

# THE BELL TOWER



## Emily's Chronicles

March 2021

**“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”  
Romans 12:2 NRSV**

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ of Cody UMC,

Though we have been stuck in a winter vortex, spring will be here before we know. I know for me, things are starting to return to some sort of normal. Yet at the same time there is so much going on that is new. Alex and I are starting to plan out Thea's nursery and I am preparing for a big cleanout of the parsonage. It feels good to clear out my mind by clearing out clutter inside rooms and closets.

I remember when I was younger my mom would ask my sister and I to periodically go through our rooms- toys, books, clothes, and random things that were taking up space. Every now and then it was hard to let things go. Other times I would be able to fill totes and bags full of things I no longer needed. I knew there were people who could use some of my old clothes or toys and would hopefully get the same joy from them that they once gave me. It was a process- more than simply getting rid of things, but really evaluating what I had and discerning if I really needed it.

I find it is easy for us to hold on to things. Not just possessions, but mindsets and ideas as well. We may have a hard time letting things go for a number of reasons. When we declutter ourselves, we can allow ourselves to be transformed. We can see with new eyes and find new and better things to hold on to. We can start holding on to the things that truly matter. When we are cluttered, it can be difficult to understand those around us and even ourselves.

With the work of the Holy Spirit, we can be guided through discernment to start moving things over. God is encouraging us daily to declutter and let go. What are those things that are getting in the way? What are those things that you are holding on to that are not life giving? Are there things we can replace for the better? May it be that we begin the “spring cleaning” of our lives. That we begin to see what is truly valuable in God's eyes.

Peace and Blessings,

*Pastor Emily*

Pastor Emily L. Rettinghouse

## PIE Order Form

### UMW Pie Sale ~ Feb. 21—March 7

**International (PI) Pie Day is Sunday, March 14!** The ladies of the UMW are taking orders for **FRESH BAKED PIES starting Feb. 21 through March 7.**

#### Pre-Order Form

**Regular Pies:** Cherry, Blueberry, Apple, Chocolate Cream, & Pumpkin...**\$15 each**

Type of Pie \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

**Specialty Pies:** Pecan, Lemon Meringue, & Coconut Cream...**\$20 each**

Type of Pie \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

**Dinner Pies:** Chicken Pot Pie, or, Ham/Cheddar/Broccoli Quiche...**\$25 each**

Type of Pie \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

(Dinner pies are limited...order now before they're gone!)

**YOUR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_

All orders and payment needed by **March 7.** Please make your check out to **UMW.**

Cash gladly accepted too! Pick up your pies March 14 after Church.

*(If you want a different pie, call and we'll see if we can get it done!)*

Leave form by Offering Plate or call the Church Office to order 307-587-4430

**All proceeds go to local community and global missions.**





**COVID-19 conditions continue to improve.** We, as the CODY UMC, will do our part in continuing the progress by adhering to CDC guidelines concerning COVID safety (wearing face masks, social distancing when possible, avoiding human contact, & washing hands frequently). We should all be proud of how we've done our part to keep each other safe. We all look forward to the time when we can gather in Christian fellowship like we did before this nasty virus came along.

Thanks for your continued cooperation,

**Your SAFETY TEAM**

**World Day of Prayer—Friday, March 5, Noon  
St. Anthony's Catholic Church**

Joyce Taylor from Cody UMC will be one of the special readers for the program.

“Building a Strong Foundation” Prayers for Vanuatu

(Due to COVID 19 concerns, no meal will be served.)

***Youth Group Bowling Night in March!***

***Cody UMYF will host a rolling good time at the Cody Super Bowl, 2635 Big Horn Avenue, at 6:30 p.m.***

***All youth and young at heart invited.***

***A St. Patrick's Day prize to the person bringing a teen from your neighborhood!***

***Bowling will be paid for by CUMC, bring money for snacks.***

***Date to be announced during Sunday Services.***





## NEWS FROM WORSHIP COMMITTEE

### READERS FOR MARCH

MARCH 7— ANN ARMEL

MARCH 14— GENE PARKER

MARCH 21— FRANCIE AUDIER

**MARDI GRAS FAT TUESDAY CELEBRATION:** A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL! It was the first time we celebrated Fat Tuesday and by all accounts we are planning for it to be an annual event. 19 attended on a cold wintry night and participated in enjoying a meal of authentic Jambalaya (a Cajun dish of rice with chicken, sausage, herbs & seasonings and shrimp for those who requested it), along with corn bread, salad and traditional KING CAKE!

Hope Sheets and Alex Rettinghouse were the lucky folks to find the Baby Jesus doll in their piece of cake and the story goes they will have good fortune for the rest of the year! The decorations added to the evening along with Mardi Gras type masks and colorful beads at each table. Pastor Emily provided fun games for us to play.

**Thank You to the extra helpers:** Francie Audier, Linda Bell, Kandi Parker and Hope Sheets. Extra thanks to Char Olson for providing and making the King Cakes. Kudos for all of you who attended.

**We Celebrate Communion on March 7:** We will use the prepackaged wafers and cups that will be handed out at the entrance to the Sanctuary. There are extra supplies in the office for those of you who are streaming and would like to pick up a prepared and blessed communion wafer and cup prior to Communion Sunday.

**Looking ahead:** Holy Week will begin with the celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, March 28. There will be an observance for Maundy Thursday with a program and meal served on April 1, at 6 p.m. See the Bulletin and Announcements for the additional services on April 2 and 3 (Easter Eve). Our Easter Sunday service will also include Communion along with a gathering in Koelmel Hall after the service and a lite brunch will be served courtesy of the Worship Committee. Please contact Jenny Zink or Kandi Parker if you would like to help with the Easter week programs.

**Easter Lily for Memorial or Honoring a Loved One or Special Friend:** We will be ordering Easter Lilies for our Easter Sunday service. If you would like to order a Lily, please contact Pat Salyer in the office. She will take your order and the information for the insert in the Bulletin.

Many Thanks,

The Worship Committee.

Celebrating *Fat Tuesday*...a tradition from early Roman traditions in preparation for 40 days of Lent.



**Hope Sheets and Alex Rettinghouse** found the symbol of baby Jesus in their piece of King Cake...tradition states they will have 1 year of special blessings...AND provide the King Cake for next year!



Jenny Zink, Worship Committee Chair dazzled the crowd with amazing service, costume and dance!



Linda Bell and Jenny Zink were part of the fabulous team serving Jambalaya Soup and King Cake. Thank you Worship & Missions Committee for a wonderful event!

Thank you Judie  
for a *special*  
Pledge Service.  
Pastor Emily will  
install new  
Officers in March!



**UMW Meeting** - **Wednesday, March 10.** Mission Team will meet at **11 a.m.**, Unit Meeting at Noon in Koelmel Hall. Naomi Circle hosts lunch! Program by Char Olson, “Prayer & Self Denial” and Installation of our new UMW Officers by Pastor Emily.

**Naomi Circle** - **Monday, March 15, 6:30 p.m.** at the Church in Koelmel Hall.

**Rebekah Circle** - **Tuesday, March 16, 1:00 p.m.** at the Church in Koelmel Hall.

**GARDEN SEEDS - UMW members** – it is that time of year again. Time to think about garden seeds. We always collect vegetable seeds each spring for the Green Thumb Project in Ohio. We send a lot of seeds each spring as a mission project and remember – their growing season is lots earlier than ours. I’ll have them mailed by April 1. No flower seeds – just vegetables. Thank you! Jane Kloberdanz



From your Lay Leader....

Hello Church Family...

This cold weather has greatly curbed my inclination to wander away from the fireplace.... I hope we are all staying warm and being safe. This is my attempt to say, “Hi!” from a warm, safe distance. When Pat sends out the newsletter, I read every word, trying to stay connected. There are times I know I could do more, and times when I do not know what else to do..... so, this little “blurby thing” in the newsletter is me.... saying, “I love you people.”

I am not fond of making agreements that I am unwilling to keep....AND, I want you all to know that if you need something, a grocery run, a phone prayer, a Zoom conversation.... please reach out.... I, and others are willing to help. Winter is the hibernation season, many of us travel, many drive less.... Add COVID and it is even more difficult to stay connected. Let’s stay connected together. You are in my prayers. Take care. Be Well. Ann Armel

# March 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Bible Study 4-5:30 pm	2	3 UMYF 6:30 pm	4	5 <b>March 5 World Day of Prayer at St. Anthony's</b>	6
7 10 am Sunday Worship— Holy Communion <b>Lent (Last day to order pies)</b>	8	9	10 UMW Mission Team 11 am UMW Unit Noon  UMYF 6:30 pm	11	12	13
14 10 am Sunday Worship <b>Lent Pick up PIE</b> Daylight Savings	15  Naomi 6:30 pm	16  Rebekah Circle 1:00 pm	17 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b>  UMYF 6:30 pm	18  Worship Committee 3:30 pm	19	20
21 10 am Sunday Worship <b>Lent</b>	22	23	24  UMYF 6:30 pm	25	26	27
28 10 am Sunday Worship <b>Passion Palm Sunday</b>  <b>Last Sunday in Lent</b>	29	30	31  UMYF 6:30 pm			

# CODY CUPBOARD UPDATE

**THANK YOU CODY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MEMBERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF CODY CUPBOARD!**

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY CONTINUES TO BE A HIT!**

**CANS OF SOUP HAVE FILLED THE FOOD BOX AND YUMMY RECIPES HAVE FILLED THE BACK OF THE CHURCH BULLETINS IN FEBRUARY.**

**WATCH FOR THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE SOUP RECIPE BOOKLET. PICK UP YOUR COPY IN THE CHURCH OFFICE IN MARCH!**

**“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***

*Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” John 21:15*

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