

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

Administrative Assistant: Meghan Davies

Custodian: Sheila Huckins

Nursery: Sheila Huckins/Meghan Davies



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Open Minds

Open Doors

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Reverend Cory Young

Things come to an end. Movies, tv shows, plays, music, and books all have some sort of ending. Sometimes it is the ending we always wanted; and other times that ending leaves a lot to be desired. But we all know that things come to an end. In the United Methodist Church, pastors come and go, and it can be a cause for anxiety.

I remember leaving my last church. A church I served faithfully for six years, I sacrificed my health, my life, and mental stability to a church that in the very end told me, "You have failed our church!" Talk about blow to one's self-esteem, giving your all and being told you didn't do enough. That was a disheartening time in my life. I didn't say goodbye as I left town and never looked back.

I mention this because as I am preparing to leave Gillette, I am in a very different place. I have told many of you time and time again, that I didn't ask to leave, nor did I feel my time was done here, but being called elsewhere meant that it was time to conclude the ministry and missional work we have done for five years here. It also means that I get to say goodbye with a heart of gratitude instead of a heart full of disappointment.

Of course this reminds me about something in Jesus' life. He was at the end of his ministry (as well as his life), and he sat down with the Disciples and showed them nothing but love. He comforted them, he forgave them, he ate with them, and he promised them that even though he was leaving they would not be alone. These are Jesus' words:

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live." (John 14:18-19)

These are words that signify the end but also it is a beginning of the next chapter. Jesus promises something will be coming in his place and encourages those he was leading to know that the end of one thing is the start of something else. This is what I believe is happening to this church!

The church will change! You are getting a wonderful new pastor, you are heading in right direction, but the work is not done yet. My hope for you is that as we celebrate this transition time, we remember what we have done together (the good and the bad) and see where God is leading all of us into the future. Your mission and ministry are not done but it is now along a different path then the one I will be taking.

The words that fit this moment best come from the Hymn of Promise "In our end is our beginning; In our time, infinity; In our doubt there is believing; In our life, eternity." This is beyond us, our wishes, our hopes, but we believe that God will do amazing things! And I hope that you understand that God is with all of us during this time.

Am I sad to be leaving? Absolutely! I have had made good friends and memories in this town, I have had a church that has loved me (and Boba Fett), and even on the roughest days God was present. So, thank you for all you have done for me. Thank you for showing such radical hospitality. Thank you for the tears and laughter throughout the years. And finally this quote from the Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy sums everything up, "So long and thanks for all the fish!"

In Christ,

Rev Cory

Home Visits

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



Join us June 16th and July 21st at 4pm.

Vacation Bible School
June 15-18th
9am-11:45 am

Register at:
<https://funcholytrinity.mycokesburyvbs.com/>



QUEST FOR THE KING'S ARMOR

KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE

At First United Methodist Church with Holy Trinity Episcopal



We are in need of liturgists for the upcoming months. We would like to fill the summer slots.

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



Date	Preaching	Worship Leaders	Ushers
June 7	Rev. Cory Young	Sharon Schreurs	Gray's
June 14	AnDee Steiner	Ann Hardesty	
June 21	Rev. Cory Young	Janet Zimmerman	
June 28	Kathrine Ross	Shone Gray	Birr's



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Welcome Basket for Rev. Patricial Bell

SPR is looking for monetary donations to put together a welcome basket for Rev. Patricia and her husband. Please notate on your check or envelope when you give or you can give it directly to someone on SPR. We will collect thru the month of June and then they will get a wonderful welcome basket put together for her arrival. If you have any questions please speak with someone on SPR.



Farewell Luncheon

The UMW will be hosting a farewell luncheon for Rev. Cory on Sunday, June 7th at 11:30am. They will be providing fried chicken. Bring a side to share.

Rev. Cory's final day will be June 21st



Skip, Alora's best friend, Marilyn and Roy, Ann's son and family, Patrick, the Graduates, those affected by suicide, Critter and Zara, those in the hospital, Kylie, Sharon's granddaughter, Nancy Tarver, Carlos Jr., Diana Craft, Jane, Kyle Busch family, Orange County CA, Alesha, Mary's sister in law Carol, Karen's family, Jill's sisters family, Margaret, Greg, Kathrine, Candace, Dave Olson

The Church Office



Will Be Closed:

The church office will be closed on June 23-25th while Meghan attends her nieces wedding. She will be in the office Monday June 22nd and Friday June 26th.

Any items that need to be left for Meghan, there is now an "In box" on her desk. Please put items there so they don't get missed or lost.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Scouts @ 6 pm	3	4	5	6 Soup Kitchen @ 10:30am
7 Farewell Luncheon @ 11:30	8	9 Scouts @ 6 pm Jesus and Jack @ 6pm Griners	10	11 Finance @ 5:30pm	12	13
		Rev. Cory at Annual Conference				
14 Ad Council @ 10:30am	15	16 Prayer Shawl @ 4pm Scouts @ 6 pm	17	18	19	20
	Vacation Bible School					
21	22	23 Scouts @ 6 pm	24	25	26	27
		Meghan Out of the Office/ Office Closed				
28	29 Gillette Assistance League Meeting @ 11:30 am	30 Scouts @ 6 pm				

Spenser Pierce	June 05
Julie Fall	June 06
Ann Hardesty	June 06
Kim Murphy	June 06
Jan Hastings	June 08
Carol Bowersox	June 14
AnDee Steiner	June 26
Janice Curry	June 28
Cory Young	June 28



Thayne and Shone Gray	June 02
John and Kathy Nuzum	June 25
Tim and Wanda Fox	June 25