

# THE BELL TOWER



## Emily's Chronicles

JUNE 2022

**"By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit." Galatians 5: 22-25 NRSV**

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ of Cody UMC,

We are approaching Pentecost, and soon we will be in ordinary time. Though it is called "ordinary" there is nothing ordinary about summer! There are many things happening this month - Thea is quickly approaching ONE YEAR! I will be (with clergy voting yes of course) ordained as an Elder in Full Connection in the United Methodist Church! This is a time of joy and celebration for sure!

Speaking of joy, joy is just one of the fruits of the spirit by which we are called to live into. In the Greek, fruit is translated in the singular. This is important to know because while there are different attributes named, they are all gathered into one "fruit". We are called to live by the fruit of the Spirit. These are more than qualities - they are gifts!

To live a life rooted in the Spirit is not only essential, but satisfying. We are guided and reminded of God's wonder every day and the fruit of the Spirit are visible reminders that we get to share with others. There is nothing sweeter in life than sharing Good News to others and living fully into Christ's love. We are filled with the Holy Spirit - called to teach, prophecy, preach, guiding, leading, and loving.

There is nothing ordinary about the radical love God pulls us into, and that very love calls us to go out and to live by the fruit of the Spirit. May we see these qualities as more than descriptions, but rather a call to action! To be a people of joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Not to live in the ways of the world in which it turns sour, but in the ways of the Spirit that is fresh, sweet, and satisfying to our soul!

Peace and Blessings,

*Pastor Emily*

Emily L Rettinghouse

**Cody United Methodist Church**  
**Administrative Council Meeting**  
**May 10, 2022**

**OPENING PRAYER** – Pastor Emily

**DISCUSSION OF MINUTES** – No Corrections

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

July 4 weekend: July 4 is on Monday this year. Service on Sunday, July 3, 2022, will be at **9:00 AM** before the parade.

Discussion was held regarding the Cook-out at the Church after the parade on July 4, 2022, open to the public. Byron reported that he and the Parkers are more than willing to take the lead on organizing and taking care of this again this year. Motion was made by Pastor Emily and second by Byron to purchase food for this, motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Trustees**

Byron put a down payment of \$18,000.00 to Haskell Furniture for the new carpet today for the Sanctuary and the Parlor. The total is \$ 36,090.00. The carpet will be installed the week of October 3, 2022. They are still working on the logistics of Worship for the 2 Sundays that the installation will take place.

Trustees installed a new screen door at the parsonage.

Replaced a gate on the East side of the parsonage.

There will be privacy fencing installed on the west side of the yard at the parsonage.

Arrangements have been made to install egress windows in the basement of the Parsonage for fire safety.

**Finance**

No report

**SPR**

No report

**Safety Committee**

Continue the protocols that in place currently. Facemasks are not required; gloves are required for food prep in the kitchen.

**Education Committee**

Youth group has concluded for the year, and they ended the year with a fun night of bowling.

One Senior High School graduate applied for 2022 student scholarship; Phoenix Heath.

Jonathan Blessing is also graduating in May. Congratulations to both!

No Vacation Bible School this summer.

**Worship Committee**

They are working with the Trustees regarding the logistics of worship during the carpet installation time.

There was discussion of recognizing visitors during the months of May through possibly September.

They did a recap of Easter and felt it went very well.

Worship Committee is in desperate need of Ushers, if you can help out let Jenny know.

**Membership / Nurture**

The committee is still undecided if there will be a Picnic this summer or not.

They will be looking at who is not attending and write letters to these people a little earlier than usual, so they have a better idea by time of Charge Conference.

**Good Samaritan Committee**

A few requests have come in. They will be meeting as a team soon regarding the summer.

**Missions Committee**

No Report

**Discipling Team**

The Methodism 101 Class is in progress with a good turnout and lots of good discussion and learning.

Pastor Emily will continue with Social Principles class this fall.

Pastor Emily will lead a Bible study on Revelations this winter.

**UMW-UWF**

The Ladies' Tea is tomorrow (May 11, 2022)

They will have their annual picnic this summer on August 10 @ 12:00 at Glendale Park.

**Pastors Report**

Pastor felt that Holy Week went very well.

Emily will be gone for Ordination on June 19 – Stan Wolcott will preach.

All is going very well with her family.

We, as a church need to start discussing the future of Cody United Methodist Church, but there is plenty of time. They are asking that we have our decision made by General Conference which is in 2024. If you have questions regarding any of these please contact Pastor Emily.

**Next Meeting: June 7, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.**

Respectfully submitted, Carrie Sheffield, Substitute Recording Secretary

We are looking for Coffee Hour  
Hosts after Sunday Services.

Be the first on your block to  
sign up! It is a fun way to  
share love and a warm cup of  
coffee and a cookie!



**SAVE the DATE...The Membership/Nurture Committee will host a  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST, Sunday, August 14, 11 a.m.  
immediately following the Sunday Worship Service to welcome new  
members to the church. YUM!**



### **United Methodist Women-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! A special thank you to Phyllis Lenik for her presentation.

Our next planned time together will be on **August 10, at Noon** – our Annual Carry In Picnic at **Glendale 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.

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

**Naomi Circle Family Picnic is July 18, gather at 5:30 p.m. at the Hugh Smith Park, 131—19th Street, Cody. Lynn Whitmer will provide sliced ham, Judie McGary will bring dessert, and Pat will bring paper products and plastic ware. Please bring picnic dishes to share, your own beverage and your FAMILY.**

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

Blessings, Karen Birzer, UWF/UMW President

## Worship Committee News

Well finally I think **June** is *bustin'* out all over with Sunshine!!!! (that's what we hope for...sunny days).

June 5th Communion - Communion Ushers: Jenny Zink & Francie Audier

### Readers for June:

|         |                |
|---------|----------------|
| June 5  | Byron Coleman  |
| June 12 | Lynn Whitmer   |
| June 19 | Gene Parker    |
| June 26 | Suzanne Palmer |

June brings: Pentecost (Trinity Sunday) June 5, Peace with Justice Sunday June 12, & Father's Day June 19. Gentlemen of the congregation will be participating in worship June 19. Stan Wolcott will bring the message - Pastor Emily will be coming back from Mountain Sky Annual Conference. Peace with Justice Sunday June 12. Cranes will be hung in the Sanctuary and we will pass out paper cranes for the congregation. This is also one of the Special Sundays in the United Methodist Calendar, and across the globe, we promote peace all over the world.

We look forward to July! Mark your calendar for July 3rd (Sunday) when we will move Worship to 9am due to the Parade beginning at 9.30am and approaching our Church corner of Sheridan and 14th around 10am.

Always looking for Ushers and Readers - Contact Carolyn Bentzen or Jenny Zink.

Have A Happy June!

*The Worship Committee*



Congratulations to Phoenix Heath and Jonathan Blessing,  
Graduates 2022

# June 2022



| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday                     | Wednesday | Thursday  | Friday                     | Saturday              |
|--|---|-----------------------------|-----------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 5<br>10 am Sunday<br>Worship<br>Communion<br>Sunday  | 6   | 7<br><br>Ad Council<br>7 pm | 8         | 9   | 10                         | 11                    |
| 12<br>10 am Sunday<br>Worship ~ Peace<br>with Justice<br><br>Membership/Nurture<br>meeting 11 am | 13  | 14                          | 15        | 16<br>UMC Annual<br>Conference<br><br>Pastor<br>attending<br>Ordination | 17<br>Annual<br>Conference | 18<br>Annual<br>Conf. |
| 19<br>10 am Sunday<br>Worship ~ <b>Father's<br/>Day</b><br><br>Stan Wolcott<br>preaching         | 20  | 21                          | 22        | 23<br><br><br>Worship<br>Committee<br>1:30 pm                           | 24                         | 25                    |
| 26<br>10 am Sunday<br>Worship  | 27  | 28                          | 29        | 30  | July 1                     | 2                     |
| July 3<br><b>9 am</b> Sunday<br>Worship-then join<br>us for the parade<br>and hotdogs!           | 4 Office Closed<br>Thank you to<br>the Colemans<br>and Parkers for<br>parade day<br>food! | 5                           | 6         | 7   | 8                          | 9                     |



## Happy Birthday to You!

|              |      |    |                  |    |
|--------------|------|----|------------------|----|
| Donna Schook | June | 3  | Birney Holberg   | 19 |
| Dave Shaw    |      | 7  | Cindy Aune       | 21 |
| Mary Barbee  |      | 15 | Kathy Teten      | 21 |
| Kris Coleman |      | 16 | Marilyn Townsend | 23 |
| Kandi Parker |      | 16 | Ken Stone        | 27 |
| Pastor Emily |      | 17 | Brooke Smith     | 29 |
| Jax Finley   |      | 19 | Sarah Olson      | 30 |



## Happy Anniversary

|                         |    |                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|-------------------------|----|
| Dan & Bev Wanders       | 4  | Larry & Linda Armstrong | 26 |
| Bill & Carole Wiltse    | 17 | Tim & Carrie Sheffield  | 27 |
| Howard & Kathy Thompson | 21 | Howard & Joanne Donley  | 29 |
| Bryan & Ann Armel       | 26 |                         |    |

## Cody Cupboard Update:

School will be out the end of May. 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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