

# Shalom

Red Lodge Community Church, UCC



March 2023

*Red Lodge, Montana*



## UPDATE FROM THE COUNCIL

There is an energy in our congregation as our church moves forward in the next steps of discerning what God wants for (and expects from) us. The Deacons are doing an excellent job of coordinating having a pastor in the pulpit and the worship service meaningful for all. They have each chosen an area of focus to oversee, meeting the needs of the congregation. The finance committee continues to work to provide us with a stable base from which to continue to celebrate the legacy of giving to our community. We have been in touch with Rev Marc Stewart and the conference office for guidance in seeking new ministerial leadership. Audrey Clark and Russ Lord have begun work on the Church Profile, the first step in the process of calling a pastor. You will hear from them, and hopefully they will hear from you, about the unique characteristics of this congregation, of what defines us as a church. The search committee: Deb Bratton, Walter Clapp, Duane Estelle, Lu Anne Brown, and Russ Lord have begun meeting. They will begin the search for a designated term (similar to an interim) pastor, then proceed with the process to call a settled pastor. They are using "Guide to Pastoral Search and Call" from the UCC conference office as a framework for this process. Lots is happening!! In addition, the Facilities Committee works to keep us shoveled, warm, generally intact. The Stewardship and Outreach Committee has started the exciting process of sharing our bounty with others through distribution of funds from the generous Hazel Chamberlain endowment. Steve Hanson and Jay West are aligning our governing documents so our constitution, by-laws, and standing rules use the same language and are accurate descriptions of current actions. And, a dedicated prayer group meets in person and via zoom to hold us together through prayer, the most important action of all. John 8: 31-32 Jesus then said to those Jews who believed in him, "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

*RLCC Council Minutes for Thursday January 12, 2022*

*Meeting was held in the Upper Room. Members present were Steve Hanson, Jay West, Libby Gardner, Julia Childs, Renee Gabrian, Rev. Dr. Pam Peterson, Mark Schubert, Lori Floyd.*

*Meeting opened in prayer by Pastor Pam. Libby Gardner made a few comments as new moderator.*

*Motion to accept the agenda was made by Jay West. Seconded by Steve Hanson. Motion approved.*

*Motion to appoint Mark Schubert as Treasurer and Lori Floyd as Secretary for the Church was made by Julia Childs and seconded by Renee Gabrian. Motion approved.*

*Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Renee Gabrian. Seconded by Julia Childs. Motion approved.*

*Motion to approval of previous meeting minutes as amended was made by Jay West and seconded by Renee Gabrian. Motion approved.*

*Finance Report was given by Mark Schubert. He addressed the various points on the increase of the interest accounts. Motion to approve the finance reports as presented was made by Steve Hanson and seconded by Julia Childs. Motion approved.*

*Motion to approve the Pastor's report as presented was made by Jay West and seconded by Mark Schubert. Motion approved.*

*Old Business*

*The personnel committee (ad hoc) requires another deacon to join the ad hoc. Motion to approve the appointment of a deacon to join the ad hoc committee was made by Jay West and seconded by Lori Floyd. Motion approved.*

*The Church's insurance policy has been updated to UCC Insurance Group.*

*NCCC team's application to use the church facility is being processed.*

*Pastor Pam gave a brief presentation for possible church activities in 2023.*

*New Business*

*There was discussion regarding the mandatory distribution of the Hazel Chamberlin Fund. Motion was made to change the CUE distribution to a Montana UCC Seminary student attending any seminary and to change the RLCC Youth Education Outreach Fund distribution to the larger Red Lodge area youth.*

*Motion to consider these changes to the mandatory distribution to be presented to at the annual congregational meeting on January 22, 2023 by Jay West. Seconded by Renee Gabrian. Motion approved.*

*Motion for the approval of the council to allow Stewardship and Outreach full distribution of the available funds was made by Steve Hanson and seconded by Lori Floyd. Motion approved.*

*Motion for a vote of thanks to Bill Cords as moderator for 2022 was made by Jay West and seconded by Julia Childs. Motion approved.*

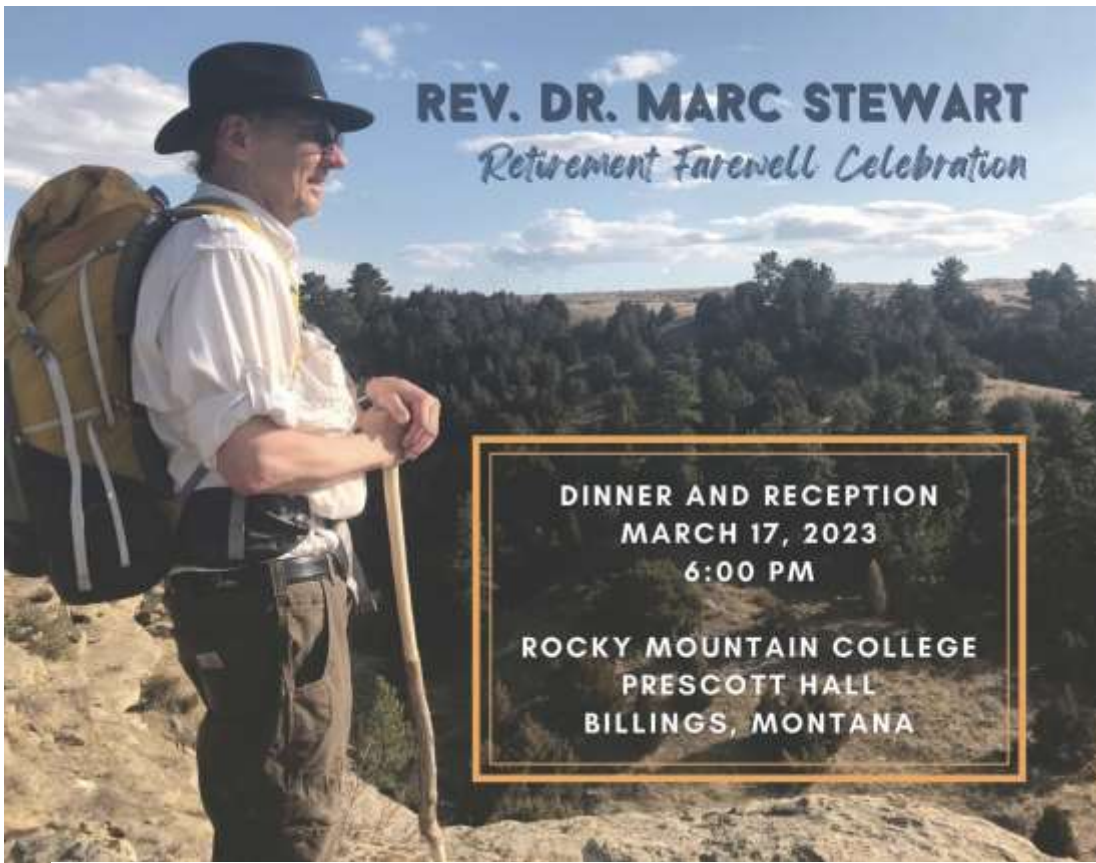
*Motion to authorize Libby Gardner, Mark Schubert and Lori Floyd as signatory for banking and investment purposes. Checks up to \$5000 require one signature and checks over \$5000 require two signatures. This motion was made by Steve Hanson and seconded by Jay West. Motion approved.*

*Discussion was held on concerns of the congregation regarding the financial deficit. We take this deficit seriously. The formation of a financial review committee is needed. Pastor Pam and Libby will set the agenda for the congregational annual meeting on January 22, 2023.*

*Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Hanson and duly seconded.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Lori Floyd*



*Let's Celebrate Marc's 40 years in Ministry!*

You're invited to help thank and honor the  
**Rev. Dr. Marc Ian Stewart**

March 17, 2023

6 pm Buffet Dinner

7 pm Celebration of Ministry and Liturgy of Farewell

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Please RSVP by March 10, 2023 to attend  
in person or virtually  
[www.mnwcucc.org/marc](http://www.mnwcucc.org/marc)

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A farewell gift for Marc and Cheryl is being collected for their travels  
Donate on our website under Events  
[www.mnwcucc.org](http://www.mnwcucc.org)

Words of gratitude or remembrance of Marc's ministry as well as  
questions can be directed to [jpenfield@mnwcucc.org](mailto:jpenfield@mnwcucc.org)



Please join your Deacons In Thursday morning Zoom Prayer and Coffee Klatch beginning February 23, 2023 at 8:45 AM. We will begin with our Church and Community prayer time and then move to a time together of sharing poems, readings, stories, personal activities, reconnecting with our “snowbirds” and locals. **This group is open to all and we would love for you to join us during these cold winter days.**

Please call the Church Office or one of the Deacons with your prayer requests to be added to our Prayer list. We would also like to be notified if you know of someone that requires a hospital or home visit.

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# March 2023

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5 Jody, Don	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Lori, Renee	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Renee	20	21 10am Meeting	22	23	24	25
26 Lori Mark	27	28	29	30	31	

# Facilities Management

## FOR THE MARCH 2023 SHALOM

### Notes on our Church's History.

For those who celebrate anniversaries, 2023 marks three centennials for our congregation in our building. 1923 was the year our Methodist ancestors arrived in this building and we can choose three different dates to celebrate this centennial: June 10 when the Methodists held their first services while renting this building; August 9 when they bought the building; and December 17 when the remodeled and renovated sanctuary was formally consecrated.

What we know about this comes from our stash of old Church records going back to the spring of 1890. That's when our ancestral congregations first formed; the Congregationalists in the last week of March of that year and the Methodists a week later in early April. The Congregationalist built their church (which still stands) at 9<sup>th</sup> and Word while the Methodists' built theirs at 13<sup>th</sup> and Hauser. That was later the site for the Carbon County News building and is now the high-end rental opposite the Post Office on the west and the Community foundation on the north. The Methodists bought another property at 14<sup>th</sup> and Hauser after Red Lodge's 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists disbanded in 1908. They (the Methodists) moved the Adventist building back to the alley and converted it into a parsonage. Then, they picked up their original Church building, moved it down a block onto the front of that property, and enlarged it a bit. By 1922, they had outgrown their relocated building and were looking for a much larger space.

The details of what happened next can be found in a latched cardboard document box where somebody gathered the correspondence, meeting minutes bills, plans, check stubs relating to the Methodists' move to this building. Those records start in the fall of 1922 and document a plan to buy our present building from the local lodge of the Odd Fellows. You may recall that the Odd Fellows lodge had bought the building in 1917 after the first resident, Red Lodge First Christian Church, disbanded. In 1922, the Methodist's offered \$6500 for the building --- that's roughly \$107,000 in today's dollars --- but the Odd Fellows said that \$6500 was not enough. Although the Odd Fellows did not counteroffer or say how much would be "enough," this seems to have been an amicable discussion. The Methodists decided to try putting a larger building on their existing property and, while construction was underway, the Odd Fellows agreed to rent their "Hall" to the Methodists for Sunday services and Sunday School for \$20 a month (that's roughly \$350 in today's dollars.)

The Methodists hired a Minneapolis architect. He delivered plans for a replacement building in May of 1923 along with an estimate that the project would cost about \$12,000 (equivalent to \$208,000, today.) That fit the Methodist's budget, so they proceeded to put the job out for bids, hired a contractor to dismantle their old building (in return for what he could salvage), and hired a foundation contractor to remove the old foundation and build the one for the new design.

The Methodists signed the demolition contract on June 2, 1923 and held their first services in our present building on June 10, 1923. So, we could celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their first services here on Sunday, June 10 of this year.

The next date, August 9, is the day they closed on their purchase of this building. How that came about looks rather slapdash in retrospect. The Methodists seem to have been in such a rush to get their new building done that they had the demolition work and new foundation work all done in June, weeks before they began receiving general contractor bids. When those bids started arriving in mid-July, every one was nearly double the architect's estimate. The cost was far beyond the Methodists' resources. The folks immediately went back to talk to the Odd Fellows who agreed to sell our building for \$8500. The sale closed on August 9. As August 9 falls on a Wednesday, the centennial of the purchase could be part of the service on the preceding Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> or the following Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

The final choice for a celebration date is December 17<sup>th</sup>. That was the date on which the Methodists held the formal ceremonies to consecrate and dedicate their newly renovated Sanctuary after four months of work. The photo to the right shows their new Sanctuary all decked out for the dedication ceremony in December of 1923. Notice the three carved wooden chairs against the back wall? Those were left by the Odd Fellows and may date from 1889. They are still with us today as altar chairs. Also, notice the table down front with the greens in the large vase? That table was a gift to the church from a 1903 Methodist Sunday School class. It, too, is still with us today; it's our communion table. There is continuity to contemplate when December 17 rolls around this year.



# Stewardship & Outreach

## Hazel Chamberlain Endowment Funds Now Available

Don't Delay! Application deadline is March 12th.

The Stewardship and Outreach Committee invites you to submit an application for Hazel Chamberlain Endowment Fund grants on behalf of a non-profit near and dear to your heart.\* Prayerfully consider where the greatest needs lie in our local community and beyond and how our gifts can do the best. Requirements are included on the application form below.

Presentations will be made during Mission Moments on upcoming Sundays, and then the people of RLCC will have the opportunity to vote on which non-profits most need our support this year.

Applications may be printed from the Shalom or the church website, picked up in the church office or by calling the office to request a form by mail.

Again, this year RLCC is blessed through the generosity of Hazel Chamberlain to be able to reach out and demonstrate our Love in Action. We look forward to receiving your applications.

\*We cannot accept applications for capital campaigns.





# Application for 2023 Hazel Chamberlain Endowment Fund Grant

Requirements:

1. Applications must be made and championed by an active worshiper at RLCC.
2. The organization must be a registered non-profit (501c3). No capital campaigns, please.
3. An in-person Mission Moment presentation during a Sunday service is required.\*
4. Applications must be received at the church office no later than March 12, 2023.

Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

EIN# \_\_\_\_\_

Website Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain in one paragraph why you believe this organization is deserving of our support. This paragraph will be included with the ballot for determining distribution of the funds.

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**\*The Mission Moment should be 4 minutes or less during an agreed upon Sunday Worship. Inform the congregation of the mission and needs of the nominated organization. A video of this presentation will be posted on the Church website. Once presentations have been made by all applicants, ballot voting will be opened to the people of Red Lodge Community Church to decide where the available funds go. Questions? Call the church office (446-1444).**

Application submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



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

	Church Council	March 09 @5:30 pm
	Facilities	March 02 @5:00 pm
	Stewardship	March 13 @10:00 am
	Deacon	March 21 @10:00 am
	Ad-Hoc-PPR	N/A
	Ad-Hoc-Finance	N/A
	Ad-Hoc-Search	N/A





## Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Note:** Dear Red Lodge Community Church,  
*I can't tell you how honored I felt to receive one of your prayer shawls, from the Prayer Shawl Ministry. I know the love and care that goes into creating a hand Made gift. I t has already warmed my heart and my body. Thank you very much*  
For this beautiful gift, and for the prayers and thought that went into it.

With Loving Regard,  
Audrey

**Note:** *Dear Red Lodge Community Church,  
Thank you for the lovely Prayer Shawl-I think you did mine-looks like your knitting! Convey my thanks and love to the group.  
It is on my chair and can use it instead of my blanket.*

*Love,  
Joyce & Cynde*



## Lady's Brunch

Lady's Brunch is back on! Starting March 11, 2023 at 9:00am. Please bring a dish to share and gather to bond in joy. If you have any questions please contact Lori Floyd: 406 -671-0982 or email at [lorifloyd02@gmail.com](mailto:lorifloyd02@gmail.com).



Those Who Are Grieving The Family and Friends of Judith Gregory, Gloria Harris & Jimmy Kujala. Those who have lost beloved pets.



### Mail Chimp Mailings

Have you been missing your 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 the church office the link to you.



### 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 you refrain from using strong personal scents or perfumes Thank You!*

# March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3:30 pm Girl Scouts	2 5:00pm Facility Committee Meeting	3	4
5 10:00 am Live Worship	6 9-11 am Great Books Club 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	7	8 3:30 pm Girl Scouts	9 8:45 am Coffee Klatch & Prayer Zoom 5:30pm Church Council Meeting	10 5:30-7pm Theater Group	11 9:00am Lady's Brunch
12 10:00 am Live Worship 3:30pm 4H club Meeting	13 9-11 am Great Books Club 10am Stewardship 1:00 pm Staff	14	15 3:30 pm Girl Scouts	16 8:45 am Coffee Klatch & Prayer Zoom	17 5:30-7pm Theater Group	18
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## Birthdays:

March 1: Dixie McCampbell

March 2: Miles LaRowe

March 14: David Ritter

March 19: Mark Schubert

Feb 23: Linda Hanson

## Anniversaries:

March 2: Denece & Russ Lord

March 8: Jerry & Betty Brehus

March 15: Diane & Jim Brown

## *Shalom*

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308 S. Broadway  
P.O. Box 786  
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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)*

Church Phone: (406) 446-1444

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[www.redlodgecommunitychurch.com](http://www.redlodgecommunitychurch.com)

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Office Hours: M-F 10am-3pm & and by appointment (subject to change)

Pastor:

