

Red Lodge Community Church, UCC

SHALOM



DEACONS FOR FEBRUARY

Bill Cords (262-366-0547)

Don Kinney (855-7852)

Greeters

February:

- 2 Tom & Coeta Rieger
- 9 JoAnn Eder & Gail Stafford
- 16 Merv & Lynette Coleman
- 23 Shirlee Quinn

March:

- 1 Susan Beard & Kathleen Normile
- 8 Debbie & Mike Tomicich,
- 15 John & Dixie McCampbell
- 22 Lew & Diny Gumper
- 29 Sharyn McKenzie & Lori Floyd

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



SHROVE TUESDAY

PANCAKE SUPPER
Tuesday, February 25, 2020

5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$6.00
Ages 5-12: \$2.50
Ages 4 & Under: Free
Sponsoring Camp Scholarships

FEBRUARY

Birthdays

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



FEBRUARY

Anniversaries

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

Funds received as of 1/29/20:

\$18,081.60

Expenses: -14,621.64*

Net Income: \$ 3,459.96

*This does not include the cost of the computer that was bought to replace the office computer that crashed.



Quilters

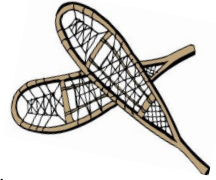
Tuesday, February 11
1:00 p.m.

Lower Level
Knotters welcome!



Notes from the Sky Pilot's Page

February 2020



"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal... And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."
(from 1 Corinthians 13)

"Love, love, love!" From 1 Corinthians, "And the greatest of these is love," we find the basis for the church's decision to officially become Open and Affirming in the United Church of Christ. So, what does that mean now? How will it change things? How will we live into the intention of this movement? All of the answers to these questions have the same answer - it is up to you. From the UCC website, "Open and Affirming (ONA) is the United Church of Christ's (UCC) designation for congregations, campus ministries, and other bodies in the UCC which make a public covenant of welcome into their full life and ministry to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions." Our church went even further in their vote, and this is what we, as the church, have agreed to:

"Red Lodge Community Church is called to the ministry of Open and Affirming (ONA). We embrace as a gift the diversity of our community and the world. We celebrate our human family's diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, faith history, economic status, marital status, physical and mental ability, and education. We believe that we can love alike even though we may not think alike."

In celebration of our official "ONA" standing our worship service on Sunday February 16 will be focused on LOVE, LOVE, LOVE! It will include love songs from the Beatles, love readings from scripture and a message of love to our community. One of the greatest challenges to us as people of a faith community is to be true to our mission and vision of welcoming all and loving our neighbor. It is hard work. It demands that we take care with every word that we say, since we do not want to become a church of clanging "symbols," but rather a church who truly represents the greatest gift of all...love.

Peace,

Pastor Pam



Red Lodge Community Church Council Minutes, January 16, 2020 at 5:15 PM

The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Jim Brown. A quorum was declared. Those in attendance were Jim, Karen K, Debbie A, Lauri J, Audrey C, Debbie T, Donna R, Mark S, Renee G, Jay W, Linda H, and Pastor Pam who led us in an opening prayer. The minutes of the meeting held on October 24, 2019, were approved as read.

Financial secretary, Debbie T reported that as of this date, 56 pledges totaling \$136,726.00 for the year 2020 have been received. A gift of \$10,000.00 has been received with half of it being designated to be used for everyday expenses of the church, and half of it to be designated to the music fund. The New Year's Eve party brought in \$194.00 to help defray expenses.

Treasurer's Report: Laurie would like training to better meet her responsibilities.

Pastor Pam's report is on file in the office. Pastor Pam recommended that the church purchase the "Breeze" Administrative program at a cost of \$60.00 a month. It is much more affordable than similar programs that seek to unify the church's various data sets. This program would encompass the church Directory, Calendar, Membership, Online Giving, and internal church communications. A motion was made to this effect and was approved unanimously. Pam reported that she had volunteered our church to host the Annual Conference Meeting from September 18th through September 20th, 2020. A motion was passed to this effect. Five coordinators will need to be recruited. Expenses are covered by the conference, except for utilities and possibly special music. On March 19th, 2020, Andrew Warner, UCC Stewardship representative will host a forum in person at the church. All are invited to attend.

Moderator's Report. Jim explained that at the October council meeting it was recommended and approved to fold the Finance ministry into the Executive committee, centralizing financial management of the church's resources. This proposal would necessitate a change in bylaws, thus requiring a vote by the congregation. Jim will be meeting with Dixie McCampbell, Mark Shubert, Debbie T., and Pastor Pam to work out the details of this transition. Due to miscommunication, a written Finance report was not available.

Vice Moderator, Donna R. reported that formal job descriptions/covenants need to be finalized. This process had been initiated last fall. She and Karen Kinney will follow up on this.

Diaconate report was given by Renee G. She reported that there were 156 people in attendance at the Christmas Eve service. There were 5 Sundays in December, with communion being served at each one. The deacons will be contacting greeters prior to Sunday services to remind them of their commitment. Randi and Stephen Vaile have resigned due to their move to Billings, and Martha S. and Debbie B's terms are up. Debbie Awes and Lori Floyd have agreed to serve. A training will be scheduled in the near future. Hopefully, more deacons can be recruited.

Facilities Management report was given by Jay W. Sanctuary lights are being updated to LEDS. A battery powered snow blower will be purchased. They are working on installation of a keyless entry system. A new computer was purchased to replace one that was not working. All costs came from reserve funds. The pedal on the grand piano is sticking. Jim Guimont of the music festival will be consulted on how to proceed. A Quaker group is meeting in the Upper Room for four Wednesdays in January.

Christian Education report was given by Pastor Pam. There are 3 confirmation students. They meet twice a month. Several acolytes are being trained.

Finance Ministry report was given by Mark S. He stated that the financial statements were accurate and up to date. He and Jim B. will be meeting with Dixie Debbie T, Debbie A, and Ken A, to discuss the history and functions of this ministry and to create a path going forward.

The Annual Report was distributed, with the notation that the financial reports will need to be updated due to the confusion regarding the finance ministry.

Linda H. reported for Stewardship and Missions. They are reorganizing the structure of their ministry as follows. The year will be divided into three segments. The first segment will be directed by Linda H and Carol S, focusing on endowments and charitable giving. The second segment focusing on outreach and Missions will be led by Juila C. and Joann E. The final segment which will focus on Stewardship will be led by Diny G. and Russ. They hope to streamline to Five for Five giving process. There will be a Northern Cheyenne Outreach planning session held on February 23rd.

Pastor Parish Relations ministry has a meeting scheduled for February 23rd.

The vote to become officially an Open and Affirming congregation will be held on January 19th, via secret ballot. Proxy votes are allowed.

Shrove Tuesday is February 25th, and plans are in place to host a pancake supper once again.

A motion was made to update signatures at First Interstate Bank to those currently elected to serve in transacting church business. They are Karen Kinney as Vice Moderator, Jim Brown as Moderator, and Lauri Judd remains a signatory as treasurer. Former signatories will be removed. Debbie Awes thanked everyone for their support during her term as moderator. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Audrey Clark, Secretary



February Calendar

- 1 Saturday 9:00 am Choir**
10:00 am Trefhold Choir
- 2 Sunday 10:00 am Worship**
- 3 Monday 9:30 am Great Books**
3:00 pm Stewardship & Mission
4:15 pm Empty Bowls Committee
6:00 pm Girl Scouts
- 4 Tuesday 9:00 am Play Group**
Noon Book Study
- 5 Wed. 1:00 pm Christian Education**
- 6 Thursday 4:00 pm Recycle Board**
4:30 pm Facilities Management
5:15 pm Executive Committee
- 7 Friday 9:00 am Play Group**
- 8 Saturday 9:00 am Choir**
- 9 Sunday 10:00 am Worship**
- 10 Monday 9:30 am Great Books**
- 11 Tuesday 9:00 am Play Group**
Noon Book Study
1:00 pm Quilters
- 14 Friday 9:00 am Play Group**
- 15 Saturday 9:00 am Choir**
- 16 Sunday 10:00 am Worship**
4:00 pm 4-H
- 17 Monday 9:30 am Great Books**
6:00 pm Girl Scouts
- 18 Tuesday 9:00 am Play Group**
Noon Book Study
- 20 Thursday 4:00 pm Recycle Board**
5:15 pm Church Council
- 21 Friday 9:00 am Play Group**
- 22 Saturday 9:00 am Choir**
Empty Bowls Dinner

- 23 Sunday 10:00 am Worship**
- 24 Monday 9:30 am Great Books**
- 25 Tuesday 9:00 am Play Group**
Noon Book Study
5:00 - 7:00 pm Pancake Supper
- 26 Wed. Ash Wednesday**
7:00 pm Worship
- 27 Thursday 4:30 pm Deacons**
- 28 Friday 9:00 am Play Group**
- 29 Saturday 9:00 am Choir**

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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