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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**

**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**

**Reverend Cory Young**



As we enter February, our hearts and minds turn toward a sacred season in the church year—Lent. This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 18th, marking the beginning of forty days of reflection, repentance, and renewal as we journey with Jesus toward the cross.

Ash Wednesday is a day rich with meaning. The ashen cross placed on our foreheads is a sign of humility and a reminder of our mortality: “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Yet, it is also a sign of love—a reflection of the cross marked on us in baptism, and a reminder that we are God’s beloved children. The ashes call us to repentance, but also to hope, for God “is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love” (Joel 2:13).

Lent is a time to pause, to take stock of our lives, and to draw closer to God. It is a season for prayer, fasting, and a time to reconnect with God. Some may choose to give something up, while others may take on a new spiritual practice. However, you observe this season, let it be a time to reflect on what Jesus has done for us and to prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

This year, I invite you to join me each Tuesday evening for our special Lenten book study. This year my friend and former seminary professor Dr. Jim Papandrea will be teach us about the Book of Revelation. We will be joining him Tuesday evenings starting on February 24 at 6pm on Zoom. Books is called “The Wedding of the Lamb” and copies will be arriving soon and will be \$20. This will be an informative and exciting study for Lent and I encourage you to join us! For those who cannot attend at that time, we will be recording the zoom meetings so they can be watched at your leisure. If you have any questions, please ask me.

May this holy season draw us closer to Christ and to one another.

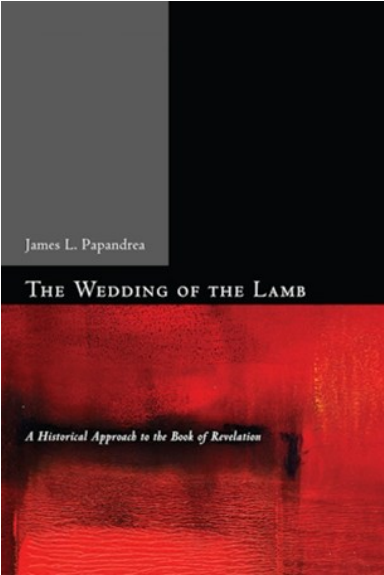
In Christ,

*Reverend Cory Young*

# Lenten Study



•Starting Tuesday February 24 at 6 pm on Zoom we will be discussing the Book of Revelation. And using *The Wedding of the Lamb* by Dr. Jim Papandrea to bring a historical perspective.



Books will be \$20 See Rev Cory for a copy



Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner will start at 6pm on Tuesday, February 16th. The Boy Scouts will be cooking.

Ash Wednesday service will be February 18th at 5:30pm



Will meet Thursday, February 12, 10:00Am. Bring a copy of your favorite recipe to share. Samples are optional.

## OATH

February OATH is the 17th. It will be hosted by Susan and Alice. The menu is baked spaghetti and French bread. Program to be announced.

## Home Visits

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



February 1 Scouts  
February 8  
February 15 Ira



Join us February 19th at 6:30pm.



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
February 1	Rev. Cory Young	Scouts	Scouts
February 8	Shone Gray	Jannet Zimmerman	
February 15	Rev. Cory Young	Alice Speirs	Fox's
February 22	Re. Cory Young		Birr's



Sunday Worship Schedule

8am Contemplative Service

9:15-10:15 am Blended Worship



Confirmation

Confirmation Classes

February 11– Kelani’s

February 25– Kathrine’s



The UMW’s annual “Holy Treasures” sale will be Saturday, May 2nd. Items can be dropped off on Thursday, April 30th and Friday May 1st. If you need to bring items prior to that talk to the office.

A note of Thanks to all the church for your Love, Prayers, cards and visits to Marge and our family. Thank you to all who helped prepare her meal, set up and break down chairs and tables.

Art Tarno and family



Kelani and Alora, Marilynn and Roy, Cook family, Susan’s daughter in law’s parents, Cory’s dad, Aunt Beu Miller, Kathrine’s dad, Sharon Schurers, those traveling, Grayson, Tarno family, all the violence

A Word from Finance

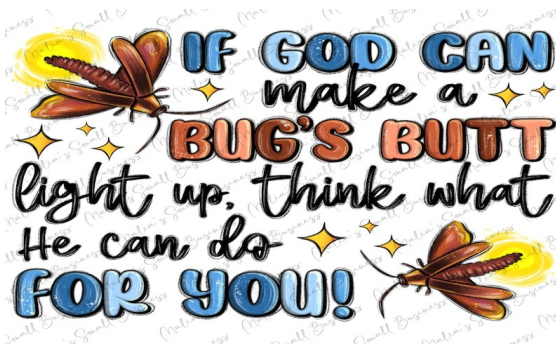
Church stewardship giving is fundamentally a spiritual act of gratitude, obedience, and trust in God’s provision rather than just a financial obligation. Key motivations include supporting the church’s mission and outreach, fostering personal spiritual growth, and acknowledging God as the ultimate source of all blessings. Giving helps transform hearts, builds community, and ensures the sustainability of ministry.

Key Reasons for church stewardship giving include:

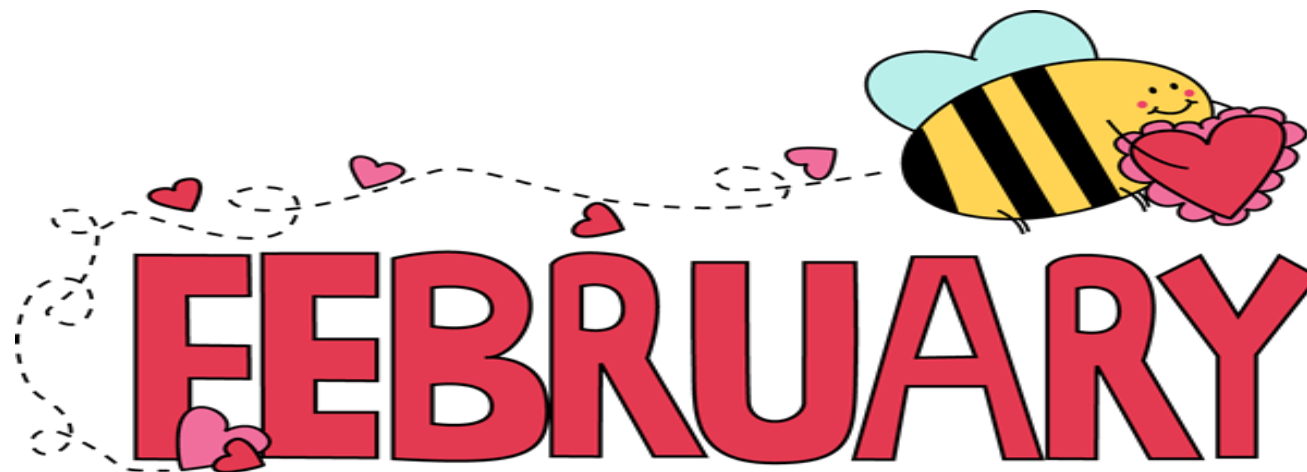
- **Response to God’s Generosity/Grace:** Giving is a way to express gratitude for the blessings, love, and life received from God.
- **Obedience to Biblical Teaching:** Many give because it is a commanded, spiritual act that demonstrates faithfulness, such as tithing.
- **Supporting Mission and Vision:** Donors are motivated by a desire to see the church’s impact in the community and support its long-term ministry goals.
- **Spiritual Growth/Discipleship:** Giving cultivates a joyful, compassionate, and less materialistic heart, acting as a spiritual discipline that prevents stagnation.
- **Trust in God’s Provision:** It serves as an act of faith, showing trust that God will provide for personal needs while giving to the church.
- **Tangible Impact and Trust in Leadership:** People are more inclined to give when they see clear, transparent, and effective use of funds, and when church leadership is fully committed.

Stewardship is viewed as a total way of life-managing time, talent, and treasure-rather than just a periodic fundraising effort.

*\*Taken from AI Overview on the internet*







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Finance @ 5:30pm Meghan off early	7 Soup Kitchen @ 10:30am
8 Ad Council @ 10:30am	9	Rev. Cory Gone				14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
15	16	17 OATH @ noon Scouts @ 6 pm	18 Ash Wednesday Service @ 5:30pm	19	20	21
22	23	24 Lent Book study 6pm by zoom Scouts @ 6 pm	25 Confirmation Class 6pm @ Kathrine's	26	27	28

Steve Shurtz	February 06
Kylie Davies	February 10
Ric Tarno	February 10
Mary Edwards	February 12
Tammy Huber	February 12
Dave Dorson	February 13
Lindsay Wakefield	February 15
Sawyer Hanson	February 16
Carter Nordhaugen	February 21
William Snyder	February 24
Tim Hanson	February 26
Susan Howard	February 28



Tim and Maurica Hanson	February 06
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