

Shalom

Red Lodge Community Church, UCC



June 2022

Notes from the Sky Pilot's Page

Red Lodge, Montana

“Like snow in summer or rain in harvest,
so honor is not fitting for a fool.” (Proverbs 26:1, NRSV)

I think I've finally found a bible verse that describes what it's like to live in Montana! While I am enjoying what might seem like spring, soon to be summer, I know that we are never really clear of the potential for snow. And when snow does arrive in June, well, I finally found a Proverb for it!

Finding a bible verse to prove your point is called “proof texting,” something that we are warned against doing in our Christian walk. With the invention of Google, proof texting is even easier in today's world. For this article I Googled “summer in the bible” and this verse was one of many that came up. I found it humorous and very fitting for our life here in the mountains. What I was actually looking for was something more poetic that would describe the wonderful feeling of a summer sunrise, the scent of the gardens in bloom, the sound of the songbirds at sunset. What I got was snow and fools. My seminary professors would say that it serves me right.

The interesting twist to this proverb is that we *need* snow in summer, more so now than ever. It is not wasted, the way that honor would be on a foolish person. A little more digging and I discovered that one way to interpret the word “fool” is “silly.” And so, to the writer of Proverbs I would say, “Now wait just a minute here! If we weren't “silly,” especially when it comes to snowfall in June, how would we ever survive!!” Perhaps a better way to look at this particular proverb is to challenge it with, “And when it snows in June, when it rains when you are digging potatoes, put on your tutu and dance!”

Peace,

Pastor Pam

RLCC Council Minutes for Thursday, April 14, 2022

Meeting was held in the Upper Room with one attending via Zoom. Members in attendance were Renee Gabrian, Steve Hanson, Jay West, Mark Schubert, Joann Eder, Pastor Pam Peterson.

Steve Hanson was nominated as Moderator Pro Tem. Moved and seconded. Jay west volunteered to act as Secretary Pro Tem. Pastor Pam opened with prayer.

Motion for the committee reports for March to approved be the consent agenda was made by Joann and seconded by Renee. No discussion. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the minutes from March 3, 2022, Council meeting was made by Joann and seconded by Renee. No discussion. Motion carries.

Discussion on review of Bob Moran Fund as established by a Congregational meeting on March 19,2019. A motion was made by Jay to nominate Joann Eder, Don Kinney, Mark Schubert as an ad hoc committee to analyze and set up use of the Fund. Motion seconded by Renee. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

Discussion on review of the Piano contract. Information from parties involved will be gathered to compile a history.

Appointment of a Nominating Committee was discussed . This would be an ad hoc committee consisting of three people. Should they be appointed or recruited? Pastor Pam will seek advice from Martha Brown on how to proceed.

New Business

PEO has a special request to be able to do a champagne toast during the May meeting at our facility. Motion was made by Jay to allow PEO on this one occasion to do a champagne toast with the removal of the trash. Mark seconded. Motion passed.

Clarification of the use of music funds to be used to pay professional musicians during the Art Walk in our sanctuary from May to October. Some discussion on where the monies would come from. Mark will research any standing rules. Joann moved to allow the church to spend \$500 to \$700per month during each Art Walk offered by the Community Foundation. Renae seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Discussion was held about marketing. Where would the funds come from as there is no line item? The sales of Helen Mackay artwork to go to marketing with no more than \$500 per year for marketing.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Announcements



We are starting a new monthly women's ministry at our church. The next event will be on Saturday June 25 with Brunch at 11:00 a.m. here at the church. The focus of this group is self-care and celebration as an outreach ministry to the women of Red Lodge. Please bring a dish to pass and plan on celebrating the birthdays of those born in April. Please bring your lady friends! For more information and to RSVP, please contact Lori Floyd at lorifloyd02@gmail.com.



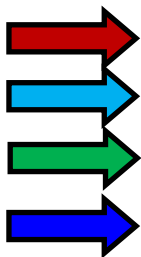
Sunday, June 5th come dressed in red to celebrate Pentecost!



Saturday June 11th, 3pm-8pm

Come enjoy the Art displayed & Music being performed!

Committee Meetings: *All Meetings subject to change, please communicate with all parties & office. It's much appreciated.*



Stewardship & Outreach	June 13 10:00AM
Church Council	June 9 at 5:30 pm
Facilities	June 16 at 5:00 pm
Deacons	June 21 at 10:00 am

VBS is Coming!! We are developing our plans for VBS for this summer and we need YOU! Please let Pastor Pam know if you would be available to help and what dates would work best. Finding a date for the most people to participate is important to us, we look forward to working together to bring "Compassion Camp VBS" to the children of Red Lodge!

Annual Outdoor Service & Potluck

Date: July 31, 2022

Location: Kaleva; 7790 US HWY 212
Roberts, MT

Time: 10:00 AM

Potluck after service, bring a dish to
share and comfortable seating.

Umbrellas & water can come in handy.. rain or shine

Please call office for arranged transportation 406-446-1444



Stewardship and Outreach

Red Lodge Community Church Awards Annual Hazel Chamberlain Endowment Grants for 2022

It is with gratitude and joy that Red Lodge Community Church announces that six non-profit organizations in our community are recipients of grants from our Hazel Chamberlain Endowment Fund this year. Hazel Chamberlain was an active member of this community and Red Lodge Community Church. She left a generous gift to the church which was established and invested as the Hazel Chamberlain Endowment Fund. Earnings from the endowment are earmarked for second-mile giving each year.

We are pleased to announce that through the nomination process open to those who worship with us and their vote prioritizing the distribution, \$12,000 was disbursed to the following organizations in late April for specific needs they addressed in their written applications and video presentations: **Beartooth Industries Cooper Group Home, RLACF Early Childhood Grant Fund, Hero's STEAM Center's observatory, Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (DSVS), Carbon County Area Ride and Transport (CART), and the Roosevelt Center's landscape project.**



Pictured left to right are Libby Gardner, RLCC Stewardship and Outreach Committee; Merv Coleman, representing the Roosevelt Center; Marty Clague and Theresa Whistler of Hero's STEAM Center; and Dawn Martin, representing CART.

A Word from our Deacons



Your Deacons are going to resume weekly Wednesday walks beginning May 25, 9:00AM. We will meet at the Lion's Club Park. Please join us for leisure walks filled with good conversation, idea sharing, adventures, exploring. Call Renee at 406-446-2047 with questions.

Renee Gabrian	rrgabrian@hotmail.com
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Sharyn McKenzie	sharyn@nemont.net
Bill Cords	billcords81@yahoo.com
Mark Sechler	sechlermc@gmail.com

Volunteer Dates & Roles

Deacons:

6/5 : Don/Debbie

6/12: bill/Renee

6/19: Don/Lori

6/26: Helen/Lori

Greeters:

6/5:

6/12: Kiyoko Carlson

6/19:

6/26:

Liturgist:

6/5: Don Kinney

6/12: Lori Floyd

6/19: Helen MacKay

6/26: Martha Sobral

Coffee Hour: 6/5 Martha Brown, Marty Clague; 6/12: N/A; 6/19: N/A; 6/26: N/A

Facility Committee

Notes on our Church's History from Facilities Management: May 2022.



For May, we have been linking sermons and music with our congregation's connections to our denomination of the United Church of Christ. We've all seen the UCC logo on the left. We've had signs on our Church with that logo for decades. Of course, our Congregation has its own logo, which can be seen as part of the "All Are Welcome" in the Main Narthex next to the front doorway, and which was discussed in last month's Shalom. If you missed it, here's the photo we ran last month.



So, you might ask, what is the UCC? In the arid institutional prose that is the product of consensus writing, the UCC describes itself as a mainline Protestant Christian denomination.

As the iron sign out front tells us (see it in the photo to the left), the UCC was formed in 1957 by the merger of two denominations, the "General Council of Congregational Christian Churches" and the "Evangelical and Reformed Church."

The "General Council of Congregational Christian Churches" was itself the product of mergers of groups tracing back to the Pilgrims and the New England Puritans. The "Evangelical and Reformed Church" was also the product of mergers going back to German and Dutch "reformed" and "evangelical" denominations. The UCC sums up its diverse roots by acknowledging roots in the Congregational, Calvinist, Lutheran, and Anabaptist traditions. Those are deep and old roots, indeed.



Our iron sign also reports that our Community Church was formed in 1964 when the Red Lodge Congregationalist Church and the Red Lodge United Methodists joined together in 1964 forming our current UCC congregation. It probably bears noting that Red Lodge's Congregationalists had already affiliated with the UCC in 1958, shortly after the UCC was formed. The history of how our two parent corporations decided to come together in the UCC is set out in a letter written in 1990 by Marvin Pelo for the Centennial Celebration Booklet. Marvin was on the Unity Committee that led the decision to merge. Here are some excerpts from Marvin's letter:

After over 20 years of talking, in 1964 the Methodist and Congregational Churches voted to enter into discussion as to merger . . . Before we could go further, we decided a neutral denomination, the Presbyterians, should be considered. Rev. Dee Safford, head of the Yellowstone Presbytery, was invited. He did the most to promote the merger when he said, 'By all means merge but don't join the Presbyterians. You are too far from your neighbor churches, instead join one of your own denominations.' With the urging of both minister's we knew we must pick . . . It was felt the U.C.C. was already a merger of denominations. We started studying the differences, instead we found the similarities. . . . We were already worshipping together so the report was given together. Each body voted separately. The results were overwhelmingly in favor of merger, the denomination the U.C.C.

Marvin's account fills out the brief summary on our iron sign. The current iron sign was made for us by Back Alley Metals in 2015. It replaced the original sign which was made from wood in 1985 by Richard Boggio and Franklin Elliot. The photo on the right, from the May 19, 1985 Carbon County News article, shows it when first installed on the bell tower over what had once been the double-door street entry to the Sanctuary. At that time, the old doorway was still covered with painted plywood. The doorway was stucco'ed over in 1990 and the wooden sign hung on the stucco until wrecked by a severe windstorm in November of 2014.



Along with that sign, Richard and Franklin made another sign -- one that listed service times and dates --- which was mounted in the similarly covered window at the southwest corner of the building. You can see that sign in the 1990 Merv Coleman photo we've shown several times. That sign was replaced in 2003 with the present large, lighted sign with changeable lettering that stands next to the ramp.





The family and friends of Ann Weidman, Mckenzye and Nate



Mail Chimp Mailings

Have you been missing your Monday Memo and Weekly Wrangler that are sent out through Mail Chimp? If so, you may have been accidentally unsubscribed from the email list. If you'd like you re-subscribe, you can do so by [clicking this link](#). You can also email



Enjoying the Directory ?

We hope you are all enjoying the new church directory! We have had some folks who experienced issues accessing, downloading, and/or printing the directory. If you're one of those and you haven't emailed or called in for some help yet, please do. For those of you who still need to get your photos in, or if you need to update your information, you can send an email directly or you can use the directory form on the website. If you have questions or issues email or call Janet at the church office. Enjoy!

If you had recently received a copy of the Directory via mail or stopping by please take a quick look to see if a few pages are missing. It's been brought to our attention that a misprint occur on a few request. Call, email or stop by and Janet will be happy to reprint you a new copy. Thank you for your understanding!

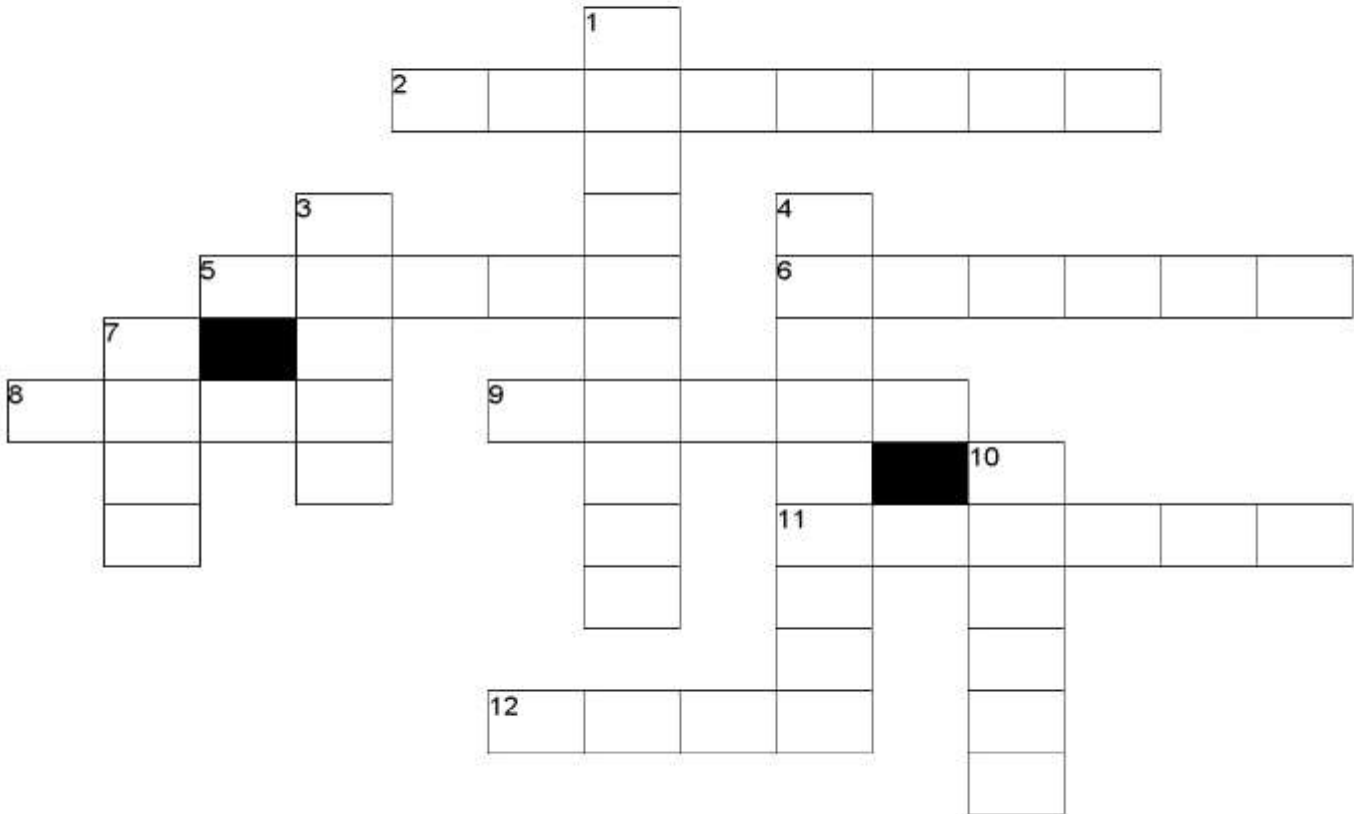
*A Note from the Office :
Please check with calendar for church usages*

Council & Committee Minutes are available for review in the church office.



In an effort to make Red Lodge Community Church comfortable and welcoming for everyone we ask that your refrain from using strong personal scents or perfumes Thank You!

Pentecost



Across

- 2. The eleven followers of Jesus
- 5. Visited the apostles when they were scared
- 6. How many apostles were there during Pentecost?
- 8. How did the Holy Spirit present himself?
- 9. How many days after Jesus' Resurrection did the Holy Spirit arrive?
- 11. The _____ was an effect of Pentecost.
- 12. The Holy Spirit has never _____ the Church.

Down

- 1. Jesus promised to send the _____.
- 3. Addressed a crowd and made them realize their sin
- 4. The event in which the apostles were fill with the Holy Spirit.
- 7. What did the apostles feel before the tongues of fire appeared on their heads?
- 10. The Holy Spirit _____ the Church.

Have you ever wanted to help someone who was in a violent relationship but didn't know what to say?

Do you know what you would do if someone disclosed to you that they were sexually assaulted?

Have you ever wondered why survivors of domestic violence stay with their abusers?

BECOME A DSVS VOLUNTEER ADVOCATE

Learn how you can support survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault

Volunteer Advocates:

- ✓ learn valuable crisis communication skills
- ✓ help foster healthy relationships
- ✓ build awareness in the community
- ✓ are prepared to staff the DSVS 24-hour helpline

NEXT TRAINING: JUNE 4&5 AND 11&12

The training will be offered from noon-5 pm each day at the DSVS office at 1119 S. Broadway in Red Lodge. A Zoom option is available.

Planning to attend? Please let us know at info@dsvsmontana.org



Domestic and Sexual Violence Services

Just a note: You do not have to attend all four days. The first two days are fine and are still welcomed!

June 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 10:00 Live Worship  Pentecost	6 1:00 pm Staff Meeting Linda Young	7 Martha Brown Betsy & Miles LaBowe	1 National Bare feet day 	2 9:30 am Prayer Zoom Russ Lord Don & Janis Williams	3	4 Aaron Carter Erin Awes
12 10:00 Live Worship Grazia Giacomelli	13 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Stewardship & Outreach Committee Meeting	14 Kathy & David Muson	8 Austin Neopass	9 9:30 am Prayer Zoom 5:30 pm Church Council Meeting	10 Shari & Wally Nordstrom Debbie & Mike Tomich	11 3-8 pm Art Walk
19 10:00 Live Worship	20 1:00 pm Staff Meeting Stephen & Randina Valle	21 10:00am Deacons Meeting	15	16 9:30 am Prayer Zoom 5:00 pm Faculties Meeting Laura Neopass	17	18 
26 10:00 Live Worship National Chocolate pudding day Don Williams	27 1:00 pm Staff Meeting Don Hamilton Wayne Stevenson Marge & Brent Neopass	28	29	23 9:30 am Prayer Zoom Betsy LaBowe	24 Barb Herbert	25 11:00 am Lady's Brunch Deborah Awes
26 10:00 Live Worship National Chocolate pudding day Don Williams	27 1:00 pm Staff Meeting Don Hamilton Wayne Stevenson Marge & Brent Neopass	28	29	30 National Work from Home day Diny & Lew Gumper		

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Our Mission Statement

The Red Lodge Community Church, UCC 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.**"

How to Reach

RED LODGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

(Website pre-recorded services continue to be available)

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