

# Shalom

Red Lodge Community Church, UCC



July 2021

*Notes from the Sky Pilot's Page*

*Red Lodge, Montana*

“This land is your land, this land is my land...” The familiar tune by Woody Guthrie rings throughout our land during our July 4 Independence Day celebrations. “And all around me a voice is sounding, this land is made for you and me.”

The words of the Psalmist are not that different, “Oh Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth...Declare God’s glory among the nations, God’s marvelous works among all the nations!”

While we celebrate our “independence” this year (quietly with no fireworks, please!) it is a great opportunity to see how our independence is actually an inter-dependence. An inter-dependence that includes all of our neighbors, all of creation and all of God. While we “roam and ramble” we do not do it alone. No matter where we are, along the “ribbon of highway” we are in community. We might not agree with those around us, we might not look alike, think alike, act alike or worship alike... however we are all part of the land that we find ourselves “strolling along” on.

Part of the inter-dependence of our church has been the tremendous work that we have done together over the last 3 years. Yes! It has been 3 years July 1<sup>st</sup> since my arrival to your pulpit. And in those 3 years the growth, learning, understanding and forward motion of inter-dependence has been phenomenal. It has taken trust, conflict, prayer and faith to bring us along on our own ribbon of highway. Together we discerned what the voice sounded like and what it was saying, and continues to say (after all, God IS still speaking) to our church.

And now our inter-dependence continues. Above us an endless skyway is open for the next steps. Below us a golden valley awaits us on this journey. Imagination, passion, determination, and risk are all part of our new landscape. With excitement and optimism, we can easily add a new verse the Guthrie’s song...

When we are challenged, when we are tested

When all are praying, and the doorways open

The Spirit leads us, as the Logos guides us

This church is made for you and me!

Happy Inter-Dependence Day!

Pastor Pam

## Ad-Hoc Restructuring Committee to make recommendations to the Church Council

The Ad-Hoc Restructuring Committee was formed some months ago to look at how we as the church might need to re-create our structure of leadership. We currently have a cumbersome design that requires 7 officers and we have only been able to fill 3 of those positions this year. It is also unclear in job descriptions and roles and responsibilities of the staff and pastor.

The Ad-Hoc Restructuring Committee consists of a representative from each of the Standing Committees, working with Pastor Pam in discovering the history and creation of the current leadership structure, and polling the committee members and other worshipers as to the reasons why they cannot fill the current leadership roles in the church. The committee also asked for suggestions on how to move forward in re-creating the leadership structure in such a way that **the officers' positions could be filled.**

The results of those conversations were shared, and the Ad-Hoc Committee is recommending that the Executive Council and Church Council be merged to include only 3 officers (as required by law), that those officer positions be co-positions and that the Church Council be the recommending body to the congregation. **The job descriptions for the 3 officers' positions (Moderator, Secretary and Treasurer) would be pared back from the current By-Laws and Standing Rules; staff would be paid to assume some of the officer's responsibilities, more Ad-Hoc Committees would be used for specific annual tasks, and the pastor's job description would clearly include the role of Executive Director.**

The Ad-Hoc Restructuring Committee has recommended a series of “educational gatherings” to define the roles of the officers, the responsibilities of the staff, and the clarification of the job descriptions. Those gatherings would also lead to a streamlining of the By-Laws and Standing Rules, with the creation of a new Ad-Hoc Committee to recommend re-writes of the rules for congregational approval.

These recommendations will be presented to the full Church Council for their approval at the July 22 meeting. For clarifications and questions on this report, please contact Pastor Pam. Many thanks to all who devoted their time and efforts on this project: Jay West, Russ Lord, Martha Brown, Zina General and Debbie Awes.



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Dear Pastor Pam & the Stewardship and Outreach Committee,

**You rock!** Is what youth in our community would say about your recent contribution of \$4,800.00 on 05/20/2021 to the Early Childhood Grant Making Fund. Because of your help, we can connect more of our young children with quality early learning opportunities! Your gift helps families in need send their kids to preschool and daycare, ensuring the next generation is prepared for school. Through your support, you've chosen to make a difference in the lives of our local kids. And for that, we thank you.

Warm Regards,

Tracy Timmons  
Executive Director

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## *A Bit of News*

*We are excited to welcome to our piano for our church services our new church musician, Dr. Lynell Kruckeberg! Lynell is a Red Lodge resident, holds a Doctorate in Musical Arts and teaches voice and piano to Red Lodge area folks. We are delighted and blessed to have her join our church staff!*

*Outside Worship is here!*

*Dates: July 11, 2021*

*August 1, 2021*

*Location: The Kaleva Lodge*

*Memorial Services for Roger Ferguson*

*July 31, 2021*

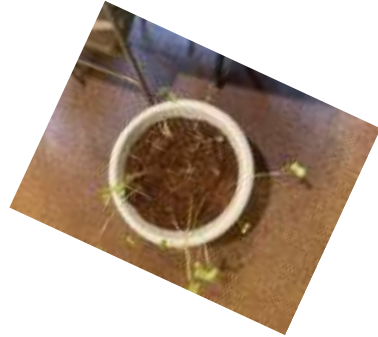
*2:00 P.M.*

*Red Lodge Civil Center*

*Reception to follow afterwards at the*

*Elk's Lodge*

# Christian Education



Please see Flyer on next page for Vacation Bible School  
Information

## Facility Committee

**Volunteer Lawn Care:** We have a **signup sheet located on the Greeter's desk.** Please stop by anytime and sign up for a day that is convenient for you. We greatly appreciate you taking time out of your day to helping the church look its best! You all are awesome!!

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 any questions, please call: Marge Nearpass --406-425-4936, Jay West--406-425-0496, Skip Bratton--406-425-5411 or Mair Shirley-Jones--406-425-0713.



Christian Education is taking pre-registration. Any and All help encouraged. You may email Zina at [rlcccedirector@gmail.com](mailto:rlcccedirector@gmail.com) or call 406-425-0228.



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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**HOSTED BY:**  
**RED LODGE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
KALEVA of Red Lodge  
7790 US highway 212, Roberts, MT 59070

**July 12-July 16, 2021**  
12:30pm-3:00pm



**ARTS & CRAFT   GAMES   MUSIC   BIBLE STORIES**  
**MOVEMENT**  
**ALL YOUNG ONES ARE WELCOME**

## A Word from the Deacons....



We had a wonderful outdoor service this month at the Kaleva Lodge with blue skies, warm weather, and birds singing. We hope you can join us July 11th for our 2nd outdoor service which will again be at the Kaleva Lodge. If anyone need a ride please call Renee at 446-2047

Peace and Good Health,  
Your Deacons

Debbie Awes—425-3985  
Renee Gabrian—446-2047  
Sharyn McKenzie—664-3160

Bill Cords—446-1901  
Don Kinney—446-1670

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

Greeter for the month of July 2021:

7/4: Miles & Betsy LaRowe

7/11: Kaleva

7/18: Jim & Linda Young

7/25: Bob & Greta Christner



## Worship Services

We have begun offering both LIVE and Pre-Recorded worship. The Live Worship Service is at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Pre-Recorded Worship is available on the website. For those gathering in person, the children will be led to Sunday School following Communion and A Message with the Children.

## Church Chat and Coffee Klatch



If you would like to be included in either a Zoom gathering or weekly walk with other church and community folks, here are the options. Please feel free to e-mail the appropriate Deacon to receive your 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.

Wednesday 9 am

Debbie Awes  
Helen Mackay  
Renee Gabrian

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

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



*Roger Ferguson  
Michael Doyle  
Ron Goddard  
Tamara Iwerks*



## MOMENT FROM THE MODERATOR



Music is the language of the spirit. It opens the secret of life bringing peace, abolishing strife. (Kahlil Gibran)

Do you ever have a day when everything and everybody seems out of control? Do you ever feel like silence is your own worst enemy? Do you ever wish that you could find the perfect word to satisfy the needs of a friend? Prayer may be an answer, but **“Music”** is frequently a quicker and more pleasing answer to your questions. So, hum, whistle, sing, or play a song that has special memories for you. Your world may just be better! Enjoy the following quotes.

Love is friendship set to music. (Jackson Pollock)

One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain. (Bob Marley)

Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything. (Plato)

Music is the shorthand of emotion. (Leo Tolstoy)

Music is love in search of a word. (Sidney Lanier)

Music is the wine that fills the cup of silence. (Robert Fripp)



There are new things going on in the Fellowship Hall!

What's all that blue material on the walls in the Fellowship Hall, you ask? It's a living time-line! Part of the work of our church's transition process is to establish a working time-line from our beginnings in 1890 to today! You will have the opportunity to add to the time-line soon. Why the blue material? It represents Rock Creek, flowing through Red Lodge, the community that our church has been a part of all these years. Many thanks to Marie Shirley-Jones for sharing her gift for creating beautiful visuals using fabric art.



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## 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



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## 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!



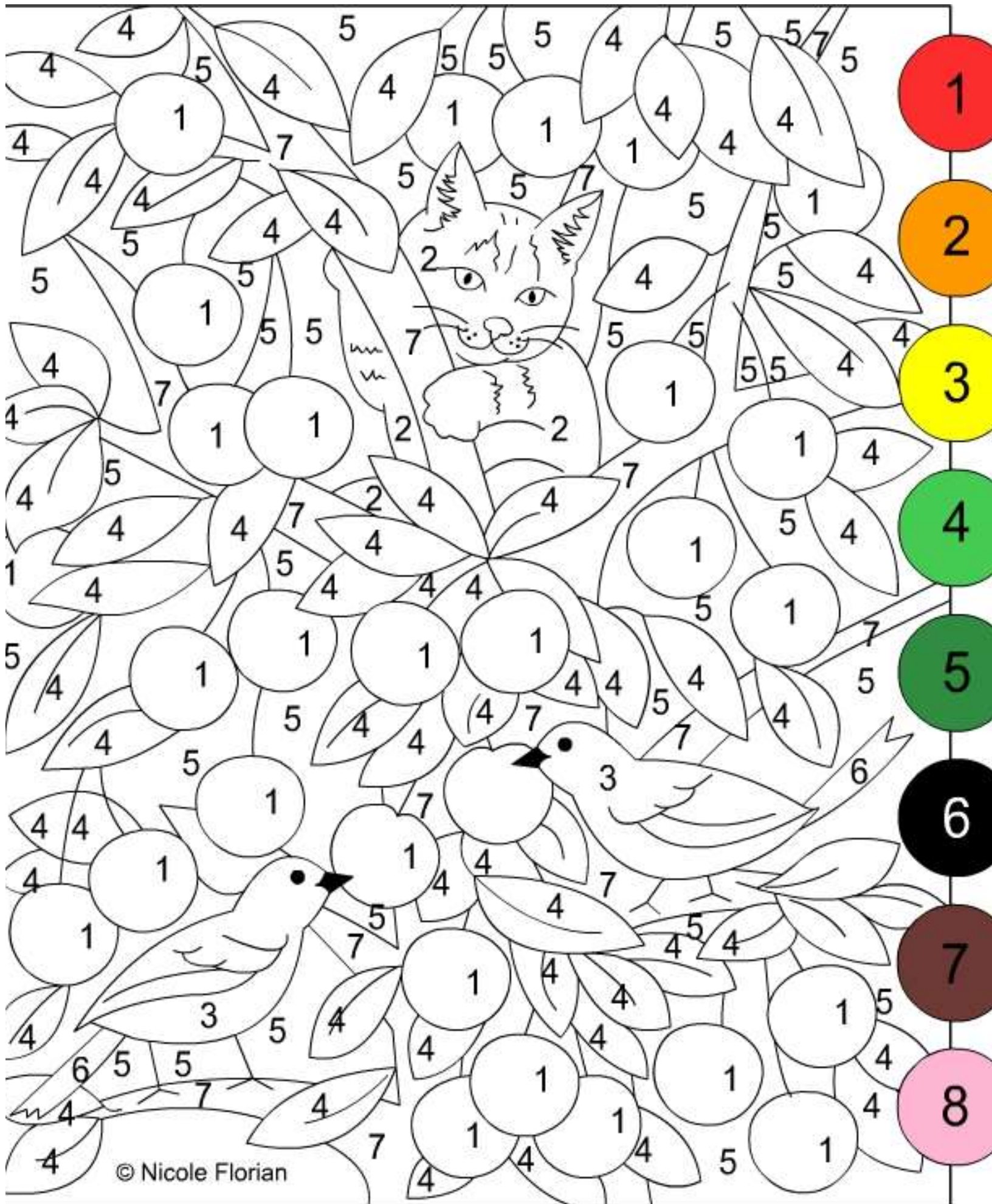
*\*If you had recently received a copy of the Directory via mail or stopping by please take a quick look to see if a few pages are missing. It's been brought to our attention that a misprint occur on a few request. Call, email or stop by and Janet will be happy to re-print you a new copy. Thank you for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

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## A Note from the Office about your Shalom...

The Shalom will look a bit different in the coming months. You will find the **birthday and anniversary dates are now on the monthly calendar in italics**. The "fun" pages are being re-developed by Zina General, so they will connect with the lessons that the children are doing in Sunday School. There might be a little less artwork and more content...please be patient as we are "under construction!"

# Fill Your World with Color!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*Birthdays *Anniversaries				1 9:30am Zoom Prayer	2	3
4 10:00 LIVE Worship and Sunday School 4th of July	5 Staff Meetings 6:30 pm CE Committee Meeting	6	7 9am Coffee Klatch	8 9:30am Zoom Prayer 5:30 Executive Council Meeting Elizabeth Graham Pamela & Lucian Carter	9 Karen Kinney	10
11 Kaleva Outdoor 10:00 LIVE Worship and Sunday School 3:00 4H meeting	12 Staff Meetings 4:00pm Stewardship Meeting (In person)	13 10am Deacons Committee Meeting Colleen Stevenson	14 9am Coffee Klatch	15 9:30am Zoom Prayer	16	17 David Whitcomb Shari Nordstrom Martha Brown & Marty Clague
18 10:00 LIVE Worship and Sunday School	19 Staff Meetings P.E.O Women's Meet- ing 6-9pm (LL)	20 Danielle Tomicich	21 9am Coffee Klatch	22 9:30am Zoom Prayer Church Council Meeting	23	24
25 10:00 LIVE Worship and Sunday School 3:00 4H meeting	26 Staff Meetings	27	28 9am Coffee Klatch	29	30 Doreen Nearpass	31 Erinn Ackley & Dan Seifert

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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. with Sunday School  
(Website pre-recorded services continue to be available)

Church Phone: (406) 446-1444

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