

# Shalom

Red Lodge Community Church, UCC



February 2021 **Notes from the Sky Pilot's Page** Red Lodge, Montana

*"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...and God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness." Genesis 1: 1, 3-5*

Come, live in the light! Jesus does not work in the darkness, rather Jesus works in the light. By opening the way to understanding, we open the way to light. There are many times in our lives when we find ourselves in a dark place. Illness, grief, aloneness, loneliness. Those are all times of darkness in our lives, and they are normal dark places in life. What is not normal, healthy darkness, is when we hold ourselves in darkness when God has called us to be the light of the world.

February can be a very dark month, even with all of the hearts and chocolates. The sun sets too early and rises too late. The cold causes us to bundle up, covering our bodies from the natural light of the sun when it *is* in the sky. As we continue to live into the darkness of the unknown future due to the pandemic, we must live in that darkness by exposing our faith to as much light in Christ that we possibly can. Do not, dear friends, hold yourselves in darkness. One of the most common places of darkness that we find ourselves bound to is in what I refer to as a "state of confusion." Confusion allows darkness to prevail, and it takes work to clear away confusion, allowing the light of Christ to shine through. Where do you find confusion in your life this February? And how can you open the way to letting the light in, resolving the unknown, finding answers and knowing when to set confusion off in its own dark corner, not allowing it to own you?

From the Gospel of John, we hear Jesus himself saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." We have Jesus as the one who sheds light on darkness, dispersing the confusion. We allow Jesus to do that by asking questions of curiosity and seeking clarity.

So live in the light! Share your light with the world however you can, for in sharing your light you are helping others overcome their darkness. And enjoy that chocolate because...it can't hurt!

Peace,

Pastor Pam

Lenten Book Study  
9:00 a.m. Sundays via Zoom

“Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents” by Isabel Wilkerson

Join Pastor Pam in this important book study that will take us deep into our own understanding of ourselves and our journey within the caste system. Wilkerson writes that it is “an artificial construction, a fixed and embedded ranking of human value that sets the presumed supremacy of one group against the presumed inferiority of other groups on the basis of ancestry and often immutable traits, traits that would be neutral in the abstract but are ascribed life-and-death meaning.” The study begins on Sunday February 7 and will run until Sunday March 28. Questions for thought and discussion will be sent out in the Monday Memo and Weekly Wrangler.



WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Our Annual Lenten Services are in the “Planning and Development” stage!

▶ We will be gathering readers, musicians and preachers to create weekly Wednesday Evening Services, February 24—March 24. Please stay tuned, more information will be forthcoming.

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Minutes from Council meetings are available on the website's [“Shalom & Council Meeting Minutes”](#) page.

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## Worship Services



Please join us for our pre-recorded [video service on our website](#). The weekly bulletin can be found via the link on the home page or the drop down “Getting Involved” menu on the website. You can follow along with the bulletin online or download a PDF version to print off at home. Our services are really creative and beautiful these days, so join us and enjoy!

If you are having trouble getting the videos to open up with your Internet service, we are providing flash drives or DVDs with the service video loaded onto them for your convenience. Just call the church at 446-1444 or email us at [rlc-assistant@gmail.com](mailto:rlc-assistant@gmail.com) to make arrangements to pick one up.

Remember, if you have a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Pam at:  
1-406-426-8715.



## A Word from the Deacons....



The following message was sent to our congregation by your deacons. If you did not receive this information or would like assistance getting on the vaccine list, please call one of the deacons listed.

When vaccines arrive, Carbon County will begin offering Covid 19 vaccinations to persons included in **Montana's 1B Phase Group**. This initial phase targets those most at risk for severe Covid disease.

Generally, it includes anyone 70 years of age and older, people of color including <https://surveymonkey.com/r/C27SG8PNative> Americans and other at-risk groups ages 16-69 years of age with any of the nine listed high-risk medical conditions.

The vaccination process will look very different than receiving a flu shot. Limited supply arriving weekly will require you to be placed on a vaccine interest list. You will be notified via email or phone in the order you were placed on the list by our local Public Health Department.

Phase 1B is a large group and will take several weeks to complete and hopefully Montana will begin vaccinations in the next two weeks. You may be called sooner if vaccines are available.

If you wish to receive the Covid 19 vaccine, please complete the survey. If you are unable to complete the survey online, please call your deacon for assistance. Here is the link for the Covid 19 vaccine survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C27SG8P>

Peace and Good Health,

Debbie Awes—425-3985  
Renee Gabrian—446-2047

Bill Cords—446-1901  
Don Kinney—446-1670  
Sharyn McKenzie—644-3160

Lori Floyd—671-0982  
Helen Mackay—425-0101

## Church Chat and Coffee Klatch



If you would like to be included in a weekly Zoom gathering with other church and community folks, here are the options. Please feel free to e-mail the appropriate Deacon to receive you Zoom invitation. The groups vary in their meeting agenda, some include prayer, readings and poetry. Others enjoy social time and catching up with one another. This is a great way to stay in touch, socialize and share your stories.



Debbie Awes, Helen Mackay, & Renee Gabrian

Wednesday 9 am

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[hmackay49@gmail.com](mailto:hmackay49@gmail.com)  
[rrgabrian@hotmail.com](mailto:rrgabrian@hotmail.com)

*In January, we grieved with the family and friends of:*



*Joan Planty  
Tony Krumheuer  
Francis Jones  
Sid Herbert  
Brandon Arthur*



# Christian Education



Christian Education is so excited to announce that we have started our in church, church school. We are planning to meet in person every other week, and the other weeks are by Zoom. We had our first in person church school on January 17th and we had a blast!

Christian Education also has a new curriculum, that we are implementing that many UCC churches use. It will be very educational and fun. We are planning our Easter pageant (already!) so stay tuned...

Zina General,  
Director of Christian Education



**Volunteers Needed!**

We're looking for volunteers to help with small jobs in the kitchen. We need someone to empty out all the salt and pepper shakers, wash them, and fill them up again. The knives need to be sharpened. There are lots of little jobs like this that we could use a hand with. If you're interested in helping out, please call Marie Shirley-Jones at 426-0713. Thanks!

## *A Report from Facilities Management on Refreshing the Fellowship Hall*



The Fellowship Hall refresh is close to done. The room was repainted in November. The old carpet was removed and the new carpet was installed during the week of Dec. 13 to 18. We think it looks very nice now and is a big improvement! Skip was able to do some repairs that were needed on the old cabinets and thinks we can get several more years out of them. We are planning to reinstall the cabinets with new countertops after the holidays. That should be no problem as the building is pretty

much shut down and there are no events taking place. Stop down and check out the face lift. Here are a couple of snapshots of the room with new carpet and new paint.

### *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 Mia and ask her to sent 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 Mia at the church office. Enjoy!

### *Notes from the Office...*

If you or your committee have a project or some other need for assistance from the RLCC staff members, please let us know. We have staff meetings every **Monday at 11am. We won't be answering the phone during our meetings,** but we sure can discuss how best to help you with your requests. So, let us know if you need something that we can help with.



As always, please remember to get your articles and/or announcements for the Shalom and the church calendar in by the 20th of the month.

### **The February Shalom Award**

The "First In" award for getting the Shalom article in goes to: Renee Gabrian for the Deacons



# CELEBRATIONS!!!



**February 3 -  
Feed the Birds Day**



**February 4—Thank a Mailman Day**

## BIRTHDAYS

Joyce Lindberg	2/4
Helen MacKay	2/5
Betty Brekhus	2/9
Jerry Brekhus	2/10
Diane Brown	2/12
Diny Gumper	2/19
Linda Hanson	2/23
Wendy Tyree	2/27

**February 6 - Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day**



**February 11 - Make a Friend Day**

## ANNIVERSARIES

Ken & Debbie Awes	2/8
Lou & Kandy Aleksich	2/14
Don & Karen Kinney	2/14

**February 17—Random  
Acts of Kindness Day**



**February 19 - National Chocolate Mint Day**

**February 22 - International  
World Thinking Day**



**February 20 - Hoodie-Hoo Day**



**February 24 -  
National  
Tortilla Chip Day**



**February 28 - Public Sleeping Day**



For the young  
and young-at-heart!



# Puzzle!

Discover the identity of a biblical person. First, assign a number value to each letter, starting with M=1, N=2, O=3, ... A=15, etc. Then use the code to complete the clues.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z  
15 \_\_\_\_\_ 1 2 3

FIRST CLUE: 15 7 15 13 3 9 2 21 1 15 2

22 19 25 23 26 26 19 18 7 3 1 19 3 2 19.

SECOND CLUE: 22 19 11 15 7 8 19 2 18 23 2 21

7 22 19 19 4 23 2 8 22 19 18 19 7 19 6 8

11 22 19 2 21 3 18 17 15 26 26 19 18 22 23 1.

THIRD CLUE: 15 7 15 16 15 16 13 22 19 11 15 7

20 3 9 2 18 20 26 3 15 8 23 2 21 23 2 15

16 15 7 25 19 8 23 2 8 22 19 2 23 26 19 6 23 10 19 6.

Who is this person? \_\_\_\_\_

Answer: Moses

## Loving embraces

Express your love and friendship with handcrafted bracelets.



What you need:  
• Adult help

- Bowl of boiling water
- Wide wooden craft sticks
- Glass cup
- Markers, paint or decorative tape

### What you do:

1. Pour about 3 cups of boiling water into a bowl. Soak sticks in the water about 30 minutes.
2. Remove sticks and slowly, gently bend them into a curve.
3. To maintain the shape, place curved sticks inside a glass cup overnight to dry completely.
4. Remove and decorate the bracelets, which make fun Valentine's Day gifts.

# PUZZLE

## A famous friendship

In the Bible, Ruth and Naomi are known for their loving friendship.

Directions: Using the key, fill in the blanks to see what Ruth says to Naomi.

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J O U O U O E C O E E E

J E O O E E ' O N O J O U O U

O E O N C U O E E J E O O

N C U O ' O E O O N U E N O U

J E O O E U F O

N U E N O U O N O

O E O O E C O

F O E C O ' RUTH 1:16, NIV

W	A	E	T
B	U	H	D
G	R	L	Y
N	S	P	M

Answer: "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." Ruth 1:16, NIV



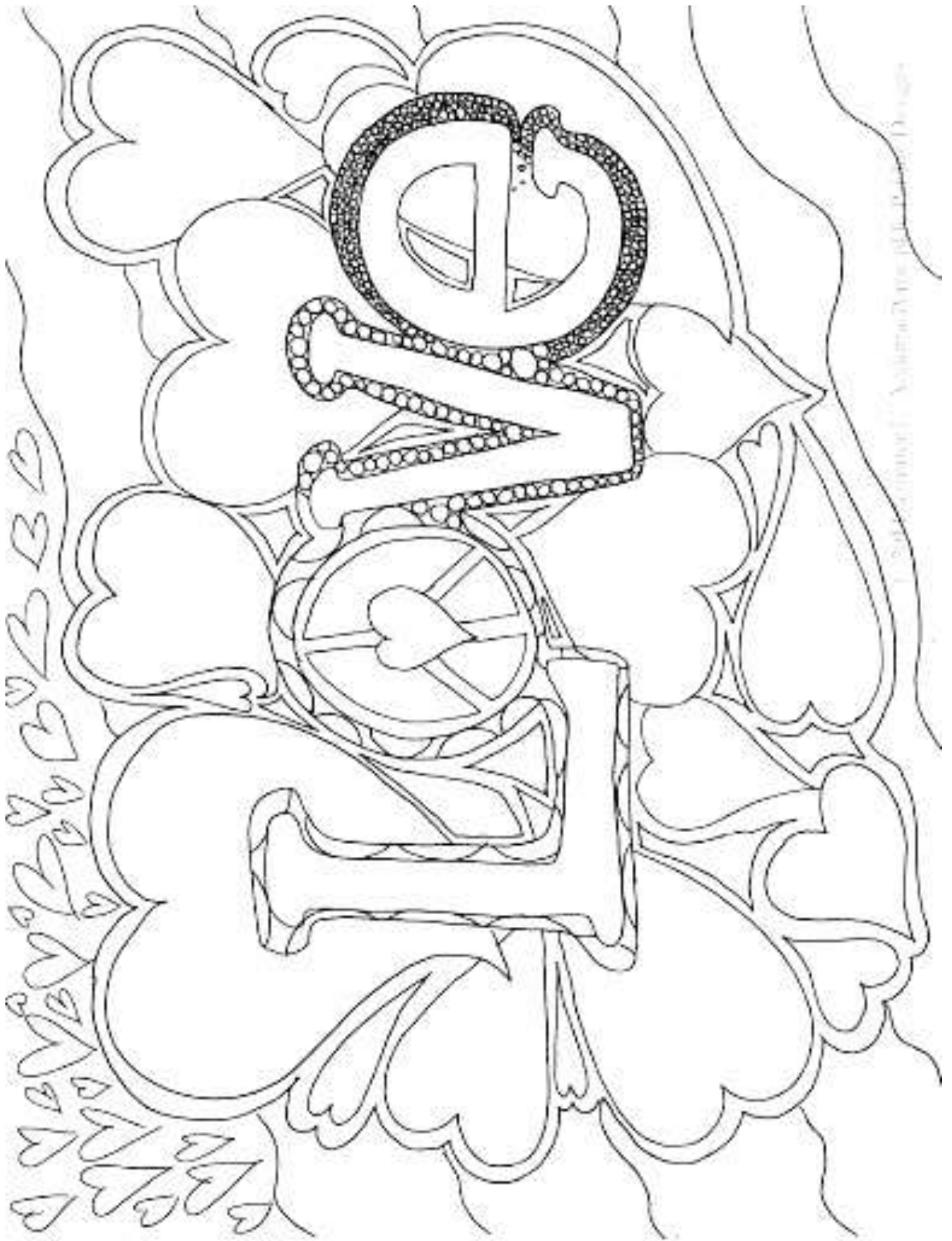
### Bible Quiz

What was the name of Moses' wife?

A. Miriam  
B. Jochebed  
C. Zipporah  
D. Leah

Answer: C (See Exodus 2:21.)

Fill Your World with Color!







# February 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10am Staff Meeting	2	3 9am Deacon Zoom— Debbie Awes, Helen Mackay, & Renee Gabrian	4 5:15pm Exec. Com. Meeting	5	6
7 10am Virtual Worship & Communion 11:30am Sunday School	8 10am Staff Meeting 1:30pm Steward- ship & Outreach Meeting	9	10 9am Deacon Zoom— Debbie Awes, Helen Mackay, & Renee Gabrian	11 9:30am Zoom Prayer	12	13
14 10am Virtual Worship & Communion 11am Annual Meeting	15 10am Staff Meeting	16 10am Deacons	17 9am Deacon Zoom— Debbie Awes, Helen Mackay, & Renee Gabrian	18 9:30am Zoom Prayer	19	20
21 10am Virtual Worship & Communion 11:30am Sunday School	22 10am Staff Meeting	23	24 9am Deacon Zoom— Debbie Awes, Helen Mackay, & Renee Gabrian	25 9:30am Zoom Prayer	26	27
28 10am Virtual Worship & Communion 11:30am Sunday School	 <i>Happy Valentines Day</i> 					

## *Shalom*

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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 am  
*(Website pre-recorded services only for now)*

Church Phone: (406) 446-1444

Church Address: 308 S. Broadway

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