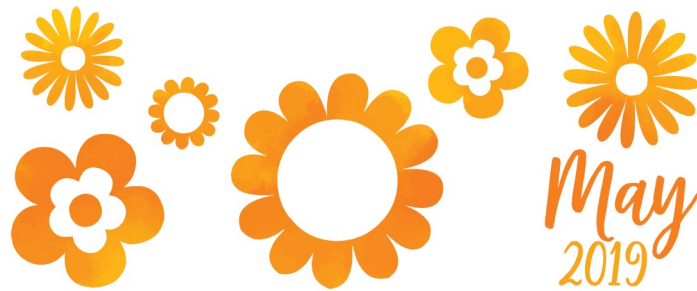


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LYNETTE COLEMAN, EDITOR

## DEACONS FOR MAY

Deb Bratton (425-1999)

### Greeters

#### **May:**

- 5 Jim & Diane Brown
- 12 Tom & Coeta Rieger
- 19
- 26 Nearpass Family

#### **June:**

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- 9 Jim & Linda Young
- 16 Harris & Renee Gabrian
- 23 Bob & Greta Christner
- 30

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



“If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?”

—Milton Berle



**NATIONAL**  
**Day of Prayer**

Thursday, May 2, 2019



**Armed Forces Day, May 18, 2019**

**Quilters**

Tuesday, May 14  
Lower Level  
1:00 p.m.

Our *One Great Hour of Sharing* contribution for this year has been \$2,124.00 this year.

Thanks for your generous support of this important funding.

Stewardship and Mission Ministry



Christine Kohley	5/2
Adam Lynn	5/2
Skip Bratton	5/3
Emily Hilderman	5/3
Lynette Coleman	5/8
Dan Seifert	5/8
Marshall Metcalf	5/9
Amy Monjeau	5/9
Rodney Hyvonen	5/10
Cassandra Schubert	5/10
Marjory Ackley	5/11
Christian Olson	5/11
Colin Bratton	5/12
Demi Abbey	5/13
Hailey Metcalf	5/14
Miranda Boughey	5/16
Sophia Boughey	5/16
Tess Hellerud	5/18
Charlotte Munson-Young	5/20
Barb Croston	5/21
Tesa Sironen	5/21
Zoey Abbey	5/22
Don Kinney	5/23
Eliza Seifert	5/24
Erinn Ackley	5/26
Dax LeDoux	5/27
Michael White	5/28
Dick Forehand	5/29
Ruth Van Fossen	5/29
Martha Brown	5/30
Jaye Hellerud	5/30
Andrew Gabrian	5/31



Lanny & Sally Hilderman	5/1
Jim & Mary Beth Noe	5/5
Mike & Kim Ferguson	5/14

# CAMP MIMANAGISH

April 10, 2019

Dear Montana – N.Wyoming Conference UCC members and friends,

With a profound sense of responsibility for the stewardship of the Montana – Northern Wyoming Conference of the United Church of Christ (MNWC) and with deep respect for the attachment of many to Camp Mimanagish, the Board of Directors (BoD) sends you this letter. At their morning April 8, 2019 meeting, the Conference Executive Committee reviewed the information that had been received from the 2019 Camp Mimanagish Advisory Council along with additional information from the Committee for Outdoor Ministry (COM) and the Conference Treasurer regarding the status of camp registrations and volunteers for 2019, fundraising efforts, and the financial position of the MNWC. A table containing a summary of the information is included with this letter.

After much heart-felt and prayerful deliberation, the Executive Committee made the following recommendation to the BoD, who unanimously (Trudi Downer, Terri Goodsell, Tracy Heilman, Phil Maxwell, Sheila Naismith, Pam Peterson, Leslie Roche, Lynne Spencer Smith, Rick Thompson) approved it at their afternoon April 8, 2019 meeting: • 2019 will be a shortened Outdoor Ministry season in the MNWC to be held at Camp Mimanagish • The 2019 Conference Annual Meeting, August 9 - 11, will be held at Camp Mimanagish and will include a celebration of Camp Mimanagish • The 2020 Outdoor Ministry season for the MNWC will take place in locations other than Camp Mimanagish • The MNWC will look at relinquishing the Forest Service Permit back to the Forest Service The MNWC will seek to divest ourselves of the buildings and improvements at Camp Mimanagish. Options include, but are not limited to, selling the buildings to another 501c3 organization. We realize that we will need to maintain responsibility for the facilities until they change hands • The MNWC will hold a de-commissioning event at Camp Mimanagish late spring/early summer (May or June) 2020. Should the sale or transfer of the facilities take place before this can happen, this de-commissioning event will be included in the purchase agreement .

The BoD is now putting this recommendation before you, the members and friends of the MNWC churches, for your consideration. There will be a special meeting of the MNWC to vote on this recommendation on Thursday, July 11 at 7 pm held via Zoom. Prior to that meeting, there will be three hearings held via Zoom for interested individuals to hear more about the decision and bring their comments and questions. Information about how to access Zoom for these hearings will be emailed in the coming weeks and will be available at [www.mnwcucc.org](http://www.mnwcucc.org). Those hearings will be held on • Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 pm • Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 pm • Sunday, June 9 at 12:30 pm

In addition, there will be an in-person hearing at Camp Mimanagish on Sunday, May 26, 2019 at 3:00 pm in conjunction with the Kick-off and Family Camp held that weekend. Please plan to participate in the hearing or hearings that best fit your schedule.

How did we get here?

Camp Mimanagish expenses have increased over the years at the same time that use has decreased. A decade ago, the BoD put together an advisory council of business leaders to recommend a business plan that could sustain Camp Mimanagish. The advised staff recommendations were not affordable until the MNWC received a \$100,000 donation in 2016 from the closure of Plentywood UCC. Our investment in professional camp staff provided two years of excellent experiences for campers, but did not substantially increase participation. Meanwhile, facility upgrades and deferred maintenance issues added to the fundraising requests made of our churches. Unfortunately, registrations and rentals have not provided the revenue needed to keep Camp Mimanagish operating.

At our October 2018 special meeting to approve the 2019 Conference and Outdoor Ministry budget, the second \$100,000 deficit budget in as many years was considered. Many delegates at this meeting said that this needed to be the last of such deficit budgets. The BoD formed a new Advisory Council to develop and recommend a business plan for Camp Mimanagish. This Advisory Council focused on camp promotions and local church support. Some of their recommendations were immediately implemented. A Partner Recruiter was hired who reached out to nearly 100 groups, but we were not able to secure sufficient new rentals. Knowing our churches were maxed out in their support of Camp Mimanagish greatly limited the Advisory Council's ability to create a viable business plan.

In their October 2018 vote, the MNWC delegates affirmed 2019 as a year to “buy time” to discern the future of Camp Mimanagish. The BoD set financial and registration benchmarks for the 2019 Camp Mimanagish season. With over 200 campers now registered, some further budget cuts, a \$50,000 gift to Camp Mimanagish, and some key fundraising events scheduled in our churches, we are able to assure that the 2019 camp season will happen at Camp Mimanagish.

How do we move forward?

The Committee for Outdoor Ministries has worked very hard to ensure that 2019 is a successful season. It is a season to celebrate the legacy which is Camp Mimanagish. It is a season to celebrate the hard work, heart and soul which it has taken to carry Camp Mimanagish through almost 90 years. It is a season to celebrate those who have been baptized or married at camp and to celebrate the lives of those whose memorials are indelibly linked to Camp Mimanagish. It is a season to provide transition to our campers who will move into the future to take the steps of making new memories and new traditions. While it may seem final, it is not the end; it is part of the evolution of doing ministry.

In our MNWC, we have long associated Outdoor Ministries with Camp Mimanagish, as this has been our designated site since the 1930's. With the recommendation of your BoD, the concept of Outdoor Ministries will shift to the program of Outdoor Ministry and carry forward the emphasis on program regardless of location. Your BoD is committed to the continuation of Outdoor Ministry in our Conference.

As we look to 2020 and beyond, our Outdoor Ministries will continue to offer Transformational Experiences, with these experiences now located in new places. We look forward to building strong partnerships with neighboring UCC conferences as well as ecumenical camp and retreat centers. Possible partnerships could include: • Participating in existing camp offerings • Partnering to create and facilitate camp offerings • Renting facilities for our unique camp offerings • Utilizing our State and National Parks and Forests .

Our 2019 Conference Annual Meeting will be held August 9-11 where it all began in 1930—at Camp Mimanagish. Our time together will be a home-coming, a family reunion, a time to celebrate and remember.

It is with heavy hearts that the BoD recommends divestiture of Camp Mimanagish after the 2019 season. May the words of the Rev. John Robinson, early church founder, provide some comfort and direction at this time, “there is yet more light and truth to break forth.” Let us proceed with faith and hope that our Creator, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit still have very definite and concrete plans for the future of our Conference, its churches, its members (present and past), and friends. Let us continue our journey together.

In Christ,

Tracy Heilman, Moderator Lynne Spencer Smith, Vice-Moderator Leslie Roche, Secretary, Central Area at-large rep Terri Goodsell, Treas-



## Notes from the Sky Pilot's Page



May 2019

Hosea 14:6-8 “His shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive tree, and his fragrance like that of Lebanon. They shall again live beneath my shadow, they shall flourish as a garden; they shall blossom like the vine, their fragrance shall be like the wine of Lebanon.”

The smell of spring! There are many differences between Montana and Western New York State and so far the smell of spring...or the lack thereof... is one that I have really noticed. I always thought that spring smells like spring no matter where I was...until this spring. Out east the smell of spring is as distinct as the smell of coffee. You step outside, take a big deep breath and your brain registers, “SPRING!” How do I describe it? Tangy, damp, fruity, green, fresh, earthy... promise. Wait, promise? Promise is a scent?

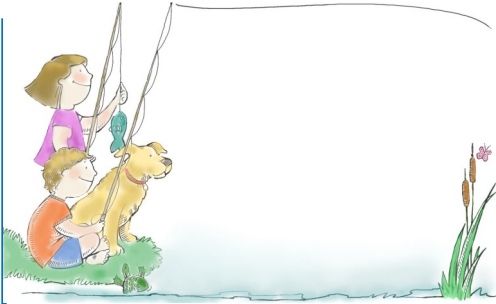
The smell of spring that I am used to is from the deciduous trees, primarily maples and oaks, the fruit orchards and grape vineyards. Each autumn the leaves fall, creating a wonderful covering for the land, providing a blanket of comfort for the dormant earth. And then comes spring! As the snow begins to melt and the sun warms the fields the scent that is created fills the air with...promise.

Promise works the same way. Promise spreads out for all to take it in, providing shelter from doubt and fear. Promise permeates our very being, you couldn't avoid it if you tried. Promise blankets us with a protective covering that assures us of a comforting presence. No matter how dormant our lives become, promise is always there for us when we return to the active pursuit of our passions.

Promise is the assurance that a particular thing will happen. We live into the promise of the One who is as fragrant as the spring morning; filling, surrounding, accompanying and never ending. In turn, we are then like that same fragrance in our faith; filling, surrounding, accompanying and never ending.

Happy Spring!

Pastor Pam



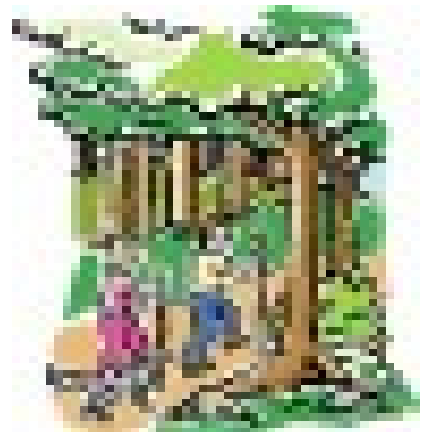
## Getting To Know Pastor Pam...Even Better!

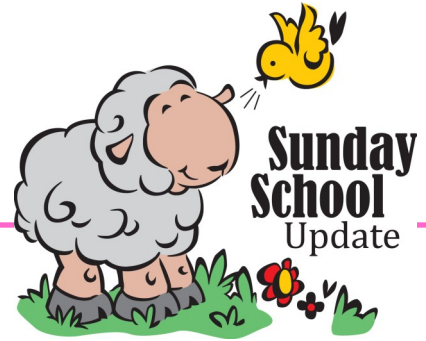
For the month of May, please invite Pastor Pam  
and 2 or 3 friends (groups no larger than 5)  
to join you on adventures that you love!  
(No meals or movies, please)

Ideas: Easy Hikes, Walks, The Zoo, Fly Fishing, Gardening,  
Meditating, etc.

As in our “Getting To Know You!” meal times last year, these events are designed to help us get to know each other even better. A perfect opportunity if you didn’t get to participate in the program last year.

You will find the sign-up calendar in the Narthex on the bulletin board with coupons for dates (Sun-Thurs), times (10-7) and places (Cody-Billings Area).





## Sunday School Update:

The Christian Education Committee has been diligently working to get our Sunday School back on the map! We have created the beginnings of a curriculum that is based on the Reggio Emilio concept of Early Childhood Education. This concept sees the home as the first class room, the parent as the first teacher, and focuses on child-led activities.

Here are some things that we are doing!

We have created center- based activities for the children to choose from, including dress up, sensory, blocks, tea party, books and crafts.

The teacher for the week offers a Bible based story and the children are encouraged to act out the parts, sing related songs and create story- based crafts.

What we are hoping to create in the very near future: a nature based center, a garden center, more sensory centers, liturgical dancing and an area for the children to create on-going structures that will remain standing from week-to-week such as Noah's Ark, The Creche, and the Garden of Eden.

We are no longer using the old nursery room, that is now storage. We have opened the two east rooms up into one room and removed the foosball table. We will be inspecting the playground this week for any needed repairs or updates. If the sun is shining, Sunday school will be outside!

Who we need: volunteers to help assist the weekly lead teachers! An assistant is not responsible for the curriculum. Just help the teacher keep the children safe and engaged. Please let Pastor Pam, Lori Floyd, Gwen Cords or LuAnn Brown know if you would like to lend a hand.





## Camp Mimanagish Summer 2019

Kickoff Family Camp:	May 24 - May 27
Creative Art Camp:	June 27 - June 30
Over the Hill Camp:	June 27 - June 30
Grandparents and Me Camp:	July 5 - July 8
Pride Camp:	July 10 - July 14
Senior High Camp:	July 14 - July 20
Mini and Me Camp:	July 19 - July 21
Grade 3, 4, 5 Camp:	July 21 - July 27
Grade 6, 7, 8 Camp:	July 28 - August 3
Mom and Me Camp:	August 3 - August 5
Pay It Forward Work Camp:	August 3 - August 5
Young Adults Camp:	August 3 - August 5
Geography of Grace Camp:	August 30 - September 2
Fishing Camp:	August 30 - September 2
Dad and Me Camp:	August 31 - September 2
Yoga and Wellness Retreat:	September 5 - September 8

For registration and/or more information go to [www.mimanagish.org](http://www.mimanagish.org). There are scholarships for all the youth who attend from our congregation.

To All My Friends and Family in the United Church of Christ,

Greetings to you all in this Lenten season. May the love of Christ build within you a resilience and hope sufficient to meet the challenges of our day.

I write to thank you for your support for this year's One Great Hour of Sharing Special Mission Offering. Through this Offering, the United Church of Christ engages in sustainable development, refugee, and disaster ministries within the United States and around the world.

As many of you know, in times of disaster, those funds help the United Church of Christ stay active in assuring that recovery systems are strong. We are flexible and fill gaps in service in order to accompany the most vulnerable people. We enable our churches and individuals to practice preparedness, and to sustain long term recovery strategies long after the news cycle on the disaster ends.

In recent days, we have witnessed excessive damage from typhoons in Southern Africa and massive flooding across the Midwest. Mission partners in Zimbabwe and Mozambique were affected by these disasters, as were many of our church communities across the Midwest. In addition to your ongoing financial support for One Great Hour of Sharing, I call for prayers for our partners in southern Africa and our church families across the Midwest. They are all uplifted by your contributions and your prayers.

I give God thanks for the outpouring of generosity. As we approach the season of Easter, a season in which the rising of Christ instills within us all the hope of redemption and new life, I find myself filled with gratitude for the ways in which your gifts sustain our ministry. Through your contributions and prayers, we are helping to restore hope through building and rebuilding communities of resilience. Thank you all, and may the spirit of the living God and the risen Christ abide with you through the living of your Days.

Humbly yours in Christ,

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



## Red Lodge Community Church Council Minutes April 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Debbie Awes. Pastor Pam opened with prayer. Those in attendance were Pastor Pam, Debbie Awes, Debbie Tomicich, Dixie McCampbell, Jay West, Donna Ritter, Lauri Judd, Linda Hanson, and Renee Gabrian.

Minutes of the 3-19-19 meeting were reviewed. Debbie Tomicich moved the minutes be approved as written, Jay seconded, and motion carried.

Financial Secretary: Debbie reported One Great Hour of Sharing netted \$2074.00.

Treasurer: Lauri reports she has been signing checks with largest amount for Camp Mimanagish. Dixie added that because Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper proceeds went to Camp Mimanagish, budget income will be decreased this amount.

Pastor: Pastor Pam read her report for February-April 2019 and her report is on file. In addition to her many Church activities included in her report, she has worked with Steven Vaile on the Church Directory. She has been able to transfer music to powerpoint slides for Church services at the one time fee of \$3.00 per song.

Moderator: Debbie reports the Executive Committee has been working on job descriptions for Church employees. She has completed banking changes to debit card use due to service fee charges. She presented a \$300.00 gift card to Mark Schubert for his many hours of unpaid services. She has received the Community Church Care Ministry folder from Norma Scheidecker.

Vice Moderator: Donna reported on the Transitional Ministry Team, providing Council with the questionnaire answered by approximately 30 members and their results. The Team concluded they have consensus about who we are and what is important to us as a church community and thus do not need to complete a full Mission Study.

Diaconate: Renee reported Jim Brown has agreed to serve on The Memorial and Gift Management Committee. We will have Easter service at 10:00 AM followed by brunch. Pastor Pam reported there will be no Sunrise Service.

Facilities Management: Jay reports Skip has been on vacation and they have not met. He has been working on computers following a power surge. He has obtained the Head Start lease and they will be making decisions regarding lower level use for Preschool including foosball table removal and radon levels which are only applicable in the closet and nursery room. There has been partial payment for snow removal and Skip is getting drainage tube for ice machine.

Finance Committee: Dixie is waiting for names for The Memorial and Gift Management Committee from all ministries. She presented Council members with the Request for Distribution from Reserve Fund form and these forms are available in the Church Office. A congregational meeting is needed to present the Moran Endowment Management Policy approval. Jay moved we meet Sunday, 4-28-19, following services to vote on the Moran Endowment, Dixie seconded, and the motion carried.

Stewardship and Mission: Linda states the committee has been working on the Hazel Chamberlain Fund. The congregation is welcome to present their ideas during services. The committee will form a list and the congregation will be given seven votes for their choices on the list of desired distributions.

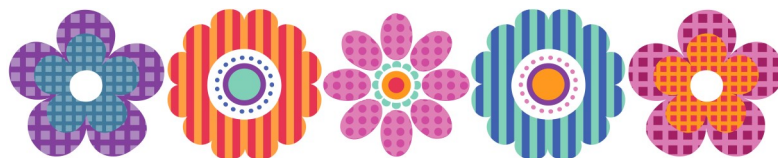
Old Business: Donna inquired about Pantry Committee. Jay reports Facilities has not met to determine help with Yvonne Jensen for this yet. Donna also inquired about employee sick leave which Debbie states is being reviewed by Executive Council.

New Business: Pastor Pam reports Lisa Cords will organize with community churches to serve a potluck meal for a USO tour show in Roberts that benefits veterans on 5-25-19.

The Council moved to executive session for personnel matters.

Moving back to general session, there was no further business and the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be 5-14-19.

Respectfully submitted, Renee Gabrian







May 2019

**May**

- 1 Wed. 1:00 pm Christian Education
- 4 Saturday 9:00 pm Choir
- 5 Sunday 10:00 am Worship & Child SS
- 2:30 pm Piano Recital
- 6 Monday 9:30 am Great Books
- 11 Saturday 9:00 am Choir
- 12 Sunday **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**
- 10:00 am Worship & Child SS
- 13 Monday 9:30 am Great Books
- 5:15 pm Executive Committee
- 13 Tuesday 1:00 pm Quilters
- 5:15 pm Church Council
- 16 Thursday 4:00 pm Recycling Board
- 18 Saturday 9:00 am Choir
- 19 Sunday 10:00 am Worship & Child SS
- 4:00 pm 4-H
- 20 Monday 9:30 am Great Books
- 26 Sunday 10:00 am Worship
- 27 Monday **Memorial Day**
- 28 Tuesday 4:30 pm Deacons

**May 2019**

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