

Shalom

Red Lodge Community Church, UCC



June, 2021

Notes from the Sky Pilot's Page

Red Lodge, Montana

On Sunday May 23, our church had the honor of confirming three wonderful young adults into the membership of our church, Samarra Quick, Mason Swanson, and Eliza Seifert. When asked why they wanted to be confirmed, they responded with the following sentences. These sentences reflect not only their understanding of membership in our church, they also reflect the identity of our church as being welcoming, encouraging and nurturing our future together as community. What a wonderful celebration!

From Eliza:

Getting confirmed has many important benefits. One of the things that I am looking forward to is being a member of the church. Once I'm a member, I will have opportunities to vote for church related things. Members are a part of the church. Confirmation will make me feel more connected to RLCC. To be confirmed will make me feel connected. I will feel closer to God and Jesus. I will be more connected to Mason and Samarra. Lastly, I will be much closer to the church. Confirmation will make me feel more connected. Confirmation will be a memorable moment. I will remember getting confirmed **for the rest of my life. It's an experience that doesn't happen very often. When we look back on it, it will take a special place in our hearts. It will be a great experience. I will make stronger the baptismal vows that were taken for me. The word confirm means "to make firmer or stronger." God will make firmer claims on me. My membership will be made firmer or stronger. My religious life will be made much stronger.**

I will be able to make the decision to join the church by myself. When my parents decided to baptize me I didn't have any input. I was too little. Now I can make the decision. Being confirmed will have so many benefits.

From Mason:

I want to get confirmed so I can have a deeper relationship God, The Christian community, and the church. I will also be doing my part of being baptized by being involved with the Christian community. I also want to be confirmed in this church because they accept everyone no matter their religion.

From Samarra:

Why I want to be confirmed is because I believe that it makes a better relationship with God, my faith and my church and will help me make better decisions and actions in my life. I want to have more of God in my life so that I can help people when they need it and have others find more of their faith and I want to thank Him for the blessings He has given me.

Please take a moment to welcome these young people into the membership of our church. Celebrate with them as they grow, change and discover how God and the Holy Spirit is still speaking in their lives!

Peace, Pastor Pam



Greetings, MT-NWy Conference UCC ministers, leaders, members and friends,

I can't help but praise creation in all its spring glory these days, like in the Psalms:

Psalm 96:11-12

*Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.*

This month's Conference eNews will be sent by Thursday, and it will be filled with stories and information about the "caring for creation" that happens among us and beyond. Watch for it. One item from the eNews needs to be highlighted right here and now, though: a Creation Care zoom Summit being held on June 12, 10 am - 2 pm for all church members and friends. The name of this summit, alone, tells how significant this gathering is to us:

**Grace, Grief and Grounding:
A faithful response to the climate crisis,
cultivating shared wisdom,
connection and hope.**

This summit is organized by University UCC Sr. Minister, Rev. Dr. Jennifer Yocum, and facilitated by Rev. Dr. Sara Rosenau (remember Dr. Rosenau's fine group facilitation with our CAM last September). This is one of the shared ministries that we are doing as Tri-Conferences (Pacific Northwest, Central Pacific, and Montana - N.Wyoming). It is the fruit of our Wholiness Team gatherings in the past few years.

There is no charge for this summit, as it has been funded by a UCC grant to the Wholiness Teams.

pre-registration needed: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpdeGupj8tHdT_gkdvkRrxhvF_vfsp5AfP

link to YouTube invitational video:
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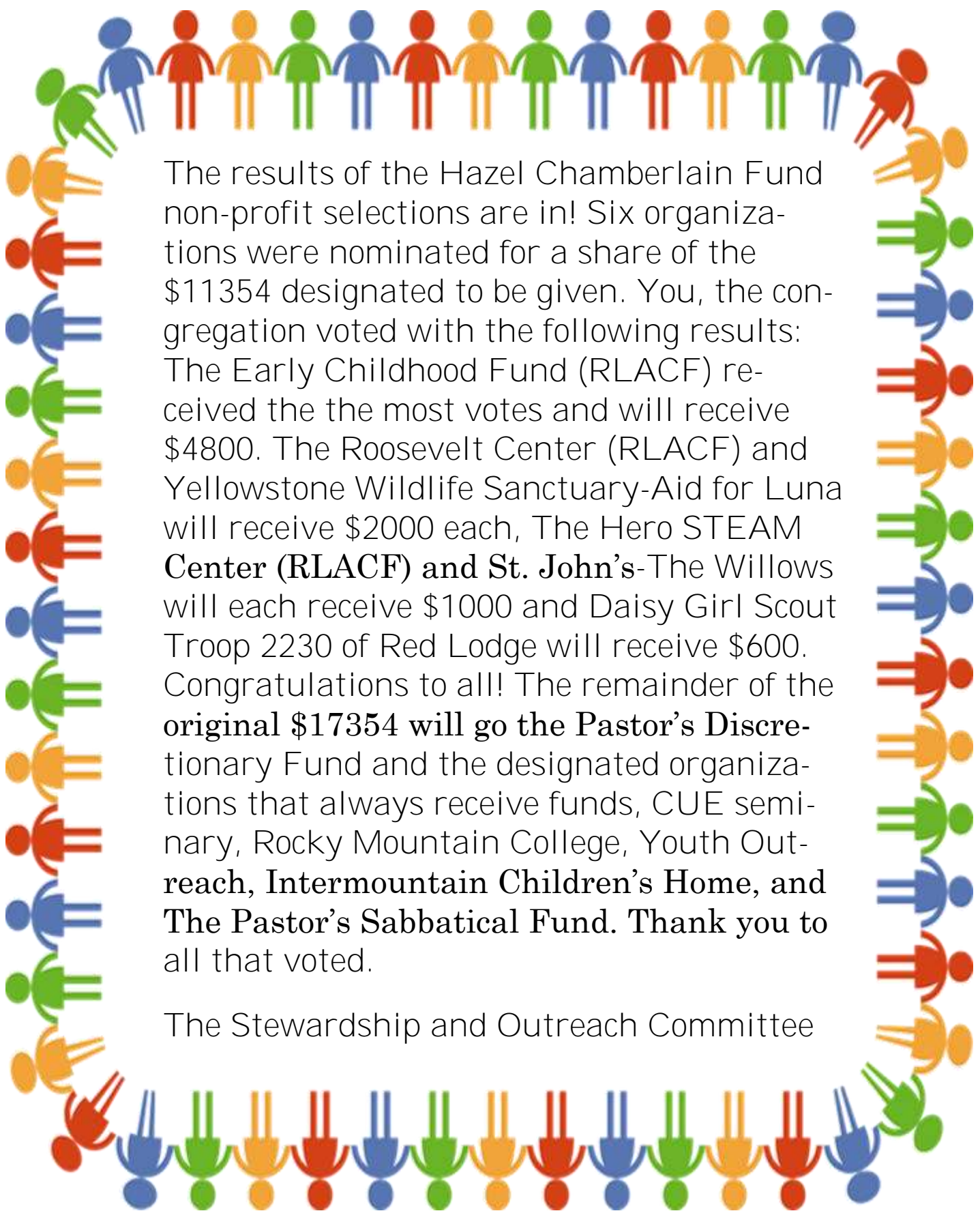
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These Informational links above are also found in the "Events" tab of <https://www.mnwcucc.org/>

God-speed,

Marc Stewart
UCC in MT-NWy
Conference Minister
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The Hazel Chamberlain Fund



The results of the Hazel Chamberlain Fund non-profit selections are in! Six organizations were nominated for a share of the \$11354 designated to be given. You, the congregation voted with the following results: The Early Childhood Fund (RLACF) received the the most votes and will receive \$4800. The Roosevelt Center (RLACF) and Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary-Aid for Luna will receive \$2000 each, The Hero STEAM **Center (RLACF) and St. John's-The Willows** will each receive \$1000 and Daisy Girl Scout Troop 2230 of Red Lodge will receive \$600. Congratulations to all! The remainder of the **original \$17354 will go the Pastor's Discretionary Fund** and the designated organizations that always receive funds, CUE seminary, Rocky Mountain College, Youth Outreach, **Intermountain Children's Home, and The Pastor's Sabbatical Fund. Thank you to all that voted.**

The Stewardship and Outreach Committee

A Bit of News

Outside Worship is here!

Dates: June 13, 2021

July 11, 2021

August 1, 2021

Location: The Kaleva Lodge

*Memorial Services for
Roger Ferguson*

July 31, 2021

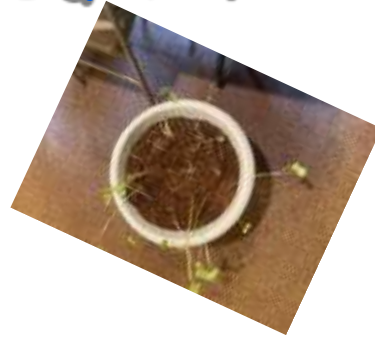
2:00 P.M.

Red Lodge Civil Center

*Reception to follow afterwards at
the Elk's Lodge*



Christian Education



Christian Education is busy arranging our vacation bible school! Our theme is "God's Love in Nature." We are so blessed that we are able to use Kaleva of Red Lodge. We are planning it on July 12-July 16th, 2021. If anyone has any interest in assisting with meals, and/or activities, please let us know!

Church school has been fun! We are working on a project that will take us some time and it entails decorating ourselves as people! Look for them at the beginning of June all around our classroom! We have planted an array of flowers that are now growing tall! **Also, hopefully by the time you are reading this, our "painted lady butterflies" will already be ready to be set free!**

Looking forward to all new volunteers and co-teachers!

—Christian Education

New Book Study with Pastor Pam

May 2, May 16th, & May 30th

Sunday 9:00 am via Zoom *and* in person at the church

"A New Spiritual Home: Progressive Christianity at the Grass Roots" by Hal Taussig

Note that the book is NOT available on Kindle; it is available from Amazon, used is fine. You can study before getting the book.

This book is one of the cornerstone works that Pastor Pam is using for her dissertation work with our Church. It will be used as the basis for her sermon themes throughout our dissertation work together.

A Word from the Deacons....



Your Deacons are so excited to be holding our in-church service every Sunday at 10:00 AM followed by a lively coffee hour. After so many months of Covid restrictions, we can finally reinstate our tradition of having greeters meet the congregation at the beginning of every service. In keeping with this tradition, the Deacons are asking that you be willing to be a greeter once a year, and on the same day bring goodies for our coffee hour. We have made up a list of folks to meet this calling. If you truly do not want to do this, please get in touch with one of the Deacons. If you find your date unworkable, please find someone on the list who would trade their date with yours. We think this would be an easy way to keep this list flexible and on track. The list will be mailed to you in the near future. Thank you so much for your contribution to this effort!

Peace and Good Health,

Your Deacons

Debbie Awes—425-3985

Bill Cords—446-1901

Lori Floyd—671-0982

Renee Gabrian—446-2047

Don Kinney—446-1670

Helen Mackay—425-0101

Sharyn McKenzie—664-3160

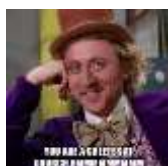
Greeter for the month of June 2021:

6/6: Libby Gardner

6/13: Kaleva

6/20: Nancy Krekeler & Jody Loeffen

6/27: Yvonne Jensen & Karen Simmons



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

debawes51@hotmail.com

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In May, we grieved with the family and friends of:



Roger Ferguson

Michael Doyle

Ron Goddard

Tamara Iwerks



MOMENT FROM THE MODERATOR



Rather than love, than money, than fame, give me truth. (Henry David Thoreau)

The search for what is “true”, may be the most difficult, challenging, and enduring goal each of us faces. Should we search for truth in the actions and words of others? Do we always find truth from people in respected positions? Is it even advisable to subjugate our search for truth? I find truth through my personal life experiences, what my heart tells me is true, and what my mind comprehends. Doubting, questioning, internal beliefs, and experience may be the only way to satisfy each person’s life-long search for truth. What about you?

The following quotes may assist you in answering the previous question:

By doubting we are led to question, by questioning we arrive at the truth. (Peter Abelard)

It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye. (Antoine de Saint-Exupery)

Never apologize for showing feeling. When you do so, you apologize for the truth. (Benjamin Disraeli)

The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever. (Psalm 119:160 ESV)

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.



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!

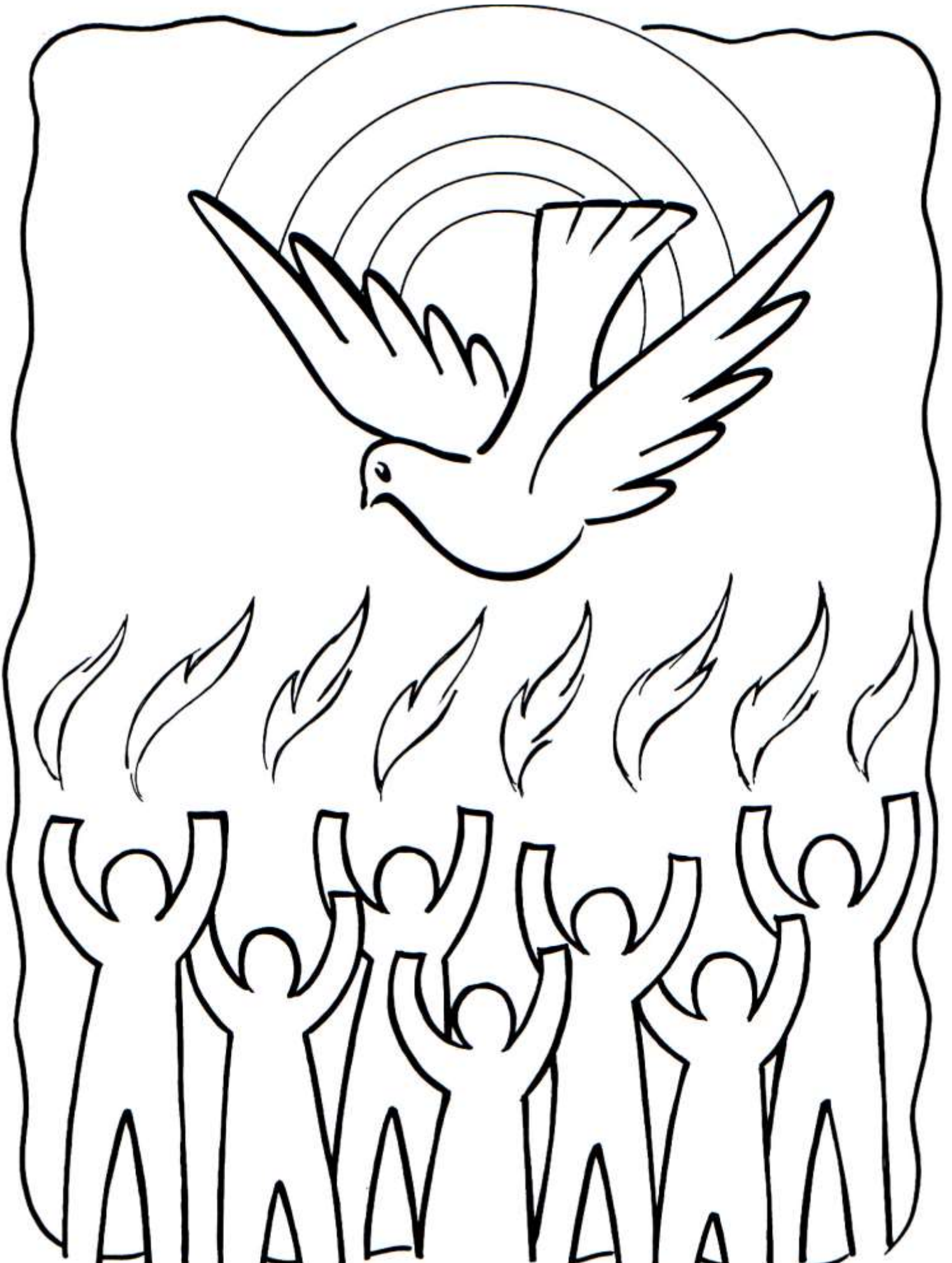


If you had recently received a copy of the Directory via mail or stopping by please take a quick look to see if a few pages are missing. It's been brought to our attention that a misprint occur on a few request. Call, email or stop by and Janet will be happy to re-print you a new copy. Thank you for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

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!





The CART program; Carbon County Area Ride & Transit is offering no charge ride service with an ADA Accessible Van. Transit rides in Carbon County are available Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday of each week. Transit rides to Billings are available on Wednesday of each week: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month via HWY 308/310

2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month via HWY 212

To schedule a ride, please call 406-426-4506. It is helpful to call at least 24 hours in advance to secure a time for your ride request.

Join People Healing People at St. Vincent Healthcare

Help patients, visitors and staff in just 4 hours a week. We are looking for “people” people who are quick to smile and like to visit, help others and have fun! Training and benefits provided. Volunteer opportunities are available in Guest Services—Main Lobby our Gift shops. Please call us today at 237-3376 or visit our website www.svh-mt.org. Thank you for your consideration.

St. John’s United is reaching out to the neighbors of Red lodge to let them know

The Willows of Red Lodge now has availability for Independent, Assisted Living and Dementia Care. They have been serving the Red Lodge Community for over seven Years. If you, or someone you know is needing the type of care they offer or has a need that you think they can fill please pass along this information. 2475 N Broadway Red Lodge, Mt 59068 406-446-1020



June 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 10:00 LIVE Worship and Sunday School 3:00 4H meeting <i>Linda Young</i>	7 Staff Meetings 6:30pm CE Committee <i>Martha Brown</i> <i>Betsy & Miles LaRowe</i>	1 1 8 Austin Nearpass	2 9am Coffee Klatch <i>Russell Lord</i> <i>Janis & Don Williams</i>	3 9:30am Zoom Prayer 5:30 Executive Council Meeting	4 Erin Awes Aaron Carter	5 12
13 10:00 LIVE Worship and Sunday School	14 Staff Meetings 1:30 Stewardship Meeting <i>Kathy & David Munson</i>	15 10am Deacons committee Meeting	16 9am Coffee Klatch <i>Laura Nearpass</i>	17 9:30am Zoom Prayer	18	19
20 10:00 LIVE Worship and Sunday School <i>Randina & Steothen Vaile</i>	21 Staff Meetings	22 <i>Janis & Don Williams</i>	23 9am Coffee Klatch <i>Betsy LaRowe</i>	24 9:30am Zoom Prayer <i>Barb Herbert</i>	25 Deborah Awes	26 Don Williams
27 10:00 LIVE Worship and Sunday School 3:00 4H meeting <i>Don Hamilton</i> <i>Wayne Stevenson</i> <i>Marge & Brent Nearpass</i>	28 Staff Meetings	29	30 9am Coffee Klatch <i>Diny & Lew Gumper</i>			

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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

Church Address: 308 S. Broadway

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www.redlodgecommunitychurch.com

Email: rlccassistant@gmail.com or rlccdirector@gmail.com

Office Hours: M-F 10am-3pm & and by appointment

Pastor: Pamela J. Peterson

Office Hours: by appointment only

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