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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

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Open Minds
Open Doors

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The Pastor's Door

Reverend Cory Young

As we start 2026 I keep finding it amazing what this church continues to do in the community! What I love is that this is a church that does mission so naturally. It needs to be done, and it is done, no questions asked. I want you to know how rare this is! I know churches double our size that couldn't do half of the missional work we do, and to me that is really showing how you live your faith each and every day.

Why do I bring this up? Well, I want to encourage you to keep doing the work you are doing! So often we find that we get tired, annoyed, frustrated, or just burned out on helping others that we start to feel "it is someone else's job" but it is not! We are called to serve, we are called to act, and we are called to do our best for those around us. In my time as a pastor, I have heard almost every excuse on why something cannot be done. But we are called to be active in our faith! Be in community, use our skills to better the world (or at least our small part of it), and to step up to the plate when asked.

Jesus wasn't a person who sat behind a desk, nor was he a person who sat by and just observed. He acted! And he asked his disciples to act as well. So that is my encouragement to you is that as we start this new year, we find ways to stop asking others to do our work for us, but rather to ask how we can do the work together.

Christmas decorations are coming down soon, and when we look at the sanctuary in a week, we will all think it looks bare. And sometimes our faith feels bare too. We struggle to talk to God, we lament what should have been, we find ourselves being cynical towards the future, or just plain tired. We are human after all, and that means we all have our moments. Some last for a day, while others can last a while. Even Jesus got tired, and you have to imagine that the early church leaders were tired from time to time as well. Rest is important, but so is doing what God has asked of you.

I am profoundly grateful for all that you do for this community and this church! But if you are looking for a time to start changing this church for the better, I would suggest the time be now! And if you do have such a suggestion, I would encourage you to pray for it and see how you can be a part of the change. Not just as the person with the idea, but as a person who is willing to see that idea through.

January can be a difficult time for many as we feel we too are stripped bare, but know that even in the winter God is with us and spring is just around the corner!

Happy New Year Cory

A Word from Finance

A few years ago, we started a new process for preparing our budget with an attempt at telling our story. This year, we added to that story by asking our committees to consider the “Faith is the foundation of Generosity.”

They were asked to specifically state their mission, budget needs (current story), ideas for 2026 (rewriting their story), prayer requests (Be specific-tell the story) and if there is a dream for their committee that would require a major financial input, would they be willing to fundraise for it.

Mission: Our church strives to be an inclusive and grow community, which will serve others and share the knowledge of God’s unconditional love, celebrate the love of God as a community. The current story states that weekly bulletins, some supplies along with pulpit supply including music are an important part of worship. Keeping up with maintenance is the story of the trustees.

In rewriting our story, worship wants to continue with the same supplies from worship. Trustees are looking towards the repair or replacement of the heating system and thermostats and the addition of Air Conditioning. In 2026 missions is looking to support the Illini 4000 dinner and donations to their program. Ideas for the Scouts for 2026 would be for the church to pay the total recharter fee of \$200 for the Pack and for the Troop.

Our prayer requests are to make our worship dynamic & inspiring, what avenues to head in our heat and air conditioning concerns, continuing prays and support with funds and physical support for other missions the church supports, and for each scout and leader to be successful in their trail and that funding is not a cause to stop attending the program.

And oh, the dreams. Trustees want to replace the boiler and add air conditioning. Scouts dream for each scout and leader to have to pay for membership fees, camping fees, gas for trips, upkeep on equipment. Most leaders pay for their own fees, gas and equipment.



On January 8 at 10:00am. Janice Curry will teach us how to make picture frames

OATH Janice Curry and Carol Hanson are the hosts on January 20, 2026. They ask that you bring a picture of an ancestor who influenced you. Watch for more details.

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
January 4	Rev. Cory Yount	Mike Urlaub	Gray's
January 11	Rev. Cory Young	Shone Gray	
January 18	Rev. Cory Young		Fox's
January 25	Penny Kremer		Birr's



January 4 Zelda

January 11 Zelda

January 18 Ira

January 25



Join us January 15th at 6:30pm.



Sunday Worship Schedule
8am Contemplative Service
9:15-10:15 am Blended Worship



Confirmation Classes

January 14—Kathrine's house

January 21

January 28



We collected \$923.88 for B.O.C.E.S. this quarter.



Tarno Family, Eliason Family, Phil's family, Jill and Steve, Gillman's, Pierce's, Rocky Vondra, those fighting cancer, Koryn's friend, Jeanie, those that are alone, shooting victims in Australia and at Brown University, John Melgaard family, Danielle Gray's step dad's family, Kevin's friend, Karen, those turning to suicide and teens in crisis.

Year		New Families	Families	Children	Adults	Total Served
2025	Year end total	959	3364	5111	4118	9229
	12 mo average	80	281	426	343	769
2024	Year end total	427	2666	4141	3410	7551
	12 mo average	36	222	345	284	629
2023	Year end total	315	2435	3729	2991	6720
	12 mo average	26	203	311	249	560
2022	Year end total	374	1916	2811	2294	5105
	12 mo average	32	160	234	192	425
2021	Year we moved from FUMC					

Happy New Year! From Me to You had a fantastic year!
Just looking at the increase of new families, there has been a 50% growth!

BUT, let's not just look at the statistics, instead, let's look at some of the reasons why I LOVE to serve at this ministry.

I love it when a man comes in looking for a size 12 work boot and finds it in the back room, with the help of another dedicated volunteer, and leaves with not only the boots but Carhart overalls that are just his size. I love it when **he agrees that this was a God thing.**

I get to know the people; I get to hear their stories; I get to share in their joys and in their sorrows. Many of them have shared with me the road they have traveled. Many have allowed me to pray with them, yes folks, right there amid others waiting to sign in.

I have been blessed with the trust of new parents that leave their babies in my care while they shop.

I have been blessed with sharing the story of Jesus and how he loves each one of us, including the young child who chooses to stay at my table and talk to 'Miss Pat'.

I love the hugs I get, even when it offends my nose!

I love (and hate) to hear "We don't know what our family would do without you."

I love it when our volunteers say they would rather be here with us because of the love and support we give to each other.

I may not be able to do much, but God has put me on this path and I am blessed by it.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Soup Kitchen @ 10:30am
4	5	6 Scouts @ 6 pm	7	8 Friendship Circle 10am Finance @ 5:30pm	9	10 Meghan Gone
11 Ad Council 10:30am	12	13 Jesus and Jack @ 6pm at Grinners Scouts @ 6 pm	14 Confirmation Class @ Kathrine's house 6pm	15	16	17
18	19	20 OATH @ noon Scouts @ 6 pm	21 Confirmation Class	22	23	24 Rev. Cory Gone
25	26	27	28 Confirmation Class	29	30	31 Rev. Cory Gone

Barb Anthes	January 03
Jeff Wasserburger	January 08
Gerald King	January 09
Penny Kremer	January 09
Charla Carlson	January 17
Maurica Hanson	January 18
Zelda Lay	January 18
Patrick Murphy	January 19
Meghan Hanson	January 23
Janet Bosecker	January 25



Tim and Pat Leair	January 22
Kevin and Marcia Knutson	January 24