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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

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Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors
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Yesterday, I was running errands in town and to my dismay I saw snow mixed in with the rain. I thought about that for a moment and decided that I am not ready for fall to be over and for me to have to pull out the snowblower and shovel to clear my driveway. We are just starting November, and I am seeing signs that fall is ending, and winter is coming towards us regardless if we are ready or not. As I looked at the snow, I thought to myself how often are we really ready for what God has next for us in our lives?

Think about your year and all that you have done and planned to do in these short 12 months. Did you get that home project done? Did you finally get that noise in your car looked at? Did you plan that dream vacation you always wanted? Often there is something left on the table that you haven't done and lament the incompleteness. Even so time moves forward and the seasons change.

I think about the Disciples of Jesus Christ and how they must have felt after Christ died on the cross. They wanted him back, they wanted to learn, they wanted everything to be the same as it was before. Yet, that didn't happen. They waited in a room unsure of what to do, some I am guessing were paralyzed with fear and indecision. They were not ready to lead, they were still learning. But Christ died and they were sitting there pondering what would be next.

It's scary to see the world changing around us. Not just the seasons, but society as well! Things have changed, technology has made our lives better (and worse), and the summer days of this year are passed. But instead of lamenting we should be looking to the future and celebrating that no matter what God is with us as we go forward.

The Disciples waited around for a while and then after Jesus showed up again, they continued to do what Christ had asked of them; to show the world love beyond measure. They organized themselves; they fought amongst themselves; they went to the ends of the world they knew and shared the stories of Jesus Christ. They knew that yesterday was gone, but that doesn't mean that tomorrow will not be as bright.

As we start November, I invite you to look ahead at what can be done instead of what you haven't already accomplished. It is not an easy task to do, but I think that once you see that God is waiting for us no matter what the future holds, it becomes a lot more bearable. I may not like seeing snow so early in the year, but there is nothing I can do to change the weather. What I can do is celebrate that God is still with us no matter the season. Have a blessed November and Thanksgiving!

Rev. Cory Young

Thank you!!!

Thank you to everyone that helped with the patch this year. Without you we wouldn't have had the success we did. This was one of the best years in the past 4 years!!!!

- Ric, Dahlton, Ryan Ewert, Quinn Cantrell, Art, Meghan, Garrett and Jed for picking up the straw.
- Ric, Art, Craig and others for covering the corral
- Kelani, Claudia, Andy, and the Scouts for putting the maze together
- Tim and Chuck for installing the new fence
- Garrett for building the new ramp and powder coating the pumpkin signs
- Kathrine for cutting out all the numbers and letters for our signs
- Jed for building the new photo stand
- Joe Suchor for use of the wagon yet again
- Megan and Eric, Meghan and Jed for bringing in farm animals
- Susan, Sheila and Meghan for decorating and moving all the totes
- Art, Dave and Kevin for bringing in the heavy equipment to unload pumpkins
- Art for providing the corn
- The congregation, Iglasia, Scouts



Also thank you to all that worked shifts. It is greatly appreciated.
Marcia and Kevin, Megan, Eric and Whitley, Claudia, Janet Bosecker, Cheryl and Chuck, AnDee and Rusty, Michelle Eichert, Susan, Susie Hooker, Trevor, Stephanie O., Tim and Wanda, Meghan, Jed and Kim.



Hygiene Drive

Through out the month of November and December we will be having a hygiene drive to help assist Salvation Army and the Council fill the void with the SNAP program being suspended. Most families will choose food first when it comes to taking care of their families so we are hoping to help fill the void in this area. There will be a list of suggested items to come. We just ask no travel or jumbo sizes on bottles.



On Thursday, November 13 we will be working with Fall decorative items to make and take decorations for our home plus decorate the coffee hour counter.



Home Visits

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



- November 2
- November 9
- November 16 Emma
- November 23 Macey
- November 30 Ripley



Join us November 20th 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
November 2	Kathrine Ross	Alice Speirs	Gray's
November 9	Rev. Cory Young		
November 16	Rev. Cory Young		Fox's
November 23	Rev. Cory Young		Birr's
November 30	Rev. Cory Young		King



Sunday Worship Schedule

8am Contemplative Service

9:15-10:15 am Blended Worship

Sunday School 10:30am all ages

The October OATH enjoyed potluck with a Halloween theme.

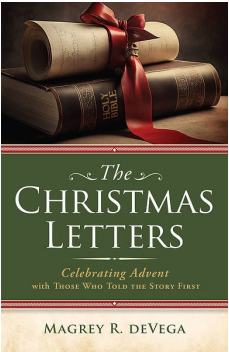
About 25 Old As The Hill church members enjoyed a potluck with brisque and baked potatoes. Side salads and deviled eggs, of course.

The tables were decorated for Halloween with sweet treats and pumpkins, from the Pumpkin Patch of course. Door prizes and a Mad Libs Halloween Story.

Next month will be our Thanksgiving potluck on November 18th at noon. Join us for good food and fellowship.



You may or may not know the story of your birth. If you do, there is something special about hearing your origin story again and remembering how it all began for you. That’s why we observe Advent: to celebrate how it all began for us. In *The Christmas Letters*, Magrey deVega invites you to hear about the miracle of Christ’s birth from those who first told the story. The letters in the New Testament, known as the Epistles, contain the first attempts by the church to understand and celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation. They point us to the origins of what we believe about Jesus, fully human and fully divine. By spending time with these holy, ancient words this Advent, you’ll come to know the meaning of Christ’s coming like never before.



Dale Dickey’s family, Marge, Tanyon, Nina, Susan’s son and daughter in law, Lyla, AnDee’s niece, Mike U., Dennis, Middle East, Mike’s Brother, Guy and Marilynn, Alice’s friend, those struggling, those going thru natural disasters

Just want to thank everyone from church for all your donations, help and support for making our Harvest Bazaar a success!! THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!! UMW Rochelle



Finance Update



There are many things we can and should be grateful for. When you look at the story of the Good Samaritan, he stopped to help a beaten man. We all remember that part. When you go back and reread the story, you will find the last thing the Good Samaritan did was to give money.

As part of finance in the church, we can get so focused money. Enough, not enough, measuring generosity only by dollars. That's when we miss the witness of those who offer time, strength, presence, and their hands. And, they give their money too.

Let's take the season of Thanksgiving and celebrate those that stop, stoop, serve and give. "The ones who make Christ's love real in compassion and action, long before they reach for their wallets."

Borrowed in part from Ken Sloane, Director Stewardship & Generosity for Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church.



Save the Date

Gillette's 4th annual Light the World concert will be held Dec, 22nd at Thunder Basin High School. We are looking for those who would like to participate from solos to choirs to instrumentals and anything in between. This year a Children;s Chorale for ages 5 - 14 will be added. The rehearsals for this will be December 8th and 15th at 6:30 p.m. here at First United Methodist Church. With the theme of Kindness, we are inviting youth from grades 7 - 12 to write about kindness and then turn into the office. Your's could be selected to be shared at the concert. There will also be an ecumenical choir as the finale singing Tim McGraw's hit "Humble and Kind". Rehearsal for this choir number will be determined at a later date.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Soup Kitchen @ 10:30am
2 UMW meeting @ 10:30am	3	4 SPR @ 5:30pm Scouts @ 6 pm	5 Youth Group 6pm @ Claudias	6 Finance @ 5:30pm	7	8
9 Ad Council 10:30am	10	11 Jesus and Jack @ 6pm at Grinners Scouts @ 6 pm	12	13 Friendship Circle @ 10am	14	15
16	17	18 OATH @ noon Scouts @ 6 pm	19	20	21	22
23 	24 Page Turners 2pm	25	26	27  Office Closed	28	29
30 Advent Study @ 10:30am						

Sheila Jeremiah	November 05
Danielle Hintz	November 10
Thayne Gray	November 11
Marge Tarno	November 11
Ben Tubbs	November 12
Laura Murphy	November 17
Kevin Knutson	November 21
Macy Michael	November 21
Janet Zimmerman	November 22
Carrie Snyder	November 24
Michelle Eicher	November 28
Kathy Nuzum	November 29
Rochelle Christensen	November 30



Gerald and JoAnn King	November 24
Steve and Susan Shurtz	November 29