

ISSUE 10 OCTOBER 2023

SHALOM

Red Lodge Community Church, UCC

Good words for Great Souls

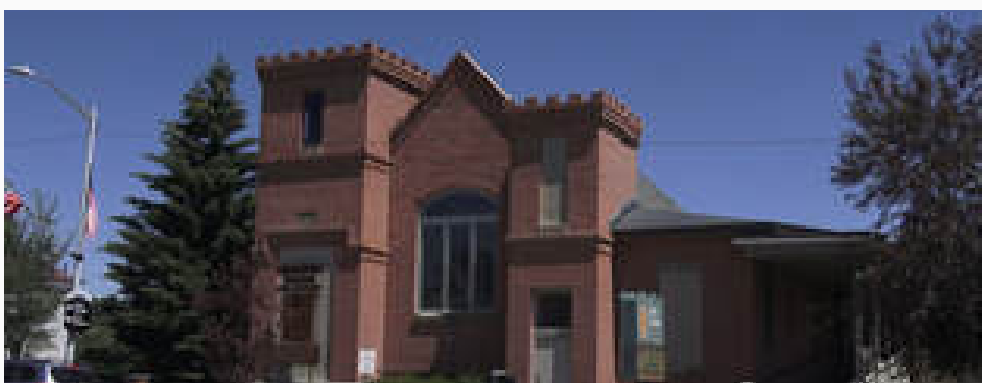
Proverbs 3:5-6 ~ Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.



October Supply Pulpit

OCT. 01: REV TERESSA L.
CLARK
WORLD COMMUNION
OCT. 08: REV. TERESSA
L. CLARK
OCT. 15: GUYNEMA
TERRY
OCT. 22: REV. DON
HAMILTON
OCT. 29: REV. LAYTON
HOWERTON





RLCC Council Meeting for Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Members in attendance were Russ Lord, Mark Sechler, Jay West, Lu Anne Brown, Jim Brown, Steve Hanson, Mark Schubert, Libby Gardner, Lori Floyd. The meeting was opened with prayer.

Libby Gardner, moderator, commented on the phishing problem affecting our congregation. Steps have been taken to make the directory more secure. Also, the church office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, August 14 and 15. She informed us of the vandalism at a church in Miles City.

Motion to Approve the Agenda was made by Jay West and seconded by Mark Sechler. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion for the Approval of the Consent Agenda was made by Russ Lord and seconded by Steve Hanson. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Sechler, head deacon reported that Deb Awes has resigned from the diaconate. Pulpit supply is scheduled through October.

Stewardship and Outreach is continuing work on the pledge drive for 2024. The work that was being done on the reservation is on hold.

Jay West from the Facilities Committee reported that the sanctuary air conditioner has refrigerant leaks and needs to be replaced. The Building Use Policy is still being worked on.

Motion to approve the Previous Meeting minutes by Jay West with an amendment regarding wording. Steve Hanson seconded the motion. Motion passes with minutes as amended.

The financial report was given by Mark Schubert. The Finance Committee was represented by Jim Brown. He gave an overview of the work they have done regarding the financial lifespan of the church and possible options for funding our next pastor. This may include an Endowment ambassador for gaining new endowments.

Old Business

Harvest Dinner will be headed up by Don and Karen Kinney and Patty Schuessler. It is recommended to raise the price of tickets to \$15 with a discounted rate for families.

Employee Handbook has been tabled for now. A review of the Sexual Misconduct Guide is being done.

New Business

Motion to approve Martha Brown to be on the Personnel Committee was made by Jay West and seconded by Russ Lord. Motion carried.

Motion to approve extra hours for Lynell Kruckeburg to view the "Come to the Table" webinar was made by Jay West and seconded by Mark Sechler. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the use of reserve funds for expenses of up to three people to attend the Conference Meeting in Great Falls was made by Russ Lord and seconded by Steve Hanson. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jay West and seconded by Mark at 7:08 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Lori Floyd

FROM THE MODERATOR



WORSHIPPING AT RLCC HAS BEEN A DELIGHT THIS SUMMER. THERE IS AN ENERGY PRESENT. I CAN "FEEL THE SPIRIT"! THANKS TO EACH PERSON FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE RLCC COMMUNITY.

THE DEACONS ARE AN AMAZING GROUP, WORKING TO KEEP OUR PULPIT STAFFED AS WELL AS HAVING AN EAR TO THE NEEDS OF OUR CONGREGANTS. THE SEARCH COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO WORK AS WE HOPE FOR A SETTLED PASTOR. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE IS PREPARING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 19, 2023. THE CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE IS WORKING ON ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN. THE SOUNDS AND FACES OF THE CHILDREN IN OUR SANCTUARY ARE A DELIGHT! STEWARDSHIP AND OUTREACH HAS STARTED THE FALL PLEDGE DRIVE. YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER THIS PAST WEEK. THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MAY BE CONTACTING YOU. PLEASE SAY YES! THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE IS WORKING ON PERFORMANCE REVIEWS AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO THESE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. AND, THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE DOES SO MUCH WORK TO KEEP OUR BUILDING AND GROUNDS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. THEY ALSO WORK ON BUILDING USE AND ARE DEVISING A NEW POLICY FOR THOSE NOT IN THE CONGREGATION WHO MAY WANT TO USE OUR BUILDING. THE COUNCIL IS MADE UP OF A MEMBER OF EACH OF THESE COMMITTEES AND MARK SCHUBERT AS TREASURER AND LORI FLOYD AS SECRETARY. THIS IS A HAPPENING PLACE!

WE CONTINUE TO BE GOD'S HANDS IN THE COMMUNITY. I AM GRATEFUL TO BE A PART OF THIS CONGREGATION.

LIBBY GARDNER, MODERATOR



Search Committee

THE CHURCH COUNCIL HAS APPOINTED MARTHA BROWN TO THE SEARCH COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE INPUT FROM THE PERSPECTIVES OF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE AND PPR RESPECTIVELY. AFTER ABOUT TWO MONTHS SINCE THEY WERE POSTED, WE HAVE RECEIVED NO APPLICATIONS THROUGH THE NATIONAL UCC POSTING NOR THROUGH THE CHURCH PROFILE AND JOB DESCRIPTION POSTED ON OUR RLCC WEBPAGE. THUS THE SEARCH COMMITTEE PLANS TO MEET WITH CONFERENCE MINISTER TONY CLARK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

AS ANY APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED, JANET WILL "LOG" THEIR RECEIPT, I WILL RESPOND BY EMAIL AND TELEPHONE IMMEDIATELY, AND WE WILL START THE PROCESS FOR APPLICANTS TO WORK THROUGH TONY AT THE CONFERENCE OFFICE BECAUSE THAT IS THE PATHWAY ANY FORMAL APPLICANT NEEDS TO FOLLOW.



Deacons

COMING SOON! THE DEACONS WILL BE MAILING OUT GREEN POSTCARDS TO EVERYONE ON OUR RLCC CONTACTS LIST NEXT WEEK. PLEASE INDICATE THE LEVEL OF ENGAGEMENT YOU'D LIKE (E.G., WISH TO RECEIVE OUR CHURCH'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER, POSSIBLE INTEREST IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, WANT TO RECEIVE A CHURCH PLEDGE CARD FOR 2024, OR LIKE TO BECOME A MORE ACTIVE CHURCH MEMBER) AND RETURN THESE CARDS TO THE CHURCH SO WE CAN BETTER MEET YOUR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS. THANKS!

Deacons assigned Oct dates:

October 01: Don Kinney & Mark Sechler
Oct 08: Mark Sechler & Renee Gabrian
Oct 15: Helen MacKay & Kiyoko Carlson
Oct 22: Renee Gabrain & Don Kinney
Oct 29: Jody Loeffen & Lori Floyd





Facilities Committee

FOR THE OCTOBER 2023 SHALOM Notes on our Church Building's History.

This 1941 map to the shows how our original church building and property was crowded up against houses on the north and south. Where today we have our entry ramp and the southeast end of the office and classroom wing --- that used to be a separate property. It was still vacant when our Methodist ancestors moved here in 1923. John Koski bought the lot three years later, in 1926, and built the small house and auto-repair garage that you see on the alley side in the map. The photo below is from the late 1940s shortly after James Henderson bought the next door lot from Mr. Koski's probate estate. The house is just to the right of and behind the Church, shadowed by Grazia's house (part of which is seen along the right edge of the photo). On the other (north) side of the Church, behind the picket fence, you can glimpse the front unit of the two rental houses that were on that adjoining lot. (That lot is where we built our north addition in 2005.)



The houses were still there on both sides in 1964 when the Community Church was formed here. One of the very first things the newly merged congregation did was buy the property on the south from Mr. Henderson's probate estate. The decision to buy was made at the very first meeting of the new congregation's Board of Trustees. The property was cheap because Red Lodge's economy was just beginning to rebound. Back then, there were still boarded up stores a few blocks to the north. Property values all over town were generally low. Also, the Henderson property was so run down it did not even have a working furnace or heater. It was in bad enough shape that none of Mr. Henderson's dozen heirs wanted it and the probate estate had been unable to sell it. A measure of how low things were back then is that a couple of months earlier, when the probate estate conducted a well-advertised probate sale, nobody showed up. Not even to watch, let alone bid on the property. The estate had the property appraised at \$1800 (about \$17,300 in today's dollars). The Trustees were able to buy the property in June for \$1675, which is the equivalent of about \$16,500 in today's dollars.

Doubtless, the new Board of Trustees was looking ahead to the construction of additions to the Church, but the immediate plan was to use the Henderson house for one of the Sunday School classes. (The now combined classes were twice as large as the ones housed in the Church before the merger). Financing the purchase so soon after the merger took some financial creativity. The Community Church was just getting organized. It had not yet filed incorporation papers in June. It did not have legal title to any property. Legal title to this church building and the parsonage at 14th and Hauser were actually held by the Methodist District. Title to the Congregational Church and parsonage over on Word Avenue was held by the Congregational Conference, although the local congregation did have title to a rental property down the block on word. Both church properties had mortgages with their respective denominations. Sorting out transfers of titles and mortgages would (and did) take time. Also, the Community Church had Rev. Rushing and Dodds as co-pastors, each with his family in a parsonage. For the time being, the Methodist District and the Congregational Conference were leasing the respective properties to the new Community Church pending the sorting of titles and mortgages. So, the Trustees took out a short term loan for \$1500 from First Security

Bank. The loan and some funds on hand allowed them to buy the Henderson property in June and pay for a gas wall-furnace to heat it for when used as a Sunday School classroom. The loan was paid-off about six months later when the Congregationalists's rental property was sold for \$1700 to the St. Agnes Catholic church which owned the rest of the block. They owned it all when they bought the old Congregational Church and parsonage property the following year. This was after Rev. Rushing was called to a ministry at a Methodist Church in Colorado and only one parsonage was needed. The \$15,000 price in that sale enabled the Community Church to pay off all the old mortgages and provided a substantial addition to their "building fund" for adding classrooms and office space to the original building here.

As things turned out, it was four years later, in 1968, before the Community Church was ready to build its new addition with enough classrooms for Sunday School, an entry ramp and doorway on the south and with the sanctuary reoriented to face the big stained glass window that is now regarded as a focal point of our Sanctuary. In the spring of 1968, after we had bought the other property – the one adjoining the Church on the north --- the Building Committee hired Drake Gustafson Architects to design the additions that would utilize the Henderson property. A congregational meeting was called to approve the plans; it was scheduled for the end of October. A couple of weeks before that meeting, Pastor Zimmerman and a crew of volunteers dismantled the old Henderson buildings, clearing the way for new construction.. The lumber was saved for improvements to the parsonage property at 14th and Hauser.

The architect's plans may have been a bit more than the congregation anticipated. Besides adding a new wing to the south and east sides of the original building, there was also a major facelift of the front façade. The photo below, from a November 1968 article in the Carbon County News, shows what was proposed for the front.



Although unanimously approved by the congregation at the October 1968 meeting, there were second thoughts about the ideas for a new "A-Frame" front façade. At first, they put off a final decision by designating that part of the design as something to defer for a future "Phase 2" of construction. By the time eventually Phase 2 started in 1978, nobody was still considering an updated front façade. Of course, the ramp entry and the "Christian Education Wing" were built as planned. Also in Phase 1, the Sanctuary, which had faced the back wall for the previous six decades, was re-oriented to face the "Maria Cooper Window." Today, that window is still regarded as a major feature of our sanctuary – so much so that a photo of it was included in the Church Profile prepared for the pastoral search. So, what you see here is a road not taken.



Stewardship & Outreach

Please be on the look out for your pledge cards in the mail. We have also included a church status card. The Deacons would like these to be filled out and returned. They will help update your profile, mailing addresses & any other information you would like to keep current on. Please return everything with the provided self-addressed & stamped envelope. It is very important to have pledge cards filled out and returned for proper bookkeeping purposes.



GREETINGS!

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IS AROUND THE CORNER AND THE MUSIC OF THE SEASON IS A GREAT SOURCE OF JOY AND HOPE FOR MANY PEOPLE. THIS YEAR, WE WILL BE SINGING CAROLS – A CANTATA FOR CONGREGATION AND CHOIR BY HEATHER SORENSEN. THIS CANTATA FEATURES SEVEN FAMILIAR CHRISTMAS HYMNS ARRANGED IN 4 PART HARMONY. IN BETWEEN THE SONGS IS A LITURGY FILLED FAMILIAR WITH SCRIPTURES HELPING TO TELL THE CHRISTMAS STORY.

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR THIS TIME OF MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP. ALL ARE WELCOME! WE WILL SHARE THIS MUSIC WITH THE COMMUNITY ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 3 PM AT THE RED LODGE COMMUNITY CHURCH.

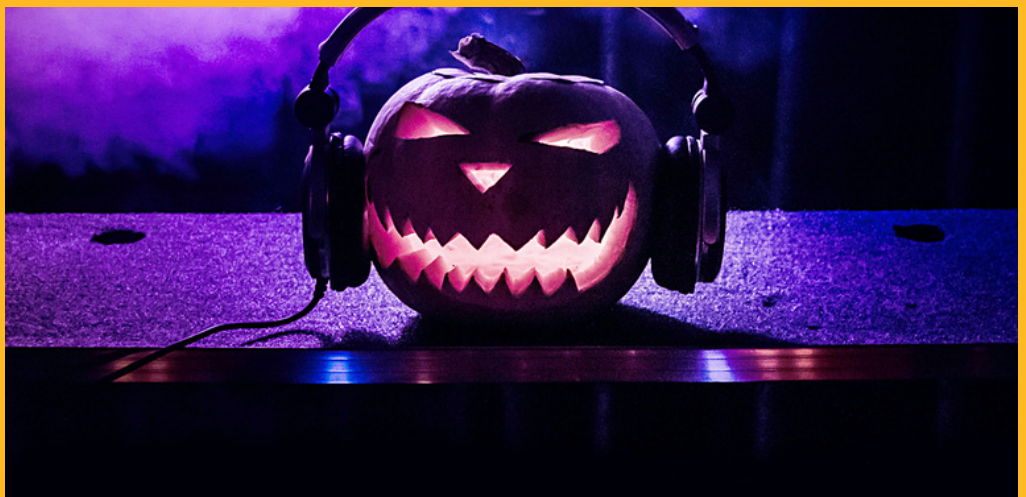
REHEARSALS START IN EARLY NOVEMBER UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF DECEMBER. THERE ARE TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO PRACTICE - MONDAY EVENINGS FROM 7:00-8:00 PM AND ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 1:30-2:30 PM. ALL REHEARSALS ARE IN THE SANCTUARY AT THE RED LODGE COMMUNITY CHURCH. IT'S A BUSY TIME OF YEAR, SO PLAN TO ATTEND AS MANY REHEARSALS AS POSSIBLE. WE WILL HAVE MUSICAL SCORES FOR ALL SINGERS AND PRACTICE TRACKS FOR LISTENING AT HOME.

PLEASE CONTACT LYNELL KRUCKEBERG AT 303-868-1434 OR AT LYNEL.LKRUCKEBERG@YAHOO.COM IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING US.

CANTATA REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

1. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023 – 7:00 PM
2. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023 – 1:30 PM
3. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023 – 7:00 PM
4. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023 – 1:30 PM
5. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023 – 7:00 PM
6. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2023 – 1:30 PM
7. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023 – 7:00 PM
8. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 – 1:30 PM
9. MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023 – 7:00 PM
10. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023 – 1:30 PM
11. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023 – 3:00 PM DRESS REHEARSAL
12. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023- 10:00 AM - CANTATA SERVICE AT RED LODGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Music



COMMUNITY

Empty Bowls 2023

When: Sunday, October 8, 1:00-3:00pm

Where: Red Lodge Community Church

Tickets: \$35 for an artisan bowl and a meal of soup, bread and dessert

\$10 for meal without artisan bowl

**Tickets are purchased at the door
Children 5 and under free**

Soup is provided by RL Restaurants

**All proceeds benefit BareTooth
Cupboards Food Bank**

Bowls provided by

RED LODGE CLAY CENTER

Community



BARETOOTH CUPBOARDS FOOD BANK

HARVEST DINNER

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**HARVEST DINNER
SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 4**

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Help still needed the day of with carving turkeys, taking tickets, clearing and cleaning tables. It will be fun!



**WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS
REGARDING TICKET PRE-SALE.**

CELEBRATE

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Oct 1 Judith Gregory
Oct 2 Sue Kauffman
Oct 6 Nancy Krekeler
Oct 6 Lew Gumper
Oct 6 Alan Schuyler
Oct 7 Martha Sobral
Oct 7 David Munson
Oct 13 Carolyn brown
Oct 23 Nancy Hamilton

OCT 21

**COLLEEN & WAYNE
STEVENSON**





CALENDAR & SCHEDULED MEETING

MONTH: **YEAR**
October **2023**

***All meetings subject to change, please communicate with all parties including the office. It is much appreciated! ***

DATE	COMMITTEE:	DAY:	TIME:	AREA:	CONTACT:
OCTOBER 02	Facilities	Thursday	5:00 pm	Upperroom	
OCTOBER 09	Financial	Monday	11 am – 1 pm	Upperroom	
OCTOBER 09	Staff	Monday	1 pm	Sitting area front Narthex	
OCTOBER 09	Stewardship	Monday	1 pm	Upperroom	
OCTOBER 10	Christian Education	Tuesday	2 pm	Brother Van Room, Downstairs	
OCTOBER 12	Church Council	Thursday	5:30 pm	Upperroom	



OCTOBER 24	Deacons	Tuesday	10 am	Upperroom	
OCTOBER 17	Parkinson's Disease Group	Meets every 3 rd Tuesday of month	2 pm	Upperroom	Contact Kathy Munson: 406-672-5403
OCT 6, 13, 20 & 27	Girl Scouts	Meets every Friday	3:30 pm	Fellowship Hall	
OCT 4, 11, 18, 25	Coffee Klatch	Meets every Wednesday	9:00 am	Lions Park	Contact Renee: 406-446-2047
OCT 5, 12, 19, 26	Prayer Zoom	Meets every Thursday	8:45 am	Zoom link provided	





Halloween Word Search



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- BAT
 - MOON
 - CANDLE
 - OWL
 - GHOST
 - WITCH
 - SPIDER
 - PUMPKIN
 - CANDY
 - BLACK CAT

SHALOM

RED LODGE COMMUNITY CHURCH, UCC

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



October 2023

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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CHURCH ADDRESS: 308 S. BROADWAY

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PASTOR:

