

First United Methodist Church

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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

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GRACE NOTES

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The Pastor's Door

Reverend Cory Young

This last week I took a trip to Sam's Club. I was close to one and figured it would be a good time to stock up on some groceries for the upcoming winter. As I walked around the club, I was amazed to see that not only Halloween decorations were displayed but also Christmas. I know that it is not shocking if you have been in a retail store lately, but it did give me pause. Why do we skip over all and go right to Christmas? I understand why retail stores do it, Christmas is huge revenue! But why do we?

As I am writing this letter, I realized how much I must get done before Advent and if I don't start now, it will never get completed. Special music, Advent Studies, Christmas Eve Services, and the hundreds of other odds and end that need to be completed. But I shouldn't be thinking about this in the fall! This is Pumpkin Patch Season!

In Matthew 6:34, Jesus tells us not to worry about tomorrow, yet do we listen? I know there are times that I don't, and yet we as followers of Christ are called to trust in God. And sometimes that means we stop worrying about tomorrow and focus on today. And since it is fall let's get ready for an amazing month of fall activities, the Pumpkin Patch, the UMW Bazar, and Trunk or Treat!

Tomorrow can wait, and so can Christmas! But for now, enjoy the bounty of the fall harvest! We have a lot happening this month and lets enjoy the ministry that we do today and not worry about what is next! And to practice what I preach when I was at Sam's Club, I bought a giant bucket of Halloween candy!

Happy Fall!

Rev Cory





Pumpkin Patch news

Decorating will be as you are able until the 15th.
If anyone has corn stalks in their garden we can use for
decorating please let us know.

Pumpkins arrive October 15th at 12:30pm
We can use many hands to get the truck unloaded

Door hangers will be here by October 5th. We will need help distributing
in surrounding neighborhoods.

Staffed patch hours have changed. Sign up sheet will be out soon.

October 29th will be our Trunk or Treat hosted by the scouts from
2:30-4pm. If you would like to join and decorate your car we would love
to have you. If you don't want to decorate your car but would like to help
the scouts are looking for candy donations.

Report for the Trustees

The parking lot crack patrol has continued its repairs. On Sept 25, five of our parishioners
spent 4 hours putting pavement mix and tar into the cracks. We have the slopping portion of
the lot pretty well ready for the winter. Thanks.

General upkeep on the parsonage continues, The front entrance has been replaced by Jim
Hastings and his helpers. Bathroom repairs of light switches, towel rack remounting, caulking
around shower and tub were performed and the kitchen faucet was replaced.

Craig

Finance update

All ministry/work areas will have detailed expenses from the first nine months of 2023
available October 8th to help prepare budget requests for 2024.



Hydroponics Update

As many of you have heard, our landlord has decided to not renew our lease agreement and
wishes to sell the building. He feels it has increased in value so he has increased the
asking price from when we first explored purchasing the building. He is asking \$235,000
which he feels is fair market value, up from \$185,000. He declined using the cost of roof
replacement as a down payment. We have counter offered \$178,000 financing through him
(which he offered previously), thus eliminating the down payment. We have not heard
back yet on this.

We have looked around Gillette, but bottom line is we can't afford "fair market
value". The idea of joining From Me to You clothes swap is being entertained, and we are
looking at the old weed and pest building. The County Commissioners will be putting
together a policy for unused county property and then they will start accepting proposals.
So we have put it in God's hands as he has gotten us this far. We will continue with
business as usual until we hear back from the county or our landlord.

We currently have staffing issues as well. Our only AARP staff has moved to Casper to be
with family. The Y.E.S. House has tried a couple youth that have not worked out. We will
be getting one, possibly two youth from DVR starting Thursday September 28th. We could
use volunteers to help cover morning store hours and help in training. Talk to Rose for
more information.




Sunday Worship Schedule

8am Contemplative Service

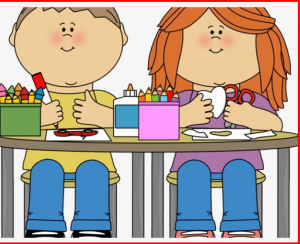
9:15-10:15 am Blended Worship

Sunday School 10:30am all ages



Friendship Circle

We will meet October 12th @ 10:00am at the church. We will be working on items for the bazaar and planning November activities



It's Bazaar Time!!!

All **HOMEMADE** crafts and goodies are due by Friday the 13th at 7pm.

Sign ups are out for help in many different areas. Set up, cooks, servers, clean up and tear down.

Ad Council at 10:30 on October 8th.
Reports are due on Tuesday October 3rd at 10am



Janice Curry's sister, Roy Gillman, Friend was murdered, Jan, family who's young son was killed in an accident, Morrison and Holbrook families, Morrocco, Anita Craig, Plummer, Eickbush family, Father Albin family





October 1 Alora

October 8 Niko

October 15 Emma

October 22 Luka

October 29 Emma



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

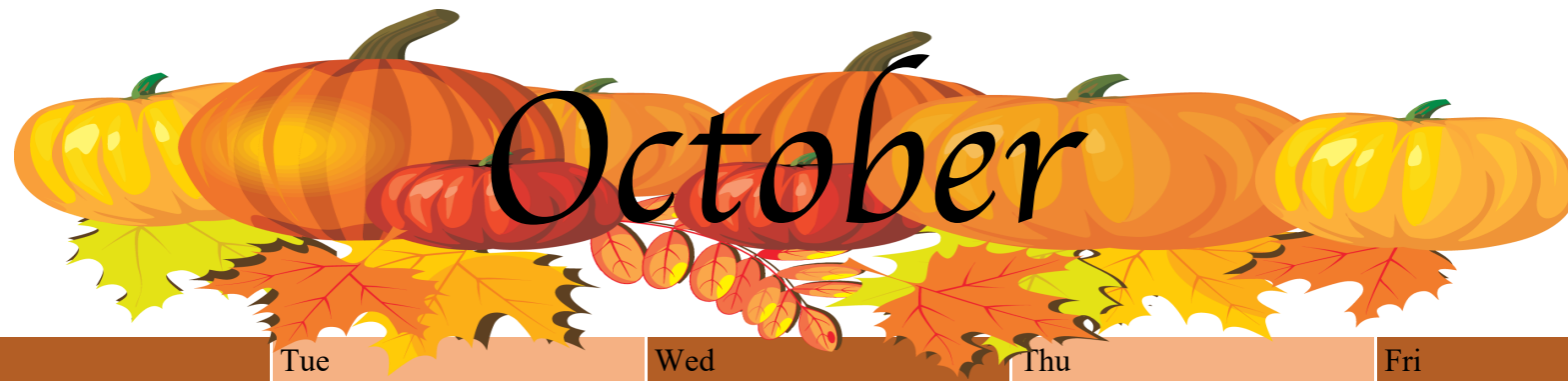
Reminder to watch us live on Facebook Sunday morning for worship!!!
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Date	Preaching	Worship Leaders	Ushers
October 1	Rev. Cory Young	Janet Zimmerman	Gray's
October 8	Rev. Cory Young	Ann Hardesty	Bosecker's
October 15	Rev. Cory Young	Shone Gray	Fox's
October 22	Rev. Cory Young	Sue Howard	Birr's
October 29	Rev. Cory Young	AnDee Steiner	



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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Book Study at 2:30pm	5 Hydroponics @ 4pm Finance @ 5:30pm	6	7 Soup Kitchen @ 10am
8 Ad Council @ 10:30am	9 Boy Scouts @ 6pm Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm	10 Cub Scouts @ 6pm SPR @ 6pm	11 Book Study at 2:30pm	12 Friendship Circle @ 10:00am	13 Bazaar items and food due by 7pm	14 Harvest Bazaar 9-3pm
15 Pumpkins arrive at 12:30pm	16 Page Turners Book club at 2pm Boy Scouts @ 6pm	17 OATH @ noon Cub Scouts @ 6pm	18 Book Study at 2:30pm	19	20	21
22	23 Boy Scouts @ 6pm Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm	24 Cub Scouts @ 6pm	25 Book Study at 2:30pm	26	27	28
29 Trunk or Treat 2:30-4pm	30 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	31 Cub Scouts @ 6pm				