

First United Methodist Church

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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

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The Pastor's Door

Reverend Cory Young

There is nothing more frightening than staring at a blank page! Honestly, I would rather stand in front of people and talk than look at a blank page in which I need to write something. Every month I am asked to write something for this newsletter and often I really have no idea what to write till I begin writing. We know that it is pumpkin time, we know that the days are starting to get shorter, we also know that sometimes our faith can feel like fall. We get tired, we find that the excitement of summer has passed by and now we are preparing for the days ahead of us.



I remember disliking fall so much as a kid. Of course, fall meant that school was back in session, summer trips and pool parties were over, and that coats and gloves were being brought out of storage. Yet I remember one year in college where I realized the beauty of this season. I was walking on campus at the time and noticed the deep reds and golden yellows of the trees and it honestly took my breath away! Sometimes that's how it is with our God. God is always around us yet how often do we see the good God has done? We see the news and the bad things that happen in this world, but do we seek out the good?

Every Sunday we collect Coins for Missions, and most of you contribute on a regular basis, but do you see the good it does in the community? The few nickels, dimes, and quarters you put in the bucket do not seem like much, but at the end of the quarter when we add up the whole amount, we can see that it becomes a lot more! If we pray each day and thank God for the good God has done in our lives, we can see God a little better. Just like that day when I realized how beautiful fall can be! Sometimes we need to stop and just be present.

Fall is an important time in the life of this church. Our Pumpkin Patch will be starting up, budget and projections for 2026 are already underway, and changes are happening. This is not bad news! In fact, it can be good. We grow and we change with the passing of each season! Don't let fall get you down! Know that no matter what season we are in, God is still present in this world, and there is good that is happening all we need to do is look for it.

Enjoy fall, enjoy the Pumpkin Patch, Enjoy the changing of the leaves! This fall I will be praying for all of you to find hope, love, and beauty in this community! Have a great fall!

Rev Cory Young

It’s time for pumpkins!!!!

The pumpkins will be here October 12th at 1pm. We need as much help as possible to get the truck unloaded quickly. A shift schedule will be out soon. We do have 2 schools that have booked days to bring their classes up.

Thank you to all those that have helped to get the patch ready ahead of time this year!!! It is looking amazing!!!



Saturday October 18th from 9-3pm. There are sign up sheets for stew supplies and work shifts. We will be having raffle baskets and selling homemade baked goods only this year. So start thinking of those special recipes to sell. We would like to have everything here at set up on Friday the 17th if possible. Raffle baskets sooner so we can advertise them.

There is still room for vendors. If you know of anyone have them contact the office. There are also fliers to be put out and yard stakes will be ready to go out soon.



Thursday, October 9th at 10am. We will working on birthday/anniversary cards.



Home Visits

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

Join us October 16th 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
October 5	Rev. Cory Young	Sue Howard	Gray’s
October 12	Rev. Cory Young	Thayne Gray	
October 19	Rev. Cory Young	Janet Zimmerman	Fox’s
October 26	Rev. Cory Young	Shone Gray	Birr’s



Sunday Worship Schedule

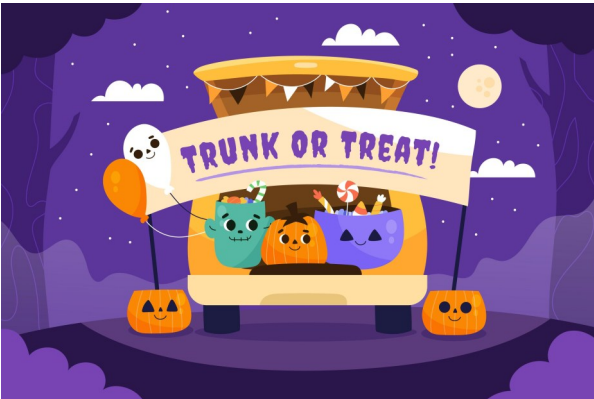
8am Contemplative Service

9:15-10:15 am Blended Worship

Sunday School 10:30am all ages



In celebration of Pastor appreciation month we will be having a potluck lunch on Sunday, October 12th after Ad Council and before we unload pumpkins. Fried chicken will be provided bring sides to share!!!



Join the scouts on Sunday, October 26th for our annual Trunk or Treat from 2:30-3pm. Come and decorate the trunk of your car and join in the trick or treat fun or donate candy toward it.

Committees that have not turned in your budget worksheets please have them turned into Claudia on



Our country, Roy and Marilynn, Elioah, Cory’s friend Kelly and family, Jeanie, Chery’s sister, friend of Sharon Schurers, Cory’s cousin

Youth Group News

Our first youth gathering was held. We had three of our youth and three guests, a good start. The good news is the kids want to continue to meet. They have chosen the first Wednesday of the month – to be hosted with a meal in different homes and that can be from anyone in the church. They have also chosen the third Monday of the month to meet at church – dinner being provided by persons from our church. It’s a great way for both youth and families of the church to get to know each other as we continue to learn and grow together.

We would love to have persons who would like to help with lessons and/or activities. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Rev. Cory or Claudia Urlaub.



A Note From Finance

Each week we put in the bulletin the information of what was given to our budget and where we should be with our budget. As of Sunday, September 28, our giving is behind our budget by \$14,697.33. That is about 10% behind where we should be. The thing that has helped us so far this year is that our expenditures are lower than our budget by \$5,958.28. We also had reserve funds in the operating account, so we are doing okay for right now.

We have all felt the impact of the economy this year. Those kind of impacts can affect our giving. In addition to offering giving, we give generously to the noisy offering (\$544.38 for the Council of Community Services this past quarter), other special projects that come up, and some take care of expenses for the church out of their own pocket. Our prayer is that we are all able to give to the church to the best of our ability as we continue to be good stewards of salary, utilities and other expenditures.

Thank you for all you do to support the church in our ministries, missions, fellowship of each other, gifts, service and prayers. God bless you.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Soup Kitchen @ 10:30am
5 UMW meeting @ 10:30am	6	7 SPR @ 5:30pm Scouts @ 6 pm	8	9 Friendship Circle @ 10am Finance @ 5:30pm Meghan out of the office	10	11
12 Ad Council @ 10:30am Pastor Appreciation Lunch @ 11:30am Pumpkins arrive @ 1pm	13	14 Jesus and Jack @ 6pm at Grinners Scouts @ 6 pm	15	16 Prayer Shawl @ 6pm	17 Harvest Bazaar Set up 3-7pm	18 Harvest Bazaar 9-3pm
19 Trustees time TBD	20 Youth Group 6-8pm	21 OATH @ noon Scouts @ 6 pm	22	23	24	25
26 Trunk or Treat 2-3:30pm	27	28 Scouts @ 6 pm	29	30	31	



Rusty Steiner	October 01
Chris Anthes	October 02
Kelani Urlaub	October 03
Bruce Bowersox	October 04
Chad Christensen	October 15
Chad Hooker	October 15
Dawson Murphy	October 18
Cheryl Land	October 21
Sharon Schreurs	October 22
Taylor Snyder	October 24
Carleen Eliason	October 25
Linda Robertson	October 25



Jeff and Ruth Olson	October 11
Brad and Rochelle Christensen	October 22