

## *First United Methodist Church*

*2000 W. Lakeway*

*Gillette, WY 82718*

*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

September 2022

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## **The Pastor's Door**

## **Reverend Cory Young**

I always remember going back to school as one of the worst days for me. Summer was over, that meant no more late nights at the pool, catching fireflies, camping trips, or other fun summer activities. It meant now I had to sit in a class day in and day out to learn things. But I did get to see my school friends once again, and for the first couple of weeks; school was exciting and new. Then as soon as that excitement wore off, I didn't want to sit in a classroom all day. Every day was a struggle to get me to go to school, do my homework, or even get up on time to be ready for the bus.



This time of year reminds me of a man from the Old Testament; Jonah. A man who was called by God to go to a place he didn't want to go and do things that he didn't want to do. God called Jonah to go to a place called Nineveh, basically the capital city of his most hated enemies, and tell them that they need to turn from their evil ways. So as God told Jonah to go East to Nineveh, and he went West to run away from what God was asking of him.

How often do we do this in our lives, God asks us one thing, and we do the opposite? I know for certain I ran from my calling in ministry for years, and I stopped going to church after college, but time and time again God kept telling what I needed to do. Yet God has a way of getting us back to a place where we are needed. And know this; you are needed!

For the summer we travel, we go to the lake, we camp, we have fun, and as soon as school is back in session we all kind of mumble and complain that the fun stuff is over, and the routine begins. We want to ignore God, and yet God has a way of putting just where we need to be! Either in person or online on Sunday morning, you are needed here! Listen to what God is telling you and instead of being like Jonah and running away from what God is asking of you, trust in God. It can be hard, and sometimes it is not what we want to do, but what God needs from us.

Jonah was not perfect in listening to God. Even when he went where he was told he complained the whole time, but God still called him. And God is calling you too! You are important in the work of God, there are things that you can do that no one else can. Trust in God's plan for you.

In Christ,

*Reverend Cory*



Mary Dickey Memorial Scholarship

Will be held Saturday, September 17  
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Lunch served at 11:30 am  
Auction begins at 12:00 pm  
Serving lunch of sloppy Joes, salads  
and a dessert for \$10

Silent auction items will be on display in a classroom beginning Sunday Sept 11. Bidding will close at 1:30 on Saturday at the fundraiser.  
Silent auction items include framed pictures from Bob Stowe, paintings by Don Sneathen, antique silver & crystal items, vases painted by Pat Leair, bird house, pamper basket, and a surprise or two come Saturday.  
  
Live auction items on Saturday include: Pioneer Women Basket, a craft basket, a cookout basket that includes meat from the Gray ranch, special framed pictures by Bob Stowe, a date night basket, and more.  
  
Join in the fun of the auctions and support the scholarship fund. This year we gave three, \$1000 scholarships to local high school students.

Save the Dates!!!!



October 22nd from 9-3pm  
We will be selling our harvest stew and  
tortellini soup!!  
  
It's a great time to start working on crafts.

A Note from Finance

Upon my Aunt Shirlee’s death, I was at her house and started the arduous process of cleaning, sorting and tossing. There were times I would scream out “Aunt Shirlee, I love you but this is ridiculous”. I wouldn’t exactly call her a hoarder, but she definitely had things she loved to collect. Her collection of pie birds baffled me. As I’m sure some day my kids will be baffled as to why I hung on to some things.  
  
What I found interesting was that when I got home, Pastor Cory preached on the gospel of Luke 12:13 – 21, The Parable of the Rich Fool. I use a New International Version Study Bible and found the notes in my Bible interesting and a little thought provoking.

- Life is more than material goods; far more important is our relationship with God. . . . When we bring problems to God in prayer, he often does the same—showing us how we need to change and grow in our attitude toward the problem. This answer is often not the one we were looking for, but it is more effective in helping us trace God’s hand in our lives.
- Why do you save money? To retire? To buy more expensive cars or toys? To be secure? Jesus challenges us to think beyond earthbound goals and to use what we have been given for God’s kingdom. Faith, service, and obedience are the way to become rich toward God.

This got me to thinking about how and what I spend my money on. I’ll be honest with you, I’ve made some improvements and I have a lot more improvements to make.  
  
As head of the finance committee, it also got me thinking about this time of the year when we start thinking about our next stewardship (financial) campaign. Doing this in a time of inflation, looking at retirement for some, school loans for some, and a change in any area of our lives makes us think about continuing to let our budget tell our story. Do you have thoughts you would like to share about why you give? Is there something in our story that speaks to you personally? If you would like to share your thoughts with the congregation, we will be doing another series of short videos to share this fall. Please let me know so when can get your story recorded.

On another note, we’ve done okay this summer with our giving. While pledges are a little behind, the general plate giving has been very generous. We have had to dip into savings a couple of times to make sure all bills are paid on time. We are constantly looking at ways to save money on expenses.  
  
While money is needed to make things operate, your time and talents are also needed. You can help in any area and if you feel you need help with something you would like to try, please ask. Many of us have been in your shoes and are still around!  
  
Your support in time, money and prayers is always greatly appreciated. As you continue in your story with God and our congregation, we invite you to ask yourself the hard questions and listen in prayer to God’s answer. May God not only help you grow, but may you also be richly blessed.

Claudia



Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 am Contemplative  
9:15-10:15 am Blended Worship  
Sunday School 10:30am all ages

September 18  
First Class Pre-K to 4  
Lesson: Bible Math  
Book Read: Bible Story Book



September 11 Niko  
September 18 Luka  
September 25 Alora

Acolyte Training September 18 for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and above

Ad Council

Sept 11th at 10:30am,  
right after church. Would  
all committee chairs  
please send in minutes to  
the church office to be  
included in the Ad Council  
handouts.

From Me to You Clothes Swap

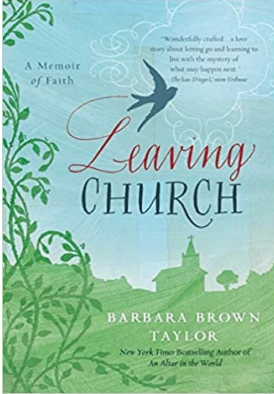
| MONTH / YEAR  | # of SWAPS/ DAYS OPEN | NEW FAMILIES | FAMILIES | CHILDREN | ADULTS | TOTAL SERVED |
|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------|--------------|
| January 2022  | 1 / 3                 | 7            | 63       | 77       | 67     | 144          |
| February 2022 | 3 / 7                 | 55           | 140      | 205      | 187    | 382          |
| March 2022    | 3 / 8                 | 55           | 176      | 249      | 202    | 451          |
| April 2022    | 3 / 7                 | 36           | 126      | 211      | 148    | 359          |
| May 2022      | 3 / 9                 | 67           | 201      | 324      | 246    | 570          |
| June 2022     | 2 / 7                 | 30           | 148      | 200      | 167    | 367          |



Ruth, Pierce family, Janet Czaplá’s mom, Janette, Brent’s family, Nicole and Jason Miller, an employee who lost their home to fire, first responders, Pat Leair, Shay Sneathen, Methodist church and family in Memphis who’s pastor was murdered, Claudia and family on the passing of her Aunt, Dahilton Tarno, Murphy family, those dealing with fires, Janet Bosecker’s brother in law, Barb’s mom, Kim’s niece, kids and teachers, Andee’s brother in law,



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|-----------------|--------------|
| Kolt Knutson    | September 02 |
| Whitley Knutson | September 08 |
| Kathrine Ross   | September 09 |
| Amy Taylor      | September 09 |
| Maryann Michael | September 10 |
| Bryson Topping  | September 11 |
| Jo Ann King     | September 13 |
| Jim Hastings    | September 19 |
| Ripley Lay      | September 19 |
| Pat Leair       | September 21 |
| Mike Urlaub     | September 23 |
| Brittany Day    | September 26 |
| Derek Hooker    | September 29 |
| Timothy Fox     | September 30 |
| Jennifer Ivory  | September 30 |



Book Club Tuesday's at 4pm starting September 6th. This study will last approximately 10 weeks. Have the introduction read

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Mike and Claudia Urlaub | September 01 |
| Art and Ann Hardesty    | September 18 |



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



| Date         | Preaching         | Worship Leaders | Ushers     |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------|
| September 4  | Pastor Cory Young | Kelani Urlaub   | Gray’s     |
| September 11 | Pastor Cory Young | Ann Hardesty    | Bosecker’s |
| September 18 | Pastor Cory Young | Ann Hardesty    | Fox’s      |
| September 25 | Pastor Cory Young | Donnie Sneathen | Kelsey’s   |





| Sun   | Mon                    | Tue  | Wed                        | Thu                     | Fri                   | Sat   |
|---|------------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---|
|   |                        |  |                            | 1<br>Hydroponics @ 4pm  | 2                     | 3<br>Soup Kitchen 10am                            |
| 4<br>Plastic bag ministry @ 10:30am   | 5<br>Boy Scouts @ 6pm  | 6<br>Book Club @ 4pm<br>SPR @ 6pm<br>Cub Scouts @ 6pm              | 7<br>Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm  | 8<br>Finance @ 7pm      | 9                     | 10<br>Sneathen Wedding                            |
| 11<br>Plastic bag ministry @ 10:30am<br>Ad Council @ 10:30am  | 12<br>Boy Scouts @ 6pm | 13<br>Book Club @ 4pm<br>Cub Scouts @ 6pm                          | 14                         | 15                      | 16                    | 17<br>Mary Dickey Scholarship fundraiser 11am-2pm |
| 18 <b>Sunday School Starts @ 10:30am</b><br>Plastic bag ministry @ 10:30am<br>UMW @ 10:30am<br>PACER @ 11am | 19<br>Boy Scouts @ 6pm | 20<br>Book Club @ 4pm<br>Cub Scouts @ 6pm<br>Page Turners @ 6:30pm | 21<br>Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm | 22<br>Worship @ 12:30pm | 23                    | 24  |
| 25<br>Plastic bag ministry @ 10:30am  | 26<br>Boy Scouts @ 6pm | 27<br>Book Club @ 4pm<br>Cub Scouts @ 6pm                          | 28                         | 29                      | 30<br>Women's Retreat |   |