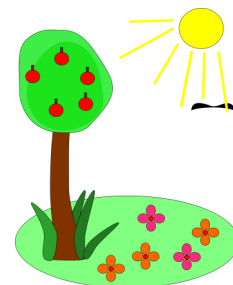




THE BELL TOWER

AUGUST 2025



Jeremiah 29:11: *“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” (NLT)*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's hard to believe that it is already August! It has been such a joy to get to know you over the last month. I have enjoyed hearing your stories, sharing in fellowship, and learning more about this community. As time goes on, I look forward to continuing to meet and partner with you through the ministries of Cody United Methodist Church.

During the month of July, we focused a lot on introductions. Together, we looked at scriptures that introduce us to God, gathered in groups to meet one another, and began what I believe will be an exciting season in the life of the church. With every season comes new opportunities, ideas, and a time to reflect on how God will lead.

In our scripture from Jeremiah listed above, we are reminded of God's steadfast presence both now and in the future. This verse is a powerful reminder that in new seasons of life, good things will come. Jeremiah emphasizes that God does not seek to harm, but to do good. God's abundant love continues as new introductions come. Even when anxiety arises, God brings hope for what is to come.

As we enter this new season together, let us lean into the powerful truth that Jeremiah gives us. May we be aware of the ways that God is working in this time, knowing that God will see us through.

This month, I invite you to take a moment to notice how God is present in your life and at Cody UMC.

Grace and peace,

Alex Hunnes

Rev. Alex Hunnes



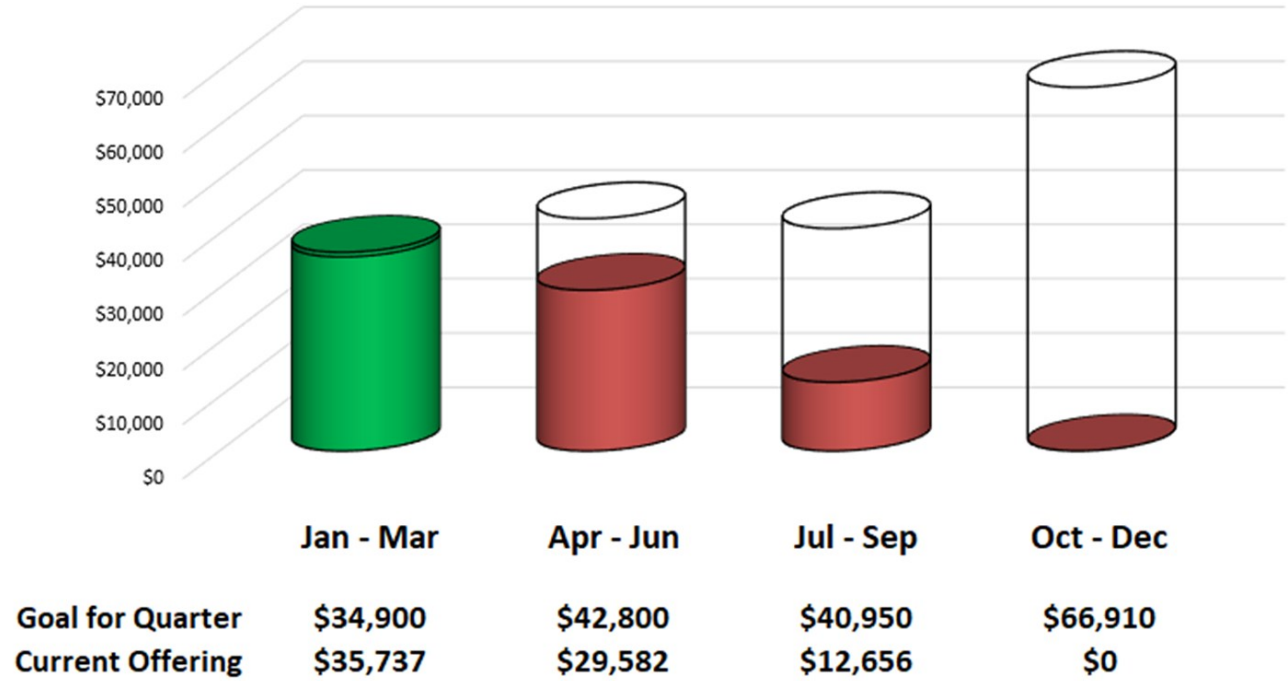


August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10am Worship Service and Holy Communion Trustees 11:15am	4 Membership/ Nurture 10:30am AMS 4pm 12 Step 6pm	5 Trivia 6pm	6 UWF Picnic at NOON Mentock Park JSR 5:45pm 	7	8	9 Memorial Service for Tom Cook 11am 
10 10am Worship Service and Holy Communion Ice Cream Social 	11 PEO 12-3:30pm AMS 4pm 12 Step 6pm	12 Trivia 6pm	13 JSR 5:45pm	14	15 Worship 1pm	16
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24 10am Worship Service and Holy Communion 31 10am Worship Service and Holy Communion	25 AMS 4pm 12 Step 6pm	26 Trivia 6pm	27 JSR 5:45pm	28	29	30

General Fund Quarterly Offering Progress

7/28/2025



Plot Area

Notes: Quarterly Goals are based upon 6 years of historical giving patterns.
2025 Annual Goal is \$185,560





If you are interested in ordering the Yellowstone photography book that our own Julia Cook has coming out in September you can pre order from Amazon with this link

https://geni.us/WildWonders/opt/0?iguid=_tqUEXm04UqoFQ7nhdZb9A&ireferrer=https%3a%2f%2fjuliacookwildlife.com%2f

See photos, videos and more from Julia Cook.

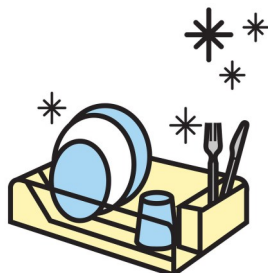
A very loving thank you for the incredible reception you all provided for my mom Hope Sheets. She loved you all very much!! We couldn't have done it without all of you. Everyone raved about the food!! We told them it was provided by the Methodist Church.

Much love to all of you !! Love Larry & Lori B.



Thank you to all who have signed up for fellowship following worship service. We still have openings starting in September going forth into next year.

You can also feel welcome to assist kitchen cleanup after fellowship



Greetings from your **Membership/Nurture Committee:**

Ice Cream Social August 10th in Koelmel Hall after
Worship service.



United Women of Faith and Circle News:

Our annual summer picnic will be Wednesday August 6th at noon at Mentock Park. Please bring a covered dish to share!! Beverages and table service will be provided. All women are invited. If anyone needs a ride you may call Karen Birzer at 307-250-0315.

UWF and Circles monthly meetings will resume in September.
Check the program book for dates.

Blessings, UWF President

Worship Committee News

Readers for August.

August 3rd Mary Chivers

August 10th Gene Parker

August 17th Francie Audier

August 24th Jenny Zink

August 31st Linda Bell



Newsletter from Worship Committee

July came and went with Parades & Visitors. It was great to Welcome Pastor Alex on Sunday July 13th in Koelmel Hall with a Cake Reception after Pastor Alex first time in the pulpit. Worship Committee is always looking for Readers and Communion Stewards to participate in Sunday worship. Many thanks to all who have participated. Looking Ahead: In September we will offer a Blessing of the Animals after service on the lawn - see more details in a future Bulletin.

Have a Blessed August. The Worship Committee.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday to You!

August

Brent Forbis	2	Trevor Cook	19
Gene Parker	5	John Leroux	22
Kris Hutchinson	8	Gretchen Henrich	24
Emma Foley	5	Grace Buntyn	28
Claudia Snook	9	Joy Lyons	31
Ed Martin	9	Bill Buntyn	31
Wyatt Newton	9		

Happy Anniversary

Cap & Linda Bell	Aug.	3
Tim & Angie Foley		4
Rick & Laura Cook		8
Les Honfi & Marcia Dorn		8
Gene & Kandi Parker		12
Bill & Grace Buntyn		16
Kris & Byron Coleman		17
Gil & Paula Curry		24
Stan & Joan Wolcott		24
Mike & Pat Yeager		28





CODY CUPBOARD UPDATE

1st Quarter 2025

January	27	Pounds
February	66	Pounds
March	<u>178</u>	Pounds
1st Quarter Total	271	Pounds

2nd Quarter 2025

April	67	Pounds
May	100	Pounds
June	67	Pounds
2nd Quarter Total	234	Pounds

3rd Quarter 2025

July	43	Pounds
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SCHOOL IS OUT FOR THE SUMMER!

(Many Children Depend on School Food Programs)

HUNGRY KIDS + INFLATION = NEEDS

Please drop off donations the 1st Sunday of each month!!

Cody Cupboard Update:



Thank you Cody UMC for your generosity!

office@codyumc.com - church website

Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." John 21:15

**"Be quick to give a meal
to the hungry, a bed to
the homeless—cheerfully.
Be generous with the
different things God gave
you, passing them
around so all get in on it."**

**1 Peter 4:9-10,
*The Message***



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