

## *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**

Childcare is available. Children are also welcome to attend the service.  
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: Rev. AJ Bush**

*Administrative Assistant: Meghan Davies*

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### **Open Hearts**

### **Open Minds**

### **Open**

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# GRACE NOTES

September 2019

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## **The Pastor's Door**

September is such an exciting time in the church where we greet old friends, see those returned from summer adventures, and maybe find new faces in the pews! September is also the time when all our fall activities begin again. Sunday school is back in session, pumpkins will be arriving soon, and new worship series will bring us deeper into our faith on Sunday morning.



As we transition into fall, it's a good time to pause and take stock of where we have been and where we are going. This summer, we have been a busy and productive church! Many of our primary ministries went through a strategic planning process to clarify their vision and determine next steps. For example, the pumpkin patch team clearly articulated their mission of creating a safe, free, and fun place for families to come spend time together and make new memories at the pumpkin patch. What a gift to be able to offer this to the community of Gillette!

Our hydroponics team has also been busy this summer selling lettuce at the farmer's market and building up a customer base outside the church. This ministry was also recently awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Mountain Sky Conference to continue their work! Congratulations to our hydroponics team!

And don't forget the clothing swap which continues to provide clothes from over 200 individuals every month, and is looking to broaden their volunteer base within the community. Not to mention their teamwork with many others to offer a school supply giveaway that served over 400 people in our community. We sure did have a busy summer!

Now, as we turn to fall, these ministries and more will continue as part of who we are at FUMC. As we look forward to all this year will bring, we begin in worship by talking about how we can reboot our faith and recenter ourselves in God as we continue to move forward together as a church.

I can't wait to hear all your stories from summer and all your hopes and dreams for this upcoming year. It is truly a gift to be in ministry with all of you and be a part of your life giving work in the world! May we enter this fall season together, strengthened and ready for all God will do through us this upcoming year.

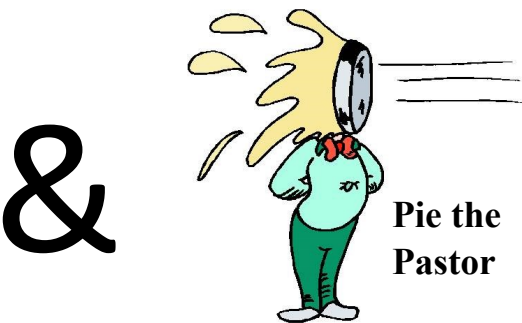
Blessings,

*Pastor AJ*

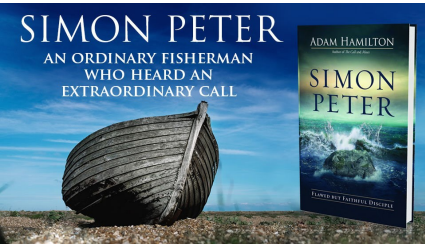


**Potluck After Worship**

Bring your favorite dish to share. Also bring your throwing arm and money for....



**Sunday School Starts**



**Adult Sunday School Class**

Starting September 8th, we will take 2 weeks to finish the "24 Hours That Changed the World" study and move on to begin Adam Hamilton's book on Simon Peter.

Current Events class meets in the west foyer after service.

**Primary Pre K to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Jesus is our friend

**Intermediate 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – 7<sup>th</sup> grade**

Exploring the Bible

**Youth Group**

Sunday Mornings 10:30-12:30



**Acolytes**

Sept 8 Garrett

Sept 15 Carter

Sept 22 Luka

Sept 29 Jack



**Hydroponics Update**

I'm sure the congregation has noticed that the tomato plants have been removed and the system cleaned out. Tomato production was minimal so we decided to move in a different direction. We will be growing herbs, possible basil, parsley, or chamomile. we are in the research stage to determine which would be best.

Our lettuce production has been going strong. We have been taking the lettuce to the Farmers Market on Saturday mornings since mid July. The last 3 weeks we have harvested 25 or more plants and have sold out. We have returning customers! Our main goal was to create a customer base for our product and we have. Our thanks to the church members that volunteered to man the booth with us on Saturday mornings. We will continue to sell at the market through the month of September. We will need volunteers to again help cover the booth. The booth is set up at 7:30, with shift from 8-10, then a shift from 10-12 with tear down and return table and awning to the church, A sign up sheet is in the atrium. Or you may contact Rose or AJ with your availability.

We are in search of a location to move our hydroponics system where we can obtain a more consistent environmental controls. We lost 15 plants of our best seller this last week due to what we believe is environmental issues. The excessive summer heat is hard on lettuce. We have a fan blowing on them which helps keep the temperature down.

The Living Water Produce ministry has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from our Mountain Sky conference Vital Ministry to advance this project.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact Rose or AJ, or any member of the Social Enterprise team.



### Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 am Contemplative

9:15-10:15 am Blended Worship

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### Ministry Highlights!

August Clothes Swap numbers:

<b>Total Children:</b>	208
<b>Total Adults:</b>	211
<b>Total Served:</b>	419




REBOOT  
YOUR FAITH

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERIES

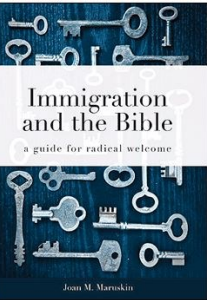
### ANNOUNCEMENT!!

Starting in September, Pastor AJ will work out of the office on Thursdays in order to spend dedicated time on sermon writing and planning.


While Pastor AJ is always available in an emergency, other regular business items will be responded to on Friday. The office will be open as usual on Thursdays. If you have any questions please contact Doni Roper, chair of SPRC



All church conference/church business meeting October 26th



**Immigration and the Bible**  
by Joan M. Maruskin  
8 Week book/bible study  
Sunday nights at 5pm  
Starting September 15th



*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

JoAnn, Sally and Abby, Janet, Anna, Ashley Bietz, Olga Hard, victims, families, communities of the mass shootings in our country, family and friends of James Heald, Carol Anderson, family of the young teenager that passed away at a lake near Buffalo, WY, Emma Gray, family of Elsie Kinden , Melody, Jerry Hampshire, Casey, Paul and Cindy Lutz, Aunt Darlene, Dixie , Sue’s mom, Frank Richards, Kim Jones, Greg's parents and Greg, Nicky



Megan Stowe-Schad	09/07
Kathrine Ross	09/09
MaryAnn Jeremiah	09/10
Bryson Topping	09/11
Jim Hastings	09/19
Susie Hooker	09/21
Pat Leair	09/21
Steve Pecha	09/23
Mike Urlaub	09/23
Derek Hooker	09/29
Jennifer Ivory	09/30



Mike & Claudia Urlaub	09/01
Art & Ann Hardesty	09/18
Edward & Angela Evenson	09/26



Pumpkins are due to arrive on October 5th at noon. We will need lots of help. The next planning meeting will be September 8th after worship. We are always looking for ideas for family activities. Please think about this and bring to the next meeting. We will schedule a set up day at this time.

We are in the process of pouring a concrete pad and sidewalk to make the shed more accessible. Thank you to everyone that is helping with this project to make it a more enjoyable experience.



The fall Bazaar is scheduled for October 19th. We will continue craft workdays or work on items at home. Let us know what you are working on!!

Date	Topics	Usher's/Greeter's	Worship Leaders
September 8	Pastor AJ Preaching	Gray Family	Tim Fox
September 15	Pastor AJ Preaching	Tarno Family	
September 22	Pastor AJ Preaching	Tim and Wanda Fox	
September 29	Pastor AJ Preaching	Lyla and Julie Pierce	





# SEPTEMBER

\* notates after church