

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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The Pastor's Door

Reverend Cory Young

Every year it seems that fall and winter show up about three months to early. I am still ready to be enjoy the warm summer winds of Gillette, and now I am gearing up for the cooler fall winds of Gillette. Lawns are getting prepared for winter, gardens are being tilled under, and it seems that like a bear I am getting ready to hibernate for the next six months.

For me the fall and winter months are the hardest. November is all about preparing for Advent, December is all about Advent, and January is all about preparing for the upcoming year. But the one thing that makes its very difficult for me is the seasonal depression I get. The short days and the long nights really plays with my mental health. It can be tough, but every spring I am ready for warmer weather and the hope of what is to come.

I bring this up because I feel that sometimes we are like Job. Job had a good life, then he didn't. He lost everything that ever had, family, money, land, health, and even friends. He lamented to his friends and to God and it seemed that nothing was getting any better. Sometimes we feel that we are in a place of sadness. And you know what? It is ok to feel that way sometimes.

We can be sad, frustrated, depressed, and even through all that God still loves you! It is amazing how we can see God in our lives once we look back and reflect on where we are. Job was in a tough spot, and yet God was with him, and God is with you too! It is ok to be where you are this time of year. Life has hills and valleys and God is with you through it all.

May you have a blessed November!

Rev Cory



Charge Conference

What is Charge Conference?

This is probably the most asked question a pastor gets in the fall. It is an annual meeting of the church, pastor, an Elder from another church (or a District Superintendent) presiding over the meeting.

This is an important meeting for the church as we evaluate the mission and ministry of the church, the pastor, and the laity. It also sets the salary for the pastor for the upcoming year and shows the health of the church. The business conducted at a Charge Conference is important, but also it is a time for the church to celebrate what it is and what it is doing to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

I personally invite all of you to join us on November 12th at 5pm for our annual Charge Conference here at the church! It is a time to talk with our District Superintendent Rev. Mark Calhoun and to be in fellowship with one another. Join us and help continue to make First United Methodist Church of Gillette a vital and important part of this community.

Rev Cory



Hydroponics Update

Lots of good news to share. Beginning in late September we partnered with DVR and the school system. We have two students with disabilities that spend one of their class periods with us learning job skills. Kaylee and Gavin have really been a joy to work with.

Secondly, we were awarded a \$10,000 grant from Wyoming Community Foundation. This will be used to finish the expansion project. They awarded us \$3500 more than we requested to be applied for operational expenses. Our income is consistently \$1500 to \$1750 per month, it takes \$1850 to meet expenses. We are so close.

We are looking for a baker to join our vendor group. If you know of a good baker that would like to make some extra money, please have then contact us. Cookies, pies, breads, etc..

We would like to thank Marcia Knutson for donating a washing machine. We sincerely appreciate the support of our church and congregation.

A Note from Finance

We hope you’re enjoying the stewardship moments on Grace, Gratitude, Giving, Generosity and Growth. At our charge conference on November 12th, you will see the proposed budget for 2023. The last stewardship moment on Growth will be on Sunday, November 13th. That Sunday we will also be handing out pledge commitments for you to take home and return on Sunday, November 20th. We will have a celebration luncheon provided by the finance committee after the church service that day. The celebration will be of your commitments of time, talents, gifts, prayers, and witness. If you know that you won’t be here on the 13th and would like to make a commitment for next year’s budget, please notify the office and we will get one out to you. May your grace-filled and grateful prayers for growing and generous giving be the start of what is truly a blessed Thanksgiving season.



Mary Dickey Scholarship Fund

Our fall fundraiser was a great success thanks to the generosity of those attending.

We raised a total of \$3,200. We will be able to offer 3 more \$1,000 scholarships in 2022. We wish to thank all who attended, made cash donations and for all the donated items for the silent auction. We are sincerely grateful for your generosity.

We plan to resume our normal spring fundraiser next April. It will take on a different look though we haven’t decided just what it will be yet.

The Mary Dickey Scholarship team,

Pat Leair, Janet Bosecker, Janet Hastings, Cheryl Land, Sharon Schreurs, Kim Murphy, Dale Dickey and Rose Rennell



Sunday Worship Schedule

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

Lesson: Say Thank You:
Living with an attitude of
Gratitude

Book Read Together:
Bible Story Book



November 6 Alora Urlaub, Navi
and Brisban Ivory
November 13 Koryn Urlaub
November 20 Emma Michael
November 27 Brylie and Brysan
Topping Or Carter and Tucker Nordhoughen

Ad Council

Ad Council will meet November
13th at 10:30am. Please send
minutes of meetings to the church
office by November 10th so they
can be prepared as handouts. This
makes the Ad Council more
efficient. New Business will be
Charge Conference Thank you for
all your help with the Church!!

CHOIR!!!!

Come share your musical talents for Advent
Sunday's. Vocal and Instrumental would
grace our Sunday service. Please call
Marilynn Gillman if you can contribute in this
way. 307-660-6727

Any solos, duets, trips, quartets are welcome.
Choir rehearsal for interested singers will start
Sunday, October 30th at 10:30am in the
sanctuary. We will learn 2 songs and perform
two separate Sundays. Thank you for your
interest.

Joann Williams, Peter, Jessica Dyke, River, Misty, Kay, Henry, Shana
Lamb, Dick Dillon family, Kathrine's dad, Garey Hermann, Randi
Scherer, Susan's sister in law, MaryAnn, Mike Miller,



Shiela Jeremiah	November 05
Danielle Hintz	November 10
Thayne Gray	November 11
Marge Tarno	November 11
Dale Dickey	November 12
Kelly Glasser	November 13
Laura Murphy	November 17
Kevin Knutson	November 21
Macy Michael	November 21
Wesley Brunelli	November 22
Carrie Snyder	November 24
Brisban Ivory	November 24
Georgeen Pierre	November 26
Kathy Nuzum	November 29
Rochelle Christensen	November 30



Gerald and JoAnn King	November 24
Steve and Susan Shurtz	November 29



**From Me 2 You Pancake
Breakfast**

Join the clothes swap on
November 6th from 9am to
noon at the Elks Lodge.
Adults-\$12/ 6-10yrs-\$9/ 5 &
under-free. This fundraiser
helps us with our rent and
operating expenses.

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



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Date	Preaching	Worship Leaders	Ushers
November 6	Pastor Cory Young	Ann Hardesty	Gray's
November 13	Pastor Cory Young	AnDee Steiner	Bosecker's
November 20	Pastor Cory Young	Donnie Sneathen	Fox's
November 27	Pastor Cory Young		Kelsey's

November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm	3 Hydroponics @ 4pm	4	5 Soup Kitchen 10am
6 Mary Dickey Memorial @ 10:30am Trustees @ 10:30 am From Me 2 You Pancake Breakfast 9am-12pm	7 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	8 Book Club @ 4pm Cub Scouts @ 6pm	9	10 Finance @ 7pm	11 Boy Scouts sorting popcorn 	12 Charge Conference @ 5pm
13 Ad Council @10:30am Bring Christmas décor upstairs	14 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	15 OATH @ noon Book Club @ 4pm Cub Scouts @ 6pm	16 Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm Page Turners @ 6:30pm	17	18	19
20 	21 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	22 Book Club @ 4pm Cub Scouts @ 6pm	23 Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm	24 	25	26
27 United Methodist Student Day (special offering)	28 Boy Scouts @ 6pm	29 Book Club @ 4pm Cub Scouts @ 6pm	30 Girl Scouts @ 6:30pm	27	28	29