

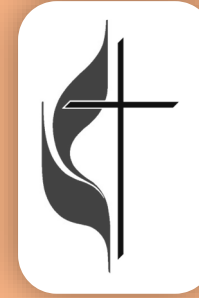
First United Methodist Church

2000 W. Lakeway

Gillette, WY 82718

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To Our Friends:



Open Hearts

Open Minds

Open Doors

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The Mountain Sky Conference in recent years has started a new process for new pastors getting appointed to new churches. They call it "onboarding". The purpose of onboarding is to shorten the time that it takes for the congregation and the new pastor to start working collaboratively. Recently, we had a date set for "onboarding". However, due to weather issues, Rev. Stephanie Moffitt could not fly from Denver to Gillette, WY. We apologize for the inconvenience this caused many of you. Rev. Stephanie is a trained facilitator in the onboarding process. Prior to getting ordained as a deacon in the United Methodist Church, she worked as a teacher. Today she is the Director of Vital Leadership Journeys at the Mountain Sky Conference. She works with all Methodist churches/pastors across Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and Utah.

The new date for onboarding is Sunday, Sept. 20th following Sunday worship from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. Rev. Stephanie and I felt it appropriate to invite the entire congregation. At the beginning of the meeting, we will all meet together. I'll then leave while Rev. Stephanie introduces the process and answers any questions. She will lead the discussion. The data that Rev. Stephanie gathers will be anonymous, encouraging laity to speak freely and transparently. I'll return to the meeting, and we all have a discussion about what information was discovered. This process helps the laity get a deeper dive knowledge of who I am as a pastor, leader and human being. I'll get a better picture of what is important for the congregation. This process provides a springboard to start doing ministry together on a positive note.

Susan Eickbush is the point person for this onboarding meeting. She will be getting lunch for us consisting of sandwiches, chips, and water. I invite all ya'll to come! It is a very positive, fun experience and research shows that it really helps the pastor gel with the congregation faster. Please RSVP with Susan so that she can get a count for the food. Thank you so much! I look forward to collaborating with you for years to come!

Rev. Patricia

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

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Gillette Assistance League School Supply Giveaway 2026

Volunteers Stats

- 123 volunteers
- approx. 336.5 hours

Clothes Swap

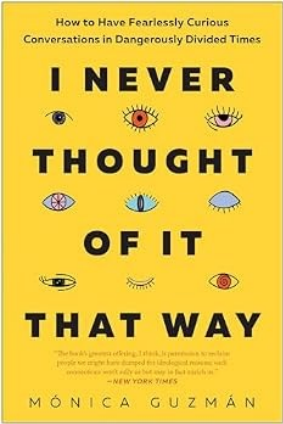
- 185 families
- approx. 3-500 kids

Students Served

- 639

Boxes of food

- 500 +



New dates to start!
Weekly: starting Sunday September 27 at 11:00 am - noon
OR
Starting Wednesday, September 30th at 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Where? "Acts" Classroom at church



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

Save the Dates!!!!

Pumpkins due to arrive Sunday October 11th at 12:30pm
Harvest Bazaar Saturday, October 17th

Watch for sign up sheets to be out soon.

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



Date	Preaching	Worship Leaders	Ushers
September 6	Rev. Patricia Bell	Janet Zimmerman	Gray's
September 13	Rev. Patricia Bell	Shone Gray	
September 20	Rev. Patricia Bell	Thayne Gray	
September 27	Rev. Patricia Bell	Sharon Schreurs	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 September 10. Susan and Alice will teach us how to make vanilla. Supplies for the project are provide. Come and learn a new skill.

Tuesday, September 8th at 6pm at Grinners



OATH

Tuesday, September 15 at noon. Bring a side to share



Join us September 15th at 4pm.

Tom for fixing the drip line and sprinklers

Susan and Craig for weed eating

Susan for cleaning out the weeds from the rock area

Mike for keeping up with the mowing

Dave for mowing the field

Thank you!



Diana Kraft family, Donna Bowersox, Kathrine, Ric, Zimmerman’s daughter in law’s family, baby Declan, Carla and Jason, Ryan’s sister, Donna, Jill and husband, Barb Perry’s son in law, AnDee brother in law, those going thru surgery, Roys’s mom, Nepal

Onboarding

So, it's great we have a new pastor, right? Well, maybe...we are not sure! The Mountain Sky Conference has started an "onboarding" process. Rev. Stephanie Moffit is a trained facilitator to do an "Onboarding process" of new pastors. She will be at First UMC of Gillette on September 20th (Sunday) from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. She will meet with congregation members separate from Rev. Patricia. Then, she will facilitate a discussion between Rev. Patricia and congregation members. The purpose of this onboarding is safe, transparent communication between the congregation and Rev. Patricia. The idea is to get Rev. Patricia up to speed with the congregation and on the same page with the congregation as quickly as possible. Lunch will be served (sandwiches, chips, and water). Please RSVP to Susan Eickbush so she has a count for food. Rev. Patricia, Rev. Stephanie and Susan Eickbush hope to see a good turnout! It will be a great time.



Lights!!!!!!

If you have a meeting or gathering at the church, just a reminder to PLEASE check that all the lights are turned off and doors are locked when you leave. If they were left on by a previous group please turn them off and let the office know.

From Me to You Statistics through July

MONTH / YEAR	NEW FAMILIES	FAMILIES	CHILDREN	ADULTS	TOTAL SERVED
January-26	46	181	314	300	614
February-26	46	235	427	314	741
March-26	29	245	420	338	758
Sub-Total	121	661	1161	952	2113
April-26	37	250	429	344	773
May-26	40	273	426	387	813
June-26	60	301	467	412	879
Sub-Total	137	824	1322	1143	2465
July-26	46	234	351	314	665

September



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Soup Kitchen @ 10:30am
6	7	8 Scouts @ 6 pm Jesus and Jack @ 6pm Grinners	9	10 Friendship Circle @ 10am Finance @ 5:30pm	11	12
13 Ad Council @ 10:45am	14	15 OATH @ noon Prayer Shawl @ 4pm Scouts @ 6 pm	16	17	18	19
20 Nursery opens Onboarding 11:00- 1:30pm	21 Page Turners @ 2pm	22 Scouts @ 6 pm	23	24	25	26
27 PACER @ 10:30am Book Study @11am	28	29 Scouts @ 6 pm	30			

Kathrine Ross	September 09
Maryann Michael	September 10
Bryson Topping	September 11
Joann King	September 13
Jim Hastings	September 19
Ripley Lay	September 19
Susie Hooker	September 21
Pat Leair	September 21
Mike Urlaub	September 23
Brttany Branscom	September 26
Derek Hooker	September 29
Timothy Fox	September 30
Jennifer Ivory	September 30



Mike and Claudia Urlaub	September 01
Ken and Janet Zimmerman	September 15
Art and Ann Hardesty	September 18