

## *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 Hearts**

### **Open Minds**

### **Open Doors**

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# GRACE NOTES

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## **The Pastor's Door**

## **Reverend Cory Young**

What are you thankful for? It is a question that every November we ask each other, and yet sometimes its hard for us to find something to be thankful for. We worry about our jobs, our finances, our families, or worry about what tomorrow will bring. Yet have you really stopped and reflected on what you are thankful for? Have you spent time in prayer giving thanks to God for the joys in your life? It can be hard. We live in a cynical world, and even when life is going well find ourselves complaining about the smallest inconveniences we encounter.



What I do think of often, is how Jesus never seemed to complain. Being arrested he kept silent, being questioned Jesus didn't complain, and on the cross he asked for forgiveness to those who accused him of wrongdoing. The only time he even came close to complaining is the night before his arrest when he pleaded with God to not let things unfold as they did. Christ was thankful for the Last Supper, Christ was thankful for those he taught in his ministry, and Christ was thankful to God for all that God had done.

So this month I am encouraging you to think of what you are thankful for. I will go first! I am thankful that I am serving this church. We have grown, we have changed, we have laughed together, and we have cried together. What makes me thankful is that we are not perfect, but that we can be thankful for the diversity of who we are as a church. This church has taught me about ministry, and I hope I have taught you about God in some new ways! I am truly thankful for where I am, and this church!

Let this month be a month that we don't worry about Day Light Savings Time ending, how bad our football teams are, how cold it is. Rather let this be a month where we are thankful for the small and large things that impact our daily lives! What you will find in the next 30 days is that the world is not as bad as you think it is. There is hope, there is love, there is the promise of a better future! As Walt Disney once said "There is a great big beautiful tomorrow, standing at the edge of every day!" May you find that future and may you be thankful for what today brings.!

Happy Thanksgiving!

*Rev. Cory Young*



*We will bring Christmas items up  
on Sunday the 12th*

*Hanging of the Greens, Sunday,  
November 19th after worship*



# Treasurers Report

Having just recently retired, I’m being inundated with mail for year-end giving for tax purposes. If you are facing the same situation, did you know that churches qualify for this giving? If you have questions regarding this option, please check with your financial advisor. Claudia Urlaub, Treasurer

We will soon be starting our Stewardship Drive for 2024. Telling our story format for the budget will be used again. If you have any questions about how we have done this year, please let me know. Our budget for next year will be presented sometime in November. Our annual church conference only has to approve the pastor’s compensation, but I strongly believe the whole budget should be approved and am working towards getting that done. We do not have a date as of this writing as to when our church conference will be. Rev. Cory will pass that information along as soon as we know. Claudia Urlaub, Treasurer

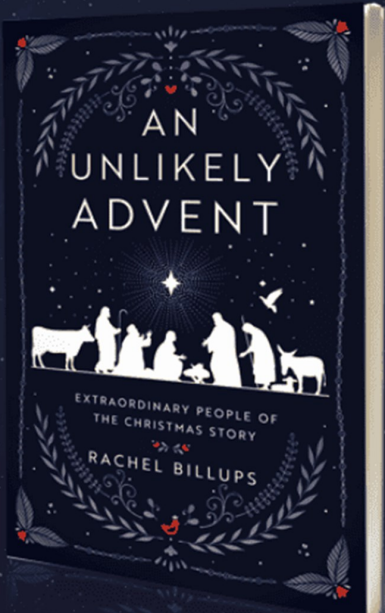


## Friendship Circle

We will meet November 9th @ 10:00am at the church. We will get the wreaths ready for hanging and make plans for future activities.



Starting November 26 at 11am You are invited to join First UMC in a four-week Advent Study. An Unlikely Advent will look at four overlooked characters of the Nativity story and find hope, love, joy, and peace through their stories.



Due to a donation, books will be available through the church for the discounted price of only \$5!





Sunday Worship Schedule

8am Contemplative Service

9:15-10:15 am Blended Worship

Sunday School 10:30am all ages

**Home Visits**

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



Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour Saturday night, November 4th



Ad Council at 10:30 on November 12th.  
Reports are due on Tuesday November 7th



Maine Shooting, Ukraine and the Middle East, Aubry and baby, Meghan's cousin and family, Nicole and Nick, Tim, Roy, Rose, Scott Nelson, Janet Zimmerman, George, Kelani Nephew, Greg's sister, Kelly Smith



November 5 Koryn  
November 12 Luka  
November 19 Alora  
November 26



Gerald and JoAnn King	November 24
Steve and Susan Shurtz	November 29

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






Date	Preaching	Worship Leaders	Ushers
November 5	Rev. Cory Young	Janet Zimmerman	Gray's
November 12	Rev. Cory Young	Juli Pierce	Bosecker's
November 19	Rev. Cory Young	AnDee Steiner	Fox's
November 26	Rev. Cory Young	Sue Howard	Birr's



Sheila Jeremiah	November 05
Danielle Hintz	November 10
Marge Tarno	November 11
Thayne Gray	November 11
Dale Dickey	November 12
Kelly Glasser	November 13
Laura Murphy	November 17
Kevin Knutson	November 21
Macy Michael	November 21
Wesley Brunelli	November 22
Brisban Ivory	November 24
Carrie Snyder	November 24
Kathy Nuzum	November 29
Rochelle Christensen	November 30



# November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Book Study at 2:30pm	2 Hydroponics @ 4pm	3	4 Soup Kitchen @ 10am
5 	6 Boy Scouts @ 6pm Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm	7 Cub Scouts @ 6pm	8	9 Friendship Circle @ 10:00am Finance @ 5:30pm	10	11 Sneathen Baby Shower 12-5pm
12 Ad Council @ 10:30am Bring Christmas décor from the basement	13 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	14 Cub Scouts @ 6pm	15	16	17	18
19 	20 Page Turners Book club at 2pm Boy Scouts @ 6pm Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm	21 OATH @ noon Cub Scouts @ 6pm	22	23 	24 Office Closed	25
26 <b>NO NURSERY</b> United Methodist Student Day Advent Study 11am	27 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	28 Cub Scouts @ 6pm	29	30		