

# Shalom

Red Lodge Community Church, UCC



April 2022      *Notes from the Sky Pilot's Page*      Red Lodge, Montana

*From the Gospel of Luke, "But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they (the women) came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared... and returning from the tomb, they (the women) told all this to the eleven and to all the rest..."*

Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed!

This is the exaltation that we greet each other with on Easter morning, which this year falls on the later side of the Easter date spectrum (March 22 – April 25) and so why not start celebrating it sooner rather than later! From my Lutheran roots I've adopted a wonderful mantra, **"We are a resurrection people who pray first, walk together, and change lives."** It is not unlike Mary Oliver's *Instructions for living a life: Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it.*

When we pay attention through the spiritual discipline of prayer, our nudges and intuitions are keener, deeper, and sharper. When we pray first, our next steps are guided through the Holy Spirit and empowered with others. Paying attention to our prayer life is one of the things that Jesus teaches us over and over through his own prayer life. The stories of Christ praying always precipitate a powerful happening such as his transfiguration or a healing.

When we allow ourselves to be astonished by walking with someone, the moments together are richer, fuller, and in many cases, transcendent. There are two ways to walk with someone; to be the recipient of the invitation, or to be the inviter. Either way, lives are changed in astonishing ways. If we decline a walking invitation, we are losing the opportunity to be the recipient of an astonishing experience. If we hesitate to reach out and invite someone to walk with us, we are missing the opportunity to see what the Divine might do in our midst.

Imagine the opportunity that would have been missed if the women had declined the invitation to go to the tomb on that Easter morning. One of them would have been witness to the empty tomb, and the rest would have only heard a story, having missed the experience. And imagine the disappointment of having missed out on the opportunity to **share the wonderful message of "Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed!" with the rest of the disciples in that Upper Room.**

We do not know who all the women in that group were; perhaps there was someone new who had never been included. Perhaps there was someone who had previously declined other invitations, and on that particular day she finally said yes to the summons. Think of what it would have been like to be among that group, the very first group, to be a **resurrection people. The very first group to pray, walk, and change. The very first group to celebrate together, "Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed!" We are the extension of that first group of women. An extension of their prayers, their walks, and their work to change lives.** The next time someone extends an invitation, accept it. The next time you are tempted to do something alone, extend an invitation rather than going it alone. You never know what you will be astonished by, or who you will be able to tell about it. Christ is risen indeed.

Peace,

Pastor Pam



Pastor Pam's April Schedule

Preaching and Leading Worship – all 4 Sundays

(Contemporary Dinner Worship Schedule after Easter TBA)

Maundy Thursday Worship April 14, 7 pm

Office Hours – Mondays 9 am – 2 pm

Tuesdays 10 am – 3 pm

Book Study – Sundays 9 am (except Easter)

Book Study

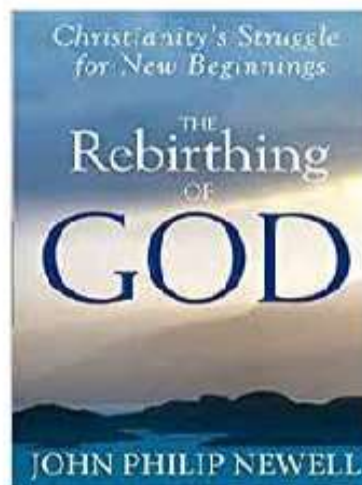
“The Rebirthing of God: Christianity’s struggle for new beginnings” by  
John Phillip Newell

Sundays 9 am

April 3, 10, 24

(Please read chapter 1 and have responses to questions at the end of  
the chapter prepared for April 3)

Book is available from Amazon or on Kindle



Members in attendance were Pastor Pam Peterson, Deb Awes, Steve Hanson, Linda Hanson, Luann Brown, Marc Shubert, Jay west ,Lori Floyd

Our Moderator, Bill Cords, was unable to attend tonight. To proceed with the meeting , we needed a pro tem .

A motion was made by Jay West to have a vote for a pro tem. Motion seconded by Steve Hanson. There was no discussion. Vote passed unanimously.

A nomination of Deb Awes to be elected pro tem was made by Linda Hanson and seconded by Steve Hanson. There was no discussion . Vote was passed unanimously.

Pastor Pam updated us on the recent Health Department recommendation that in person services be cancelled for the next two weeks. This would include postponing the Annual Congregational Meeting and potluck lunch. There was discussion on time frame and annual meeting committee. A three-part motion was made by Steve Hanson.

First: We do not have in person services on January 16 and January 23.

Second: Ask the ad hoc committee to send a two week in advance of the Congregational Meeting notice of recommended changes to the governing structure.

Third: Delay the Congregation to February 6, 2022.

Seconded by Deb Awes.

Discussion of the restructuring ad hoc committee. Notification of cancelled in service for the next two weeks.

Vote is unanimous for cancellation for services, two weeks' notice of committee recommendations and delay of Congregational meeting.

To save time, committee reports will be available two weeks in advance for reading.

As a Non- Profit, we need to appoint a team to review the books. Carol Sechler and Miles Larowe have agreed to take fill this task. Motion made by Jay West to appoint Carol Sechler and Miles Larowe as Review Committee. Seconded by Steve Hanson. Some discussion on wording and authority per Article 1F (3) H. Revised motion by Jay West to appoint Carol Sechler and Miles Larowe to review the books including to carry out any responsibilities by Articles 1F (3) H. no other discussion. Vote unanimous.

Increase Janet's hours to 30 hours per week. Monday through Friday 9 to 3. Discussion on her duties , responsibilities. Pay rate, and cost to budget. Motion to increase hours made by Jay West. Seconded by Deb Awes. Discussion. Motion amended Jay West to increase hours by five hours per week for a trial period for the coming quarter subject to review and money being available in the budget. Seconded by Deb awes. No new discussion. Vote passed unanimously.

Pastor Pam talked about a seminarian for the Christian Education position. This would likely require ten hours per week at \$15.00 per hour as well as providing housing. The intern would commit to one year. Discussion on Christian Education need and services. LuAnn will call for a Christian Education Meeting to enlist ideas.

Protocols for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund need to be assigned to a committee. Discussion on which committee to appoint. Motion by Steve Hanson for we assign the task of establishing protocols to be by the review committee. Seconded by mark Schubert. Vote passed unanimously.

Establish Council Meeting Day and time. Discussion of day already set of second Thursday of the month. Motion made by Jay West to maintain the seconded Thursday meeting at 5:30. Seconded by Steve Hanson. No further discussion. Vote passed unanimously. Next Council Meeting will be February 10, 2022.

Discussion on committee members per Article 7A of bylaws and Church Constitution. No action needed. Joys from Stewardship and Finance committee by Linda Hanson include \$133,000 from 48 units. Also, Hazel Chamberlin Fund disbursements are \$18,462.12. This leaves \$13,837.12 for the committees. No other business. Meeting adjourned by Deb Awes.

Respectfully, Lori Floyd

RLCC Council Minutes for Thursday, February 10, 2022

Meeting was held in the Upper room with three attending by Zoom. Members in attendance were Russ Lord, Denece Lord, Pastor Pam Peterson, Jay West, Mark Schubert, Renee Gabrian, Luann Brown, Lori Floyd.

Lori Floyd nominated Mark Schubert as Moderator Pro Tem. This was seconded by Jay West. No discussion and nomination passed.

Meeting was opened with prayer and a devotion by Pastor pam Peterson.

A motion to approve the minutes from January was made by Jay west and seconded by Denece Lord with the amendment of one week instead of two weeks for Documents to be presented by committees. Motion was passed and the minutes were approved.

**January's Financial Report was given by Mark Schubert. Discussion on the Bob Moran Endowment. This endowment needs a committee appointed to move forward the use of these unrestricted funds.**

There is still \$5000 available for a Christian Education director.

**Discussion was held on furnishing. Janet's office chair was purchased with memorial funds. Pastor Pam reported that the family that donated the monies for the pews allowed to be used for technology.**

In accounts payable, two special offerings need to be addressed. One to the Beartooth Cupboards and the other to the Ministerium. These were the only additions to the report.

**Mark Schubert received a call from the Women's Group to have their funds available for a donation to the Pool Fund. The group had previously raised the monies and would like to use them. This requires a letter from the Women's Group to the Council.**

Jay West made a motion to accept the Financial Report. Lori Floyd seconded. Motion passed.

There was no new business from the Pastor Parish Relations, Facilities or Diaconate Committees. Christian Education did not have a meeting. There was discussion regarding the Youth Chorale. Due to low attendance, it will but discontinued until a later date. Russ Lord reported that the Stewardship and Outreach committee is working on applications for the Hazel Chamberlain Endowment. They have received six applications.

**Pastor's Initiatives and Concern included two upcoming retreats. One for the Council in March and one for the Pastor. She will keep us apprised of the details. Discussion was held on the payment of the musicians when the congregation did not meet January 16 and 23, 2022 due to Covid. There was discussion. A policy should be made regarding this topic. A motion was made by Jay West to pay the musicians due to the circumstances. Mark Schubert seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

This discussion will be put on the March agenda.

Lent this year will be about the Allelujas of the Season. There will be Wednesday evening contemporary with food.

Goal setting from last congregational meeting will compressed from 25 to 5 ideas. Pastor Pam will present this in the next few weeks.

Community Foundation has asked the church will house the childcare for Habitat for Humanity. Discussion about the liabilities, contracts, Worker's Comp., Church guidelines. There was discussion.

Pastor Pam will let them know that this probably will not work.

New Business

The appointment of Judith Gregory, Jay West, Steve Hanson, and Pastor Pam to an Ad Hoc Committee to finish the rewrite of the By Laws and Constitution. Motion was made by Lori Floyd. Seconded by Mark Schubert. Motion Passed

Motion to create a committee for Pastoral review as made by Russ Lord and seconded by Jay West. Motion passed.

There was no Old Business.

Motion to Close by Lori Floyd and Seconded by Mark Schubert.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Floyd



Holy Week Worship Celebrations

Palm Sunday, April 10, worship with the choir leading the  
Palm Processional

Choir Anthem - "Blessed are They"

Maundy Thursday, April 14, Worship

and

Stripping the Sanctuary

Special Music Guests

Woodwind Duet - Susan Logan and Susan Wadsworth

Choir Anthem "When You Prayed Beneath the Trees"

Good Friday, April 15

the Sanctuary will be open for

silent meditation throughout the day and evening

Easter Sunday Celebration

April 17, 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

Easter Anthem from our choir - "A Gaelic Easter  
Celebration"

Guest Musicians

Trío Randy Tracy, Susan Logan, Susan Wadsworth

A decorative border of lilies surrounds the text. The border consists of a green vine with several leaves and flowers. The flowers are a mix of yellow and orange-red colors. The border is thicker at the corners, where clusters of flowers are shown.

Please sign up to

Bring your

Easter Lilies or Potted Flowers

To adorn our Easter Sanctuary

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given By \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your memorial/honor form to Janet by April 11 and  
have your flowers delivered the week of April 11

# Announcements



NEW! We are starting a new monthly women's ministry at our church. The next event will be on Saturday April 23rd with Brunch at 11:00 a.m. here at the church. The focus of this group is self-care and celebration as an outreach ministry to the women of Red Lodge. Please bring a dish to pass and plan on celebrating the birthdays of those born in April . Please bring your lady friends! For more information and to RSVP, please contact Lori Floyd at [lorifloyd02@gmail.com](mailto:lorifloyd02@gmail.com).

Desert, coffee, tea, punch and table settings will be provided.



Nadia Bolz-Weber Lecture

April 6, 2022 at 7pm Petro Hall of the MSUB Student Union Building

The Rev. Bolz-Weber will present on her book *Shameless: A Sexual Reformation* which reminds us that sexual flourishing can and should be for all genders, all bodies, and all humans. This lecture is sponsored by United Campus Ministry at MSU Billings, MSUB Women and Gender Studies, and the Rocky Mountain College's **Wheatley Lectures**. **Methodist Bishop Karen Oliveto will be hosting a conversation with Rev. Bolz-Weber following the presentation** A Q&A will follow along with a book signing. Copies of *Shameless* will be sold by the MSUB Bookstore. Tickets to the event are free. RSVP at [dwelch@msubillings.edu](mailto:dwelch@msubillings.edu)

# *A Word from our Deacons*



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## Volunteer Dates & Roles



### Deacons:

4/3: Bill Cords, Lori Floyd

4/10: Don Kinney, Mark Sechler

4/17: Bill Cords, Helen MacKay

4/24: Don Kinney, Mark Sechler

### Greeters:

4/3: N/A

4/10: Karen & Don Kinney

4/17: N/A

4/24: N/A



# Facility Committee

## Notes on our Church's History from Facilities Management: April 2022.

Our Red Lodge Community Church congregation began 58 years ago on Sunday, April 12, 1964 when the Methodist and Congregationalist/UCC congregations conducted a joint service here followed by each congregation formally voting for merger. This April also marks a more recent and less happy anniversary: the beginning of our third year of struggling back from the effects of the Pandemic. Despite the Pandemic, we have been keeping up with the maintenance and improvements to our buildings and grounds. Here's a summary of the most recent history of work and improvements.

Back in March of 2020, just as we learned the Church would have to suspend gatherings, we discovered that we had to replace the furnace for heating the eastern addition. That furnace had served since 1969 when the east addition was built to house office and gathering spaces upstairs and class room spaces downstairs. Fifty years is a pretty good run for furnaces. Ours might still be serving us today if its cast iron heat exchanger had not cracked beyond repair. A replacement furnace (seen in the photo to the right) was found and quickly installed in the furnace room by A&S Heating and Cooling. The two other HVAC units in the furnace room ---, one providing heating and cooling for the Sanctuary and the other heating the Fellowship Hall were installed in 1990 and still in fine shape. Heating for the north addition (the two story kitchen and bathroom wing added in 2005) is supplied by a separate hot water radiator system whose boiler and pumps are in the upstairs closet next to the elevator.



Last summer, we had a clean-up day with volunteers working on the landscaping out front. The work included adding a pole for the summer flower baskets (replacing the flower pots that used to obstruct the ramp) and cleaning up the front sign by, among other things, replacing the worn-out, cloudy Lexan panels (originally installed in 2003) with new ones. The photo to the right shows the new and much clearer panels as we look past the hanging flower basket. More work needs to be done with sign as there are now problems with the electrical set-up which have left it dark at night.



We've carried out several projects in the downstairs rooms. One was replacing the worn-out carpeting and countertops in the Fellowship Hall and then having the room repainted. The re-carpeting was done by Gene Olson, the repainting by Terry Zweiner Painting, and we ourselves tackled fixing the cabinets and replacing the countertops. The photo shows the renovated room during the first large event held there since the Pandemic shut down. (The event was the reception and birthday party following a choral concert in the Sanctuary last November.)



Last summer's wildfire season reminded us of the Church's role in the community as a site for sheltering people displaced from their homes during local crises and disasters. The national UCC gave us a grant for improvements and additions to better serve the community. We recently used some of that money to go ahead with the long-planned idea of converting the dis-used downstairs Janitor Closet into a shower room. The work was done with Wally Nordstrom who also made the wooden hangers on the wall as seen in the photo to the left. Another recent additions to the downstairs was adding a grab-bar to the main door, something that will be appreciated by everybody who has tried to pull that door closed when we have day with strong easterly winds. The new grab bar can be seen in this photo to the right.



The other recent downstairs project was installing a radon-removal vent system. Pretty much every place in



Red Lodge has some radon gas seeping through its foundation from the ground into basements (a gift of our town's coal mining past). Testing will establish whether or not your place's radon levels are high enough to need remediation. When we recently tested the downstairs rooms, most of them registered below the level at which a radon vent system would be suggested, let alone needed. However, two spaces --- the closet below the stairway and the small classroom at the southeast corner --- tested barely just above what is called "action level" (*i.e.*, a level high enough for venting to be suggested.)



So, last summer, we had a radon removal vent fan installed. The work was done by Mike Glenn and his daughter; their company is called Radon Protective Services. The photo on the right shows where the vent was installed at the outside southeast corner. The photo on the left shows how we housed the indoor-components in a large cabinet in the corner of the old nursery room.

# Easter Word Search

F L O W E R S G N I R P S Z O  
S K C I H C T E B P A R A D E  
Y T P B Z E T M P M G E H Y S  
D G X P N A R J B S P A A E S  
N E Z N R U A S U B T S P D A  
A K O O A E D N N T D T P I R  
C B C E B T I A N E A E Y Y G  
X E G T B A T E Y K F R G L P  
D G E N I L I B U S F T G I S  
S C I E T O O Y V A O W E L U  
S K C U D C N L I B D O M V N  
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K X R A W C F J A H U N T J Y  
Y L I M A E M

Basket  
Bonnet  
Bunny  
Candy  
Chicks  
Chocolate  
Daffodil  
Decorate  
Ducks



Flowers  
Grass  
Happy  
Jellybeans



Sunday  
Tradition  
Tulips



# Earth Day!

Words in each line are merged together. Find the original words.

Hint: The letters that make up each word are still in their original order.

RCaachresoln

A marine biologist and author of *Silent Spring* who researched how pesticides may harm the environment

GNaeyllosornd

An attorney and politician who founded Earth Day

TFaineylads

A New York activist working to improve living conditions and job opportunities by promoting urban farming

KMaonssedit

An activist working to help Native American tribes protect their lands.





The family and friends of Eli Allison and Dorothy Jean Tracy



### Mail Chimp Mailings

Have you been missing your Monday Memo and Weekly Wrangler that are sent out through Mail Chimp? If so, you may have been accidentally unsubscribed from the email list. If you'd like you re-subscribe, you can do so by [clicking this link](#). You can also email



### Enjoying the Directory ?

We hope you are all enjoying the new church directory! We have had some folks who experienced issues accessing, downloading, and/or printing the directory. If you're one of those and you haven't emailed or called in for some help yet, please do. For those of you who still need to get your photos in, or if you need to update your information, you can send an email directly or you can use the directory form on the website. If you have questions or issues email or call Janet at the church office. Enjoy!

*\*If you had recently received a copy of the Directory via mail or stopping by please take a quick look to see if a few pages are missing. It's been brought to our attention that a misprint occur on a few request. Call, email or stop by and Janet will be happy to reprint you a new copy. Thank you for your understanding!\**

### A Note from the Office :

- \* Please check with calendar for church usages
- \* Council & Committee Minutes are available for review in the church office.
- \* In an effort to make Red Lodge Community Church comfortable and welcoming for everyone we ask that your refrain from using strong personal scents or perfumes Thank You!



# April 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3</p> <p>9:00 am Book Study</p> <p>10:00 am Live Worship</p> 	<p>4 1:00 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>Norma Schneider</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 9:30 am Coffee Klatch</p> <p>Marie Shirley-Jones</p>	<p>7 9:30 Prayer Zoom</p> <p>3:30 Girl Scouts</p> <p>Evelyn Brown</p>	<p>8 Rebecca &amp; Don Hardy</p> <p>Janis Williams</p> 	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:00 am Book Study</p> <p>10:00 am Live Worship</p> <p>4 H Meeting</p> 	<p>11 1:00 pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 9:30 am Coffee Klatch</p>	<p>14 9:30 Prayer Zoom</p> <p>3:30 Girl Scouts</p> <p>5:30 pm Church Council Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm Maundy Worship</p>	<p>15 Good Friday (Church to be open for silent meditation throughout day)</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>10:00 am Live Worship</p> 	<p>18 No Staff Meeting</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 9:30 am Coffee Klatch</p>	<p>21 9:30 Prayer Zoom</p> <p>3:30 Girl Scouts</p> <p>5:00 Facilities Meeting</p>	<p>22</p> 	<p>23 11:00 am Lady's brunch</p> 
<p>24 9:00 am Book Study</p> <p>10:00 am Live Worship</p>	<p>25 1:00 pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>26 10:00 am Deacon Meeting</p>	<p>27 9:30 am Coffee Klatch</p>	<p>28 9:30 Prayer Zoom</p> <p>3:30 Girl Scouts</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Libby &amp; Marshall Gardner</p>

## Shalom

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### Our Mission Statement

The Red Lodge Community Church, UCC welcomes all people to worship, fellowship and to study God's word. **We seek to be servants of our Lord in the care of all people.**"

### How to Reach RED LODGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.  
*(Website pre-recorded services continue to be available)*

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