

First United Methodist Church
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To Our Friends:

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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.*

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

Pastor: Patricia Bell
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Open Minds
Open Doors
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The days are getting cooler. The sun is going down sooner, and it is dark outside when I get up. These are all sure signs that the weather is changing, and Fall has begun!



As I think about the life of First United Methodist Church in Gillette, I'm amazed at what congregation members do "outside" of Sunday mornings. Many people volunteer at the Senior Center – to help cook or serve the lunches. Some drive veterans around town who no longer have the ability to drive themselves. One person has taken on playing guitar and singing at Legacy Living and Rehabilitation Center for the residents there. Another person cooks almost every day in the "soup" kitchen. They don't serve soup, interestingly. They serve a free meal to those who are homeless or are residents at the Way Station. These parishioners have seen a need, and they just fill the need. They don't want recognition. In many ways, they are quiet disciples. When I tell them that they are doing ministry – they tend to brush me off and say, "I just enjoy helping others." But they all have gifts and graces that they are willing to share with people they don't even know. They do their work quietly, in the background, and just keep doing it.

I think that is what Jesus has always wanted of his followers. Being a Jesus follower is not just about going to church on Sunday mornings or watching the live stream. Being a Jesus follower means that our relationship with Jesus changes us. It means that we joyfully get involved in other people's lives – helping them when and wherever we can.

In the Book of Discipline (our rules and regulations book that guides how we do church as Methodists) has a "Social Principles" section. John Wesley was always about bringing one's faith into the surrounding community. John himself started visiting people in prison when no one else was willing to do so. He recognized that inmates needed the love of Jesus just like anyone else did.

As I ponder John Wesley and Jesus' teachings, I think that they both are smiling at the way people who attend First UMC of Gillette take their faith seriously, sharing their gifts and graces with the community of Gillette, WY. Thank you!

Rev. Patricia Bell

THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE OH MY GOODNESS

Operating Income for June	Operating Expenses for June	Deficit of
\$11,538.00	\$21,393.76	\$(9,855.76)
Operating Income for July	Operating Expenses for July	Deficit of
\$11,538.00	\$16,145.69	\$(4,607.69)
Operating Income for August	Operating Expenses for August	Surplus of
\$13,887.00	\$13,304.57	\$582.43
Operating Year 2026 Income	Operating Year 2026 Expenses	Deficit of
\$110,581.00	\$129,139.44	\$(18,558.44)

We have used about \$17,000 of the excess funds in the checking account since January, leaving us with around \$11,000.00.

We have a CD worth \$21,928.38. We will need approximately \$9,300.00 of this for repairs and maintenance items that have become necessary to continue moving forward with the HVAC system.

We have \$6,546.87 in a First Fund Account, earning 1% interest. We will be using around \$850.00 to renew the mortgage on the parsonage. The bank is offering 6.75% (prime rate), amortized at 12 years, with four (4) years of payments that will change our mortgage payment about \$10.00 more per month. These unexpected expenditures will only leave us with \$18,000.00+ in reserved funds for any emergency or to cover operating expenses. That’s not a lot of extra funds.

Phase I of the HVAC projects is complete. We are working towards Phase III – air conditioning. The air condensing unit has been purchased (\$16,500.00) with an additional \$6,400.00 towards the \$42,500.00 needed to complete Phase III. You have been wonderful in giving towards the HVAC account this summer. Anytime that you want to give to that fund, it is truly appreciated. Grants are being looked at to try and recoup some of the expenses.

Harvest Bazaar



Saturday, October 17th from 9-3
Raffle baskets due by October 1st
Bazaar set up October 16th from 3-7pm
We still have vendor spaces available. Spread the word.
Stew sign up sheets are out



October 4
October 11 Niko
October 18
October 25

Home Visits

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



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



Date	Preaching	Worship Leaders	Ushers
October 4	Rev. Patricia Bell	Mike Urlaub	Gray’s
October 11	Rev. Patricia Bell	Tammy Huber	
October 18	Rev. Patricia Bell	Kathy Nuzum	
October 25	Shone Gray	Claudia Urlaub	Birr’s



Sunday Worship Schedule

8am Contemplative Service

9:15-10:15 am Blended Worship

JESUS
& JACK

A Monthly Gathering
for Seekers



Friendship Circle will meet
October 8th at 10am. We will
be making busy bags.

Tuesday, October 13th at
6pm at Grinners



OATH

Tuesday, October 20th at
noon. Bring a side to share



Join us October 20th at 4pm.

Thank
you!

Thank you to all the ladies who helped and
donated desserts for the funeral luncheon.
Rochelle



Kevin, Chuck's friend, friend who had identity stolen, Mary Hunter, Friends
grandson, Shawna, Granddaughter and baby girl, Aaron Gray family,
conflict, those going through changes

September 15 – October 15 is our second time of the year to give to the Mary Dickey/
Rose Rennell Scholarship fund. We appreciate any donations towards this worthwhile
program that is able to help graduating seniors with funds for college.

We always experience a giving decline in the summer because of vacations and such,
but now is the time to help decrease our deficit. Many committees are trying very hard
to stay below their budget. The reality is, our pledges for the 2026 budget did not cover
the payroll of 118,000.00+, (which is the biggest expense of any organization). The rest
of our budget for this year is based on faith in the amount \$95,000.00+. We cannot do
this without you.

If you're needing to catch up on your giving, please do so. You aren't a regular giver, but
your time is right to start now, please do so. Are you out of town on weekends often?
Our online giving platform is easy to setup monthly or weekly giving. It gets sent directly
to the church from your bank account, debit or credit card and we can also take Apple
Pay and other payment platforms. Setup your giving by texting GIVE to 307-219-0250. If
you run into a problem with online giving, please contact me at 307-689-4341.

Claudia Urlaub, Treasurer

Pumpkin Patch 2026

- Patch decorating between now and October 10th. We need the north corral
covered and photo props put up. We will also need the bounce house
cleaned and are going to look at doing that around the 9th
- Pumpkins arrive on Sunday October 11th at 12:30pm. We are looking at
having a lunch right after Ad Council, before we unload pumpkins.
- Trunk or Treat will be on October 25th from 2-3:30pm. We invite
everyone to join in.





Rust Steiner	October 01
Chris Anthes	October 02
Kelani Urlaub	October 03
Bruce Bowersox	October 04
Chad Christensen	October 15
Chad Hooker	October 15
Dawson Murphy	October 18
Cheryl Land	October 21
Sharon Schreurs	October 22
Taylor Snyder	October 24
Linda Robertson	October 25

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Soup Kitchen @ 10:30am
4 UMW Meeting @ 10:30am Book Study @ 11am	5	6 Scouts @ 6 pm	7	8 Friendship Circle @ 10am Finance @ 5:30pm Pastor Patricia Gone	9	10
11 Ad Council @ 10:45am Pumpkins arrive @ 12:30	12	13 Jesus and Jack @ 6pm Grinners Scouts @ 6 pm	14 Book Study @ 1pm	15	16 Harvest Bazaar set up 3-7pm	17 Harvest Bazaar 9- 3pm
18 Book Study @ 11am	19	20 OATH @ noon Prayer Shawl @ 4pm Scouts @ 6 pm	21 Book Study @ 1pm	22	23	24
	Pastor Patricia Gone					
25 Trunk or Treat 2- 3:30pm 	26	27 Scouts @ 6 pm	28 Book Study @ 1pm	29	30	31



Brad and Rochelle Christensen	October 22
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