

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

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Open Doors

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The Pastor's Door

Reverend Cory Young

As we step into May, many of us feel the world change around us—longer evenings, greener fields, the first hints of summer plans. In the life of the Church, May often lands in the season of Eastertide, when we continue to live into the reality that the tomb is empty and Christ is alive. The risen Lord meets ordinary people in ordinary places—on a road, in a locked room, around a breakfast fire—and He still meets us today in worship, in Scripture, in prayer, and in one another.

This month I invite you to consider a simple question: *Where do you see new life right now?* Maybe it is a relationship being restored, a habit being reshaped, a burden being shared, or a new courage to do what is right. Sometimes new life looks dramatic, but more often it looks like steady faithfulness—showing up, praying again, forgiving again, serving again. If you have felt weary, May is a gentle reminder that God is not finished. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work, quietly and persistently, in the hearts of His people.

One way we make room for that new life is by anchoring ourselves in the practices that form us. If you have been able to be with us on Sundays, thank you for gathering—your presence matters more than you may realize. If you have been away for a while, consider this your warm invitation to come home. Worship reorients us: it lifts our eyes from what is urgent to what is eternal, and it reminds us that we are not alone. When we sing together, pray together, and sit under God's Word together, we are shaped into a people who can carry hope into a hurting world.

May also brings meaningful milestones. In the coming weeks, pay attention to the opportunities God places in front of us to serve. Some of the most powerful ministry happens through simple faithfulness: greeting someone new, writing a note to an encouraged or hurting friend, volunteering, bringing a meal, or checking on a neighbor. The church is not a building we visit; it is a people God sends. When each person brings what they can, the whole body becomes stronger and more joyful.

Thank you for your generosity, your volunteer hours, your patience as we learn and grow, and your commitment to keep Christ at the center. It has been a privilege to serve as your pastor, and I am grateful for all of you!

In Christ,

Reverend Cory



April 18, 2026

To the members and friends of First United Methodist Church of Gillette:

Greetings in the name of the one who invites and encourages us to love one another!

I am writing to share with you that after consultation with the Mountain Sky Conference cabinet and members of the Staff Parish Relations Committee of First United Methodist Church in Gillette, Bishop Kristin Stoneking intends to appoint Reverend Patricia Bell as the next Pastor of First United Methodist Church in Gillette, Wyoming, effective July 1, 2026. Pastor Bell is currently serving Frontier United Methodist Church in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Please pray for God to bless the sending and welcoming of Pastor Bell and her husband Patrick. May this time of transition bring gifts of grace to all involved.

It has been a great blessing to work with your Leadership Team throughout this sacred endeavor. I pray God's blessings on your congregation, and on Pastor Patricia and Patrick during this time of holy and sacred transition. As we lean into this new season in the life of your congregation, I lift prayers of gratitude for Pastor Cory for his continued commitment and dedication to God's Kingdom and for his time serving the beloved people of First United Methodist Church in Gillette. May God bless your acts of love as you find ways to honor and celebrate Pastor Cory for all he has shared with your congregation over the recent years.

May the Holy Spirit enliven you all in your growth as disciples of Jesus Christ through a deepened faith, enhanced congregational vitality, and missional presence in your community.

Rev. Mark D. Calhoun



Will meet Thursday, May 14th, 11:00am. We will gather at Ruby Tuesdays to lunch together. Alice will act as our hostess.



May 3 Alora
May 10 Ira
May 17 Zelda

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



Join us May 19th at 4pm.



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
May 3	Rev. Cory Young		Gray's
May 10	Rev. Cory Young	Sharon Schreurs	
May 17	Rev. Cory Young		
May 24	Rev. Cory Young		Birr's
May 31	Rev. Cory Young		



Sunday Worship Schedule

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

Vacation Bible School
June 15-18th
9am-11:45 am

Register at:
<https://funcholytrinity.mycokesburyvbs.com/>



KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE

At First United Methodist Church with Holy Trinity Episcopal

Welcome Basket for Rev. Patricia Bell

SPR is looking for monetary donations to put together a welcome basket for Rev. Patricia and her husband. Please notate on your check or envelope when you give or you can give it directly to someone on SPR. We will collect thru the month of June and then they will get a wonderful welcome basket put together for her arrival. If you have any questions please speak with someone on SPR.

Carol Hanson, Chuck Land, Roy and Marilyn Gillman, Claudia's niece, Janet Bosecker, Tosha, AnDee and family, Margaret, Peggy's family, Kathrine, Kathrine's dad, Kevin, those traveling, Mike's cousin's family



In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers

A Word from Finance

So AMPLIFY- simply stated, Amplify means to make something larger, stronger, louder, or more intense. The larger, stronger, louder and more intense came from me the past two weeks trying to get things accomplished on the Ministry Brands side. The data conversion has finally happened, but now it will be two weeks until Meghan, church secretary, and Pat Leair, financial secretary, are able to get their training. While I was hoping to have everything going by May 16, it looks like it could be Sunday, May 24. Believe me, if you're frustrated, imagine how it feels working at it in the church office. I can say that the bookkeeping side of Amplify is coming along smoothly and should be live May 1st.

As the summer months are rolling in soon, please consider signing up with Amplify to keep your giving coming in on a regular basis. It makes a big difference when fall comes so that we're not trying to play catch up.

We have made a down payment to have the work on the HVAC system get started – although we do not have a date for that yet. The grant for this is a very slow process. At any time that you would like to donate to this project, just put HVAC in the memo portion of your giving.

With graduation season upon us, let me remind you this is a perfect time to give to the Mary Dickey/Rose Rennell Scholarship fund. We haven't done a fund raiser for this group in two years and to keep this alive and going, your donations are greatly appreciated. First year college students are able to receive \$1,000 and subsequent year students \$500.00, not including master programs. The scholarship is open to members, family of members and constituents. Please contact the church office for an application.

Our noisy offering is going to the Gillette Assistance League (G.A.L.) until the end of June. The money will be ear-marked for school supplies and what we don't use will be left in the G.A.L. account for future assistance to the needs in Gillette.

As always, any questions you can contact me at 307-689-4341. I would like to say a quick thank you to the rest of the committee for their continued help and support: Chad Hooker, Pat Leair,

Craig Speirs, Ken Zimmerman, and Dave Olson. By virtue of their leadership position in the church, Susan Eickbush and Kathrine Ross are also part of the committee, It would be nice to greet our new pastor with a stable financial picture in July.



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Sat

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						Soup Kitchen @ 10:30am
3	4	5 Scouts @ 6 pm	6	7 Finance @ 5:30pm	8	9
10 Ad Council @ 10:30am	11	12 Scouts @ 6 pm Jesus and Jack @ 6pm at Grinners	13	14 Friendship Circle @ 10am	15	16
17	18	19 OATH @ noon GAL @ 11:30am Prayer Shawl @ 4pm Scouts @ 6 pm	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Susan Eickbush	May 14
Francis Carlson	May 15
Marilynn Gillman	May 15
Tucker Nordhogen	May 17
Morgan Becker	May 26
Dave Czapla	May 27
John Howard	May 30
Niko Zeleski	May 31



John and Mary Edwards	May 02
Jim and Jan Hastings	May 12
Jed and Meghan Davies	May 25
Roy and Marilynn Gillman	May 25