

Shalom

Red Lodge Community Church, UCC



July 2022

Notes from the Sky Pilot's Page

Red Lodge, Montana

“ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12, 1-2. NRSV)

This month marks our 4th anniversary together. 4 years of getting to know each other, celebrating joys **and concerns, building a ministry of faith together. And oh... what a building it has been! For the first** year we got to know each other, listening to our life stories and building trust in our relationships. For the second year we set out to determine goals and purpose, building ministries that would touch the hearts of both our immediate community and the larger community in the world. Our third year we survived and thrived through a pandemic and a wildfire. And our fourth year we focused on rebuilding our congregational ministry by learning how we had survived and thrived, welcoming new staff and new members into our community of faith.

Now we look to year five. A year that will entail yet another “rebuild” as we set out to restore and rebuild our Fellowship Hall, parts of our preschool rooms, and our community’s place for gathering to share, celebrate, and thrive. Year Five is going to take patience, perseverance, and purpose. Our patience will come through sharing our joy; our perseverance will come through working together; our purpose is set before us to be worshipers and workers with Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

I look forward to continuing our journey together. Our celebrations are important markers of the work that we do in our community. We will continue to thrive as our community rebuilds, looking to **us as one of the leaders in this process. Every person in our church’s community has a particular gift** to share in these next steps of moving forward. I am deeply grateful for each and every one of you and those particular gifts. This is what makes our cloud of witnesses so great, and it is what helps us all lay aside the weight that we feel in our endeavors to thrive.

If the continual forward movement of our church in the last four years is any indication of how the next year will go, we can have great confidence in the purpose to which we are called together to be a **congregation who truly lives into our mission of serving all of God’s people. Thank you to our staff for all of your hard work and thank you to each of you for your support and encouragement in our mutual ministry together.**

Peace

Pastor Pam

RLCC Council Minutes for May 19, 2022

Meeting was held in the Upper Room. Members present were Don Kinney, Steve Hanson, Jay West, Renee Gabrian, Rev. Dr. Pam Peterson, Mark Schubert, Lori Floyd.

Meeting opened in prayer by Pastor Pam. Steve Hanson was nominated as Moderator Pro Tem. Motion seconded and passed.

Motion to accept the agenda was made by Jay. Seconded by Mark. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Jay. Seconded by Renee. Motion approved.

The minutes from the Council meeting from April 10, 2022 were accepted.

Discussion on the former Women's Group regarding the funds they had raised. Norma Scheidecker should contact the other members of the group for their input.

Financial report was presented by Mark. There was some discussion on the income. Jay made a motion to accept the financial report. Seconded by Renee. Motion passed.

Old Business

There is work being done on the wording of the Piano Contract.

Nominating committee decision was tabled until next meeting.

Jay reported on the By-Laws work group.

Pastor Pam is following up on the Goal for Mission Study.

Discussion was held on the Bob Moran Fund. Don made a motion to move all reserve funds held in CD's and place in a UCF account in our UC reserve funds. Seconded by Jay. Motion carried.

A second motion was made by Don to move \$25000 in Bob Moran from a CD to UFC reserve, Seconded by Jay. Motion carries.

New Business

The annual picnic will be July 31, 2022 at Kalava.

Pastor Pam is organizing VBS.

Discussions for the future include Pastor's Sabbatical, a parsonage and covenant package.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Floyd

Annual Outdoor Service & Potluck

Date: July 31, 2022

Location: Kaleva; 7790 US HWY 212
Roberts, MT

Time: 10:00 AM

Potluck after service, bring a dish to
share and comfortable seating.

Umbrellas & water can come in handy.. rain or shine

Please call office for arranged transportation 406-446-1444



A Word from our Deacons



Our annual outdoor church service will be held Sunday, July 31, 2022, 10:00 AM at Kaleva Park with potluck picnic to follow. Kaleva is located 7.7 miles north of Red Lodge, 7790 Highway 212. We will have a sign at the Kaleva entrance.

What to bring: Last names beginning with A through L: Dessert
Last names beginning with M through Z: Salad
Table service (plates and tableware)
Lawn chairs
Own beverage (if you desire other than lemonade, coffee, tea, water)
Bug repellent, sunscreen

Church will provide: Pulled pork, buns, barbecue sauce, chips, lemonade, coffee, tea, and water.

Other Information: The church service will be held outdoors, weather permitting. Please bring your own lawn chair for seating. Picnic tables are under a pavilion. If weather is severe, we will be inside the Kaleva Lodge. Rest rooms are available and handicap accessible.

A regular offering will be taken during the service, along with a donation basket to help cover the expense of Kaleva Park use.

Please join us for a great morning of worship, fellowship, and food. Please contact the church or one of the Deacons if you have questions.

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Sharyn McKenzie	sharyn@nemont.net
Bill Cords	billcords81@yahoo.com
Mark Sechler	sechlermc@gmail.com

Volunteer Dates & Roles

Deacons:

7/3 : Mark/Bill
7/10: Mark/Helen
7/17: Bill/Debbie
7/24: Bill/Helen
7/31: Helen/Renee

Greeters:

7/3:
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7/24:
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Liturgist:

7/3: Mark Sechler
7/10: Mark Sechler
7/17: Mark Sechler
7/24: Don Kinney
7/31: Lori Floyd

Coffee Hour: 7/3 7/10 Martha Sobral 7/17 7/24 7/31

Announcements



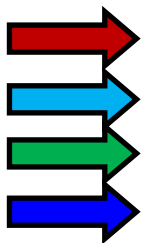
We are starting a new monthly women's ministry at our church. The next event will be on Saturday July 23 with Brunch at 11:00 a.m. here at the church. The focus of this group is self-care and celebration as an outreach ministry to the women of Red Lodge. Please bring a dish to pass and plan on celebrating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



Saturday July 9, 3pm-8pm

Come enjoy the Art displayed & Music being performed!

Committee Meetings: *All Meetings subject to change, please communicate with all parties & office. It's much appreciated.*



Stewardship & Outreach July 11 10:00AM

Church Council July 14 at 5:30 pm

Facilities July 21 at 5:00 pm

Deacons July 19 at 10:00 am

VBS is canceled at the moment due to the downstairs in recovery mode.



RED LODGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

June 17, 2022

By motion of the Church Council, there will be a Special Congregational Meeting of the Red Lodge Community Church at 11:00 am (following worship) on Sunday July 3. This meeting is being called to consider and move to open the Bob Moran Endowment to fund the restoration of our church's Fellowship Hall, Elevator, Air Conditioner, Playground, and any other facilities repair or restoration as the result of the June 12 Flood.

Like most businesses in Carbon County, we do not have flood insurance coverage. The Facilities Committee is in the process of evaluating the damage and the Church Council is investigating all possible avenues of financial assistance for the projects that will need to be done. The current damages seem to be: Elevator Electronics System, Fellowship Hall floor and walls, Playground Base and possibly equipment replacement, HVAC unit. We are in contact with all of the necessary companies to give us bids and estimates. We will need access to the endowment funding to pay for these repairs as we go, which need to be done as immediately as possible where we cannot cover the recovery expenses through other means. Thank you for your patience as we move into these unprecedented times.

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Red Lodge Community Church

February 2019, Finance Committee

Management Policy for the Moran Endowment

The purpose of this document is to guide the management of the Moran endowment.

On 4/29/19 the Congregation voted that the entire Moran funds should be invested in the UCC Church's Balanced Fund Account (5R) as an account separate from the Chamberlain Endowment. Income from the Moran fund may be used to supplement the general budget as needed.

The Moran investment will be managed by the Finance Ministry

Additional gifts may be added to this account. Gifts may be bequests, memorials or direct gifts.

Funds available from the Moran endowment will be calculated as of June 30 each year. The funds will be available for disbursement as of January 1 of the year following the June 30 measurement.

A spending formula governs the portion of total return available each year for use by the general budget with the objective of maintaining purchasing power of the fund relative to inflation. Under current policy, 4% of the 5- year average market value of the principal is calculated and transferred to the spending account. Market value of the endowment account is equal to the endowment account's opening balance, increased or decreased by the annual portfolio appreciation or depreciation, less the spending account transfer as measured on June 30 of each year.

The account will experience a "ramp-up" period until it has been fully funded and in existence for a full five- year period. During the "ramp-up" period market value will be utilized as follows, increasing to a four- year market value in year four, then maturing with the full five- year period being available:

Year 1: 3% of market value as of June 30, 2019

Year 2: 3% of average of year 1 market value after spending plus 2nd year market value

Year 3: 3% of average of year 1 market value after spending plus 2nd and 3rd year market value

Year 4: 3% of average of year 1 market value after spending plus 2nd, 3rd and 4th year market value

Year 5: 4% of the average market value of the last 5 years

Year 6 and after: 4% of the previous 5 year's market value

If the endowment is below its original value plus inflation, "underwater spending" will be determined by the Finance Ministry and approved by Council.

On occasion the Church may need to access funds from the endowment to meet urgent financial need or to finance projects for which there are supporting pledges. Upon approval by the Council and Congregation funds may be borrowed from the endowment for direct expenditure or to be used as collateral for favorable borrowing. Funds will be repaid with interest as quickly as possible, paying the IRS minimum rate at the time of borrowing. This policy recognizes that the annual distribution will temporarily fall, thereby limiting the funds available to support the annual budget.

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Chief Greg Srock
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Dear Business, Professional and Civic Leader:

The Red Lodge Police Department is developing a child safety prevention education program for children and adults in the community. However, we need your help.

Our department will be providing child safety and drug prevention education material for the children, preschool and older, as well as materials on Bullying, Identity Theft, Internet Safety and safety for our senior citizens. These materials have been designed exclusively by the National Child Safety Council, a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization (38-6035290).

In order to help cover the cost of the materials, our department is turning to the concerned business, industrial, and professional leaders such as yourself. We are asking you to help by providing safety materials for some children at \$4.00 per child; 25 children would be \$100.00, 50 would be \$200.00, 100 would be \$400.00 and so on. As an acknowledgement of those who support this program, we will be listing them on the prestige page of all activity manuals under the heading: **"PROVIDED AS A PUBLIC SERVICE BY PEOPLE WHO CARE"**.

There are different options in ways you can make a donation:

- Make your donation online with a debit or credit card at <http://donate.nationalchildsafetycouncil.org> or scan the QR code at the bottom right corner of this letter and enter our program number **mt-5-c-2** when prompted;
- Call the Council with a debit or credit card toll free at 1-877-472-3377;
- Do not send cash. Make your check payable to the **National Child Safety Council** and mail to:
Chief Greg Srock
Red Lodge Police Department
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Thank you in advance for your support. Your help is greatly appreciated and will surely reflect itself through the citizens of our community.

Yours in Safety, Service and Protection,

Greg Srock
Chief of Police

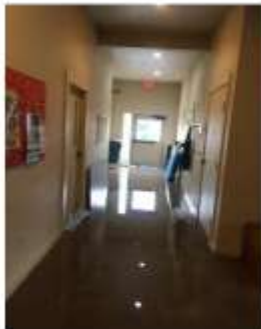


Facility Committee

Notes from Facilities Management: June 2022.

This month's column reports of the historic flooding in town on June 12-13. Our building had some water damage on the lower level but nothing like what happened to our neighbors across the alley. Turns out that our Church site sits on a bit of hill. Well, actually, it is just a slight rise from 15th street, just enough of a rise to cause turn the floodwaters back towards Rock Creek at the corner 15th and Broadway. Some of that river roared down the alley in back of the Church, as seen in the photo from out the window of the back door.

The flooding had started on Sunday night and six people were staying in the Church for shelter. They were Pastor Pam and her neighbor as well as Ed and Lucy Nilsson and a couple from Illinois, Mark and Bonnie Kuller. Remember the the Quilting Group's quilts that were stored in the closet in the Fellowship Hall? (The ones that the hospitals could not take because of the Covid pandemic). The Kullers suggested putting quilts on the doorways, closing the doors over them and then rolling the quilts up against the doors and frames. That quick thinking kept much of flood-water out of the building. We wound up with about an inch of water in the hallways, kitchen, restrooms and Fellowship Hall as you can see below.



Like many of our neighbors, the Church is contracting with Alpha Omega Disaster Recovery Services. Alpha Omega has pumped out the service pit for our elevator and lent us a high CFM ducted fan to help dry out the basement. Members of the Congregation have lent seven other fans and volunteers have been helping with cleanup. Doing as much as we can with volunteers saves us on the costs of Alpha Omega's work and makes it easier for them to get done here and move on to helping others. Work done this weekend through today (June 22) included a workday on Saturday, June 18, with seven of our congregation and about 15 people from Vineyard Church in Billings. Here's what the Fellowship hall looks like after we removed the carpeting, the cabinets and the lower 24" of drywall from the walls. (Compare that with the left hand photo above.) The refuse was hauled to the dump station next to the recycling center. (Two trips in Skip and Deb Bratton's flatbed trailer.) We expect Alpha Omega to begin work after June 27.



Other downstairs drywall – mainly that along the outside walls in the classrooms and north hallway — is marked for removal by a volunteer work party on Thursday, Jun 23. The lower 24" of drywall and insulation will be removed to enable us to dry the outside walls and framing. (The classroom carpeting was minimally soaked and can be cleaned). Also, the water in the Fellowship Hall did not reach the furnace room so the HVAC equipment was not affected. Kyle from A&S Heating & Cooling has inspected the system components and we are able to run them. The playground and rear parking area were covered with sand and mud. The parking slab has been mostly cleared and the preschool's parents group has brought in equipment to remove the mud from the playground, a job that likely will be finished shortly. All playground equipment has been inspected and found safe. The parents' groups have a Go-Fund-Me page to contribute to buying new playground cover/chips.

Like most of Red Lodge, the Church did not have flood insurance. We will have to pay for the recovery out of the Church reserves and funds. A special congregational meeting will be held after services on July 3 to vote on whether to use some of the Bob Moran Endowment funds for cover the expenses for clean-up and restoration work, so please attend that meeting.



Volunteer Lawn Care

Thank you for caring for our church yard. The preferred lawn care rotation is to mow and trim towards the end of the week. Please mow the entire boulevard from the corner to the south end of the neighbor's yard and please do the neighbor's front lawn.

The mower and weed whacker are in the shed by the alley. The shed is not locked, the padlock merely hangs on the latch.

If you have questions, please call
Marge Nearpass 406.425.4936 Jay West 406.425.0496
Skip Bratton 406.425.5411. Marie Shirley-Jones 406.426.0713

Thank you,
Facilities Ministries

MAY-Jay West

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Sign up sheet on the table in the church front narthex,



The family and friends of Joe Gruber and Betty Ansorge



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!

July 2022



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 10:00 Live Worship</p> <p>11:00 Church Meeting/ Flood/Bob Moran Endowment</p>	<p></p> <p>4 Independence Day</p>	<p>5</p>	<p></p> <p>1 Tell a joke day</p>	<p>2 9:30 am Prayer Zoom</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>10 10:00 Live Worship</p> <p>National Kitty Day</p> <p></p>	<p>11 Stewardship & Outreach meeting 10:00 am 1:00 pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 9:30 am Prayer Zoom</p> <p>5:30 pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>8 Elizabeth Graham</p>	<p>9 3-8 pm Art Walk</p> <p>Karen Kinney</p>
<p>17 10:00 Live Worship</p> <p>David Whitcomb</p> <p>Shari Nandstrom</p> <p>Martha Brown & Marty Clague</p>	<p>18 1:00 pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>19 10:00am Deacon Meeting</p>	<p>13 Collen Stevenson</p>	<p>14 9:30 am Prayer Zoom</p> <p>5:00 pm Facilities Meeting</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>24 10:00 Live Worship</p>	<p>25 1:00 pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>20 Danielle Tomisch</p>	<p>21 9:30 am Prayer Zoom</p> <p>Christopher Snell</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p></p> <p>11:00 am Lady's Brunch</p>
<p>31 10:00 Live Worship</p>	<p>31 10:00 Live Worship</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 National lasagna Day</p> <p></p>	<p>30 Doreen Nearpass</p>	<p>30</p>

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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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