

First United Methodist Church

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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

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Custodian: Sheila Huckins

Nursery: Sheila Huckins/Meghan Davies



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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

“You are the pastor of the Pumpkin Church!?” I hear this often when I explain what church I serve. To some it might be annoying to be called the “Pumpkin Church”, but honestly to me it is a sign that this church is doing what it should to be part of the community.

When I started at this church all I heard was how this church was known for its pumpkins. All I could think of was, how could a church be known for something so random? Does it really define who this church is? And what about the rest of the year, do they do anything? Honestly, I was perplexed, but then I saw what it really meant to be called the “Pumpkin Church”.

This was not a label that was given as a joke, nor was it something that was mean spirited, but it shows that this church saw a need and wanted to better the community in some way. We offer a fun place for people to gather, take photos, be outside, purchase gourds and pumpkins, and welcome people. This is what church is about really! Offering a place where people can feel welcomed and accepted!

It reminds me of a story that comes from the Gospel of Luke. In Luke 19:1-10, Jesus is walking through Jericho and a tax collector name Zacchaeus really wanted to see who this Jesus was. What made it hard is that the crowd was too large, and Zacchaeus was too short. Instead of giving up, this man climbed a tree and waited for Jesus Christ to pass by. Soon after he was in the tree, Jesus passed by. But what makes this story different isn't that a man climbed the tree to get a good look at Jesus; it was that Jesus Christ stopped and told the man to come down.

People grumbled and complained that Jesus was talking to Zacchaeus but think of it from Zacchaeus' perspective. Someone who was not well liked was welcomed by the Jesus. Every fall with all the work that goes into the Pumpkin Patch, we can lose sight that we are welcoming those who are in this community. It is a great way for anyone to be welcome and know that we are here to show compassion and love to this community.



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I am proud of all that this church does throughout the year to be in this community! Allowing the Scouts to use our church, spending one Saturday a month cooking and serving at the soup kitchen, giving a picnic for the surrounding community, having a pumpkin patch, Trunk or Treat, a Fall Bazaar, Living Waters Produce, Mary Dickey Scholarship, and the list goes on and on. We are a church that wants to be known as caring, loving, and welcoming. So let us keep doing what we are doing! Thank you for all that you do in and around Gillette to show God’s love!

Blessings,

Pumpkin Church Pastor Cory



Pumpkins arrive– October 13th at 4pm

10 Yr Celebration– October 22nd

Activities include: Fun On the Go, Cotton Candy, games, Photo props



Trunk or Treat– Sunday October 30 from 4-6pm

This will be in conjunction with the Scouts. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated trunk. If you are not sure you want to decorate your trunk but want to help we are looking for candy donations as well.

FREE Costumes will be available from the clothes swap

Decorating will begin Sunday, October 2nd

Sign up sheets will be available soon. We want to make this a fantastic year.

If you would like to help hang door hangers or yard signs let someone from PACER know.

A Note from Finance & Trustees

Thank you for your quick response in getting the Sunday School a smart tv for their use. Thank you to Craig Spears and Terry Bosecker for mounting it on the wall. It’s already been put to good use.

This past Sunday’s sermon from Luke 16:19-31 had me once again looking at the scripture study notes in my Bible. It states that the Pharisees considered wealth to be a proof of a person’s righteousness. A more modern often heard phrase could be “he with the most toys wins”. As we head into our fall stewardship campaign, it’s always a guess as to what needs do we have and what is the cost. And much like our personal lives, there are also the wants. My bible study went on to say that “the amount of money we have is not as important as the way we use it”. I thank you for your continued support of our budget needs and ask to reflect on how you would answer the question what is an important way for our church to use the monetary gifts we receive. If you have some thoughts on this that you would like to share, we’d love to hear them.



Quick Note from Missions

1. Plastic Bag ministry will not be continuing. Please recycle your plastic bags.
2. Please think of Idea, Charities, Activities that you would like to see the church give to or do for Advent season. We will discuss at the next Ad Council meeting.
3. Also if you have ideas for the Noisy Offering funds for next calendar year please bring those to the Ad Council meeting.



Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 am Contemplative

9:15-10:15 am Blended Worship

Sunday School 10:30am all ages

Lesson: Pumpkin Parables

Book Read Together:

Bible Story Book



- October 2

October 9

October 16

October 23

October 30
- Navi and Brisban Ivory

Brylie Topping

Emma Michael

Niko Zeleski

Luka Zeleski

Ad Council

Ad Council will meet October 9th at 10:30am. Please send minutes of meetings to the church office by October 6th so they can be prepared as handouts. This makes the Ad Council more efficient. Old business for Ad Council is naming the classrooms. Please bring ideas of what to name them. Thank you for all your help with the Church!!

UMW'S

HARVEST BAZAAR

October 22nd from 9-3pm

We will be selling our harvest stew and tortellini soup!!

All Crafts and goodies will need to be homemade. Bring all items to the church on Friday, October 21st by 7pm.



Janet Bosecker's brother in law, Family of Brian, Jessica, Guy, Randi Schurer, a friend in critical condition, Stevens family, victims and families of 9/11, Family and country of Queen Elizabeth, family of Steve Barber, RJ, Karen Haufman,



Rusty Steiner	October 01
Chris Anthes	October 02
Kelani Urlaub	October 03
Bruce Bowersox	October 04
Nichole Knutson	October 05
Matylin Muffie	October 07
Chad Christensen	October 15
Chad Hooker	October 15
Dawson Murphy	October 18
Rose Rennell	October 18
Cheryl Land	October 21
Sharon Schreurs	October 22
Taylor Snyder	October 24
Carleen Eliason	October 25
Linda Robertson	October 25



Brad and Rochelle Christensen	October 22
Marty and Alice Rambo	October 31

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

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



Date	Preaching	Worship Leaders	Ushers
October 2	Pastor Cory Young	Ann Hardesty	Gray's
October 9	Pastor Cory Young	Janet Bosecker	Bosecker's
October 16	Rose Rennell	Luka Zeleski	Fox's
October 23	Pastor Cory Young	Donnie Sneathen	Kelsey's
October 30	Pastor Cory Young	Sharon Schurers	King

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Soup Kitchen 10am
2 PACER @ 10:30am Mary Dickey Memorial @ 10:30am Trustees @ 10:30 am World Communion Sunday	3 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	4 Book Club @ 4pm Cub Scouts @ 6pm	5 Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm Finance @ 7pm	6 Hydroponics @ 4pm	7	8
9	10 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	11 Book Club @ 4pm Cub Scouts @ 6pm	12	13 PUMPKINS DUE TO ARRIVE @ 4pm	14	15
16	17 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	18 OATH @ noon Book Club @ 4pm Cub Scouts @ 6pm SPR @ 6pm Page Turners @ 6:30pm	19 Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm	20	21	22 UMW Harvest Bazaar 9am-3pm Pumpkin Patch 10 Yr party 9-5pm
23	24 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	25 Book Club @ 4pm Cub Scouts @ 6pm	26	27	28	29
30 Trunk or Treat @ 4-6pm	31 					