506
- United Methodist Student Sunday \$257
- UMCOR Sunday (does not include Coins for Lent) \$405
- Noisy offering (Thank Heaven for Kids School lunches) as of April 23rd \$950.80
- Street Sweep \$700
- Soup Kitchen \$200



**OATH**

Tuesday, May 16th

A Teddy Bear Picnic. Bring stuffed animal (s), can be used if clean. They will be given to the Police dept for them to have in their vehicles to give to children in times of need.



We have had an abundant harvest the last couple weeks. Lettuce seems to be growing faster (ready in 6 weeks vs 8 wks). Our sales continue to grow, selling 60-70% of harvest in the first week. Any lettuce remaining after 2 weeks is donated.

We donated Muir and Sweet crisp lettuce to the Mary Dickey fundraiser and raised \$43. Thank you to all who donated. and we hope you enjoy the lettuce.

We have new vendors, includes sun catcher jewelry, another egg vendor who also will provide duck eggs when they resume laying, and Sunday Delight a light catcher assortment. Come down and check out the new items available. The UMW pecans continue to sell well. All items on the Amish shelves are reduced 10%, which includes this beautiful handmade well. This could be the lawn decoration you have been looking for!

We have started growing vegetables including radishes, cucumbers and jalapeno's.

We are considering purchasing our location. Several pieces have to come together for it to happen and we will keep you informed.





Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 am Contemplative


9:15-10:15 am Blended Worship

Sunday School 10:30am all ages

Star Words: A True Hope

Awards May 7


Last class for children May 21



May 7 Emma

May 14 Luka

May 21 Alora





**Friendship Circle**

Thursday, May 11, 10:00

Come and join us as we continue to make birthday cards for the congregation.

**Home Visits**

If you would like a home visit please contact Rev. Cory

Save the Date



PACER Neighborhood

BBQ

June 7th



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Dennis Chase, Jan Hastings, Guy, Tim Leair, Ashton Kelsey, friend of AnDee, Steve and Jeina, Ashley's parents, Dan Kimick, Abby Howard

Keith Howard	May 02
Susan Eickbush	May 14
Francis Carlson	May 15
Marilynn Gillman	May 15
Tucker Nordhougen	May 17
Marjorie Rainwater	May 19
Morgan Becker	May 26
Dave Czapla	May 27
Kamryn Huber	May 28
John Howard	May 30
Niko Zeleski	May 31



Jim and Jan Hastings	May 12
Jed and Meghan Davies	May 25
Roy and Marilyn Gillman	May 25

June's renewal leave replacement  
pulpit study

June 4 - Rev. Don Derryberry  
June 11- Shone Gray  
June 18 - Rose Rennell  
June 25 - Donnie Sneathen

Thank you all for support in this!

Rev Cory

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

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



Date	Preaching	Worship Leaders	Ushers
May 7	Pastor Cory Young	Ann Hardesty	Gray's
May 14	Pastor Cory Young		Bosecker's
May 21	Pastor Cory Young		Fox's
May 28	Pastor Cory Young		Kelsey's



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Hydroponics @ 4pm	5	6 Soup Kitchen @ 10am
7 Mary Dickey Memorial @ 10:30am Luka Egypt presentation after worship	8 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	9 Cub Scouts @ 6pm Finance @ 7pm	10 Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm	11 Friendship Circle @ 10am PACER after friendship circle	12	13
14 	15 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	16 OATH @ noon Cub Scouts @ 6pm Book Club @ 6:30pm	17	18	19	20
21	22 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	23 Cub Scouts @ 6pm	24 Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm	25	26	27
28	29 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	30 Cub Scouts @ 6pm	31			