

THE BELL TOWER



September 2020



Emily's Chronicles

“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” Psalm 16:11

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ of Cody UMC,

I must say I am so excited for fall. I am excited for many reasons. Fall is my favorite season - pumpkins, football, apple cider, and sweaters make the season enjoyable. The change of colors in the leaves and the crisp breeze that blows through the bare trees is something I look forward to.

It is within these changes that I see God and the seasons of change. It reminds me that change is inevitable. Change is a constant element in our lives, even if we do not always know what that change will be or how it will impact us.

Change is not always easy to deal with. We have been forced to make many changes this year, and we want to change things back to normal. We anticipate and long for change for the better. We long for fellowship and connections.

While it seems like things will not change we can anticipate how God is going to act in the world. God is present in the seasons of change. We can look forward to how God can change our lives and create new things. We can look forward to the change in season and those things that give us joy. We can change our hearts and how we see the world.

May it be that we move forward in the fall with anticipation and joy in our hearts. That we may help be the change that brings goodness, compassion, and love in our lives and in the lives of those around us.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Emily L Rettinghouse

The Mitigation Program funds have been used to purchase Plexiglass for the front of the sanctuary and Thermo Spray for sanitizing the church. In September, the Finance Committee will be asking all committees to meet and discuss their budget plans for 2021.

Staff Parish Relations

SPR will meet August 18 to discuss evaluations for Ron Daniels, Pat Salyer, and Kywani Heath.

Safety Committee

The Safety Committee will meet on August 6 to discuss present safety procedures. There will also be discussions about the next steps necessary for moving forward in Worship and Fellowship. Byron will be posting a sign-up sheet for Front Door Watchers and Sanctuary Safety personnel.

Youth Fellowship

Kris reported that she, as well as Kathy Teten, Ann Armel, Byron Coleman, and Pastor Emily met and discussed issues concerning how to safely resume Youth Fellowship meetings.

Considering that information, the Ad Council decided that a written plan should be developed to address Youth Fellowship Meetings. A committee was appointed to write an inclusive Plan of Procedures for Youth Fellowship meetings during COVID19. Committee members are Pastor Emily, Carolyn Bentzen, Gene Parker, and Kandi Parker. Kathy Teten, Youth Coordinator, will also be invited to be a part of this committee.

Worship Fellowship

There was discussion about if/when we want to resume some type of Fellowship after Worship. This would give our members an opportunity to stay and visit if they are comfortable doing so. The date for the first 'limited fellowship hour' is September 13. The Ad Council will discuss the details at their next meeting.

Our Life Together Moments During Worship

August 30, 2020 will be 'Camp Sunday' which will include a special speaker.

Next Meeting: September 8, 2020 7:00pm

ADDENDUM TO August 4th 2020 Ad Council Meeting

After the Youth Fellowship Planning Committee met it was suggested that we move the start of our Church's 'Limited Fellowship Hour' to August 30, 2020. Chairwoman, Kris Coleman, polled the Ad Council members and requested a *yes* or *no* to changing the date from September 13 to August 30. **The change was APPROVED.**

The new date for the first 'Limited Fellowship Hour' is August 30, 2020 after Worship.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kandi Parker, Recording Secretary



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We are currently set up to accept Debit, Visa, Mastercard and Discover cards

If you have questions or suggestions, contact Bryan Armel.



YOUTH GROUP—Tentative start date Wednesday, **September 16 at 7:30 p.m.** in Koelmel Hall. (One time start time at 7:30 p.m.)

This will be a meeting with parents and youth to determine course to follow for the fall/winter. It will also be a brief time to meet with Pastor Emily.

One parent from each family should attend...and ALL YOUTH!

Discussion on restrictions due to Covid-19 will be the main focus of our meeting.

Regular Youth Group meetings will start Wednesday, Sept. 23, 6:30 p.m., unless determined otherwise.

NIV Thinline Bibles will be ordered from Legends. They will be given to each youth at our first meeting this fall. Several congregation members indicated willingness to purchase one or more Bibles last winter before we were closed for worship and meetings. The discounted price for a **Bible is \$24**. Anyone who made this generous offer, please get the money to the church office with a note that it is for a Youth Bible. Thank you! Kathy Teten



Hello everyone....

I want to officially say, "Thank you" to our calling angels. They have helped share the news of our COVID-19 responses, our goals for the future, and our willingness to stay connected. It has been a roller coaster spring and summer, navigating all of the changes from the CDC, Gov. Gordon, Park Co Health, and Mountain Sky conference. Thanks to these wonderful people, we have stayed informed. So, I could not have done it without them, and I know you want to thank them for their time, their concern for you, and their patience with me. Next time you see one of these folks, please let them know how grateful we are.

Francie Audier	Judie McGary
Linda Bell	Kandi Parker
Jeanne Blenkinsop	Pat Salyer
Kris Coleman	Jenny Zink
Byron Coleman	

With gratitude and peace, Ann Armel, Lay Leader



United Methodist Women (UMW)

Welcome September and Welcome back to UMW! We plan to meet Wednesday, September 9th, at noon in Koelmel Hall. Everyone is asked to bring their own brown bag lunch this time, and their own beverage. We will social distance and you are asked to wear a mask (except when we are eating). Our lunch together will be followed by a brief business meeting and our program at 1 p.m., "Getting to Know Pastor Emily" - led by Pastor Emily! You won't want to miss this!

We are asking everyone (UMW & Circle members as well as our entire church family) to continue saving canceled postage stamps, pop top "tabs" and Campbell Soup labels for our mission projects. There are containers on the table outside the church office for these items. Thank You!

Circles will meet:

Naomi - Monday, 9/14, 6:30 P.M., Koelmel Hall

Rebekah - Tuesday, 9/15, 1:00 P.M., Koelmel Hall

We are looking forward to being together again and will warmly welcome all of our members, plus any-one new to our church community or who would like to find out what we are all about. Hope to see you Wednesday, 9/9 at UMW or at one of our circle meetings.

CODY CUPBOARD UPDATE

January through July 2020

January	60	Pounds
February	97	Pounds
March	<u>297</u>	Pounds
1st Quarter Total	454	Pounds
April—May	207	Pounds
June	94	Pounds
July	<u>13.5</u>	Pounds
2nd Quarter Total	314.5	Pounds
GRAND TOTAL	768.5	Pounds

Wonderful giving! Thank you Cody United Methodist Church!

Please drop off donations on the 1st Sunday of Each Month!!



Worship Committee News:

COMMUNION: September 6

The prepackaged cups/wafers we used in August will be used again for September. We will distribute these as you enter church, and for those of you streaming and watching from home, we can offer the same to you. **We have made several extra in sealed baggies that can be picked up from the church office during office hours – Monday through Thursday from 9AM to 1:30PM.** Hope this helps you feel part of the service.

LOOKING AHEAD:

We are planning a **“Blessing of the Animals”** after Sunday Service outside on the lawn in mid-to late September. This has always been a warm and meaningful event for our Pet Owners and the community. **We will advertise it in the Cody Enterprise** and hopefully get some PR, along with inviting the community.

OUR TRUSTEES AT WORK:

Angels are among us! The **Church Trustees** have been hard at it again! Repairing the Parsonage, putting up new signs and lights around the church for handicap accessible parking, upgrades to the sanctuary sound booth, power washing and repainting parking stripes at the west side of the church, and more! Thank you Trustees!

With Many Blessings...Worship Committee



Amazon Smile Prime Donation Program

For all of you with an Amazon Prime membership, they have a program that donates a percentage of your eligible purchases to a charity of your choice. I have registered our church to be part of this program for those of you who would like to participate. There are also other local charities that you can choose.

What is AmazonSmile?

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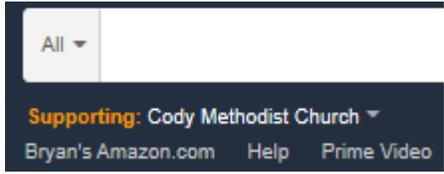
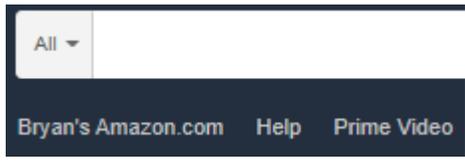
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- Continue following prompts to complete

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This is an easy way to help us out financially. Smile and sign-up today. By the way, I did not have the option to list us under Cody United Methodist Church. The name is automatically pulled from the national charity database. If you have questions you can contact me at (307) 250-1730.

Bryan Armel
Finance Chair

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You have tremendous potential!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
<p>All Sunday Worship Services are at 10 a.m. You may attend in person, or online.</p>	Prepackaged Communion elements available in church office.					
6 10 am Sunday Worship— Communion <i>Fellowship Time</i>	7 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	8	9 UMW ~ NOON Join us in Koelmel Hall, bring your <u>sack lunch</u> & <u>mask</u> .	10	11	12
13 10 am Sunday Worship <i>Fellowship Time</i> Membership 11am	14 Naomi Circle 6:30 p.m. Koelmel Hall	15 Good Samaritan Team Mtg. 10-11:30 a.m. Parlor, mask required. Rebekah Circle 1pm Koelmel Hall	16 UMYF 7:30 pm <i>Special Meeting</i> Koelmel Hall	17	18	19
20 10 am Sunday Worship <i>Fellowship Time</i>	21	22 1st Day of Fall 	23 UMYF 6:30 pm	24	25	26
27 10 am Sunday Worship <i>Fellowship Time</i>	28	29	30	Oct 1	Oct. 2	Oct. 3

Good Samaritan Fund Update

Helping Cody families since 2018 to August 2020 = 32 months

83 families helped!

\$12,363 given to keep the utilities on, help with housing, medicine, transportation, food and emergency shelter.

That means we give approximately \$386 per month to help Cody and Park County families.

Math does not reflect the wonderful impact the Good Samaritan Fund has. Math would reflect helping 2.5 families each month, with approximately \$149 given to support each of the 83 families.

The real story is amazing! The Lord has worked saving miracles through your generous support! A report will be given in October during a Sunday's Our Life Together message.

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



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