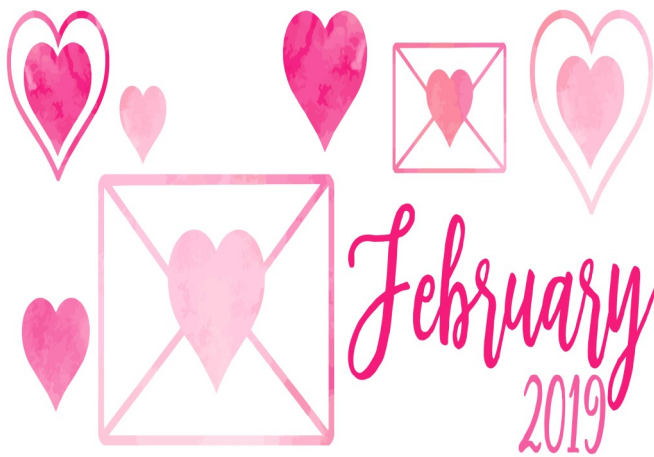


Red Lodge Community Church, UCC

# SHALOM



## **DEACONS FOR FEBRUARY**

**Don Kinney (855-7852)**

**Deb Bratton (425-1999)**

### **Greeters**

#### **February:**

- 3 Becky Tirrell
- 10 JoAnn Eder & JeanAnne Bullock
- 17 Merv & Lynette Coleman
- 24

#### **March:**

- 3 Susan Beard & Kathleen Normile
- 10 Debbie & Mike Tomicich,
- 17 John & Dixie McCampbell
- 24 Lew & Diny Gumper

(If you cannot greet as scheduled, please trade or find a substitute.)

## Baretooth Cupboards

In April 2018, the Baretooth Cupboards Grocery Cart found a parking space in the narthex of our church. From April to December 2018, over 750 items were placed in the cart. Pastor Pam has been blessing the donations on the 2nd of each month.. Thank you so much for your generosity!

An additional “thank you” goes to Karen Simmons and other talented musicians from our congregation and beyond who gave a wonderful Christmas concert on December 9. About \$800 in donations were collected for Baretooth Cupboards, and more items were placed in the cart! Thank you again!

Blessings,  
Your Stewardship and Missions Committee

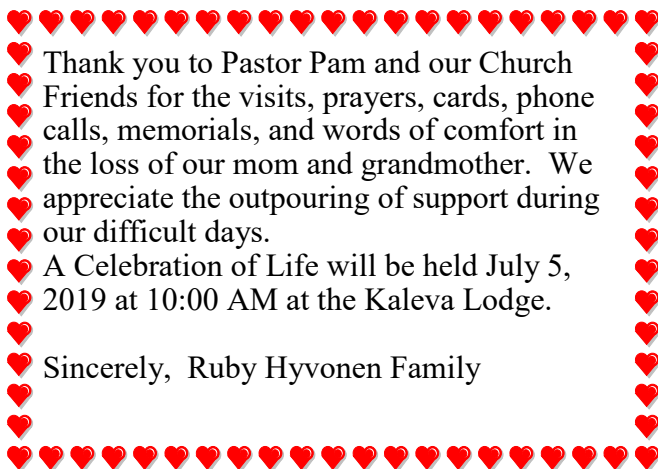
(Also donated to the Baretooth Cupboards in 2018 was \$300 from our Endowment Funds and \$1010 from church members, who designated from their givings for Baretooth Cupboards.)



Katie Callahan	2/1
Chris Ferguson	2/1
Jeremy Hauge	2/4
Joyce Lindberg	2/4
Helen MacKay	2/5
Eric Lynn	2/7
George Schaller	2/8
Betty Brekhus	2/9
Jerry Brekhus	2/10
Adriana Rice	2/12
Sue Turner	2/14
Mike Nordstrom	2/15
Tim Ortner	2/21
Aaron Schubert	2/22
Brian Croston	2/23
Grace Karas	2/24
Liza McClelland	2/25
Wendy Tyree	2/27



Laramy & Alicia Angell	2/3
Ken & Debbie Awes	2/8
Lou & Kandy Aleksich	2/14
Don & Karen Kinney	2/14


 Thank you to Pastor Pam and our Church Friends for the visits, prayers, cards, phone calls, memorials, and words of comfort in the loss of our mom and grandmother. We appreciate the outpouring of support during our difficult days.  
 A Celebration of Life will be held July 5, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the Kaleva Lodge.  
 Sincerely, Ruby Hyvonen Family



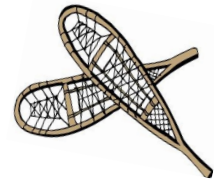
## Quilters

Tuesday, February 12  
1:00 p.m.

Lower Level  
Knotters welcome!



## Notes from the Sky Pilot's Page



Acts 4:32-35 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) “<sup>32</sup> Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup> They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.”

And we're off to a fine start for 2019! Sunshine, blue skies and the smell of spring is in the air...and our thoughts quickly turn to February and its traditional association with Valentine's Day, Cupid's Arrows, chocolate and roses; romantic dinners, diamonds and slow dancing.

For those of us who choose to live a single life, it means that we don't have to share our chocolate, we can buy daisies instead of roses and we get to eat both the lobster and the steak.

And what about the truth behind good old St. Valentine and all that romance? It's the things that myths are made of (according to Wikipedia). The martyred saint, Valentine, has nothing to do with romance, chocolate or roses. Enter the poet Geoffrey Chaucer and his poem about mating eagles and a song for the new spring. And that is where I started these notes...enjoying the smell of spring in the air.

How easily one can get off track from the original focus. The same can be said for our modern-day Christian church. Were we not a group of people who came together to share a meal and the teachings of Jesus? To gather in homes and share what we had in common so that no one among us were left in need? How did the myth of the current church, gathering in tidy sanctuaries to share a sip of juice and a square of bread once a month, evolve from the original church? How did we go from hearing so many teachings of Christ to a closed canon of Genesis-Revelation, omitting the teachings of the Apocryphas, Nag Hammadi texts and others? How did we go from sharing all we had in common to judging the needs of others as unwarranted?

These questions are not easily answered, nor do they sit well with a forward thinking, progressive church like ours. We do so much...how can we do more? Does it feel like we are always asking for more, or asking more of each other? Yes...yes...and yes. This is what is called being “convicted by the message of the Gospel.” Knowing that there is always more, knowing that we don't always have the answers, and knowing that there will always be more asked of us than we can possibly understand. And that is where we find grace – at the intersection of the cross and our questions; at the intersection of our faith and our answers (or lack thereof). And this, my friends, is exactly why we at Community Church gather for that sip of juice and piece of bread once a month...to locate ourselves at the foot of that cross where our lives intersect to the best of our abilities.

Peace and Grace  
Pastor Pam



## RLCC Council Meeting 1-8-19

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Moderator, Debbie Awes. Those in attendance were Debbie Awes, Skip Bratton, Dixie McCampbell, Linda Hanson, Debbie Tomicich, Shirley Quinn, Donna Ritter, and Renee Gabrian.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Dixie moved the minutes be corrected to read proposed memorial funds should be moved to Finance for the recommendation on disbursement, Debbie Tomicich seconded and the motion carried.

Facilities: Skip informed the new rugs have been purchased and put in place for a monthly savings of \$40.00. Projects they are working on include shelving in the media room, kitchen ceiling patching, bulletin board strips in Pastor Pam's office, new GFI outlet in kitchen, toilet paper holder repair in downstairs women's restroom, flood lights set for daylight saving time, and thermostat settings adjustments. Keyless entry access to the church is being discussed with concerns of unlimited access, potential vandalism with resultant insurance cost increases. Alternatives to keyless entry would be additional keys given to Ministry Chairpersons and/or a lockbox. They will also be researching security cameras on church entries. Wood for the Memorial Plaque has been obtained and will be built by Wally and Skip.

Stewardship and Mission: Linda reports there is no formal meeting in January, they will resume work on the Church Directory, and will be meeting again in February.

Financial Secretary: Debbie reported pledges have come in nicely and year end statements will be sent out next week. The Christmas Fund collected \$1152,00.

Treasurer: Shirley reports 2018 expenses of \$156,368.66 with budgeted amount of \$168,843.00.

Moderator: Debbie reported the Annual Meeting will be January 20, 2019 with budget presentation.

Vice Moderator: Donna will be available January 13, 2019 to open church for services in Pastor Pam's absence.

Diaconate: Renee reported Christmas Eve services had over 180 in attendance. Several concerns regarding communion are being reviewed including gluten-free procedure, ushers, additional chalices. Name tags and greeter lists will be addressed when the Church Directory is finished. Christmas undecorating of the church will occur January 13 after services. The creche sustained wind damage and repair will be assessed. Dixie notified the Carbon County News contains incorrect Adult and Sunday School times. Debbie Tomicich will contact the paper.

Finance: Dixie reported the office computer is over 10 years old and needing replaced. Dixie moved Jay West be allowed to purchase a new computer, Shirley seconded, and motion carried. Debbie Awes will notify Jay to purchase the office computer replacement.

Old Business: None

New Business: None. The next meeting will be February 12, 2019. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Renee Gabrian



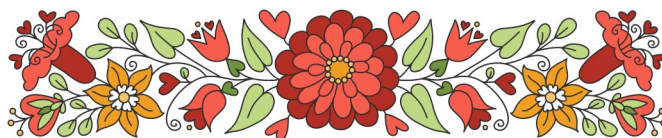
Excerpt from *Montana Electric Co-op*, December 2018

### **Readers help Mexican missionaries**

“In the February issue of *Rural Montana*, we introduced you to the work done by missionaries Eladio and Margarita Lopez in San Luis, Mexico, at the request of NorVal Electric Cooperative Trustee Rocky Kittleson.

Kittleson, who traveled to Mexico this year and in 2017 as part of a church mission trip, told readers how the Lopez family was trying to help children who literally lived in the city dump. To do so, they needed \$5,000 to pay for power to be run to a flower shop and deli. Sales from the shop would fund various outreach efforts and help build an orphanage or women’s shelter.

Montana’s electric co-op members and *RM* readers from across the country answered the call better than Kittleson and the Lopezes could have ever imagined—more than \$12,000 was raised in just a few weeks.”



### **That They May All Be One**

Dear Partners in Christ:

The vision of a body united –in purpose, in mission, in vision – is one that inspired the birth of our denomination. All of our spiritual impulses reverberate in an effort to call us into a more perfect union. Throughout our shared history as a people of faith and as a part of the Body of Christ, we have challenged ourselves to widen the circle of inclusion. Widening the circle has always come with growth pains as we shed old skins and welcome those whom we had previously thought unwelcome. And, with each new articulation of a more fully expressed Body of Christ we have realized new joy. Through it all we remain focused on the call to be one and committed to meeting the challenges inherent in that call.

We are now living in and through a season when the threats to unity are legion. Talk of walls that mark refugees as threats, labels like ‘terrorist’ that attach too easily to Muslims, overt racial bias that normalizes fear and hatred, a pandemic of abuse to women with the trigger reflex to forgive the men who author that abuse have turned America into a land many of us no longer recognize and that too many of us are finding harder and harder to reconcile with our faith.

Now more than ever, the Holy Spirit of the Living God and the Risen Christ is seeking to partner with anyone committed to unifying the human community. The gospel mandate to love our neighbor as we love ourselves resonates deep within us. It calls for the better angels among and within us to always resist impulses to hate, to condemn, to vilify, or to castigate. In such a time as this, the United Church of Christ’s call to fulfill the prayer of Jesus, that they may all be one, stands as an urgent mandate to disciples who envision a just world for all.

United with you in God’s service,


The Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer  
General Minister and President

## Neighborly Love

As an ordained minister, Fred Rogers harnessed the power of television to tell children they were loved—and to show them how to love others. In *You Are Special*, he writes, “When we love a person, we accept him or her exactly as is: the lovely with the unlovely, the strong along with the fearful, the true mixed in with the façade, and of course, the only way we can do it is by accepting ourselves that way.”

In a review of the touching documentary *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* a writer for *Variety* notes: “Rogers’ real secret was ... that the call to love your neighbor as yourself isn’t a slogan to hang in your kitchen with flowers around it—it’s a decision you make at every moment, to view every man, woman, and child on earth as your neighbor. If you don’t see and feel that, and act on it, then you’re just another narcissist with a kitchen slogan.”

Last October, when a synagogue shooting shattered the peace of Rogers’ real-life former neighborhood, residents of all religions embraced one another as neighbors. Afterward, the Fred Rogers Center stated, “We long for a day when there is no more tragedy born from hatred.”





# PUZZLE

## WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE

The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

*Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.*



God is our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,  
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

“Surely I am with you \_\_\_\_\_.” Matthew 28:20

And the \_\_\_\_\_ of God ... will guard  
your hearts and your minds in  
\_\_\_\_\_. Philipians 4:7

Whoever lives in \_\_\_\_\_ lives in God,  
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

\_\_\_\_\_ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

Answer: refuge, strength, always, peace, Christ Jesus, love, Perfect

# Puzzle!

Love is a fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23. Identify another fruit that can make Valentine’s Day — and every day — special. First, write a word that fits each clue below. Then unscramble the letters from the bold, vertical column to find another fruit of the Spirit. Write it on the blanks below.

LEAVE

CHAPEAU

TRANQUILITY

BECOME MATURE

RESPOND

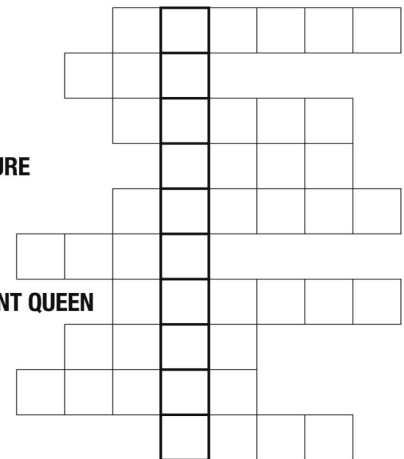
SPHERE

OLD TESTAMENT QUEEN

DISCOVER

CONFIDENCE

ALWAYS



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Answer: depart, hat, peace, grow, answer, ball, Esther, find, trust, ever, gentleness



# FEBRUARY CALENDAR

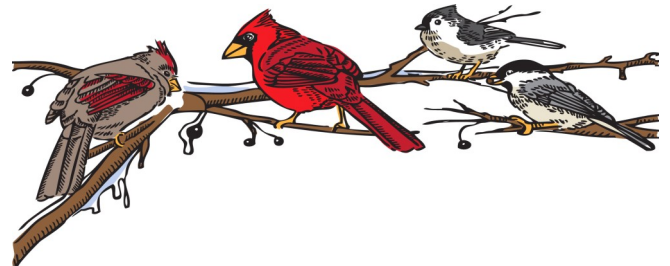


- 2 Saturday 9:00 am Choir
- 3 Sunday 10:00 am Worship
- 4 Monday 9:30 am Great Books
- 6 Wed. 1:00 pm Stewardship & Mission
- 7 Thursday 4:30 pm Facilities Management
- 9 Saturday 9:00 am Choir
- 10 Sunday 10:00 am Worship
- 11 Monday 9:30 am Great Books
- 12 Tuesday 1:00 pm Quilters  
5:00 pm Church Council
- 13 Wed. 5:00 pm Bible Study & Dinner
- 16 Saturday 9:00 am Choir
- 17 Sunday 10:00 am Worship  
4:00 pm 4-H
- 18 Monday 9:30 am Great Books  
3:30-8:30 pm Missoula Children's  
Theater
- 19 Tuesday 3:30-8:30 pm Missoula Children's  
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- 20 Wed. 3:30-8:30 pm Missoula Children's  
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- 21 Thursday 3:30-8:30 pm Missoula Children's  
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- 23 Saturday 9:00 am Choir

- 24 Sunday 10:00 am Worship
- 25 Monday 9:30 am Great Books
- 26 Tuesday 4:30 pm Deacons
- 27 Wed. 5:00 pm Bible Study

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\*\*\*With Ruth Wendt's passing, I lost my proofreader. Between losing her as a cherished friend and losing my computer, hopefully, there are not a lot of errors and next month will be on time. So sorry, Lynette



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