

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

As I sat down to write this monthly newsletter note, the snow is falling. I normally don't really care for snow (I know, I know, it's a shame), but this year I feel a bit different about snow. Since the last major moisture we had was almost three months ago, this snow is really a saving grace.



First it is helping nourish the much-needed ground beneath us. Ground so hard and dry that all the prairie grass is brown. And secondly, it finally helped extinguish the fires that have been plaguing our state since early spring. Relief to many people who have been worried about their homes and ranches all over the state.

It reminds me that so often in our lives things that we really don't like (for me it is snow) can help us out in a meaningful way. I think that is the joy of God! That no matter what life hands to us, God can make the worst thing turn out for the best. Not that God wants us to suffer, but life has a way of showing the goodness of God in our lives. Though sometimes it takes a while for us to see what God is doing.

Think about the end of the life of Jesus. A man was convicted of a crime he didn't do, crucified, and buried. The Disciples were at a loss; they had no idea that in three days Jesus would be standing in front of them teaching and loving them once more. But those three days were tough for anyone who followed Jesus. They didn't know how God would take something so tragic and turn it into a celebration.

Even the Psalmist wrote about how fleeting sorrow can be. In Psalm 30:5 it says, "Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning." So often in hindsight we see how God has been working in our lives, that we just cannot see when we are in a place of displeasure. But joy does surround us and sometimes it takes something we don't like to show us God's presence.

For me, every year I find myself lamenting the coming snow. I don't like being cold, or shoveling, or driving on bad roads. Yet, as I was driving around on slushy roads yesterday my neighbor's son was out building a snow man and having the time of his life. It is all about perspective and seeing the good even in the things we really don't like.

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What is the good that God is showing you? How are you seeing the joy of the morning? And what are you doing to be that joy for others? As we start our journey towards the Holidays, remember that even the worst thing can be made joyful by God. Sometimes we just have to look for it. God is already with us! My prayer for all of us this month is to see how God has been at work in our lives. Snow can be a blessing, and right now I am thankful for God giving us moisture! May you be thankful for what is doing in your life this month as well!

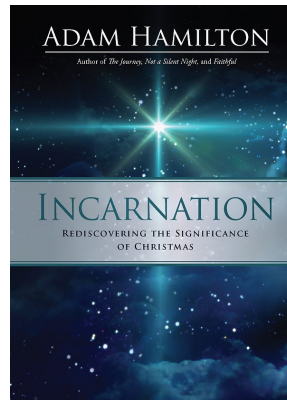
Rev. Cory Young



Poinsettia sales

Worship will be having poinsettia sales in honor or memory of a loved one starting Sunday, November 3rd. Forms are due November 24th.

Advent Study for 2024 it is a book called “Incarnation” by Adam Hamilton. Books will be \$12. We will be meeting after church at 10:45am Dec 1-Dec 22



**Hanging of the Greens
Sunday November 24th after worship**

Mary Dickey Memorial Scholarship Foundation

Since its inception in 2020, there have been five fundraising events, over two hundred thirty applicants, and seventeen \$1000 scholarships awarded. Six were awarded to First United Methodist Church members.

The team normally meets on the first Sunday of each month from January through April. In January we start planning the fundraiser, typically held in April. February is when the students apply for scholarships. In March we review the applications and select the recipients. April, the event is held, raising scholarship funding for the following year.

It has been suggested that the name of the scholarship be changed to the “Mary Dickey and Rose Rennell Memorial Scholarship”. With Rose passing, we are without a chairperson. Current members of the scholarship committee are Cheryl Land; Jan Hastings; Janet Bosecker; Kim Murphy, Pat Leair; Sharon Schreurs; Wanda Fox, and Dale Dickey. If you are interested in joining, please contact any one of the team members.

From Me to You

The clothes swap continues to collect and distribute clothing and miscellaneous items to any person that comes to us. The average number of individuals served per month, so far this year, is 622. We are seeing more homelessness, though. Warm socks and underwear (small, medium & large) are needed. Walmart sends us plus sizes that don’t sell in the store.

After having security cameras for about a year, the sync module disappeared. It has been replaced, but because “the booster won’t extend the Wi-Fi signal through a brick wall”, we are considering other options. **Someone with IT experience and security cameras would be a blessing.**

Aside from donations being left outside the shed and bags being ripped open and gone through inside the shed, all is good at the swap.

UMW Treasurer’s Report

Including the \$349 from 10/20 and \$83.50 from 10/27 – after event sales – the United Methodist Women made \$2533 at this year’s Harvest Bazaar. We are contemplating the best way to use these funds to further our mission.



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 8am Contemplative Service
 9:15-10:15 am Blended Worship
 Sunday School 10:30am all ages



Finance will be hosting donuts to dollars on Sunday, November 10th

BAKE SALE



Niko will be having a bake sale on November 24th to help raise funds to get him to Peru where he will visit Machu Pichu and other ancient ruins.



Thank you to all who supported our fall bazaar. We had a great turn out and huge thanks to all of you who supported and donated to make our BAZAAR a Success!! Thanks to all who cooked, served, washed dishes and set up and break down. I appreciate all of you. Thanks again UMW Rochelle.



Those affected by wildfires and hurricanes, Tom, Jordan and Tiffany Kanode, Sloan, Shone, Craig and Fred's family, Roy, Anderson Family, those traveling, friend of Kelani, Sue Howard's sister, Greg, Mandy Reynolds family



November 3 Koryn
 November 10 Brylie
 November 17 Emma
 November 24 Emma



Join us November 14th at 6:30pm.



Friendship Circle

Thursday, November 14th at 10am.
 We will be doing "make it-take it" pinecones



OATH

Tuesday, November 19th at noon.

Home Visits

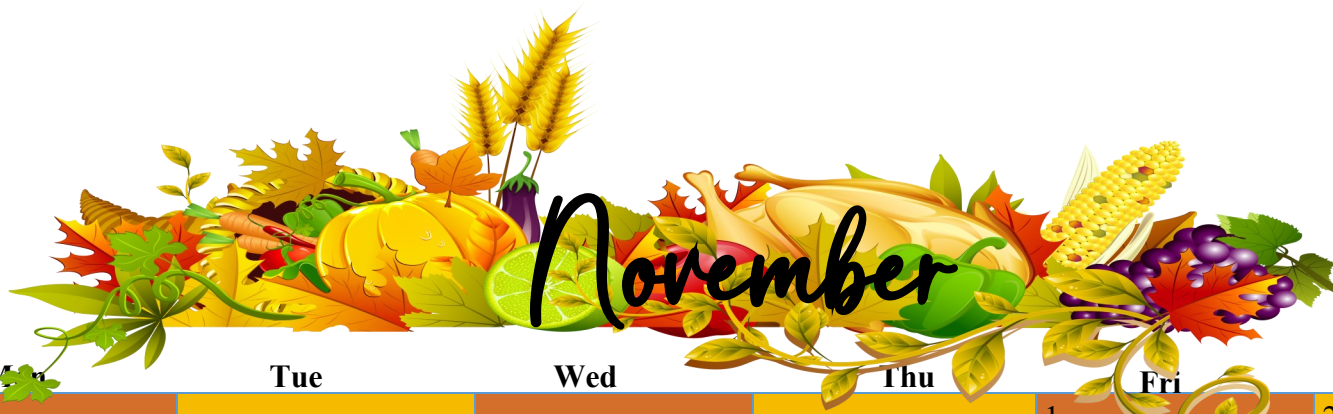
If you would like a home visit please contact Rev. Cory

Reminder to watch us live on Facebook Sunday morning for worship!!!

<https://www.facebook.com/FirstUnitedMethodistofGillette>



Date	Preaching	Worship Leaders	Ushers
November 3	Rev. Cory Young	Ann Hardesty	Gray's
November 10	Rev. Cory Young		Bosecker
November 17	Rev. Cory Young	Sharon Schreurs	Fox's
November 24	Rev. Cory Young		Birr's



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Soup Kitchen @ 10am
3 Ad Council @ 10:30am 	4	5 Scouts @ 6pm	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Jesus and Jack 6pm @Grinners Scouts @ 6pm Girl Scouts 6pm	13	14 Friendship Circle @ 10am Prayer Shawl @ 6:30pm	15	16
17	18	19 GAL @ 11:30am OATH @ 12pm Scouts @ 6pm	20	21	22	23
24 Hanging of the Greens after worship	25	26 Scouts @ 6pm	27	28 	29 Office Closed	30

Sheila Jeremiah	November 05
Danielle Hintz	November 10
Thayne Gray	November 11
Marge Tarno	November 11
Dale Dickey	November 13
Laura Murphy	November 17
Kevin Knutson	November 21
Macy Michael	November 21
Janet Zimmerman	November 22
Carrie Snyder	November 24
Michelle Eicher	November 28
Kathy Nuzum	November 29
Rochelle Christensen	November 30



Jason and Maryann Michael	November 16
Gerald and JoAnn King	November 24
Steve and Susan Shurtz	November 29