

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

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GRACE NOTES

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The Pastor's Door

Reverend Cory Young

I have to say that one of the more difficult pieces of ministry for me is to write a monthly newsletter article. It should not be that difficult to come up with something to say, yet so often I am sitting here looking at a blank word processing page wondering to myself “What should I be writing about this month?” Sometimes the words come easily and quickly, and other times I start over three or four times because the words don’t feel right. The words should be perfect, Shakespearian in verse and rhyme, and have every person reading this having their life changed in that moment.



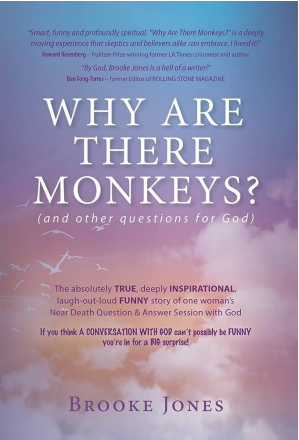
It is a nice dream, but we know that it doesn’t work that way. And neither does our faith. If someone has asked you to define your faith and what Jesus means to you, would you be able to verbalize what you are thinking or stumble through your words hoping that you made some sense? We have this fear of sharing our faith, don’t we? We feel that we are not good enough, or not trained enough to tell others what God means to us. But you know what? The disciples felt the same way we did!

I often repeat it when talking about the disciples, they did not understand what Jesus was doing. They fought over who Jesus thought was the favorite, they doubted Christ when he healed the sick, they pushed the children away, and yet these are the men (and women) who helped establish God’s church. People who struggled, people who doubted, and people who were not perfect.

What we need to do is stop worrying about how good we are, we just need to start doing! I was terrible when I preached my first sermon, I was terrified when I was asked to preside over my first funeral, there was a time I couldn’t explain my faith. I just started doing what was asked of me, and so should you.

Here is a secret I can tell you about ministry in any form; no one is perfect at it when they start. We make mistakes, we grow, we educate ourselves, and we become better. I am going to challenge you this month to stop worrying about failing and just start doing. It might not be perfect, it might feel disappointing, yet you are doing something for God and God is pleased with that. Continue to do what God is asking you to do, and know that we are celebrating a loving and living God together.

Rev. Cory



Why Are There Monkeys? (and other questions for God) by Brooke Jones

“One Minute I was alive. The next minute I was DEAD. That *should* have been the end of my story, but it was only the beginning. 8 minutes passed here on Earth while I was busy being DEAD, but I wasn’t *here on Earth*-I was at Heaven’s front door having a Question & Answer Session with God.

Starting on Wednesday the 12th at 2:30pm at church, join us for an eight week discussion of this delightful and spiritual book. If you think a conversation with God can’t possibly be funny you’re in for a big surprise. Books are \$10 and if you order it for your e-reader it is around \$5. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Pumpkin Patch news

In preparation for this year's patch we will be taking inventory of decorations, games, etc. after worship on Sunday September 3rd.

Starting on Sunday, September 24th we will start decorating. This will not need to be finished in one day but will give us a good head start.

If you have some free time and would like to help hang Halloween costumes please see Meghan. There is A LOT to be hung.

If anyone has corn stalks in their garden we can use for decorating please let us know.



Will open on September 17th

Boy Scout Popcorn

Boy Scout popcorn is on sale now. Support our local troop. See Susan for details.



New Copier

The copier in the office was replaced in August. The one we had was on its last leg. Meghan, Craig, Claudia and Cory went thru bids from three different companies to find the best deal. We have opted to stay with Rocky Mountain Business equipment and will renew our contract with them and a new printer was installed a few weeks ago!!!!



Finance update

Thank you for your faithful giving. While the summer giving is off a bit, we are within \$500 of expenses. May God continue to bless you as you keep First United Methodist church in your prayers.



Sunday Worship Schedule

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



Friendship Circle

We will meet September 14th @ 10:00am at the church. We will be working on items for the bazaar.

Home Visits

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



It's Bazaar Time!!!

It's that time of year to start thinking about the fall bazaar. Now is a good time to start working on those **homemade** crafts.

OATH

Tuesday, September 19 at 12:00pm
"Fall into Books" by bringing books for newborns at the hospital.
Main dish is chicken
You provide the sides.

Unable to attend
You can still give books by bringin them to church



Lance and family in Washington, fires in Hawaii and WA, hurricanes, Donnie's friend, Chuck's friend, Howard Family, Georgeen's family, Susan Eickbush and family, kids back to school and starting college

Sunday School
kickoff September
17th!!!!



September 17 Brysan and
September 24 Brylie Topping
Luka Zeleski



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

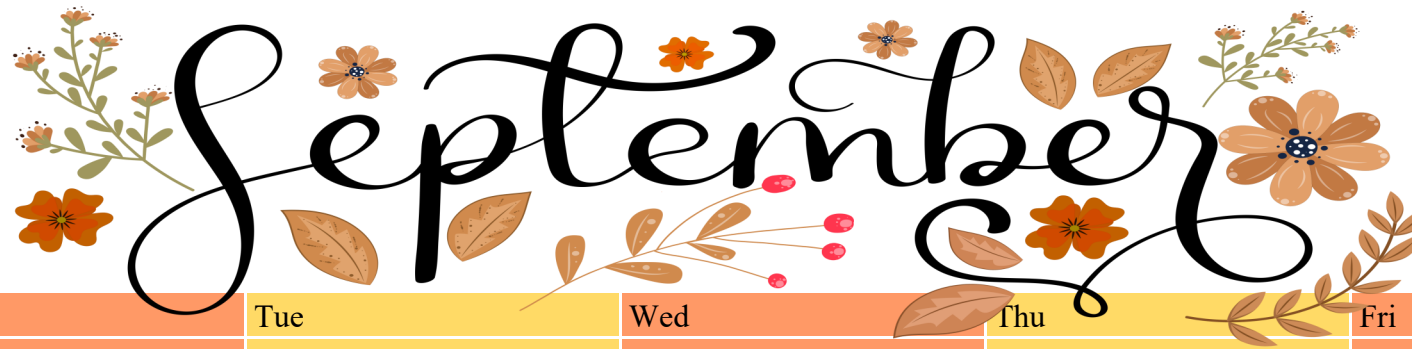
Reminder to watch us live on Facebook Sunday morning for worship!!!
<https://www.facebook.com/FirstUnitedMethodistofGillette>



Kolt Knutson	September 02
Whitley Knutson	September 08
Kathrine Ross	September 09
Amy Taylor	September 09
Maryann Michael	September 10
Bryson Topping	September 11
Joann 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



Date	Preaching	Worship Leaders	Ushers
September 3	Rev. Cory Young	Carole Young	Gray's
September 10	Rev. Cory Young	Ann Hardesty	Bosecker's
September 17	Rev. Cory Young	Esperanza King	Fox's
September 24	Rev. Cory Young	Sharon Schreurs	Birr's



September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Soup Kitchen @ 10am
3 PACER decoration inventory after worship	4 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	5 Cub Scouts @ 6pm	6	7 Hydroponics @ 4pm Finance @ 5:30pm	8	9
10 Ad Council @ 10:30am	11 Boy Scouts @ 6pm Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm	12 OATH @ noon Cub Scouts @ 6pm	13 GAL Meeting @ 11:30am	14 Friendship Circle @ 10:00am	15	16
17 Slideshow of Rome after worship Trustees Meeting after slide show	18 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	19 Cub Scouts @ 6pm	20	21	22	23
24 Pumpkin Patch start decorating after worship	25 Boy Scouts @ 6pm Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm	26 Cub Scouts @ 6pm	27	28	29	30