

*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*

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**The Pastor's Door**

**Rev. Dr. Patricia Bell**

As the Wyoming Wind Blows



Open Hearts

Open Minds

Open Doors

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The Wyoming Wind or ruah in Hebrew has been blowing harder than ever these past few months or so! Ruah is the word for Holy Spirit, wind, and breath in the Hebrew Bible. I'm not originally from Wyoming, but every time I feel the wind, I think of the Holy Spirit of God. And so, as it goes, ruah has blown Rev. Cory Young south and west to Grand Junction, CO. Meanwhile, because God can multitask, I've been blown to serve you, the fantastic folk of First United Methodist Church in beautiful Gillette, WY.



When the wind blows, there is power, uncertainty, sometimes anxiety and usually some sort of change. No person can control the wind. The air feels cooler. We may wonder if our roof shingles will stay attached. And often it means a weather front is moving in. Change is about to occur. Sometimes that means a drop in temperature and/or rain.

As pastors change appointments and congregations say good-bye to their beloved pastor there can also be feelings of uncertainty, anxiety and wonder about what is about to change. There can be fear as well. What if I don't like the new pastor? What if she changes what I love about this congregation?

But friends, God does not call us to have a sense of fear. Fear is one of those emotions that keep us out of trouble. We may fear the buffalo in Yellowstone because we know they are wild animals and can charge at any given instant. Rather, I believe, God calls us to curiosity. I wonder what it will be like. I wonder how ruah will blow a bit differently in our congregation. I wonder where God will lead us into the future.

My husband, Patrick Saunders, and I are very excited, yet a bit anxious as well as I start my new appointment at First UMC in Gillette. But God is so faithful. God is so steadfast. God knows everything and everyone. It is time to lean into our faith and trust that God will never, ever lead us astray. As always, I'm praying for all of us!

*Rev. Patricia Bell*

### Mary Dickey / Rose Rennell Memorial Scholarship

The scholarship committee, Cheryl Land, Janet Bosecker, Kim Murphy, Pat Leair, met June 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss and vote on the two applicants this year. It was unanimous that each be awarded a \$ 1,000 scholarship. The first applicant was high school graduate Zoe Speirs, granddaughter of Craig and Alice Speirs. We were impressed that her goal is to help people and that her cumulative grade point average through high school was 3.80. Zoe wrote for the required narrative:



*There are a lot of paths I could take for my future. There is one where I go and become a social worker and help kids find safety. There is another where I become a Navy Chaplain and later a therapist, or one where I become an art therapist. All of these potential futures are a little different, but all of them share one commonality, **I want to be in the business of helping people.** I have a huge interest in psychology and learning about the human brain, and the mind has always fascinated me. I like learning the why's behind human behavior, and my goals and dreams for my future reflect that. I am also committed to a private Christian University in Washington State, which is more expensive than if I went to a public college. I was blessed to attend a private Christian high school, and I want to continue to have a faith-based education in college. I believe that mental health and spiritual health go hand in hand, and by pursuing a degree at a college that has Jesus at the center, I can learn how best integrate spiritual truth to my work. I came across this scholarship through my grandparents who attend your church, and they encouraged me to apply. With this scholarship, I could relieve the financial burden of school and be able to focus on my academic goals.*

The second award went to Patrick Hardesty. This is his first application for the scholarship, but he has completed two years of college with a grade point average of 4.0.



I am Patrick Hardesty applying for The Mary Dickey/Rose Rennell Scholarship. My goals for the coming five years are to become a professional pilot with a minor in business. I plan to do this by attending the University of Central Missouri and working my way through their professional pilot program, which is very expensive since we have to pay for our own fuel. While attending university I am running on their Cross Country and Track teams. My goals on these teams, over my course at the school, are to help my team win Nationals in Cross Country and in Track and Field, as well as achieve a national title myself.

I am applying for this scholarship with the hopes of using it to fund my schooling and help pay for the professional pilot program that I am enrolled in. Along with helping me to avoid any serious college loans and the debt that comes along with them. That way when I graduate the program and start flying for an airline all the money I make is mine and not the banks that I owe the loans to.

### Home Visits

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



Join us July 21st at 4pm.

Noisey offering for the Gillette Assistance League for this quarter is \$710.51 plus a \$200 donation.

We have \$41,888.63 for Phase I of the HVAC unit with another \$1,425.00 in memorials for Phase I. This leaves us needing \$6,161.37 to pay for Phase I. We have \$15,000.00 for Phase III. To date we have received \$4,000.00 in pledges toward the HVAC projects. To those who have already given money to this project, we humbly say thank you. Please contact Claudia Urlaub (307-689-4341) with any questions.

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



Date	Preaching	Worship Leaders	Ushers
July 5	Church members	Sharon Schreurs	Gray's
July 12	Rev. Patricia Bell	Alice Spears	
July 19	Rev. Patricia Bell	Ann Hardesty	
July 26	Rev. Patricia Bell	Mike Urlaub	Birr's



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8am Contemplative Service  
9:15-10:15 am Blended Worship

### SAVE THE DATE!!!

Gillette Assistance Leagues annual School Supply giveaway

August 8th

Volunteer sign up sheets will be out by the end of the month

Items most needed are:

- |                      |                   |             |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Blue/black/ red pens | dry erase markers | sharpies    |
| 1 & 2" Binders       | Composition books | Glue Sticks |

A more comprehensive list will also be coming out in the following weeks



Rod Tarno, Scouts and 4-H kids on recent camping trips, AnDee sister in law, those traveling, Sheila's cousin, Mike's brother in law Sid, Lyla, Jessica, Marilynn, all affected by recent fires, floods, tornados and other natural disasters.

Dear Members, Friends and Constituents of First United Methodist Church:

Earlier this year, we reviewed three phases for improving our heating, ventilation and air conditioning system (HVAC). Phase 1 adds more thermostats to the building to better regulate heat when no one is in the building. Phase two replaces the boiler. Phase three adds air conditioning. It was decided to approve Phase One of these phases. This phase is priced at \$60,000.00. The church made a down payment of \$11,950.00 on that work in March.

The work on this phase will start the week of June 21<sup>st</sup> and take approximately two (2) to two and a-half (2½) weeks to complete. That leaves us owing \$48,050.00 by the end of July. As of June 14, we have \$36,388.63 in the HVAC fund for this phase, leaving a balance of \$11,661.37.

Phase Three's air conditioning is based on using natural gas. The quote on this is \$59,785.00. We need to purchase the condensing unit now as it is no longer being made for our system. Ad Council approved to purchase the condensing unit (\$16,500.00) and Powder River Heating & Air Conditioning will store it for us until we have the rest of the money raised. Ad Council approved for the church to obtain a loan at a cap of \$30,000.00. We will use a portion of the rent from Iglesias Emanuel to pay that loan.

We since have received a donation of \$15,000.00 and added \$800.00 of the rent received this month from Iglesia Emanuel towards the HVAC fund, which we do each month. This covers Phase 1 and gives us \$4,138.63 towards Phase 3, leaving a balance of \$11,661.37 for the condensing unit purchase.

But what if we could do it with a smaller loan or no loan at all. We are looking for 30 giving units (families) to pledge \$1,000.00 to help us reach \$30,000.00. We would be asking for \$500.00 by Sunday, July 19, 2026 and the remaining \$500.00 by Sunday, September 13, 2026. While that does not make Phase Three doable right now, it saves us \$120,000.00 and more from not having to convert the system to propane.

Please prayerfully consider helping us out with this needed improvement to our HVAC system that is approaching 50 years old. Your continued support in your prayers, presence, service, and your gifts is greatly appreciated. Blessings to you all.

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Yes, I/we \_\_\_\_\_ pledge \$1,000.00 for the improvement to the HVAC unit. The first \$500.00 will be paid by July 19, 2026 and the second \$500.00 will be paid by September 13, 2026.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ cannot pledge \$1,000.00, but please accept our gift of \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		2 Scouts @ 6 pm	1	2	3	4 Soup Kitchen @ 10:30am 
5	6	7 Scouts @ 6 pm Jesus and Jack @ 6pm Grinners	8	9 Finance @ 5:30pm	10	11
12 PACER @ 10:30am	13	14 Prayer Shawl @ 4pm Scouts @ 6 pm	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 GAL @ 11:30am Scouts @ 6 pm	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Scouts @ 6 pm	29	30	31	

Art Tarno	July 01
Teagan Schanck	July 09
Patty Tubbs	July 12
Linda Baker	July 13
Courtney Schanck	July 14
Cyndie Stees	July 18
Andy Urlaub	July 28
Nicky Burnett	July 29
Charles Land	July 30
Jadeyn Snyder	July 30
Morgan Anthes	July 31



Willy and Carrie Snyder	July 12
Mike and Janice Curry	July 13
Jason and Amy Taylor	July 15
Jason and MaryAnn Michael	July 16
Andy and Kelani Urlaub	July 19