

## *First United Methodist Church*

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*Return Service Requested*

*To Our Friends:*

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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*

### **Pastor: Cory Young**

*Administrative Assistant:* Meghan Davies  
*Custodian:* Sheila Huckins  
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## **Open Hearts**

## **Open Minds**

## **Open Doors**

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## **The Pastor's Door**

## **Reverend Cory Young**

As we welcome the month of May, we find ourselves in a beautiful transition from spring to summer. The vibrant colors of spring flowers begin to give way to the heat of summer, reminding us of the ever-changing seasons of life.

As we embrace the warmth and longer days of summer, let us also take time to reflect on the blessings we have received during the spring. It is a season of planting seeds, both in our gardens and in our hearts. May we continue to nurture these seeds with love, faith, and hope, trusting that they will grow and flourish in God's perfect timing.

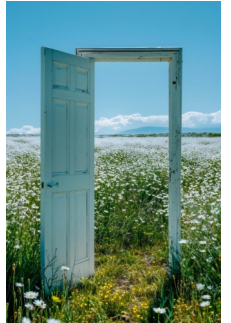
We also continue to celebrate the joyous occasion of Easter! Eastertide is a time of renewal and hope, symbolizing the victory of life over death. As we move forward into the summer months, let us carry the spirit of Easter with us, embracing the promise of the Empty Tomb!

I encourage each of you to take moments to enjoy the beauty of God's creation during this season. Whether it's a walk in the park, sitting in your garden, going for a drive, or opening the windows of your house to let in the spring air, let us find joy and peace in the world around us.

Let us also remember to extend our love and support to those in our community who may be facing challenges. As the Apostle Paul reminds us in Galatians 6:2, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Together, we can be a source of strength and encouragement to one another.

May this month be filled with God's grace and blessings for each of you. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming church events and services.

*Rev. Cory Young*





## Mothers and Others

The annual UMW Mothers and Others get together will be Thursday, May 8th at 6:30pm. Bring snacks and we will watch “Unsung Hero”.

All women are invited!! Bring family and friends.



## Equalization Members

A **BOD UMC Equalization Member** plays a crucial role in the United Methodist Church (UMC) Annual Conference. Let's delve into the details:

### 1. Lay Equalization Members:

- o The UMC Annual Conference consists of both clergy and laity members. To ensure equal representation, each congregation elects a number of lay members equal to the number of appointed clergy for that congregation.
- o Additionally, **lay equalization members** are selected by the **Board of Laity**. These members help balance the representation, especially since retired clergy also attend the annual conference.
- o In the past, the distribution of lay members was more heavily influenced by equalization members invited by the Board of Laity. However, recent changes have shifted more representation to the local church, particularly benefiting multiple-point charges. If you're interested in serving as a lay equalization member, watch for communication from your district lay leader on how to apply and the corresponding application deadlines. [Keep in mind that all your church's allotted lay member spots must be filled before you can be considered for a lay equalization position/.](#)

### o Requirements to Serve as a Lay Member to the Annual Conference:

- o To serve as a lay member, you must:
  - ✦ Be a lay member of The United Methodist Church for at least two years.
  - ✦ Be an active participant in The United Methodist Church for at least four years prior to your election (unless you're under 30 years old, in which case this requirement is waived).

[More information can be found in The Book of Discipline of The UMC, specifically in paragraph 32/.](#)

### ✦ How Can You Attend the Annual Conference as a Voting Member?:

- o There are two ways for laity to attend as voting members:
  - ✦ **Election by the Local Church:** The local church can elect you to serve as a lay member to the annual conference.

[Selection by the District for Lay Equalization: If you're interested in being a lay equalization member, your district lay leader will provide information on how to apply/.](#)

Remember, your participation as a lay member contributes to the collective voice and decision-making process within the UMC Annual Conference.

In the MSC, either a District Nominations committee or District Roundtable will approve the equalization members for the District



*Sunday Worship Schedule*

8am Contemplative Service

9:15-10:15 am Blended Worship

Sunday School 10:30am all ages



Graduation is quickly approaching. If you have a student graduating please contact the office so that we can recognize them on May 18th.

Mary Dickey/Rose Rennell Memorial Scholarship forms are available for any High School Graduate or College Student. Please contact the office if you need one.

Church Shirts

If you are interested in a church t-shirt, long sleeve shirt or hoodie, please sign up on the sheet by the atrium. We are trying to get an idea of how many would like them, and what style so we can get order sheets together.



We are in need of liturgists for the upcoming months.



Janet, Hooker Family on the passing of Chad’s mom, AnDee’s mom and Grandson, Art Hardesty, Kathrine, Claudia’s friend Donna, Krissy’s friend who lost 19 year old son, Roy, Mike Curry’s niece, Aunt Carol, Pete and MaryAnn, Fona, Alice and family on loss of her brother, Denise Curry, friends of Dave: John, John and Gret all fighting illnesses



May 4 Niko  
May 11 Alora  
May 18 Zelda



Join us May 15th at 6:30pm.

OATH

OATH will be on Tuesday, May 20th at noon. This will be the last one until September.



Friendship Circle

Is on a break until September.

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
May 4	Rev. Cory Young	Luka	Gray’s
May 11	Rev. Cory Young	Alice	Bosecker
May 18	Rev. Cory Young		Fox’s
May 25	Rev. Cory Young	Janet Z.	Birr’s





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Finance @ 5pm	2	3 Soup Kitchen @ 10am
4 Native American Ministries Sunday UMW right after service Ad Council following UMW	5	6 SPR @ 6pm Scouts @ 6pm	7	8 Mothers and Others at 6:30pm	9	10
11	12	13 Jesus and Jack @ 6:30pm at Grinners Scouts @ 6pm	14	15 Prayer Shawl at 6:30pm	16	17
18 Student Day Graduation Sunday	19	20 OATH @ noon Scouts @ 6pm	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Scouts @ 6pm	28	29	30	31

Susan Eickbush	May 14
Francis Carlson	May 15
Marilynn Gillman	May 15
Tucker Nordhougen	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