

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

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The Pastor's Door

Reverend Cory Young

There is a question that I used to hear when I was in college from my pastor that still makes me think when Lent comes around each year. The question was a simple one, but the answer wasn't as easy as it seemed. "How will Lent change you this year?" Talk about a loaded question!

We all practice Lent in many different ways. Some of us add a spiritual practice; some of us abstain from things that we find pleasurable or hindering us from finding a closer relationship with God; and some of us change nothing and assume that Lent is just a time that we get ready for Easter. No matter what way you choose to practice Lent, it is not wrong. But at the end of the 40 days (45 including Sundays) we should be different. Lent should change us in some way. Good or bad. The Church started Lenten practices for a couple of reasons. One, it was to remind us of Jesus spending the 40 days in the wilderness. And two, as a time to reflect on our mortality and the humanity we all have. It wasn't about shaming and telling everyone they are going to be punished for their sins, but to remind us that we are human and sin is part of who we are. To acknowledge that in our life is to understand that forgiveness doesn't come from anything we do, but from Jesus Christ alone.

Think about it for a moment. Without Jesus Christ our salvation is impossible. We can never do enough, pay enough, or pray enough to be granted pardon for our humanity. But the good news in this is that we don't have to. Jesus did it for us. And Lent is a way for us to remember the love that God has for each of us. For even while we were sinners we were forgiven. Grace abounds, and so does God's love!

I am going to ask you to reflect on the question above; how will Lent change you this year? I think it a great question to ask ourselves and the answer might surprise you! We might think that nothing will change as we approach Easter, or our lives might look very different after these 40 days. But there is one thing that is for sure Lent will end, Easter will come, and Jesus Christ will destroy the power of death through the empty tomb!

We are all on a road to Easter, but at different places along that road. Some are way ahead, others falling behind, some have stopped, and others have yet to begin. I ask that we encourage each other this Lent and see how God will change this church in 40 short days! We all might be surprised at what God can do through us and for us!

Rev. Cory Young

Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday– March 29th

Good Friday service–April 3rd at 6pm

Easter Sunrise Service– April 5th at 6:15am

Easter Breakfast– April 5th from 7:30-8:45am

Easter Service– April 5th at 9:15am

Easter Egg Hunt– April 5th at 10:30am



OATH

February Oath (old as the hills) group held our monthly potluck February 17 with 17 people present. Our main dish was baked spaghetti and French bread, many side dishes and desserts. The program was highlighting Presidents Day, different ways the states celebrate and recognize the presidents of the United States along with some little known facts and dates. We also had a fun question sheet to test your knowledge. See how many you can get.

Which US Presidents were Eagle Scouts? There was only one.

Which US Presidents were farmers? There were five, one recent president raised a snack we all enjoy.

Which US Presidents had military experience and reached the rank of general? There are 12.

Which US Presidents graduated from a military academy? There were 3.

Which US Presidents were teachers at a university? There are 5. Two are recent occupants of the White House.

Which US President achieved the most education. He had a PhD.

The answers will be elsewhere in the newsletter.

March Oath will be March 17 we eat at noon. Tammy and the Clarkelen group are hosting. The meal is chicken and noodles.



Will meet Thursday, March 12, 10:00Am. we will spring into Spring by planting seeds in the pots we bring. Soil will be provided.



March 1 Emma
 March 8
 March 15
 March 22
 March 29



Join us March 19th 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
March 1	Rev. Cory Young	Alora Urlaub	Confirmands
March 8	Rev. Cory Young	Janet Zimmerman	
March 15	Rev. Cory Young		Fox's
March 22	Rev. Cory Young	Claudia Urlaub	Birr's
March 29	Rev. Cory Young		



Sunday Worship Schedule

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

Easter Worship Schedule

Sunrise Service
Easter Service 9:15-10:15 am



Confirmation Classes

March 11 – Kelani’s

March 25 – Art’s



Confirmation

The UMW’s annual “Holy Crap” 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.

Answers: Eagle Scout - Gerald Ford

- Farmers - Jimmy Carter, Harry Truman, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abe Lincoln
- Generals-George Washington, Andrew Jackson, Wm Henry Harrison, Zachary Taylor, Franklin Pierce, Andrew Johnson, Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James Garfield, Chester Arthur, Ben Harrison, Dwight Eisenhower.
- Military academy-Ulysses S. Grant, Dwight Eisenhower, Jimmy Carter
- Teachers- Garfield, Taft, Wilson, Clinton, Obama
- Most education- Dr. Woodrow Wilson, PhD.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Marlago, Boyd family, Slade Blakeman family, Bietz Family, Diana Kraft, Mary’s husband, Sparks family, College friend of Claudia, Mike and family, Oakley, Kelani’s Aunt, Kim’s family, Marilynn and Roy, Mary Hunter, Sharon

A Word from Finance

In January, the Ad Council approved for the finance committee to move away from Quickbooks and work with Amplify and Ministry Brands. This will save us money on ACH and credit card fees. The ACH fees in Breeze are 1.2% and in Amplify it will be 1% and \$0.42 per transaction. Amplify also allows you to cover the fees. We build into our budget each year the credit card fees, but our money will go a little further for those who choose to cover the fees themselves.

What does this mean for you ? For those who give online there will be a change to the link you use for your giving. When we have that completely set up and running, we will send out the information through weekly emails, Sunday power point and/or bulletin and monthly newsletter.

The other benefit to this is a total linkage of our church management. Everything from changing addresses or phone numbers, to attendance, to communications from the office to you and for those work areas that want to see where they are at with their budget, it’s available online.

This is all a work-in-progress and is not going as fast as we had hoped. Daily living gets in the way with our schedules as well as the times they have available to help us get things setup and going.

If at any time you have question, please feel free to reach out to me via phone (307-689-4341) or my treasurer’s email (treas.umc.gillette@gmail.com).



The Confirmation Class will be hosting our annual Easter Egg hunt after the 9:15 service for children up to 8 years old. Bring your Baskets!!!

Weather permitting the hunt will be outside. Don’t forget to search for the golden egg for the special prize. Each kid will also receive an Easter prize once all the eggs are found so don’t forget to find Rev. Cory after you found your eggs!!

MARCH



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

Greg Schreurs	March 08
Alora Urlaub	March 10
Juli Pierce	March 12
Lillie Hintz	March 14
Garrett Davies	March 16
Art Hardesty	March 19
Linda Blakeman	March 20
Lyla Pierce	March 25
Jason Michael	March 29