

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

Pastor: Cory Young

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Open Minds

Open Doors

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The Pastor's Door

Reverend Cory Young

In my time in ministry, I often think about how worship happens in the summer. Growing up in Michigan the town I lived in was a town that thrived on tourism. That means that any major holiday during the summer, the town was full of tourists, and that meant that Sunday worship was packed beyond belief. Regulars wouldn't have their normal spots, extra chairs had to be pulled out of storage, and even a remote viewing area had to be used so people could partake in the service from the church's basement.

Now think about this church during the summer; most people travel, are on vacation, playing golf, out at the lake, or just decided that the best use of the summer is to not be in church till school starts back up. As people leave in the early summer, some wonder if they will ever come back. Our finances get tight, and it seems that some Sundays there should be a sign on the door that says 'Gone Fishin'.

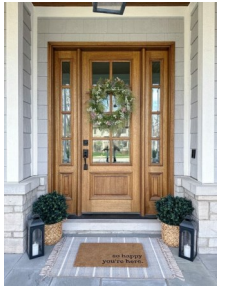
What I have found is that even though things slow down here during the summer, it doesn't mean that this church is done. Maybe what is needed is a break. A time for the church to relax just a bit but know that it is still doing ministry. Do you know that during the summer, this church is busy? We have Illini Riders coming in for a night (which means food and hospitality will be provided), VBS for the young kids of the church and community, a Camporee in town (which we will be providing some space for some UMC youth from California), we will still serve the first Saturday of each month at the community kitchen, and many other things!

Don't think that summer is a time for us to close shop, but rather to do different ministry. Sometimes visiting friends and family is a ministry, sometimes God wants us to experience the world around us, and then come back refreshed and with new ideas!

Summer is busy, and the church is still open as we come and go over the next few months! I always thought it was funny that my church in Michigan was busy in the summer, but when it came to Christmas Eve services, there would be no more than 10-25 people in the church. I mention this because it is ok to rest, relax, or vacation. We will be here all summer, in one way or another.

As we start summer know that the church is here for you and will be here for you as the summer ends too! May you have a great start to your summer!

Rev Cory



Save the Date



Camp Firelight
A SUMMER CAMP *Psalm 56:3*
ADVENTURE WITH GOD

Vacation Bible School
July 8-11th
9am-11:45 am

Sponsored by
First United Methodist Church
& Holy Trinity Episcopal

From Me to You Stats

MONTH / YEAR	# of SWAPS/ DAYS OPEN	NEW FAMILIES	FAMILIES	CHIL-DREN	ADULTS	TOTAL SERVED
January-24	3 / 6	30	165	245	222	467
February-24	3 / 7	40	232	373	308	681
March-24	3 / 5	23	204	309	250	559
Year end total		93	601	927	780	1707



Graduates

We will be celebrating our graduates on Sunday, May 19th during worship.

Noisy Offering

We need ideas for our noisy offering for October thru December. If there is an organization that you would like to have considered please contact the office



May 12th is the last day until fall that we will have a nursery attendant.



Prayer Shawls

There are several prayer shawls at the front of the church for Rose and the graduates. Take a moment to stop and pray over them before or after worship.



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



Join us May 16th at 6:30pm.



Friendship Circle

At our May 9th gathering we will be making anniversary cards. See you at 10:00AM.



OATH is Tuesday, May 21st. It will be hosted by Janice Curry and Carol Hanson. The menu is Swedish Meatballs. The theme is Learning About our Hymns.

JESUS AND JACK

Jesus and Jack was created with the intent that, as Christians, we need to be willing to meet people where they are in life and show them the love of Jesus. Our goal is not to convert anyone or push our beliefs on them, but simply to engage in meaningful conversation and let the Holy Spirit lead.

We will gather from 6 – 7 p.m. at Grinners Bar on:
6-7 PM on March 12 | April 9 | May 14

Grinners Bar
5201 S Douglas Highway, Ste 100
Gillette, WY 82718



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Rose, Kim Murphy and family, Tim Fox and family, Donnie, Art, Elkhorn Nebraska, Patrick, those fighting illness and cancer, Claudia and family, Middle East, Belinda, Owen, Kathrine's dad, those traveling, Guy, Roy



Thank to all who reached out to me upon the death of my mother. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Claudia Urlaub

Home Visits

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

Kylie Davies

Help us Celebrate!!!!
 Saturday, May 18th
 2-5pm
 First United Methodist Church
 2000 W. Lakeway



May 5 Brylie
May 12 Niko
May 19 Brylie

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



Date	Preaching	Worship Leaders	Ushers
May 5	Kathrine Ross	AnDee Steiner	Gray's
May 12	Rev. Cory Young	Ann Hardesty	Bosecker's
May 19	Rev. Cory Young	Shone Gray	Fox's
May 26	Rev. Cory Young	Thayne Gray	Birr's



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Soup Kitchen @ 10am Mother's Day Luncheon @ Noon
5 Ad Council 10:30am	6	7	8	9 Friendship Circle @ 10am	10	11
12 	13	14 Jesus and Jack 6pm @ Grinners	15	16 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 6:30pm	17	18 Kylie's Graduation Party 2-5pm
19 Graduation Sunday	20	21 OATH at Noon	22	23	24	25
26 Peace with Justice Sunday	27	28 Gillette Assistance League Meeting @ 11:30am	29	30	31 <i>Deadline for May newsletter</i>	



Keith Howard	May 02
Susan Eickbush	May 14
Marilynn Gillman	May 15
Francis Carlson	May 15
Tucker Nordhougen	May 17
Morgan Becker	May 26
Dave Czapla	May 27
Kamryn Huber	May 28
John Howard	May 30
Niko Zeleski	May 31

Jim & Jan Hastings	May 12
Jed & Meghan Davies	May 25
Roy & Marilynn Gillman	May 25