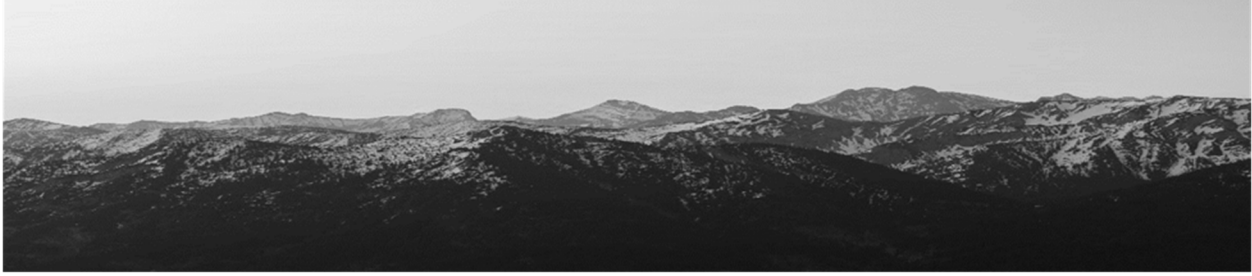


Shalom

Red Lodge Community Church, UCC



Notes from the Sky Pilot's Page

November 2020

2 Corinthians 8: 14, 15 "At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, as it is written: The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little." (NIV)

"Give a gift in reciprocity for what you have taken." Robin Wall Kimmerer, Braiding Sweetgrass

This is the time of year when we find ourselves listing our gratitude. Many people list one gratitude a day for the 30 days of November on their social media account under the auspices of "30 Days of Gratitude." Not a bad practice... and what about the other 335 days? And when we name what we are grateful for, do we also list how we reciprocated? Rather than looking like, "I'm grateful for a good night's sleep." Could it not look like, "I'm grateful for a goodnight's sleep and I donated a night's stay for a wanderer in Red Lodge at one of our local hotels." Or, "I'm grateful for fresh eggs for breakfast and I volunteered to feed the farmer's chickens so that she could have a day's rest."

If one of our goals in our life is to support equality for all, how do we truly live into the reciprocity needed to make that happen? Is it possible to support full equality and yet "cherry pick" where our reciprocity lies? Do we only give out of a sense of gratitude or when our pockets overflow? Or do we give knowing that we will always receive what we need? Do we only share our joys of bounty or do we also share our joys of need? And when someone gives us a gift do we truly use it? And do we reciprocate without cause? I remember someone telling me that you should never return an empty dish, or a dish empty, whichever way that is grammatically correct. You get the idea. What if for every gift we received we gave one back, and I'm not talking thank you notes.

The Indigenous People live into their core value of reciprocity. I am grateful for this new learning in my life through the reading of "Braiding Sweetgrass" and my reciprocal action for this gratitude is to share this learning with all of you. Please join me for a book study of "Braiding Sweetgrass" on Sunday mornings at 9 am, November 1, 8, 15 and 22. The sermons for those 4 Sundays will use these teachings along with lessons from 2 Corinthians. Our theme for November will be "Gracious Reciprocity," and I look forward to learning together.

Pastor Pam

Moment from the Moderator



This is the time of year when our Church Nominating Committee is actively seeking new and continuing officers and members for committees which support the various ministries of our church. Our Church Bylaws state that the chair of the Nominating Committee is the Vice-Moderator of the church. Karen Kinney occupies that position and is assisted by Erinn Ackley and Diane Brown. If you receive a call from a member of this committee, please say “YES”. Better yet, give one of them a call and volunteer for a committee!

To assist you in deciding which ministry of the church you would like to enhance by your active membership on a committee, I will now give a synopsis of each ministries’ primary responsibility.

- Pastor-Parish: This ministry consists of three members responsible for quarterly meetings with the pastor to evaluate the pastor’s work, effort, and relationship with the congregation.
- Diaconate: This ministry consists of eight members responsible for oversight of worship, administration of sacraments, music, membership, and visitation.
- Facilities Management: This ministry consists of six members responsible for care, maintenance and security of the church’s physical facilities, equipment, and grounds.
- Christian Education: This ministry consists of five members responsible for adult education, children’s education, youth activities, nursery, and confirmation support.
- Stewardship and Mission: This ministry consists of four members responsible for interpreting the mission of our wider church through community support and involvement as well as conducting the annual stewardship financial campaign.

Unless noted otherwise, each committee meets monthly. For a complete listing of each committee’s responsibilities, please refer to the Church’s Bylaws.

I now leave you with three quotes that have guided my **volunteerism** activities throughout my life. I may have preferred to sit quietly and observe others in action, but instead these quotes guided my decision to say “YES”.

- *“As we grow older, you will discover that you have two hands – one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.” (Audrey Hepburn)*
- *“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in service of others.” (Gandhi)*
- *“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.” (Winston Churchill)*

~ Jim Brown
Moderator for Church Council

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

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 rlccassistant@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 Deacons were busy this past month calling and emailing members regarding re-opening of our church for services. We had planned for attendance up to 35 to be socially distanced in the sanctuary with overflow into the Upper Room. Unfortunately, Carbon County and Montana Covid cases increased and recommendations to limit crowd gathering cancelled services. We are looking at ways to keep our congregation connected during these times of physical distancing. We continue to hold a weekly Zoom gathering on Wednesday at 9:00 AM. Other times and days will be considered if there is interest in joining a Zoom group. Members are encouraged to reach out to any of the deacons if you need assistance, have questions or concerns.



Deacon's Zoom Meeting Schedule



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

debawes51@hotmail.com
hmackay49@gmail.com
rrgabrian@hotmail.com

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



Nic Clardy
Dennis Brophy
Sandy Harris
Barbara Stark
Lyon Davis





A Report from Facilities Management on Refreshing the Fellowship Hall

On October 23, the Church Council authorized renovation of the Fellowship Hall's carpet, paint and countertops. Thanks to gifts from David and Cheryl Whitcomb - to be used for the maintenance and repair of the church building and donated in memory of David's parents, Byron and Louise Whitcomb - we have funds to cover the work.

No thanks to Covid, but this work can be conveniently done now without disrupting the room's many activities in non-Covid times.

Before Covid, we all took the Fellowship Hall for granted. When we used the room, we focused on each other and the many activities there. But, since Covid came upon us last March, hardly anybody has even been in the room. So, when our ice maker sprang a leak last summer, it was days before anybody discovered that the floor was soaked. It was only when we went in to fix the leak and try to dry the carpet that we realized how long it had been since we re-did the Hall. That remodel was done back at the turn of this century, when the new kitchen wing was added.

Not having been in the room much since March, we noticed how tired the room looked. A large area of the worn carpet is now badly stained by the leak. The twenty-year-old carpet pattern is no longer available. Parts of the Formica countertops are starting to delaminate. Beneath those countertops, the cabinets need repairs. The room's paint is dingy and has many dings and chips. The photos on the walls have not been updated since our Church's volunteers went to New Orleans to help out after Hurricane Katrina back in 2005. In short, the time for renovation has come.



The carpet will be replaced with a more congenial pattern which will be installed as squares like those we installed in the Sanctuary. (This will make it much easier to fix any future accidents and worn areas.) The work and materials will be provided by locals. Gene Olson, who installed the previous carpeting, will handle removing the old carpet, and will supply and install the replacement at an estimated cost of \$7418. (That amount was also the low bid.) The cabinets will have to be moved out to get at the water damaged carpeting beneath them and maybe take care of any mold if any is found. The cost of labor and materials for reinstalling the cabinets with replacement countertops is estimated at around \$900 to \$1600 depending on the countertop materials we select.



The Hall's walls, trim and doors will be repainted in a lighter color. We have specified a Benjamin Moore paint which we believe will require only a single coat after the surfaces are prepared. The estimate is about 5 gallons of paint at cost of approximately \$250. The prep work and painting will be done by Terry Zwiener Painting at an estimated charge of \$1800. Should a second coat of paint be needed, the painting costs will rise by \$950.





The Church may also be able to enlist the help of the AmeriCorps volunteers who have been staying and working at the Roosevelt Center. Pastor Pam is conferring with the Red Lodge Area Community foundation about this possibility.

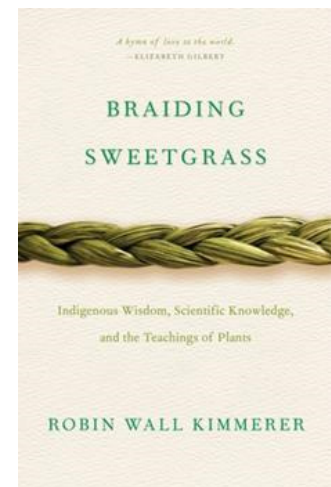
What remains will be the question of what to hang on the walls. We are asking the members of the Congregation for suggestions about whether to replace the “Katrina” photos and what to put up in place of or in addition to them. Please send suggestions to the Church office by e-mail (at rlccassistant@gmail.com), by phone (at 446-1444), or by mail (P.O. Box 786, Red Lodge, MT 59068).

Sunday Morning Adult Education Book Study

"Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer
Led by Pastor Pam, Russ and Denece Lord

November 1, 8, 15, 22
9:00 a.m. via Zoom

See the Monday Memo and Weekly Wrangler
or email pastorpampeterson@gmail.com for the Zoom link.



2021 Pledge Drive

To everyone in the RLCC community, the Stewardship and Outreach Committee sends our most sincere THANK YOU for what has been done to date in our church's annual pledge drive. So far, 42 pledging units have pledged a total of \$106,204 towards next year's projected budget of approximately \$190,000. While the ongoing pandemic prevents us from gathering right now to share stew as we did last year, our committee hopes everyone is preparing to move successfully into 2021.

JoAnn, Julia, Carol, Linda and Russ



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Christian Education is Here!



Hello All, its Zina General, the new Director of Christian Education.

It has been a whirlwind of a first couple weeks! I'm so grateful for the opportunity to impact the young ones in our town and spread God's love.

These last few weeks were filled with finding contacts for families to invite into our church school program, looking over different curriculums, locking in a Christmas pageant and brainstorming ideas for content for virtual learning fun. It is a process, however it is so encouraging to know that many families are interested!

I am looking forward to suggestions, so please feel free to send me an email at: rlcccedirector@gmail.com. You can also find me on Facebook at "[Christian Ed-Director](#)," or just call the church and leave me a message. Let's get connected!

Zina

ALL are welcome HERE



LOVE *in Action*



VIRTUAL HARVEST DINNER

Red Lodge Community Church can't host our traditional Harvest Dinner this year. In brain-storming an outreach strategy, we decided on a virtual dinner. No, not using Zoom! We are spreading **LOVE** *in Action* by offering a meal in a different format: a \$35 coupon to our own Beartooth IGA for any families or individuals in need.

If you know of anyone or family that would enjoy this gift, contact the church at rlccassistant@gmail.com. If you would like to donate towards this gift, you can do so through our website: www.redlodgecommunitychurch.com or send a check to RLCC, Box 786, Red Lodge, MT 59068. Donations and suggestions of families to receive coupons will be accepted through November 7.

RLCC folks are going to miss working on the all-day turkey dinner this year and seeing friends and family gather in the church, but plan on throwing the big event next November live and in person!

<https://www.redlodgecommunitychurch.com/giving.html>

Thanks from Committee members Patty Schuessler, Karen and Don Kinney



*Let your **LOVE** *in Action* turn into **HARVEST BLESSINGS!***



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.



Directory Update

For those of you who have filled out your directory information form, **THANK YOU!!** If you haven't filled yours out yet, please do. Information from the previous directory is NOT carrying over, nor are the pictures.

If you tried filling out your form and had trouble, please contact Mia at the office and we'll get it worked out for you! Here's the link to the website page: <https://www.redlodgecommunitychurch.com/church-directory-information-form.html>. For those of you using iPhones or iPads, please use this link: <https://rlcc.breezechms.com/form/442138>.

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.



Celebrate the Blessings!!!



November 1 - Daylight Savings Ends



November 4 - King Tut Day

Birthdays

Tom Croston	11/8
Jodie Christensen	11/12
Sally Hilderman	11/14
LuAnne Brown	11/14
Lauri Judd	11/15
Judy Christensen	11/18
Marge Nearpass	11/19
Katy Williams Lysinger	11/19
Tim Nordstrom	11/19
Steve Beard	11/21
Russ Born	11/24
Laurie Williams	11/27
Donna Ritter	11/28
Betsy Scanlin	11/29

November 6 - National Nacho Day



HAPPY VETERANS DAY!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



November 11 - Veteran's Day

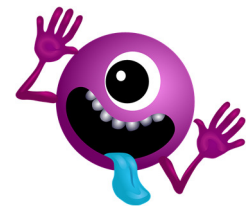


November 15 - Sadie Hawkins Day

November 17 - World Peace Day



November 20 - Absurdity Day



Anniversaries

Brian & Sharon Roat 11/26

November 25 - National Parfait Day





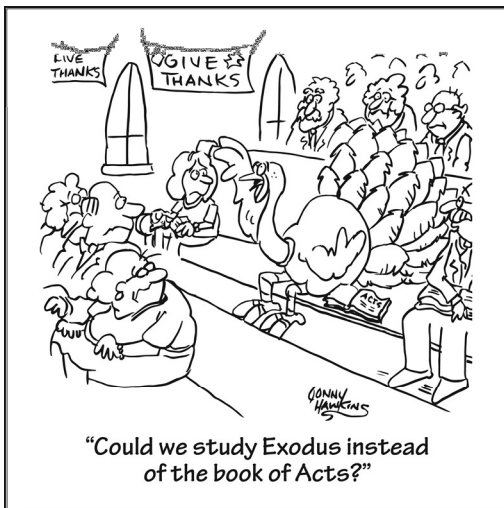
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Adult Ed. Book Study 10am Virtual Worship & Communion	2 11am Staff Meeting	3	4	5 9:30am Zoom Prayer 5:15pm Exec. Com. Meeting	6	7
8 9am Adult Ed. Book Study 10am Virtual Worship & Communion	9 11am Staff Meeting	10	11 9am Deacon Zoom—Debbie Awes, Helen Mackay, & Renee Gabrian	12 9:30am Zoom Prayer	13	14
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Harvest Blessings

For the young
and young-at-heart!



Puzzle!

Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares. Then read down the second column to discover the sentence that begins and ends Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150.

- FEAST
- KHAKI
- MOUTH
- ESSAY
- LLAMA
- ORBIT
- CARRY
- UDDER
- BRUSH
- ITEMS
- APPLE
- LEARN
- CIDER

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Answer: _____!

Answer: Praise the Lord!

PUZZLE

Glad gatherings

The first Christians met together over a meal. Today church families still gather to break bread and thank God.

Follow the instructions below. Then write the remaining words in order from left to right and top to bottom to complete the verses.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	They	found	homes	break	acts	in
2	houses	their	beginning	together	and	thought
3	the	numbers	and	happiness	lesson	and
4	with	disciples	praising	Orchestra	God	river
5	thanks	discern				
6	celebrates	good				

Cross out all words in column E with double letters.
 Cross out all words that are books of the Bible.
 Cross out all words in column B that end in d.
 Cross out all words in column A that have more than 4 letters.
 Cross out all words in row 5 with 3 syllables.
 Cross out all words in the table with 9 letters.
 Cross out all words in column F with 2 or more vowels.

_____ . ACTS 2:46-47, NIV

Answer: They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God. Acts 2:46-47, NIV

A taste of history

Add a yummy, authentic touch to your Thanksgiving meal with this recipe.



What you need:

- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- pint jar with lid
- strainer
- bowl
- container
- salt



What you do:

1. Pour cream into the jar and close the lid tightly.
2. Shake vigorously about 8 minutes, until a solid lump of butter forms. (Take turns with a friend!)
3. Strain the contents, catching the buttermilk in a bowl to save for another recipe.
4. Put the butter in a container. Add salt to taste.
5. After chilling the butter, enjoy on fresh bread.



Bible Quiz

After Jesus healed 10 men at one time, how many returned to thank him? What had been their ailment?

A. five; blindness
B. all 10; deafness
C. one; possession by demons
D. one; leprosy

Answer: D (See Luke 17:11-19).

Fill Your World with Color!



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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
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Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am
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