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Reminder

Summer and Fall 2025

First United Methodist Church of Laramie



Upcoming Events

Nov 30 - 1st Sunday in Advent

December 6 - Christmas Bazaar!

December 7 - 2nd Sunday in Advent

December 13 - Pastor's Open House
Noon - 2 pm; 1158 Granito Dr.

December 14 - 3rd Sunday in Advent
Youth Christmas program
Brunch - 2026 Mission fundraiser

December 21 - 4th Sunday in Advent

December 24 - Christmas Eve - 6 pm
Candlelight Service

Where to Find us...

www.laramieumc.org

General church information, including
calendar, daily devotions, activities
and previous worship services.



<https://www.facebook.com/laramieumc>

Church and local events, with links to
website and posts to Instagram



First United Methodist Church of Laramie
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Full recordings of Worship Services

Laramie First UMC

Pastor Eric Feuerstein
Senior Pastor

Pastor Jason Harshberger
Wesley Director

Sarah Gonda
Music Director

Renato Silva
Accompanist

Tami Munari
Administrative Asst

Office Hours:

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Advent Services are open to all - members, family, friends and friends we haven't met yet.. As a Church and congregation, we are focused on the celebration of Christ's arrival in our world, and what that means for each of us and all of us.

Please join us throughout this season of joy as we hear readings from the Bible, sing familiar Christmas songs and hear messages of hope and grace.

Christmas Eve is the candlelight service; a favorite of many members. Please consider taking time from your busy holiday schedules to join us in remembering the reason for the season .

Methodist Women's
Christmas Bazaar
 & Blessed Treasures Thrift Shop
 9 a.m. - noon
 Saturday, December 6, 2025

- Christmas Flea Market
- Thrift shop
- Homemade Baked Goods and confections
- Handmade goods and needlework
- Cards & Christmas wrap
- Fair Trade Coffee, Tea
- Miscellaneous

Laramie First United Methodist Church
 1215 East Gibbon
 East Entrance

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Revelation 21:5 tells us that “Behold, I am making all things new.” It is interesting to go to the end of the Bible to think about starting all over again in the season of Advent and the coming of the Christ child all over again.

That is one of the great things about God, in giving us, and reminding us, that every year we can celebrate the in-breaking of God in Christ. God sees a way to make all things new and see our need for it. Whether we have been through major life changes, losses, health, or relationship battles God wants to have a way to set things right and give each and everyone of us a way to start over and be fresh in our journey of faith.

The season of Advent is our time to prepare our hearts and homes to receive the Christ child and all that he brings into our lives. What preparation do you need to do to make all things new? What preparation and time do you need to let Christ into your heart in a new way? God is making a way so God can be in a relationship with you. And, be in that relationship fully and completely.

What new things do you need to make room for?
What old things do you need to let go of?
Use the season of Advent and the celebrations of Christmas to give yourself the chance to make all things new, and thriving, and abundant in your life.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Peace and Grace in Christ’s Name,
Pastor Eric



WESLEY UPDATES

The Wesley Foundation continues to have weekly dinners and fellowship time with our college age young adults. Feel free to join us for dinner any Wednesday at 6 pm in Wesley Hall while UW is in session.

During finals week, we will feed our group each night. If you would like to be the chef for one of these evenings, please contact Pastor Jason Harshberger at Wesley@laramieumc.org.



Throughout the year, students also participate in activities such as bowling nights, movie nights and game nights. Past activities have included attending theater performances in Denver and skiing.

Students are also invited to community service projects and mission trips, are often found assisting with tables and chairs for various church activities.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES

Our youth group went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin for the summer Mission Trip. 17 people attended; we sent them off with blessings and a potluck meal in July. Upon returning, we learned that many of their experiences brought them closer to other youth from across Wyoming and the nation, expanding their personal and Christian horizons.



Next year, they are planning a Mission trip to Bayou LaBatre, Louisiana, with 25 youth from Wyoming and Northern Colorado scheduled to participate.

The Youth Help Squad remains active and successfully generates donations for upcoming trips. In particular, the Flamingo flocking season was so much fun! Look for these fundraisers next year.

For more information, please contact the church office or email bthbear@gmail.com





United
Women
in Faith

UWIF/UWM members are always busy! This active group stays in touch with regular meetings on the first Wednesday of the month, which includes a tasty luncheon and guest speaker. Among the ongoing projects that members sponsor are the Blessed Treasures Thrift Shop, greeting cards from Current, Equal Exchange coffees and teas. Annual events include Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, the Rummage Sale and Christmas Bazaar. Members also lead several Bible study groups and circles. A number of members also attend the local Prayers and Squares group, who provide unique, hand sewn quilts as a symbol of interdenominational care and concern.

Additionally, this group supports Sunday Worship services by keeping us all supplied with drinks and scheduling fellowship snacks throughout the year. They also provide hospitality for funerals, memorials and other special gatherings.

All of the proceeds collected from the many volunteer activities are distributed to local, regional, national and international charities and concerns.

If you would like to be a part of this organization, please contact the Church office for more information.



MIGHTY METHODIST MEN

Meeting every month on the second Thursday at 6 pm, the men's group share a delicious meal and fellowship time in Wesley Hall. They are the unsung heroes behind many church projects and activities - pitching in to help in many areas.

During the holiday season, expect to see them ringing Salvation Army bells somewhere in town!

One of their projects was providing the paint needed for the Wilson Kitchen. The kitchen and pie room were repainted, giving them a fresh look after new windows were installed earlier this year.

Thank you Mighty United Methodist Men!

Do you or someone you know want to explore some activities with the Mighty Methodist Men?

Contact the office...



CHURCH

Happenings

This year, we again said goodbye to our Music Director and accompanist. As is typical for us, they are UW students on their way to their futures. We are glad they stopped by to be with us along their path.



Blessings to
Jesyel and
Arturo!



And we welcomed our current Music Director, Sarah Gonda and accompanist Renato Silva. They have already given us their musical spark that lights up our services with piano, bells, choir and praise band.

Always looking for those who would like to sing or play for a song or a season, Contact the office to get in touch with Sarah.



Welcome
to
Sarah and
Renato
(say
"Henato")



Speaking of music...



And kids...



**And special visitors....just in
case you were wondering if
your pastor is nuts....
we now have independent
confirmation!**



And construction...besides new windows in Wilson Kitchen, we also have new windows in the upstairs hallway. Remodeling of the west wall is nearly complete! Expect new carpet and paint soon...



Our Mission ...

"...To create a welcoming spiritual environment where seekers and believers experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ and grow in faith. By sharing our faith and serving others we proclaim the transforming love of God, available to everyone."



**BE SAFE IN ALL YOUR HOLIDAY TRAVELS,
ENJOY THE COMFORTS OF HOME, FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST WITH EVERYONE.**

LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

November:

Linda Durham Foundation

December

UMCOR, Salvation Army,
Interfaith/Good Samaritan



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