

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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The Pastor's Door

As the crisp air of fall settles in and trees don their glorious robes of red and gold, we are called to pause and reflect on the changing seasons—not only in nature, but in the seasons of our hearts. Autumn is a time of transformation, a reminder that God's creation is in constant motion and, like the leaves that fall and nourish the earth, we too are invited into a season of renewal and deepening faith.

The book of Ecclesiastes tells us, “To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3:1). This cherished scripture gently reminds us that change is not only inevitable but divinely appointed. Fall teaches us that letting go—whether of old habits, worries, or burdens—can make space for new growth. In our church community, this season is a precious opportunity to renew our commitment to God and to each other.

Autumn's arrival often brings a return to routine after the relaxation of summer. Sunday school resumes, church groups gather, and church events fill the calendar. It is easy to become occupied with the busyness of schedules, yet fall invites us to go deeper, to cultivate intentional connections with those around us. In these months, let us seek ways to strengthen our bonds—through a smile at coffee hour, a shared prayer, or volunteering to serve our neighbors.

Renewal in faith is not something we do alone. Just as the trees in a forest support each other through their roots, we are nourished and supported in community. The love and encouragement we offer can be the very thing that lifts someone's spirit or rekindles their hope.

In our wider community, autumn brings our pumpkin patch, the UMW bazaar, and several opportunities to serve this community. When we open our doors and our hearts, we share the abundance God has so generously provided.

This fall, may we embrace the beauty of change and the gift of renewal. May the vibrant colors inspire us to reflect God's love more brightly, both within our congregation and beyond its walls. And as the days grow shorter and evenings longer, may we find warmth in fellowship, hope in service, and faith renewed by the gentle rhythms of God's creation.

Let us journey through this season together, trusting that “the Lord will continually guide you, and satisfy your soul in drought...and you will be like a watered garden” (Isaiah 58:11). Amen.

Rev. Cory Young



It's time to be thinking about pumpkins!!!!

The pumpkins will be here October 12th. With that being said we have some patch projects that need to be done. If anyone has spare time over the next 4-5 weeks so we can be set and ready to roll as soon as the pumpkins arrive it would be greatly appreciated. A work list is available by the atrium, and some of the items that need to be done include:

- Moving all the items from the big shed to the PACER shed
- Covering the corrals
- Putting in the new post and rail fence
- Painting the PACER shed door
- Building a new farmstand
- Repainting pumpkin signs and making some new ones
- And several other items

For any questions please ask Meghan.



Fall Bazaar!!!

We are getting ready to organize the fall bazaar. It will look a little different this year on our end. There will be a meeting on Sunday, September 7th after worship to lay out all the details. We will be deciding on the silent auction baskets, how we want to advertise, and several other final details. We encourage all to attend.



Thursday, September 14th at 10am. We will be preparing prayer bones for Trunk or Treat.

OATH starts up again in September. It is held the third Tuesday of every month. There will be a sign up sheet for hosts by the atrium.



Join us September 18th at 6:30pm.

Home Visits

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



We are in need of liturgists for the upcoming months.

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



Date	Preaching	Worship Leaders	Ushers
September 7	Rev. Cory Young	Ann Hardesty	Gray's
September 14	Rev. Cory Young	Janet Zimmerman	
September 21	Rev. Cory Young	Mike Urlaub	Fox's
September 28	Rev. Cory Young		Birr's



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8am Contemplative Service

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Sunday School 10:30am all ages

Mary Dickey and Rose Rennell Memorial Scholarship

August 17th six of seven team members met to discuss the individuals applying for a scholarship. It was agreed that each one of them had set goals for their future and were dedicated to the education required to meet those goals. The six applicants were: Jadeyn Snyder, 2nd year, Radiology; Kylie Davies, 2nd year, Animal Sciences; Laura Murphy, 1st year master, school counseling; Marissa Powell, 1st year master, Speech Language Pathology; Nicole Wolf, 1st year master, Business Administration; Sawyer Hanson, 3rd year, Elementary Education. It was voted **unanimously** that each be awarded a \$ 1,000 scholarship. It was also agreed that Chad Christensen’s pursuit of a machining career be awarded a scholarship at the beginning the next session.



Roy and Marilyn, Ray Darnell and family, friend of Cindy Stees, friends of Kim H., Tom (friend of Zimmermans), Perry, Carols brother Bob, Jill and Steve, Kevin, Sheila J., Marge, Greg, those traveling, those affected by natural disasters, those affected by recent shootings, Juli and Lyla

Trustees

The freezer at the parsonage has been replaced. Cost is just under \$900. Craig sprayed the parsonage thistles
Men of the church, Tim, Dennis Chase, Jim, Dave Czapla, Craig and Rusty work on the parking lot cracks.

Craig.



Finance update

School has started. And while some are recovering from all that school shopping, the fi-
nance committee is looking towards the end of the year. That look into the future means
it’s almost time for the next stewardship drive (i.e. money pledged to the church to keep it
operating). We will be looking at the expenditures from this year and determine how much
it takes to keep the doors open, the water and lights on, the heat going and keeping the gar-
bage dumpster emptied weekly. Of course there is payroll and the taxes associated with
that. Then we look at all the other areas-maintenance, necessary or optional. Since we
deal with these items on a regular basis, we may not be seeing the forest from the trees, so
to speak. If there is something you have questions as to why or why not we do the things
we do, please feel free to contact me, Claudia Urlaub at claudiau@bresnan.net or
307-689-4341.

We would like to thank Judith Brown and Ken Zimmerman for joining the finance
committee. Committee meetings are open to all persons attending church. Our next
committee meeting will be held Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 5:30pm at church.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Scouts @ 6 pm	3	4	5	6 Soup Kitchen @ 10:30am
7 UMW meeting @ 10:30am	8	9 Scouts @ 6 pm	10	11 Friendship Circle @ 10am Finance @ 5:30pm	12	13
14 Ad Council @ 10:30am	15	16 OATH @ noon Scouts @ 6 pm	17	18 Prayer Shawl @ 6pm	19	20
21 PACER meeting @ 10:30am	22 Page turners @2pm	23 Scouts @ 6 pm	24	25	26 Women's Retreat Newcastle Lodge	27
28	29	30 Scouts @ 6 pm				

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
Brittany 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