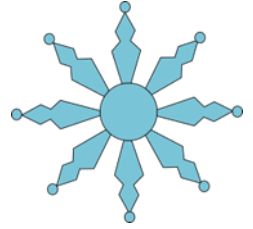




BELL TOWER 2025



Emily's Chronicles

"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert". -**Isaiah 43:18-19 NRSV**

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ of Cody UMC,

We did it! We survived 2024, and we find ourselves ready for a new year! When I look back on how the year went, I can only smile. There were many moments that warm my heart. Of course there were some not so pleasant moments, but overall it was a great year. And now with a new year upon us, the only question I have is: what does God have in store for us?

In our scripture above, we see God is making new things. The funny thing about new things is that we really want them, but at the same time they absolutely terrify us. We want things to change until we don't. When things change outside our control or maybe in a way we did not entirely envision, we want things to go back to the way they were. Luckily for us, God does not allow that to happen.

God not only creates new things, but gives us comfort when those things take place.

When we move forward from the things of the past, we find that we can breathe a little better, and not feel the weight of the world bring us down. Imagine if you will, the new things God has in store of us as a flower waiting to push through the snow as spring emerges. It's an incredible feeling when we allow ourselves to be moved by God.

It's refreshing to know that we do not need to be in control of everything AND God ultimately has so much good in store for us. May we see the ways God is at work to make things new, and that each and every day truly is a gift to do new things and see God in new ways.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Emily

Pastor Emily L Rettinghouse

Thea's Thought:

God is making all things NEW!!

A Joke from Artemis:

Where is the best place to do math homework? Times





A Very Happy & Healthy New Year Greeting From The Worship Committee

We enjoyed a wonderful Advent and Christmas Season. Thanks to all of you who helped decorate the Sanctuary, arrange Poinsettias and filled Koelmel Hall with special seasonal arrangements. We all enjoyed events including the cookie stroll while attending Church Conference with our Superintendent Mark Calhoun. The music with Bells and Choir along with our Morning Glories always gives us much pleasure and Music always completes our time in the Sanctuary. At the end of services in December we took down trees, ornaments were packed away along with garlands, wreaths and nativity scenes. Epiphany begins the first Sunday with our 3 Kings bringing Gold , Frankincense & Myrrh. Be prepared for the Banner reminding us that the Old has Gone and the New Has Begun. We hope to bring new ideas and new faces into the Cody United Methodist church in this new year.

May all of you be blessed with much Joy and open hearts in 2025.

Readers for January

Jan 5th Carrie Sheffield

Jan 12th Ann Armel

Jan 19th Gretchen Henrich

Jan 26th Gene Parker





In Memory of: Bob Koelmel Given By: Annie Koelmel

In Memory of: Lee Hutchinson & Bethine Sperry Given By: Patti & Kris Hutchinson

In Memory of: Tom Wagner Given By: Carol E. Wagner

In Celebration of: My Children Suzanne & Sean (Michaela) and their families

In Memory of: Earl & Arlene McGary and Don A Schlaf Given By: Norma J. Schlaf

In Memory of: Pokie Young & Lyn Ritterbrown Given By: Mary D. Chivers

In Memory of: Deanna Blessing Given By: The Blessing Family

In Memory of: James & Dorothy Willis Given By: James & Linda Willis

In Memory of: Perley & Hailvina Brooks Given By: James & Linda Willis

In Celebration of: Nancy & David Wulfing Given By: The Henrich Family

In Memory of: Bob Richardson Given By: The Richardson Family

In Celebration of: Our Children, Grand Children & Great Grand Children Given By: Tom & Nancy Cook

In Memory of: Charlie & Louise Yeager Given By: Mike & Pat Yeager

In memory of Loren & Juanita Lund Given By: Mike & Pat Yeager

In Celebration of: Our Family Charlie, Vicki, Samantha & Charles Given By: Chuck & Marilyn Walker

In Memory of: All our Parents Given By: Chuck & Marilyn Walker

In Honor of: Our Church Given By: Chuck & Marilyn Walker

In Memory of: Our parents Given By: Stan & Joan Wolcott

In Memory of: Carola & Knoteck Families Given By: Kevin & Erin Knoteck

In Memory of: Albert and Helona Lyons of Tacoma, WA Given By: Roger Lyons & Joy Merriam Kohnke Lyons

In Memory of: Wilbur and Martina Merriam of Sanborn, IA Given by: Roger & Joy Lyons

In Memory of: Our Parents Don and Faye Snyder, Elmer & Grace Holberg Given By: Birney & Sally Holberg

In Memory of: My Husband & Son, Mike and Michael Bree Given By: Karen Bree

In Memory of: My Parents Ken & Viola Beenblossom Given: By Karen Bree

In Memory of: My Sister Monica & My Parents Mary & Leslie Truman Given By: Jenny Zink

COME JOIN OUR
BIBLE

Study

Hello Everyone – Welcome to 2025

We, of Adult Monday School, want to extend an open invitation to join us. We meet in the parlor Mondays at 4:00 pm. We are going through the Bible in book order. Currently we are in 1 & 2 Samuel. Our goal was to finish in a year, however, we enjoy the material and chatting together that we are moving at our own pace.

There is no homework, no prework, other than what you want to do. I lead most of the days, Paster fills in or another class member steps up. Drop in, be a regular or step in to visit....

All are welcome.

We look forward to seeing you

Ann Armel



To the Board of Trustees and all of CUMC:

I am so grateful for the gift I received from all of you. Also for the thanks throughout the weeks.

However I am not the only one that appears in the church frequently to do odd jobs. A big thank you to Jenny Zink who is always there on Sunday to help clean up plus all she does as chair of worship committee,. As chair of Trustees Gene Parker is there a lot, plus Byron Coleman, Kandi Parker, Karen Birzer, Denise Arthur, Sandy Mercer, Judie McGary, Lynn Whitmer. I know I have left names out. So sorry.

It really does take a village to keep CUMC going. So please pat yourself on the back and thank each other. Keep on signing up. Happy New Year to all.

Blessings, Carolyn Bentzen

UWF and Circle News for January 2025

Thank you to each and every person that baked cookies and made donations to our Christmas Cookie Stroll Fund Raiser! It was such a wonderful day of food and fellowship. So much GRATITUDE!

The New UWF Program Book is available for pick up at the Church Office. Our heartfelt thanks to Annette Stone for creating a beautiful new book for 2025

UWF Mission Team meets Wednesday, January 8th at 11:00 a.m.

UWF Unit Meeting, Wednesday, January 8th at Noon in Koelmel Hall.

Installation of Officers, Pledge Service. Hostesses: Carry-in set up by Mission Team

Naomi Circle meets, Monday, January 20th, 6:30 p.m. at Church in Koelmel Hall.

Hostess - Ann Armel - Co-Hostess - Carrie Sheffield - Devotions - Judy McGary

Rebekah Circle meets, Tuesday, January 21st, 1:00 p.m. at Church in Koelmel Hall.

Hostess/Co-Hostess - Carolyn Bentzen/Norma Schlaf. Program - Carolyn Bentzen

Devotions - Carol E. Wagner



Rebekah's Christmas gathering at Diane Martins

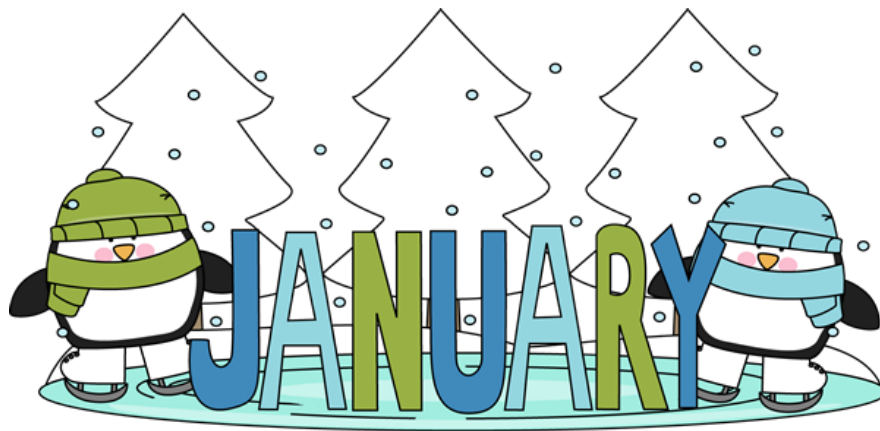
January 2025

Epiphany

He is the Light of the World!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Years Day Office closed 	2	3	4
5 10am Worship Service and Holy Communion	6 Worship 10:30am AMS 4pm 12 Step 6pm	7	8 UWF Missions 11am UWF 12pm Family Nite Dinner 6pm	9 Bells 5pm	10	11
12 10am Worship Service and Holy Communion Choir Performs	13 AMS 4pm 12 Step 6pm	14	15	16 Bells 5pm	17	18
19 10am Worship Service and Holy Communion Bells perform	20 AMS 4pm 12 Step 6pm Naomi Circle 6pm	21 Rebekah Circle 1pm	22	23 Bells 5pm	24	25
26 10am Worship Service and Holy Communion	27 AMS 4pm 12 Step 6pm	28	29	30 Bells 5pm	31	



Bill Wiltse	January	1	Sally Holberg	20
Donna Haman		2	Kim Forbis	21
Carol L. Wagner		5	Duane Whitmer	24
Les Honfi		8	George Simonton	25
Justin Heath		9	Lu Shuler	29
Marcia Dorn		10	Skip Richardson	29
Nancy Bopp		12	Annie Koelmel	30
Lorri Long		13	Marilyn Steiner	31
Dick Blenkinsop		15		
Patti Hutchinson		15		
Joan Wolcott		16		





CODY CUPBOARD UPDATE

1st Quarter 2024

January 54 Pounds

February 47 Pounds

March 102 Pounds

Total 1st Quarter 203 Pounds

2nd Quarter 2024

April 110 Pounds

May 30 Pounds

June 200 Pounds

(June includes Kid Snacks)

Total 2nd Quarter 340 Pounds

3rd Quarter 2024

July 46 Pounds

August 112 Pounds

September 60 Pounds

Total 3rd Quarter 218 Pounds

4th Quarter 2024

October 107 Pounds

November 101 Pounds

December 105 Pounds

Total 4th Quarter 313 Pounds

Yearly total 1,074 Pounds

CODY CUPBOARD UPDATE

CODY CUPBOARD is open 1-4 p.m.

Monday through Friday

**If someone you know needs food assistance,
have them call 307-899-7687 for a same day
appointment.**

Thank you Cody UMC for your constant support
of Cody Cupboard in 2024. It's been an amazing
year of love and support!

*"But I say to you that listen,
LOVE your enemies, do
good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse
you..."*

*Give to everyone who begs
from you; and if anyone
takes away your goods, do
not ask for them again. Do
to others as you would have
them do to you.*

Luke 6:27-31 (NRSV)

**PRAYERS FOR A BLESSED NEW YEAR!
YOUR MISSIONS TEAM**

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



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