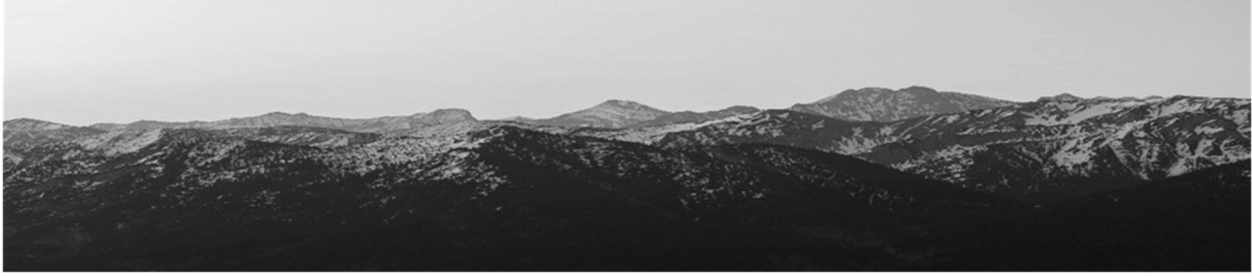


Shalom

Red Lodge Community Church, UCC



Notes from the Sky Pilot's Page

June 2020

From 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 (NRSV) “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

Change is sweeping. Change is scary. Change is painful. Change is...inevitable.

And yet we are called to give thanks and praise to God in ALL things...even change... change that is this sweeping, scary and painful in this time that is set before us. It is difficult to write this letter to you today because none of us has any idea whatsoever what is going to happen tomorrow. We are in a place of constant change that depends on things upon which we have absolutely no control.

The writer of these letters to Thessalonica was facing the same thing. It might not have been a pandemic, but they were creating a new church...and there are a whole lot of similarities. The new church in Thessalonica is in deep anxiety; an anxiety that the Apostle Paul recognizes, and he offers the pastoral counsel for them to strengthen one another in their life together. Strengthen through prayer, praise and recognition of God's presence... together.

I cannot encourage this enough; the gathering together for prayer and praise; worship and reflection. We are blessed to be a church that has the technological capability of offering this from the comfort and safety of our homes. There are 5 Deacon Zoom meetings every week, Prayer Zoom on Thursday morning and Worship on-line every Sunday. We are working diligently to bring a broader on-line worship experience to everyone.

While we have no idea what tomorrow brings, we do know that tomorrow will come and with it, multiple opportunities to join **TOGETHER** to give thanks and praise to God in ALL things. Even change.

Peace,
Pastor Pam

Worship Services



Join Pastor Pam Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for **Live-Stream Worship Services** on Facebook. Just go to her "[Pam Peterson](#)" timeline and you'll find the live-stream video there. You can also find the live-stream video on the "[Red Lodge Community Church](#)" Facebook page. You DO NOT need to join Facebook to watch the video on this page.

The bulletins can be found on the Red Lodge Community Church website under the "Getting Involved" menu, then off the "Worship and Choir" option, you'll see "[Weekly Bulletin](#)." You can follow along with the bulletin online or download a PDF version to print off at home.

Remember, if you have a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Pam at: 1-203-631-9994.



VERY IMPORTANT UPDATED INFORMATION ON WORSHIP!! PLEASE READ AND SHARE!!

1) At a specially called meeting of the Church Council of Red Lodge Community Church on Tuesday May 26, the council accepted the motion to **again suspend all live worship services until further notice**. If you would like to share your thoughts and concerns about this decision, please contact Pastor Pam.

The 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service will continue to be live-streamed through FaceBook Live at either facebook.com/piperpam or facebook.com/RedLodgeCommunityChurch.

2) There will be an attempt at outdoor services **AT KALEVA LODGE** on Sunday **June 7, July 5 and August 2, at 1:00 p.m.** weather permitting. We will still offer our on-line worship on those Sundays in **the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. as well.**

3) Pastor Pam **has gathered** an ad-hoc "moving forward" and a tech committee to bring suggestions for improved technology for better quality on-line worship (to include more music, liturgists and congregational participation) and continue to slowly gather back for worship to the Church Council for consideration and action.

Ad-Hoc Committee Members: Pamela Carter, Helen Mackay, Russ Lord and Dan Seifert.

Tech Team: Marty Clague, Jay West and Mia Talon.



From the Deacons....

Outdoor services are planned for the first Sunday of summer months, June 7, July 5, and August 2 at 1:00 PM at the Kaleva Lodge north of Red Lodge. Weather conditions as well as COVID numbers may alter these services. Please wear masks and bring your own chairs. As much as we will want to hug and shake hands, please refrain. We will practice social distancing. Please read the biweekly emails, Monday Memos and Weekly Wrangler, for updates on outdoor services.

Moment from the Moderator



I am sure you have heard the idiom “*Two heads are better than one.*” This proverb just means that it is helpful to receive the advice or opinion of a second person. Just imagine if two sources are better than one, then how much more creative our decisions would be when the advice and opinions of multiple people is solicited. This is how our Church Council works! Concerned, dedicated, and thoughtful people assemble to address the issues of the Church. The result is an

improved path forward to promote the ministries of our Church. Last Thursday, the Council met to once again address the path we should follow in eventually reopening our Church. One of the many ideas advanced involved outdoor worship services. The first Sunday of June, July, and August was suggested. This afternoon (Tuesday, May 19th) Gov. Steve Bullock announced that on June 1st we will move to the second phase of the state’s reopening plan. Here is hoping that when we hold our first summer outdoor worship service, the venue will be *full of excited members* of the Red Lodge Community Church!

Remember the saying “Focus on the EXCITEMENT” and it will lead you through the OBSTACLES!”

~ Jim Brown
Moderator for Church Council



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.

Helen Mackay	Monday 11 am	hmackay49@gmail.com
Renee Gabrian	Monday 3 pm	rrgabrian@hotmail.com
Debbie Awes	Wednesday 11 am	debawes51@hotmail.com
Don Kinney	Thursday 3 pm	dtkinney65@gmail.com
Heidi Mann	Thursday 4pm	heidimann247@yahoo.com

Stewardship and Mission



Your Stewardship and Mission Committee (S&M) is so proud of our generous church community! Even without the weekly offering plate, you are all so conscientious about fulfilling your pledges so we can keep the lights on and the zoom meetings going. Thank you.

Our Hazel Chamberlain (HC) grant to the Red Lodge Area Foundation COVID Relief Fund is being immediately put to work helping some of our neighbors who would otherwise fall between the cracks. Many make do with a patch work of jobs which doesn't qualify them for unemployment insurance or other CARES funds. Also, Misty Kuhl, director of Rocky Mountain College's Native American Outreach Program, reports that our HC grant to them has already been used to make sure that Native students have the resources (laptops and internet) to complete their online courses from the reservation. She would love to share her remarkable program with us when we are able to meet in person again.

As to our intended summer outreach to the Northern Cheyenne kids, Wanda Martinez, Resource Development Director of the Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Cheyenne Nation reports:

"The Boys & Girls Club has been busy with the COVID19 issue. The Northern Cheyenne Tribe designated the Boys & Girls Club as distribution center for food, hygiene supplies and COVID-19 information that is placed in each of the food boxes. The information is prepared by the Tribe and local health agencies.

The Club is doing two distributions a week-one for families and one for the youth. Its been busy with ordering food supplies, hygiene supplies and we were able to secure diapers, some baby formula and wipes.

In addition, the Club is in the process of completing the building project in the Busby community. The building is in place and the water and electrical have been completed. The Club needs to complete the driveway into the Unit. The Tribe's transportation program will be doing that work.

The Tribal President has a stay in place order until May 31, 2020 so there is not much movement on the reservation. Included in the stay in place order there is a curfew law in place from 10:00 pm until 6:00 am. I am sure the Tribe will decide before the end of the month to either keep the stay in place order or to open up.

Thanks for all of the support you provide!"

With the uncertain conditions, the S&M committee will postpone the planned activities in Lame Deer this summer but MAY participate in some small scale one-day projects to help get the Club in Busby up and running (playground and garden beds). Please let us know if you would be interested in helping. We continue to collect children and youth books. These may help the new Lodge Grass Club build a library when their new Club opens. Their community is also currently under lock down. Let a committee member know if you have books or games to contribute.





Volunteers Needed!!

The Facilities Committee is asking for volunteers for summer lawn care for the church grounds. Once a week, we need someone to come in and mow the lawn, trim it up, and make sure our outside is as beautiful as our inside! The lawn mower, weed whacker, and other tools are in the storage shed. **Who's up for lending a hand this summer?**

Please email Marge Nearpass to sign up at marge_nearpass@redlodge.k12.mt.us or give her a call at 406-446-3854.



Notes from the Office...

If you are having trouble accessing the Facebook livestream of Sunday services, please go to the "[Red Lodge Community Church](#)" page on Facebook. If you have not joined Facebook, a pop-up screen will appear asking you to join. On the bottom of this screen there is a "not now" option. If you click on this option, the pop-up screen will go away and you can watch the video. If you continue to have problems, give us a call and we'll try to work you through them.

To those of you who have filled out your information form for our church directory, **THANK YOU!** If you haven't done yours yet, please do! :) If you've lost the link, email Mia or [go to the website](#). The form is at the bottom of the "Who We Are" menu at the top of the page. Please fill the form out for **EACH** spouse and **EACH** child if you have younger children you'd like to have on our birthday lists.

Please remember to get your articles and/or announcements for the Shalom in by the 20th of the month.

CELEBRATE!!!

happy birthday!



Happy Anniversary

Jessamin Anderson	6/1
Kiyoko Carlson	6/1
Russell Lord	6/2
Sarayah Awes	6/4
Linda Young	6/6
Amberlee Olson	6/6
Alex Ferguson	6/8
Austin Nearpass	6/8
Mary Beth Noe	6/11
Laura Nearpass	6/16
Gail Stradtman	6/20
Ray Turner	6/20
Jaye Hellerud	6/24
Barb Herbert	6/24
Debbie Awes	6/25
Cheryl Terry	6/25
Charlotte Kaufmann	6/26
Don Williams	6/26
Don Hamilton	6/27

June 7— National
Chocolate Ice Cream Day

Al & Joyce Miller	6/8
Denis Elo & Audrey Clark	6/9
Greg & Gina Herbert	6/10
Wally & Shari Nordstrom	6/10
Mike & Debbie Tomicich	6/10
Rob & Wendy Martin	6/12
David & Kathy Munson	6/14
Doug & Liza McClelland	6/16
Tom & Barb Croston	6/20
Don & Janis Williams	6/22
Ray & Sue Turner	6/25
Steve & Susan Beard	6/27
Brent & Marge Nearpass	6/27
Tim & Jamie Ortner	6/30



June 8 — World
Oceans Day



June 20 — First
Day of Summer



June 14 — Flag Day



HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!

June 21 — Father's Day



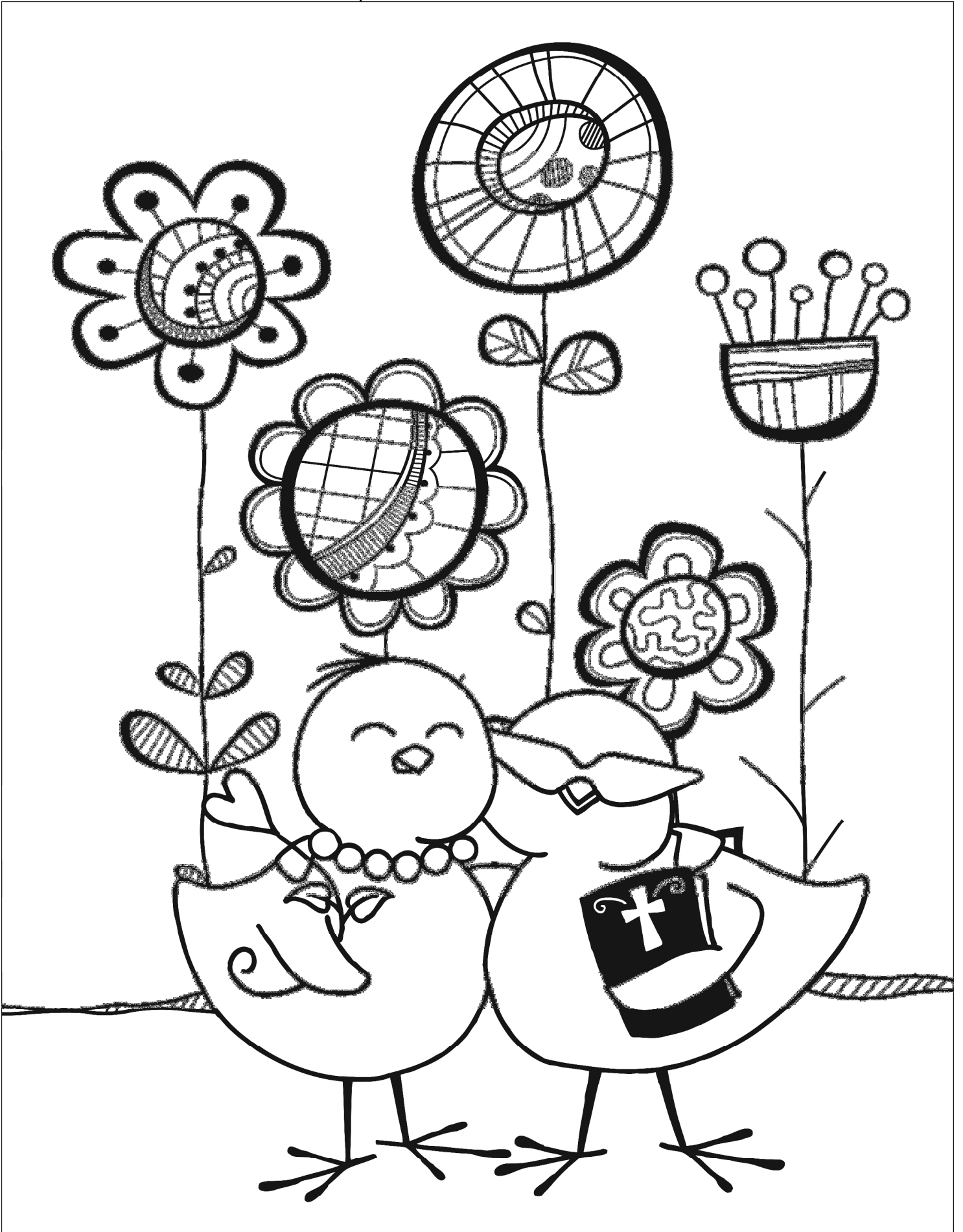


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Our Mission Statement:

The Red Lodge Community Church, United Church of Christ, 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."

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