



It is the 250th anniversary of the United States. If you would take a survey across our nation and ask people how they think we are doing as a nation I believe the only thing that we would all agree on is that we are in trouble. But even within this agreement we don't agree on why we are in trouble. It seems that we would generally define the trouble that we are in out of fear that the opposing side of the issue is gaining too much ground. But ironically if you were to take a survey of the opposing side on the same issue, they would conclude that they too are losing ground and must fight to gain it back. One might even say there's a problem with defining the problem.

But I believe I know why nations, including the USA, have problems. (You may not want to take me seriously from this point on!) The problem is the people. Yes, if you could get rid of all the people the problems would magically disappear. I suppose if you had a nation of one it would function well for a time, at least until that one lost their sanity. Perhaps this is the nation that is portrayed in the movie *Cast Away*. In this movie Chuck Noland (Tom Hanks) finds himself stranded on a deserted island all alone. He could do whatever he wanted and there was no one to interfere. However, by the end of the movie, we find him arguing with a volleyball. I guess even a nation of one would find something to disagree about. But certainly, a nation of two would have problems.

Look at the creation story in the book of Genesis. When it was only Adam and Eve they were already blaming each other for their problems. And when the population increases to four people, we have the first murder; and that within the same family. Cain killed 25% of the world's population. Cain had the whole world before him, but he couldn't live knowing his brother was alive. His motive? Jealousy!

In the letter of James the 4th chapter he takes up the source of conflict within humanity. James writes, "What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel." Here it appears that James is saying that the problem between people is in reality a problem within the people, that is within each individual person. So the problem is inside of us, not outside of us.

Well, if the problem is within us it is obvious that we cannot get away from it, for wherever we go it will be there. So how do we deal with it? I might use an illustration used by a well known British evangelist by the name of Rodney "Gipsy" Smith. His application was different but the principle remains. If you were to go and draw a circle around your feet and ask God to change everything within the circle it would be the first step in changing everything outside the circle. But only God can change what's in the circle. One way or another we are drawn back to 2 Chronicles 7:14. Then God will bless America!

*Pastor Tim*

**Church Council**  
**May 19, 2026**

**Present:** Eileen Johnson, Colleen Vandegrift, Diane Deselms, Betty Jorgensen, Virginia Roberts, Dale & Jan Cramer, Steve Johnson, Tyson & Amy Sines, Linda Johnson, Wanda Warwick and guest Mandy Anderson.

**Prayer:** Steve led the council in prayer.

**Minutes:** Colleen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with a second from Dale. The motion passed.

**Financials:** Betty reported that the new glass at the front has been paid, the Mission Giving funds were sent to Farnam Fire Department and scholarships were presented. A copy of the statements is in the office if one is needed. Colleen made a motion to accept the report as presented with a second from Eileen. The motion carried.

**Mandy Anderson:** Mandy was here to visit with the council and answer questions about taking over the church financials. She introduced herself and gave the council her history of school and degrees. Mandy has worked on books for a different church in the past. She charges \$100 per hour. Mandy is familiar with income taxes, paying salaries, EFTPS, tax exempt and state quarterly information. Mandy suggests the use of Quick Books, automatic withdrawal of utilities and direct deposit for employees. She would present vouchers at a meeting for approval and a second signature before sending them off. Linda and Betty would be the second signatories for the vouchers. Bills that come into the office could be scanned and sent to Mandy. She carries professional liability and will send a letter of engagement. Council discussed the options and with a motion from Amy and a second from Colleen, the council will offer the job to Mandy. The motion carried.

**Investments:** Betty would like to let go of following the investments. Diane Deselms will take over as the chair of Finance. Diane and Wanda will have names on the CD's and the safe deposit box.

**Bylaws:** After discussion, there will be some wording changed and the signatures will need to be changed as the Treasurer will no longer be a signee. It will be tabled until the June meeting.

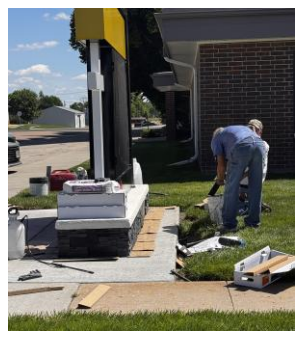
**Church Security:** The company contacted Pastor Tim. Because of the government shutdown, they are behind in the work.

**Mission Giving:** With the Vacation Bible School not being held this year, the council is looking for other options for Mission Giving. Diane talked about a camp called Camp Floyd Rogers that deals with children with diabetes. It is held at the Comeca site and is very popular. Colleen made a motion with a second from Linda to make this month's giving to Camp Floyd Rogers. The motion carried.

**Marquee:** The new parts are painted and ready to put up. There will be a period of time for the paint to be cured and then decals can be applied.

**Trees:** Two new trees were planted in the back yard of the church. They are Canada Red fruitless chokecherry. They were planted in May and will need mulched. Dale will turn in the request for rebate to the city.

**Adjourn:** Next meeting will be June 16, 2026.



### Update on the Marquee

All of us were waiting for the final application on the new marquee, but the new wrap that came wasn't the right size. Soooo we shall wait and see what the final look will be. Thank you Daren Mowry, Burke Construction and Dale Cramer for your work and help in this impressive new project!

*Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.*

John 15:4

For a special Sunday in the month of June, Tenielle and Barto Yelkouni were invited to speak during services. They talked about setting up a mission project in Burkina Faso, West Africa. In 2019, Loved by God Ministries School opened for preschool and 1<sup>st</sup> grade. With children coming from seven different villages, in their first year they had nearly 300 students. They have two teachers in each classroom and try to keep the student count to around 50 per classroom. With each new school year they have added another grade, and new preschoolers. Every morning each class starts with a Bible story and the whole school comes together every week with a chapel time of worship and prayer. They strive for a good education for the children by giving the kids the books and supplies they need to succeed. Also adding in the concept of homework to the grade school kids helps with their writing and math skills.

Barto and Tenielle have been located there for several years but have had to relocate because of terrorists. Currently they are not as close to the school that they started, but the relocation has brought them closer to other communities and made ties stronger with local people.

Barto is the builder and farmer and has helped build enough school buildings and desks to house children from kindergarten to sixth grade. He has several garden projects in process and the results have been exceptional. The couple has worked hard to bring fresh water to the area and are always trying to help local people enjoy the ability to have fresh water close.

If you wish to have more information on Loved By God Ministries, there are some fliers at the Church. To see their presentation go to [Youtube.com/@TCCCambridge](https://www.youtube.com/@TCCCambridge).



Barto, Tenielle, Briella, Lilya,  
Felicity & Bethany Yelkouni



Six church ladies enjoyed the Catholic Guest Day. Delicious food was served and an enjoyable program about the Women of the Bible clothing was presented. What a wonderful fellowship!



MODELS:  
 EVE—OLIVIA CURE  
 SARAH—KAY OLTMER  
 MIRIAM—LOU HAYES  
 DEBORAH-SHERRI HAAG  
 RUTH—SHELLY DAFFER  
 ESTHER—BARB TINES  
 MARY—PAYTON ROCKENFIELD  
 LYDIA—DENISE MCCONVILLE  
 EUNICE—TAMMY SIDES



Thank you all for the awesome gift to the Arapahoe Quilting store.! I have shopped til' I dropped and enjoyed every minute of it! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for having such wonderful people to work with and for!  
 Wanda

**POTLUCK**  
 Potluck is always delicious, but it seems we are all busy with life and so will take a break for the summer months. We will look forward to the first gathering again in September. Have a great summer! See you at church!

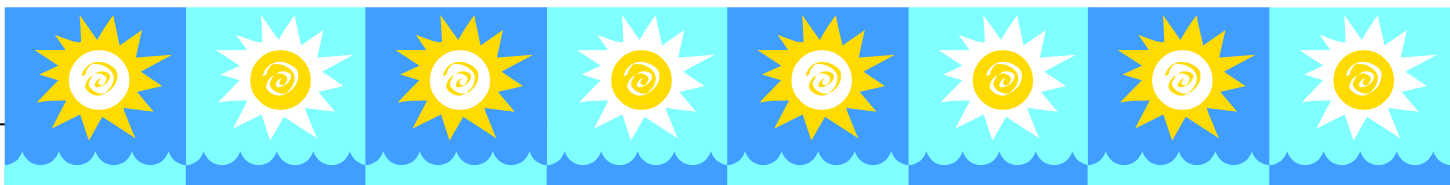


Kathy and I would like to thank you for preparing the lunch for Dad's funeral. We are both so grateful. We thank all those who provided for the lunch.  
 Kathy & Doreen Trospen

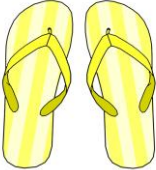

Trinity Community Church,  
 Thank you for the \$200. I will be putting it towards my college education. I also want to thank you for the prayer blanket. It is very nice!  
 Sincerely,  
 Trev Burke



Carter with his prayer blanket.



# July 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 Youth Group 7 pm	2	3	4 
5 10 am Fellowship-Cambridge 10:45-Bartley fellowship	6	7	8 Youth Group 7pm	9	10	11
12 10 am Fellowship-Cambridge 10:45-Bartley fellowship	13 Elizabeth Circle at 12 pm	14	15 Youth Group 7pm Lois Circle 7:30pm	16 Bingo at ALF – 2:30 pm	17	18
19 10 am Fellowship-Cambridge 10:45-Bartley fellowship	20 Outreach at ALF at 9:30am	21 Council at 7 pm	22 Youth Group 7pm	23	24	25
26 10 am Fellowship-Cambridge 10:45-Bartley fellowship	27	28	29 Youth Group 7pm	30	31	

*"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer: I have overcome the world."*

*John 16:33*



Happy Birthday Goldene! On July 5<sup>th</sup>, Goldene will celebrate 105 blessed years! She has been a member of the church for 89+ years. What a blessing for us to witness her faith!

If you want to send birthday wishes for a very special birthday....

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### Kemper Memorial Church

9:45 a.m. Worship in Bartley  
 Followed by Fellowship

### Trinity Community Church

Fellowship at 10:00am  
 Services at 11 am



### & Birthdays Anniversaries

#### July Birthdays

- 2 Lorene Raburn
- 4 Ryan Burke
- 5 Goldene Burton  
David Benson
- 6 John Witler
- 7 Sylvia Harsch  
Ron Hansen
- 8 Derek Raburn  
Trev Burke
- 13 Karlie Bruce
- 14 Kevin Harsch
- 15 Jen Warwick
- 16 Taryn Huxoll

- 17 Brent May
- 19 Jacob tenBensel  
Emmett Cramer  
Linley Fegley
- 20 Wyatt Fiene
- 21 Pastor Tim Burke
- 22 Jordan Brooks  
Justin Brooks
- 24 Rachelle Pettera  
Dick Potts  
Machelle Witler
- 25 Dean Liess
- 26 Andela Taylor  
Bob Brown
- 27 Jackson Johnson  
Tracy Huxoll
- 28 Betty Jorgensen  
Dale Stewart
- 29 Drew Cramer  
Laurel Arnold

#### Happy Anniversary

- July 6 Burton & Sasha Burton
- July 7 Tersen & Jordan Arnold
- July 8 Bob & Deanna Brown
- July 12 Chris & Cindy Borland