

# SHALOM

## Red Lodge Community Church, UCC

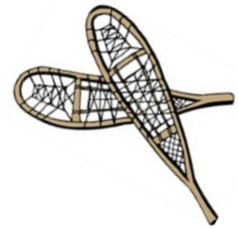


Pamela Peterson, Pastor

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### Notes from the Sky Pilot's Page



December 2019

From Psalm 33, "Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you." From Matthew 4, "the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

This Advent we will celebrate a season of hope and light. Our sanctuary will be adorned in blue, a color that helps us step into a feeling of hope as we carry the light into the sanctuary for worship and back out into the world for our ministry.

As I ponder this season of Advent, I am aware of the underlying reasons for us to have hope this year. We hope that it will be a mild winter with running water all winter long. We hope that the snowfall will be high for the mountain and low for the city. We hope that the ice will be manageable and the sunshine plentiful. We hope for a sense of balance to be restored to our government and families. We hope for...this and that... here and there...all the while fully knowing that we can easily exist in the space where what we hope for is not what we get. Fully aware that Advent is a season of both darkness and light.

If we broaden our understanding of hope, a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen, to include our position of faith, things in the "hoped for" world change. When our hope includes God's steadfast love for us, our hope grows stronger and becomes the impetus for our ministry of carrying the light of Christ out into the world. Because I hope in the knowledge of God's steadfast love for me, I am able to be the minister in Christ that I am called to be.

I invite you to live into that position of hope. Hoping in the knowledge and understanding of God's steadfast love for us. Hoping in the security of a God whose steadfast love endures forever. Living into a ministry that is buoyed by a hope that is grounded in love. This Advent season will be one of great celebration for us. Our light is shining into the community of Red Lodge through our many outreach ministries possibly more than ever before. Our light shines throughout the lives of those who are touched by the generosity of our congregation and the use of our facilities. Christ's light shines through us in more ways than any of us are ever fully aware.

As the days grow shorter and the darkness of the winter season sets upon us, look to the light of Christ to help us see the bright blue skies of hope in this Advent season.

Peace,  
Pastor Pam

## Advent Meditation Services

Wednesdays 2:00 pm  
December 4, 11, 18  
In the church sanctuary  
Poetry and Silence  
Prayer and Song

Join us to meditate on the season



## Christmas Fund (Veterans of the Cross & the Emergency Fund)

Special Offering will be received  
Sunday, December 22 &  
Christmas Eve

This special offering is a beacon of light for many who have served, and continue to serve, the United Church of Christ. This offering enables the Pension Boards' Ministerial Assistance program to provide Pension Supplementation, Emergency Grants and Christmas "Thank You" checks to individuals and families facing financial crises.

## DEACON FOR DECEMBER

**Renee Gabrian (446-2047)**

### Greeters

#### **December:**

- 1 Patty Schusser
- 8 Marty Clague & Martha Brown
- 15 Steve & Linda Hanson
- 22 Dan Seifert, Eliza Seifert & Erinn Ackley
- 29 Judith Gregory

#### **January:**

- 5
- 12 Skip & Deb Bratton
- 19 Jerry & Betty Brekhus
- 26

(If you cannot greet when scheduled, please, trade or find a replacement.)

## Blue Christmas Service

A service of prayer and meditation to assist those traveling a journey of grief this season

Sunday, December 22  
6:00 pm



## Alternative Bazaar

December 1 & 8

Following worship in the Upper Room

An opportunity to give gifts to Heifer Project, Red Lodge Community Foundation, My Fight, & Workforce Housing



Merry  
CHRISTMAS  
& HAPPY  
New Year

Kids' Christmas Shoppe

Messiah Lutheran Church

Saturdays, December 7 & 14

Ages 4-11

9:00 am- Noon



Quilters

Tuesday, December 10

1:00 pm

Lower Level

New participants are welcome!!



Jim Young	12/3
Erin Awes	12/4
Isabella Martin	12/4
Allison Coleman Davis	12/5
Lee Hauge	12/6
Phil Jaquith	12/7
Nicholas Nordstrom	12/8
Eli Nordstrom	12/14
Elizabeth Beard	12/15
Edward Terry	12/18
Jon Stradtman	12/19
Lou "Skip" Aleksich	12/22
Denece Lord	12/23
<b>Jesus</b>	<b>12/25</b>
Duane Estelle	12/26
Michael Ortner	12/27
Sharon Roat	12/27
Paula Walter	12/28
Renee Gabrian	12/30
Myrna Schaller	12/30



George & Myrna Schaller	12/15
Dave & Donna Ritter	12/16
Bob & Becky Tirrell	12/16
Dave & Marcia Henigman	12/27
Don & Sharyn McKenzie	12/29
John & Dixie McCampbell	12/29



# Advent Giving Calendar

Each day add an item to a box/bag. Each Sunday please bring your collected items from the week to church to be added to the boxes/bags which will be donated to BareTooth Cupboards.

- December 1—box of cereal
- December 2—peanut butter
- December 3—stuffing mix
- December 4—boxed potatoes
- December 5—macaroni and cheese
- December 6—canned fruit
- December 7—canned tomatoes or tomato sauce
- December 8—canned tuna
- December 9—jelly
- December 10—small bag of flour
- December 11—small bag of sugar
- December 12—dried beans
- December 13—can of chili
- December 14—box of crackers
- December 15—package of rice
- December 16—container of oatmeal
- December 17—package of pasta
- December 18—spaghetti sauce
- December 19—chicken noodle soup
- December 20—tomato soup
- December 21—can of corn
- December 22—bottle/jug of juice
- December 23—can of carrots
- December 24—can of green beans

It will be great fun to see how many boxes we can fill by Christmas!



## December 2019

### December

- 1 Sunday 10:00 am Worship  
**Alterative Bazaar**  
2:30 pm Piano Recital
- 2 Monday 9:30 am Great Books  
6:00 pm Girl Scouts
- 3 Tuesday 9:00 am Play Group
- 4 Wed. 2:00 pm Advent Mediation  
6:00 pm 4-H
- 5 Thurs. 5:30 pm Facilities Management
- 6 Friday 9:00 am Play Group
- 7 Sat. 9:00 am Choir
- 8 Sunday 10:00 am Worship  
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- 21 Sat. 9:00 am Choir
- 22 Sunday 10:00 am Worship  
6:00 pm Blue Christmas Service
- 23 Monday 9:30 am Great Books

### December

- 24 Tuesday 6:00 pm **CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Worship
- 25 **Merry Christmas**
- 29 Sunday 10:00 am Worship

## December 2019

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\*\*\*Please submit your annual reports by January 3, 2020! (Pam wants them brief & bulleted.) Thank you



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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Our Mission: "The Red Lodge Community Church, United Church of Christ, welcomes all people to gather for 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

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**Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am**

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm