

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!

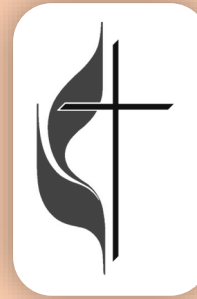
*First United Methodist Church is building a Christian community
where followers of Jesus advance God's mission for all creation.
We do this by reaching up to God, across to our neighbor, and out to the
world.*

Office Hours

Tuesday–Friday 9:00am-2:00pm
and by appointment

Pastor: Cory Young

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Open Doors

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The Pastor's Door

Reverend Cory Young

Every year after camp I get the same question. It is not a bad question, but one that I often find hard to put into words; “How was camp?” Camp is always great! Yet, a one- or two-word answer really doesn't do what a week at camp does for the high schoolers who attend. It is a place where many get to be themselves, be honest about their feelings, and let their guard down that they must have up every day of their lives.

Our week focused on how we can be our genuine self. Something in this day and age which is hard to do. Social media occupies a teenager's life, phones are always available to answer any question they have, and even when home teenagers feel the pressure to fit in. But what happens when you remove that addiction?

This year, like last year, it was decided that campers could not have any electronic devices while at camp. Phones and tablets were locked in the camp safe, and only in an emergency were campers allowed to contact parents. To you and I that might seem easy to give up our phones for a week, but what about someone who has had technology with them since they were young? It was not an easy task, but something truly amazing did happen!

After the first couple of days what we started to see was teenagers that were talking to one another, playing games, making friendship bracelets, and just engaging on a personal level. Sure, we had that occasional complaint about not having their phones, but the campers embraced the time to find out more about themselves and their faith.

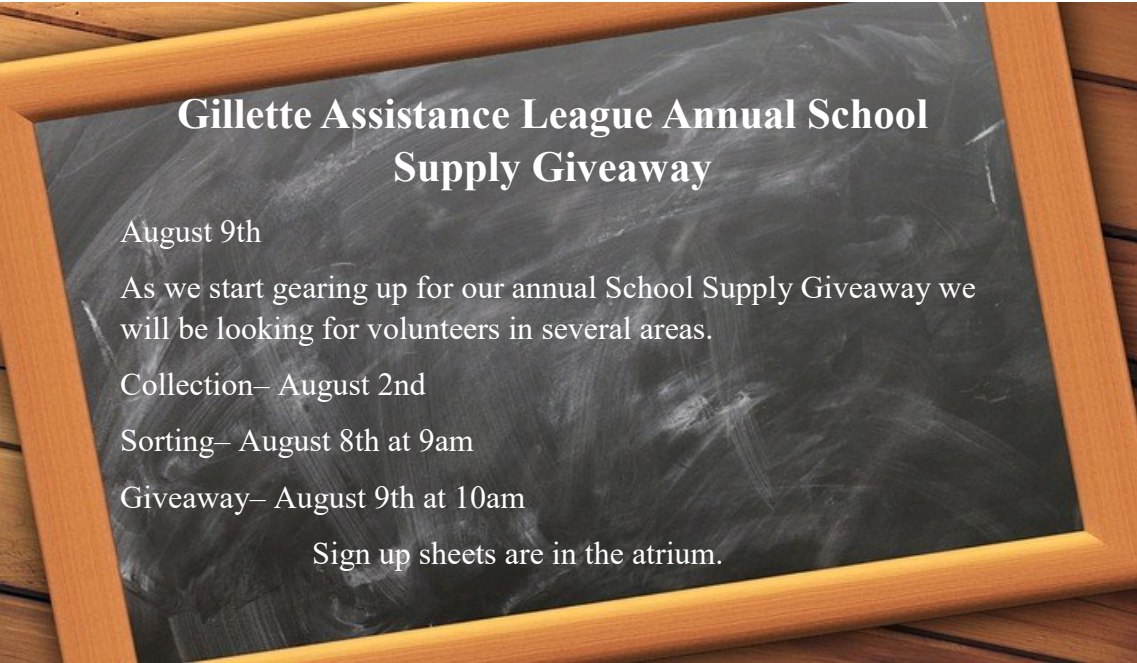
Some this past week heard about Jesus for the first time. Well maybe not THE first time, but the first time that they saw Jesus' teachings always to be about love (of self and of others). What struck me is that so many in today's world don't love themselves. We can love others sure, but when it comes to loving ourselves, we just make excuses. Technology can be a wonderful thing, and I truly believe it has made our lives better, yet when we start listening to others on how to dress, what to eat, where to travel to, what is currently cool, and what is out of date we lose part of ourselves. But camp let each camper find out more about themselves and how to love yourself and your neighbors.



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As we wind down the summer, I would like you to reflect on how you love yourself. Are you giving yourself enough grace or are you being too critical about your failures? I can tell you this (and I told this to so many campers last week), God loves you for who you are, and you should give yourself some grace that you extend to others. You might not be a teenager anymore (and let me tell you my knees told me that), but we are still learning how to love our genuine self.

Reverend Cory



Fall Bazaar!!!

We are getting ready to organize the fall bazaar. There will be a meeting on Sunday, August 3rd after service. All are encouraged to attend.



Mark your calendar for SEPTEMBER 14 for our get together. Ideas are needed for a project. Maybe sharing our favorite things that we do could be one. What else?

Home Visits

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



Join us August 21st 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
August 3	Rev. Cory Young	Sharon Schreurs	Gray's
August 10	Rev. Cory Young		
August 17	Rev. Cory Young		Fox's
August 24	Rev. Cory Young		Birr's
August 31	Rev. Cory Young		King



Sunday Worship Schedule

8am Contemplative Service

9:15-10:15 am Blended Worship

Sunday School 10:30am all ages

Clothes Swap second quarter statistics

MONTH / YEAR	# of DAYS NEW FAM-					
	OPEN	ILIES	FAMILIES	CHILDREN	ADULTS	TOTAL SERVED
January-25	9	40	233	343	291	634
February-25	7	44	245	355	301	656
March-25	8	26	208	322	262	584
Sub-Total	24	110	686	1020	854	1874
April-25	9	63	301	423	360	783
May-25	9	61	310	509	383	892
June-25	7	41	244	390	325	715
Sub-Total	25	165	855	1322	1068	2390

The Mary Dickey and Rose Rennell Memorial Scholarship

committee is gearing up for another year of awarding scholarships. We have received four applications so far and anticipate two more. All are family members of our church family, who are continuing their education.

This year’s fundraiser will be a luncheon followed by a dessert and silent auction. More details will be coming soon!



Roy, John, Tammy’s sister, Sheila J., Lyla, Lloyd, Cory’s best friend, Michael, those struggling with health, Art H., Marge, Claudia’s brother in law, those affected by all the recent natural disasters, Diane Kraft, Greg, Kathrines dad, Ric’s friend Paul, Joylynn, Janet Ourlander, Sue Howard, Bruce Katraba, Kevin

Save the Date

25th Anniversary of Women’s Ecumenical Retreat

Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center

Friday and Saturday,

September 26-27, 2025

“Let Us Rejoice And Be Glad”

Speakers: Rev. Olga Hard, Eowyn Vesper & Sheila Jeremiah

Registration Due August 12th

It’s time to be thinking about pumpkins!!!!

The pumpkins will be here before we know it. With that being said we have some patch projects that need to be done. If anyone has spare time over the next 8 weeks so we can be set and ready to roll as soon as the pumpkins arrive it would be greatly appreciated. A work list will be posted soon, but some of the items that need to be done include:

- Cleaning out and mowing the corrals
- Moving all the items from the big shed to the PACER shed
- Covering the corrals
- Putting in the new post and rail fence
- Painting the PACER shed door
- Building a new farmstand
- Repainting pumpkin signs and making some new ones
- And several other items





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Soup Kitchen @ 10am
3 UMW Meeting @ 10:30am	4	5 Scouts @ 6 pm	6	7	8 School Supply set up 9am	9 School supply giveaway 10-2
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 UM Student Sunday Scholarship Committee meeting at 10:30am	18 First Day of School	19	20 Meghan out of the office	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Bob Stowe	August 03
Ken Zimmerman	August 06
Brylie Topping	August 11
Carol Hanson	August 13
Trey Christensen	August 14
Julia Olson	August 19
Claudia Urlaub	August 22
Roy Gillman	August 23
Luka Zeleski	August 24
Jed Davies	August 25
Koryn Urlaub	August 25
Shone Gray	August 29
DeeBee Worthington	August 30



Chris and Barb Anthes	August 08
Chad and Susie Hooker	August 11
David and Julie Fall	August 12
John and Susan Howard	August 19
Rusty and AnDee Steiner	August 26
Charles and Cheryl Land	August 27
Al and Linda Blakeman	August 29
Ross and Tammy Huber	August 30