

# Shalom

Red Lodge Community Church, UCC



April 2023

*Red Lodge, Montana*

## One last note from the Sky Pilot's Page...

Thank you for the wonderful send-off and the parting gifts. Your cards, gift certificates, quilt, prayer shawl, painting, and vestments will be wonderful reminders of our sacred time together **these last 4 ½ years. And now... I know what's next! I have accepted the position of Designated Managing Director for the Pacific Northwest Conference Camp and Retreat Center, N-Sid-Sen, located just south of Coeur D'Alene. I start my new position on April 1<sup>st</sup>.** I will be taking **"Worship in the Wilderness"** to a place where God has truly created a **"Point of Inspiration"** for our lives. Thank you again, you are all in my prayers as we journey together through our transitions.

Peace,

Pastor Pam

## RLCC Council Minutes for Thursday February 9, 2023 Amended

Meeting was held in the Upper Room. Members present were Steve Hanson. Jay West, Libby Gardner, LuAnn Brown. Julia Childs, Renee Gabrian, Rev. Dr. Pam Peterson, Mark Schubert, Lori Floyd.

Meeting opened in prayer by Pastor Pam. Moderator Libby Gardner commented that she has visited all committees.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Jay West. Seconded by Renee Gabrian. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion was made by Mark Schubert to approve the consent agenda with facilities committee to proceed with the repair of the main entry and back doors. West End lock quoted \$925 for hardware and \$150 to \$240 for labor. Seconded by Jay West. Motion passed unanimously.

Jay West made a motion to accept the resignation of Bill Cords as a deacon and accept Kiyoko Carlson as a new deacon. Steve Hanson seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approval of previous meeting minutes as amended was made by Jay West and seconded by Steve Hanson. Motion approved.

Mark Schubert gave a brief overview of the work of the Ad Hoc Finance Committee.

Motion to approve the Pastor's report as presented was made by Jay West and seconded by Renee Gabrian. Motion approved unanimously.

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## Old Business

Julia Childs presented the results of the Ad Hoc Personnel Committee. These results will also be shared with the Local Church Profile Committee. After the report Pastor Pam recused herself.

Martha Brown has contacted the area Ministerium regarding Pastor Pam's Resignation and our transition. NCCC building usage April to July 2023 will be managed by Facilities.

The Ad Hoc Finance Committee members are Carol Sechler, Jonathan Hull, Mark Schubert Dixie McCampbell, and Jim Brown. They have had several meetings and will give an update to the congregation on Sunday, February 12. February 19 will be the Liturgy of Farewell for Pastor Pam. Dr. Marc Stewart will assist. A time of fellowship will be held after services. Steve Hanson reported that PPR had assigned and notarized Separation Agreement and Letter of Resignation in Pam's personnel file.

Discussion was held on the pastoral needs of the congregation during transition (Communion, baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc.).

Motion was made by Steve Hanson to appoint the moderator as an interim staff supervisor until an interim pastor is hired. This was seconded by Jay West. Motion approved unanimously.

Lori Floyd will work with Janet on the bulletins for services.

## New Business

Motion to continue to support the Pastor's Discretionary Fund was made by Lori Floyd and seconded by Jay West. Motion approved unanimously.

LuAnn Brown will work on recruiting a Christian Ed Director.

Motion was made to switch online services to same day recording and upload was made by Steve Hanson, seconded by Julia Childs. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to transition the current Ad Hoc committee to a permanent standing finance committee subject to the rules contained for such RLCC's current bylaws and standing rules was made by Steve Hanson and seconded by Julia Childs. Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion was held on an interim pastor.

Motion to appoint a Search Committee of volunteers to make recommendations for an interim pastor and then a search for a settled pastor by Jay West. Seconded by Julia Childs. No Discussion. Motion approved unanimously. Motion of the appointed Search committee members Walter Klapp, LuAnn Brown, Deb Bratton, Duane Estelle and Russ Lord to begin as soon as possible after being confirmed by the Moderator. Motion made by Steve Hanson and seconded by Renee Gabrian. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to use Search and Call, Sure Foundation and any other appropriate guidance from the UCC was made by Jay West and seconded by Julia Childs. Motion passed with one opposed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jay West and seconded by Steve Hanson at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Floyd



Your Deacons have been reviewing the Prayers for the People list that is available in print at Sunday services. Several of us meet in prayer every Thursday on Zoom at 8:45 AM. All are welcome to join this Prayer Zoom. Janet sends the Zoom invitation and Prayer List to our congregation via email. We pray for all that are on the list and will attempt to update it to the best of our availability. We are asking for your assistance in updating this list. We do not want to remove names that may still need our prayers. Please advise your Deacons or Janet in the church office if

We are also asking for your assistance in notifying us if anyone needs a phone call, home or hospital visit. We are attempting to fill this void in the absence of a Pastor. Thank you for your help.

Renee Gabrian	<a href="mailto:rrgabrian@hotmail.com">rrgabrian@hotmail.com</a>
Debbie Awes	<a href="mailto:debawes51@hotmail.com">debawes51@hotmail.com</a>
Don Kinney	<a href="mailto:dlkinney65@gmail.com">dlkinney65@gmail.com</a>
Lori Floyd	<a href="mailto:lorifloyd02@gmail.com">lorifloyd02@gmail.com</a>
Helen MacKay	<a href="mailto:hmackay49@gmail.com">hmackay49@gmail.com</a>
Jody Loeffen	<a href="mailto:quinnbaughqueen@aol.com">quinnbaughqueen@aol.com</a>
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## April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Kiyoko, Renee	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Jody, Mark	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Helen, Lori	17	18 10am Meeting	19	20	21	22
23 Jody, Lori	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Don Renee-						

## Prayers of the People (old List)

Joys: The creation that we are called to care for. **Our church and community's outreach in love** to those in need. Healing for those who have been ill and had procedures. Family and community gatherings and celebrations for the season. Soldiers returning home safely. New grandbabies! Jody's mom's quilts adorn our sanctuary. Celebrations of promotions.

We Keep in Prayer: Turkey and Syria, mass shooting victims and survivors, Our church in this time of transition, the Red Lodge Housing crisis, Linda Young, Elsie Martin, Elizabeth Dane, Libby, Alan Howitch, Karl, Jane Colon, Kelly, Melissa, Karen, Marty, Pam Bianchi, Steve, Isle, Joyce Miller & Cindy, Karen, Guynema, Shawn, Deb, Karen Hyvonen, Gail, Andrea, Dorothy Uzilak, Laurie Clark, Matt, Pam, Rosina, Ginilu Robinson, Kat, Kerry, Sam, Mark Brown, those who need strength and wisdom for medical treatments and diagnosis, Lucille, Dolly, Buddy Phillips, Nick B, Phil, the war in Ukraine and the refugees as they face an uncertain future, the homeless and under-housed, Collin, Nathanael Koch, Ken, David Munson, Barb Croston, Eileen Rieger, Virginia Robertson, Sharon Scott, David Vaile, Loretta Sironen, Lynette Coleman, Kit and Cort Richards, David Ritter, David Scott, Russ Born, Skip Aleksich, Morgan, Kathleen Souders.

All those who are homebound or in care facilities, especially:

Jean Walters, Todd Kinney, Coeta Rieger, Marleen Tetrault, Marjorie Sheppard, Sheila Seifert, Marklyn Lynn, Bill Wilson, Joyce Lindberg, Bob and Becky Tirrell, Fay Rosser, Jackie Clayton, and Wayne Stevenson.

For the many challenges in our lives.

Those who are incarcerated and their families. Those living with mental health challenges. Those affected by Domestic Violence. Those are going through a divorce. Those affected by suicide. Parents of adult children. Those living with the loss of relationships.

Those Who Are Grieving The Family and Friends of Audrey & Dennis, Dick Collar, Al Miller. Those who have lost beloved pets.

## Prayers of the People (updated as of March 22, 2023)

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All those who are homebound or in care facilities, especially:

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# Facilities Management

## FOR THE APRIL SHALOM

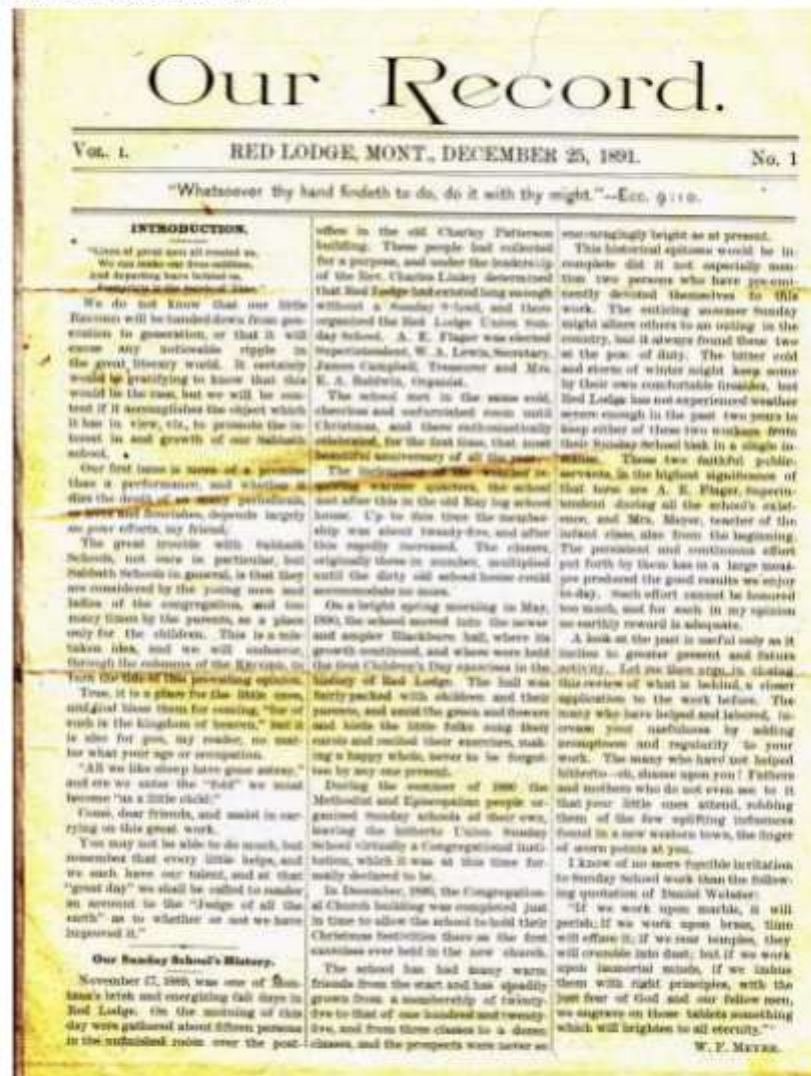
### Notes on our Church's History.

Here's a historical curiosity: did you know that three of Red Lodge's original five churches owed their beginnings to one person? The story comes from the lovely old document we've copied here, something published for Christmas of 1891 by our Congregational ancestors' Sunday School. (It can be found in our archives.) Although they called this "vol. 1, No. 1," it seems to have been a one-off.

Background to the story: in the spring of 1889, Red Lodge was just getting started. The railroad had just reached town and the coal mining was ramping up. The town was being platted for streets and services. Enough people had arrived to open a schoolhouse. That was the Ray School, a log cabin that now sits in the backyard of the house south of the Senior Center. One Sunday in May of 1889, six people gathered at the Ray School to hear the first sermon given here. The preacher was a visiting Episcopal missionary, Rev. Charles Linley. He was talked into coming back every second and fourth Sundays for the rest of the year.

In November of 1889, Rev. Linley started an inter-denominational Union Sunday School to bring church to more people. It succeeded. By the end of the year, 6 Episcopalians formed the Calvary Mission congregation. Twelve Congregationalists were able to form a church on March 30, 1890 when Rev. W.S. Bell, state superintendent of the

Congregational Churches of Montana came to visit. The following Sunday found 15 Methodists forming a congregation when Rev. George Comfort began coming up from Billings for monthly services. Soon, the Episcopalians and Methodists had grown enough to start their own Sunday schools and the Union Sunday School became part of the Congregational Church. It held 1890's Christmas celebrations in the just built Congregational building, the first church in town. The two other early churches started independently: the Roman Catholics began started gathering for Mass on July 31, 1889 when Father Cyril Paulwyn started making once-a-month visits to Red Lodge; and a Lutheran congregation, formed by Finnish miners early in 1891, was able to build and open the town's second church in time for Christmas of that year. Interestingly, a five are still here in one form or another, although only two of their original church buildings still stand.





# Stewardship & Outreach

Members of the Red Lodge Community Church Family, one of the most exciting events of the year is just around the corner. It's time to vote for how we distribute the Hazel Chamberlain grants for this year!

The endowment established with Hazel's gift has yielded \$18,468 for outreach giving in 2023. As per the endowment guidelines established by the congregation, this year donations of \$925 each will be given to a seminarian in our conference, Rocky Mountain College, Intermountain Children's Home, our pastor sabbatical fund, and for youth education. That leaves \$13,848 for outreach giving.

Five organizations have been nominated by members of our church family to receive portions of these funds. You've been hearing their stories over the last few weeks in the Mission Moments that have been part of the Sunday services. Videos from each organization are posted on the church website, [redlodgecommunitychurch.com](http://redlodgecommunitychurch.com). Now it is time for you to have a say in how the funds are apportioned.

Voting will take place IN PERSON on Sunday, April 23, during coffee hour. We hope to have a big turnout for this special day; however, if you are not able to attend that day, we want your votes to count. Below is a ballot you can print or pick up a copy at the church. Each ballot allows for THREE votes. Mark all three of your X's for one organization or spread them out in various combinations. Let the Spirit guide you as you consider the needs of our community. Then make sure to return your ballot to the church office no later than April 23.

View the presentations given by the nominees for each of the five organizations and cast your votes! What an amazing opportunity Hazel Chamberlain has given to each of us to continue her gift of philanthropy each year.

**YOU HAVE 3 VOTES!** Mark all for one or any combination you choose. Place an X on the line(s) in front of your selections. Use the ballot drop box at church or mail them to be received not later than **Sunday, April 23rd**.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Daisy Girl Scout Troop 2230 of RL  
Nominated by Lu Anne and Carolyn Brown
- \_\_\_\_\_ Early Childhood Grant Fund, RLACF  
Nominated by JoAnn Eder
- \_\_\_\_\_ CART (Carbon Area Ride and Transit), RLACF  
Nominated by Steve Hanson
- \_\_\_\_\_ Resource, Support and Development (dba) Beartooth Industries and Cooper Home  
Nominated by Karen Simmons
- \_\_\_\_\_ Doctors Without Borders  
Nominated by Dixie McCampbell

One ballot per household member including children over 5. You must be recipients of the Shalom or an attendee of Red Lodge Community Church in order to vote.





# *Search Committee*

Hello - from our Church Profile and Pastor Search committees. As our work moves us closer to advertising for a “settled” pastor we need some additional information and input. Before the Church Council can approve the Church Profile or Search documents we need as many people as possible to respond to a “short questionnaire” so we know your priorities for attending RLCC. Janet will make the questionnaire available via an emailed survey and also have print copies at church. Our Church Profile also has to include our average attendance, total number of pledge “units” (NOT names), and total dollar figure for pledges. So, here is a reminder if anyone has yet to renew or make their pledge. In advance of your assistance, thank you!

Please click on provided link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/798CNTD>

# *Christian Education*



We are in the process of establishing a committee to hire a permanent Christian Ed director and hope to have this established within the next month. Christian Ed will take place on Sundays after the children's sermon.

Thanks,

Lu Anne



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

	Church Council	April 13 @5:30 pm
	Facilities	April 06 @5:00
	Stewardship	April 17 @2:00 pm
	Deacon	April @10:00 am
	Ad-Hoc-Finance	N/A
	Ad-Hoc-Search	N/A

### Lady's Brunch

Lady's Brunch is back on! March 11, 2023 at 9:00am. Please bring a dish to share and gather to bond in joy. If you have any questions please contact Lori Floyd: 406-671-0982 or email at [lorifloyd02@gmail.com](mailto:lorifloyd02@gmail.com).

### Parkinson's Disease Support Group

Group will be holding a meeting in the Upperroom on Tuesday April 11th at 2:00 pm. It is scheduled to meet once a month. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Munson: (406) 672-5403



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lar, and Dorothy Uzelac.  
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## Mail Chimp Mailings

Have you been missing your 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 the church office the link to you.



## 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 you refrain from using strong personal scents or perfumes Thank You!*

# April 2023

## Birthdays:

April 4: Norma Scheidecker  
 April 6: Marie Shirley-Jones  
 April 7: Evelyn Brown  
 April 8: Janis Williams

## Anniversaries:

April 8 : Don & Rebecca Hardy  
 April 30: Libby & Marshall  
 Gardner

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2 10:00 am Live Worship	3 9-11 am Great Books Club 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	4	5 3:30 pm Girl Scouts	6 8:45 am Coffee Klatch & Prayer Zoom 5:00 Facilities Management Meeting	7	8 9:00am Lady's Brunch
9 10:00 am Live Worship	10 9-11 am Great Books Club 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	11 2:00 pm Parkinson's Disease Support Group	12 3:30 pm Girl Scouts	13 8:45 am Coffee Klatch & Prayer Zoom 5:30 Church Council Meeting	14	15
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## Easter Lilies

If you would like to bring in an Easter Lily or Flowers to adorn our sanctuary for Easter, please feel free to drop them off anytime after April 2nd between 10 am – 3pm. Please email the office [rlccassistant@gmail.com](mailto:rlccassistant@gmail.com) by April 7<sup>th</sup> with the memorial that you would like in the Easter Sunday bulletin or fill out form and drop off in office.



**In Memory of:**

**In Honor of:**

**Given by:**



## *Shalom*

Red Lodge Community Church, UCC  
308 S. Broadway  
P.O. Box 786  
Red Lodge, MT 59068

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### 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)*

Church Phone: (406) 446-1444

Church Address: 308 S. Broadway

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[www.redlodgecommunitychurch.com](http://www.redlodgecommunitychurch.com)

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Office Hours: M-F 10am-3pm & and by appointment (subject to change)

Pastor:

