

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

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

Monday-Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm
and by appointment

Pastor: Patricia Bell

Administrative Assistant: Meghan Davies

Custodian: Sheila Huckins

Nursery: Sheila Huckins/Meghan Davies



Open Hearts

Open Minds

Open Doors

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Pastor Patricia's Pauses

Patrick, Calvin (our dog) and I have successfully moved to Gillette, WY. We have been here now for about a month or so. We love the people. We love the parsonage. We love the town of Gillette, WY. We both feel very blessed to be here!

Summers seem so short in Wyoming. But I for one am very grateful for the warmer weather. Patrick is very grateful that the parsonage has air conditioning! Before you know it, we will be in the season of Fall.

Fall reminds me of change. The leaves change colors. Family schedules often change as children are going back to school. College age kids are also moving back to wherever they are going to college. Football season starts and baseball season ends.

For those of us who are Spiritual and know there is a "higher power" or Almighty God, we are reminded in the Hebrew Bible about change.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (The Message) reminds us:

"There's an opportune time to do things, a right time for everything on the earth:

A right time for birth and another for death,

A right time to plant and another to reap,

A right time to kill and another to heal,

A right time to destroy and another to construct,

A right time to cry and another to laugh,

A right time to lament and another to cheer,

A right time to make love and another to abstain,

A right time to embrace and another to part,

A right time to search and another to count your losses,

A right time to hold on and another to let go,

A right time to rip out and another to mend,

A right time to shut up and another to speak up,

A right time to love and another to hate,

A right time to wage war and another to make peace."

All of us are in a time of change right now. I'm learning the ebbs and flows of the rhythms of life among the people of First UMC - Gillette. You are learning about me, your new Spiritual Leader. The time is right for change. Change can be scary to some people, but for me I see it as an opportunity for personal and spiritual growth. For me, I need to lean more into the Holy Spirit. I need to remember that our amazing God is with me.

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I need to be more gentle with myself and others - especially when I resist change. I must remind myself that “It is Well with My Soul” - which, of course, is a great hymn, The words were written by Horatio G. Spafford in 1873. The music was written by Philip P. Bliss in 1876. Left click on either of these links for more information!
Blessings,
Pastor Patricia

[History of It is Well With My Soul](#) - a great read

[Video "it is Well with My Soul"](#)

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Gillette Assistance Leagues annual School Supply giveaway

August 8th

Items most needed are:

- Blue/black/ red pens
- dry erase markers
- sharpies
- 1 & 2” Binders
- Composition books
- Glue Sticks
- 10 or 12 Count Markers
- 1 Subject notebook (wide and college ruled)
- Wide ruled filler paper
- Scissors
- wired headphones
- Crayons

Set up will be on Friday, August 7th starting at 10am



Home Visits

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



Join us August 18th at 4pm.



Friendship Circle will resume
next month and meet
September 10. Let Ann know
what you would like to do.



Sunday, August 16th. Bring
your backpacks to be blessed
for a successful school year.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/FirstUnitedMethodistofGillette>



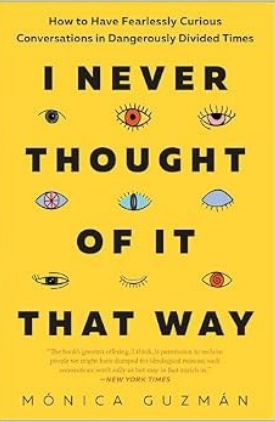
Date	Preaching	Worship Leaders	Ushers
August 2	Rev. Patricia Bell	Sharon Schreurs	Gray’s
August 9	Rev. Patricia Bell	Mike Urlaub	
August 16	Rev. Patricia Bell	Ann Hardesty	
August 23	Rev. Patricia Bell	AnDee Steiner	Birr’s
August 30	Rev. Patricia Bell	Mike Urlaub	



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Book Study! Starting Soon!

When?

Sundays - Sept. 13: 10:45 am-11:45 am
OR

Wednesdays - Sept. 16: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm This study will go for five weeks It's ok if you can't make all five weeks!

Where?

“Acts” room - next to the choir room on the east side of the church building

Who?

Pastor Patricia will lead the discussion. ALL are invited! Bring your neighbor, your grandchildren, your children, your cat, your dog! Bring anyone who would like to think about how to have deep conversation in our divisive world.

How can I get the book? Amazon Kindle: ebook for \$12.99 Hardcover for \$13.77 Thrift-books.com: used for about \$7.99 - \$22.79 Abebooks.com: used for about \$3.66 - \$30.77 Please plan to read Part One (SOS) which is Chapters 1, 2 and 3 BEFORE the first gathering! Hope to see you there!

Summertime is a time for fun activities and traveling. The one place that it is not a fun place in the summer is the church finances. As of July 19, we have spent \$10,647.86 more than we have taken in. None of the expenditures have been anything extravagant - just operating and some repairs.

Luckily we started out the year with a little over \$28,000.00 as a cushion in the operating bank account. So that has helped. We do have a little over \$26000.00 set aside for an emergency, if need be.

We have also asked for extra giving for our HVAC system. Upgrading the system is part of ownership, whether it's a house or a church.

Remember that you can give IN PERSON ON SUNDAYS (hint, hint), online or by mailing in your regular giving.

God Bless you as we move forward continuing God's work and that of First United Methodist Church.

A Good Death/ Good Life Café

Most people are not afraid of death.
They are afraid of pain.
They are afraid of becoming a burden.
They are afraid of losing dignity.
They are afraid of their families not knowing what to do.
They are afraid of suffering alone.

Those fears are real.

Education changes everything.

When families understand what is happening physically, emotionally, and spiritually..
When they know how to keep someone comfortable.....
When they know what to expect....
When they know they are not alone....

Fear begins to transform into confidence.
Uncertainty becomes presence.
Isolation becomes connection.

I am becoming a certified End-of-Life Doula through the Doulagivers Institute. A Doulagiver is a non-medical end-of-life care specialist.

I am hosting A Good Death/Good Life Café. This will be a safe space for conversation, listening, learning about what happens at the end of life. Let me show you how comfort, care and compassion can let you focus on the important things.

The Café will be held Thursday, August 13 from 9-10:30am.



Maci, Donna, Mike, Rod, Ric, Robin, Kim and Ron Williams, AnDee's brother in law, Tim Leair, Czapla family, Claudia, Ira, Greg, Marilynn, Pat's friend with lung cancer, Dawson and Laura, Claudia's nephew's wife and new baby, John

August



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Soup Kitchen @ 10:30am
2	3 GAL @ 3:30pm	4 Scouts @ 6 pm	5	6 Finance @ 5:30pm	7 School Supply Set up 9 am	8 School Supply Giveaway 9-2pm
9	10 Meghan Out of the office	11 Scouts @ 6 pm Jesus and Jack @ 6pm Grinners	12	13 Good Death/Good Life Café 9-10:30am	14	15
	Pastor Patricia out of the office					
16 	17	18 Prayer Shawl @ 4pm Scouts @ 6 pm	19 First Day of School!!!	20	21	22
23	24	25 Scouts @ 6 pm	26	27	28	29
			Pastor Patricia out of the office			
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Bob Stowe	August 03
Ken Zimmerman	August 06
Brylie Topping	August 11
Carol Hanson	August 13
Trey Christensen	August 14
Claudia Urlaub	August 22
Luka Zeleski	August 24
Jed Davies	August 25
Koryn Urlaub	August 25
Shone Gray	August 29
DeeBee Worthington	August 30



Chris and Barb Anthes	August 08
Chad and Susie Hooker	August 11
David and Julie Fall	August 12
John and Susan Howard	August 19
Rusty and AnDee Steiner	August 26
Charles and Cheryl Land	August 27
Al and Linda Blakeman	August 29
Ross and Tammy Huber	August 30