



# THE BELL TOWER

June 2023



## Emily's Chronicles

**“You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” –Psalm 16:11 NRSV**

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ of Cody UMC,

The days are getting longer, and we feel the warmth of summer make its way in our hearts. This kind of feeling perfectly describes what it feels like to live our life in and with Christ. There's this calming sensation in knowing that death can be conquered, and joy is found in Jesus.

David is very confident in this psalm. Even in our world we experience sorrow, we can expect joy to come. We can be confident in God. God is calling us to walk on a path that leads to life. We are safe and secure on this path. This path is lit and we have a guide, showing us how to live and be in the world. God reveals all to us. Nothing is kept from God, and God makes Godself known to us.

The path we are called to avoid is one of the world- filled with hatred, fear, disobedience, and selfishness. We are called to walk on the path of light, life, hope, mercy, justice, and love. We need to discern which path we are currently on. Letting go of some things in order to walk on God's path.

When we look back and see all that raveled before us, we can take a breath and smile- seeing how far we've come. Looking ahead, seeing the direction we are going towards, is exciting! New life is all around us- joy is everywhere. God is present, and God's love carries us. That is worth exclaiming praise for sure! May we find ourselves like David- giving thanks and looking to God with hope, confidence, and joy!

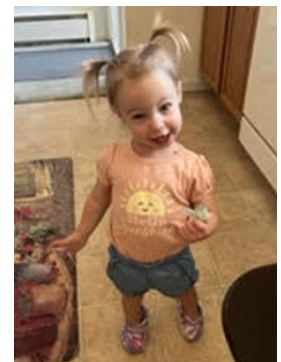
Peace and Blessings,

*Emily Rettinghouse*

Pastor Emily L Rettinghouse

Thea's Thought:

Rise and shine, and  
give God the glory!!



**Cody United Methodist Church**  
**Administrative Council Meeting**  
**May 9, 2023**

In Attendance – Ann Armel, Carrie Sheffield, Karen Birzer, Carolyn Bentzen, Dave Shaw, Gene Parker, Jenny Zink, Pastor Emily, Kandi Parker

Ad Council Chair, Ann Armel, welcomed everyone followed by an opening Prayer by Pastor Emily.

Approval of Minutes – it was moved and seconded that the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes be accepted. The motion passed.

### **Old Business**

There were several positive comments about the Q&A session on Sunday

Explanations were clear and understandable

The questions were good

Fifty-one members participated

The vote was 46 votes to remain CUMC, 1 to disaffiliate, and 4 blank votes

We will remain Cody United Methodist Church and continue to live by the phrase “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”.

### **Committee Reports**

**Worship** – Jenny reported that the Easter activities went well and there were many people attending the various activities and meals.

Mothers’ Day/Women of Faith will be celebrated on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> with gifts and flowers. The Membership Committee will provide the cake for fellowship.

Jenny will discuss the June 4<sup>th</sup> worship service and communion with Mary Barbee.

**Trustees** – Gene reported that some of the trees around the church have been trimmed. There has been discussion about the tree by the shed.

Gene also reported that Jeff Durham will start the installation of the egress windows at the parsonage on either June 12<sup>th</sup> or June 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Trustees will be discussing the parking places on the east side of the cold storage shed.

The dog problem is continuing and will be taken care of by Pastor Emily.

**Safety** – The Safety Committee is continuing to have committee members watch the front door to ensure security during worship. A rover also makes sure that the other doors and the rest of the building is secure.

The Elks Club will be using our building on Saturday for their Memorial Service. Byron will be handling security.

**Membership** – It was reported that there is an individual that is interested in joining our church.

Carolyn reminded us that the summer breakfast will be on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Finance** – Ann reported that finances are in good shape.

**UWF** – Karen reported that April visitations were completed recently by Kris, Kandi, and Karen.

Denise Arthur and Karen Birzer cleaned this month.

Karen reminded us that the Mothers' Day Tea will be on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon with Pastor Emily and her Mom (Linda Shelton) hosting the event.

The UWF summer Picnic will be on August 9, 2023.

**Missions** – Jenny reported for Linda Bell that Missions is planning to continue their Mentock Park snack time this summer.

**Education** – Pastor Emily reported that the end of the year bowling party was a success.

The group will be meeting at CUMC next fall and at Trinity Lutheran Church in the spring.

There was discussion about summer camps.

The committee will be honoring our former graduates during worship on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Good Samaritan** – Pastor Emily reported that the committee is continuing to accept applications for those in need and are staying within the monthly budget.

The plans for the Fall Carnival are coming along. The date for the carnival is September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. The time is 2:00 to 4:00pm. There will be several activities and food. More information will be available as the plans progress.

**SPR** – Ann reported that the buddy system for supervision is working well.

The committee is presently finishing up Pastor Emily's evaluation.

The next SPR meeting will be on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 in the parlor.

**Pastor Emily's report** – she reported that she is looking forward to the summer as there are many things going on. She is taking some personal time with her family at the Renaissance Festival in Red Lodge. She will be attending Annual Conference in Colorado Springs as well as preparing for camp, July 30 – August 5. Pastor also will be attending continuing education classes.

Respectfully Submitted

Kandi Parker

**SAVE the DATE...The Membership/Nurture Committee will host a  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST, Sunday, August 13, 11 a.m.  
immediately following the Sunday Worship Service to welcome new  
members to the church. YUM!**



### **United Women of Faith and Circle News:**

Our Mother's Day Tea was a wonderful event with a lovely crowd of almost 50! Thank you all for making it so special! Also Thank You to Pastor Emily and her Mother Linda for hosting.

Our next planned time together will be on **August 9, at Noon** – our Annual Carry In Picnic at **Mentock Park**. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share. Beverages and table service will be provided. Mark your calendars, plan to join us. If you are new to our church family, or just interested in finding out more about this wonderful group of women – you are most welcome to come join us.

UWF and Circle monthly meetings will resume in September. Check your program book for dates.

Rebekah Circle did an amazing cleaning job in the Church kitchen! Thank you!

Blessings, UWF President



## Worship Committee News

Hopefully June is full with sunshine and good health for all. Enjoy the summer with all the good times with family, friends and new comers to Cody UMC.

On June 4 Jann Smith will be giving the message and requests you to wear your slippers to the service! That will be fun.

This day is also peace with justice Sunday and Denise Arthur will share the story of making 1000 cranes in the children's message. Fathers Day will be celebrated on June 18 with donuts for DADS during the fellowship time. The worship committee will pas out a special gift to all of our men of faith and service to our church.

June 4th Communion - the Ushers will be Jann Smith and Jenny Zink.

### Readers for June:

June 4	Francie Audier
June 11	Bryon Coleman
June 18	Ann Armel
June 25	Cameron Newton

*The Worship Committee*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 10 am Sunday Worship  <b>Wear slippers to service.</b>	5 Membership/ Nurture 10:30 am Adult Sun School 4pm Revelation 5:30pm 12 Step 6pm	6	7	8	9	10
11 10 am Sunday Wor- ship  Trustees 11:15am	12 Adult Sun School 4pm  12 Step 6pm	13 No office hours for Pastor  AD council 7pm	14	15 No office hours for Pastor	16	17
18 10 am Sunday Worship <b>Father's Day</b> Donuts for DAD	19 Adult Sun School 4pm Revelation 5:30pm  12 Step 6 pm	20	21	22 Annual Conference starts	23	24
25 10 am Sunday Worship	26 Adult Sun School 4pm  12 Step 6 pm	27 SPR 5:30pm	28	29	30	



## Happy Birthday to You!

Donna Schook	June	3	Cindy Aune	21
Dave Shaw		7	Kathy Teten	21
Leonard Bopp		9	Angie Foley	22
Mary Barbee		15	Marilyn Townsend	23
Kris Coleman		16	Emma Aune	24
Kandi Parker		16	Taylor Thompson	24
Pastor Emily		17	Ken Stone	27
Birney Holberg		19	Brooke Smith	29
Jax Finley		19	Sarah Olson	30



## Happy Anniversary

Dan & Bev Wanders	June	4	Bryan & Ann Armel	26
Bill & Carole Wiltse		17	Larry & Linda Armstrong	26
Howard & Kathy Thompson		21	Tim & Carrie Sheffield	27
Alex & Emily Rettinghouse		24	Howard & Joanne Donley	29

## Cody Cupboard Update:

School it out new for the summer. Many children depend on school food programs.

Thank you for your continued support of Cody Cupboard through the Missions Committee of Cody UMC to keep the cupboards stocked for hungry families this Summer.

Blessings and Thank YOU!

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*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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