

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 we are about to embark on the journey of Lent, I am filled with a profound sense of hope and anticipation for the blessings that this season brings. Lent is a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal—a sacred period that invites us to draw closer to God and to embrace His infinite grace and love.



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and spans 40 days (excluding Sundays), culminating in the joyous celebration of Easter. This period is reminiscent of the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness, fasting and praying, preparing for His ministry (Matthew 4:1-2). Similarly, Lent offers us an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds for the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

During Lent, we are called to examine our lives, to acknowledge our shortcomings and sins, and to seek forgiveness and transformation. It is a time to let go of the burdens that weigh us down and to open ourselves to the healing power of God's love. Through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity, we can deepen our relationship with God and with one another.

The season of Lent is not solely about sacrifice; it is also a time of hope and renewal. As we strip away the distractions and excesses of our lives, we create space for God's light to shine through. Lent is an invitation to rediscover the beauty and simplicity of a life centered on faith.

Hope is the anchor that sustains us through the challenges and trials we face. In Lent, we find hope in the promise of resurrection and new life. We are reminded that no matter how dark or difficult our circumstances may seem, God's love is always present, guiding us towards the light. As it is written in Romans 12:12, "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

As we journey through Lent, let us remember that this season is a gift—a time to reflect, repent, and renew. It is a time to draw closer to God and to experience the profound hope that comes from His love and grace. May we embrace this season with open hearts and minds, and may we be transformed by the power of His Spirit.

Rev. Cory Young

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On UMCOR Sunday, we join our United Methodist connection in a special offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the humanitarian relief and development arm of the church. UMCOR comes alongside individuals, families, and communities affected by natural or human-caused disasters - famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire, or other events - to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope.

Your donations equip UMCOR to respond quickly when disaster strikes and to stay for the long term. From training volunteers to keeping the office lights on, the UMCOR Sunday special offering helps cover the costs of this nonprofit United Methodist organization. It allows 100% of gifts given in response to disasters to be used to help following a disaster.

Thanks to UMCOR's reliable infrastructure, expert leadership, and trained volunteers, every dollar received is leveraged to work as hard as possible to meet the needs of people in crisis around the world. UMCOR equips and partners with churches, annual conferences, and local organizations to help communities rebuild, even when rebuilding takes years.



A Note From Finance

Thank you. To whom? To all of you that support the finances of this church. I love what I do as Treasurer and head of the Finance Committee. To be honest here, there are times when I get concerned that we might run short of funds for our obligations. The longer I do this though, I've learned that God is faithful just as you are faithful in your financial support. Also, thank you to our faithful Finance Committee members: Chad Hooker, Jim Hastings, Pat Wilson-Lear, and Craig Speirs. Their input is always valued. Blessings to all of you. Claudia

2024 Statistics

From Me to You Clothes Swap

With Comparative Averages 2021-2024

MONTH / YEAR	# of SWAPS / DAYS OPEN	NEW FAMILIES	FAMILIES	CHILDREN	ADULTS	TOTAL SERVED
January-24	3 / 6	30	165	245	222	467
February-24	3 / 7	40	232	373	308	681
March-24	3 / 5	23	204	309	250	559
April-24	3 / 6	28	220	324	290	614
May-24	3 / 6	25	239	360	306	666
June-24	3 / 5	40	264	418	348	766
July-24	2 / 6	34	214	319	290	609
August-24	3 / 7	46	251	474	294	768
September-24	3 / 5	40	176	264	209	473
October-24	3 / 7	51	291	451	364	815
November-24	3 / 5	39	243	368	325	693
December-24	2 / 4	31	167	236	204	440
Year end total		427	2666	4141	3410	7551
12 mo average		35	222	345	284	629

As the statistics indicate, From Me to You, continues to grow. The team of volunteers project a dramatic increase in numbers due to some marketing strategies we've discussed.

Our volunteers, though, tend to remain steady at 12. Five have volunteered 10+ years; three for 4+ years; and the rest 2 years and under.

2024	Year end total	427	2666	4141	3410	7551
	12 mo average	35	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	31	160	234	191	426
2021	Year end total	317	1132	1726	1432	3158
	10 mo average	31	113	172	143	316



Sunday Worship Schedule

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

Shrove Tuesday



Tuesday, March 4th
5:30pm
Boy Scouts will be cooking!!!

Lent soup and discussion will start on March 12th



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Those affected by the plane crash, Carol and family on their loss, Ashilynn, Chris's son, co worker of Kim, friend of Rochel that passed away and her family, Cousin Frank's family, friend in Casper, Jan, Roy and Marilyn, Claudia brother in law, Art Hardesty, Cousin Terry, and another cousin of Kim's, Charla, Nikki, Michelle, Kathrine's friend Tammy, Byron Community, Green River tunnel accident victims, Daryn Macy, Pridgeon Family, pope and Catholic church



March 2 Niko
March 9 Zelda
March 16 Ira



Join us March 20th at 6:30pm.



Friendship Circle

Thursday, March 13th at 10am. We will be working on a project to enhance our Lenten services in preparation for Easter.

OATH

Tuesday, March 18th 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
March 2	Rev. Cory Young		Gray's
March 9	Rev. Cory Young	Janet Zimmerman	Bosecker
March 16	Rev. Cory Young	Alice Speirs	Fox's
March 23	Rev. Cory Young		Birr's
March 30	Rev. Cory Young		King



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Soup Kitchen @ 10am
	3	4 Shrove Tuesday dinner @ 5:30pm	5 Ash Wednesday Service @ 5:30pm	6 Finance @ 5:30pm	7	8
9 Ad Council 10:30am 	10	11 Jesus and Jack 6pm @Grinners Scouts @ 6pm	12 Soup and Discussion 5:30pm	13 Friendship Circle @ 10am	14	15
16	17 	18 OATH @ 12pm Scouts @ 6pm	19 Soup and Discussion 5:30pm	20 Prayer Shawl @ 6:30pm	21	22
23	24 Page Turners Book Club @ 2pm	25 Scouts @ 6pm	26 Soup and Discussion 5:30pm	27	28	29
30 UMW Meeting @ 10:30	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
- Molly Strub March 22
- Lyla Pierce March 25
- Jason Michael March 29