

Shalom

Red Lodge Community Church, UCC



June 2023

Red Lodge, Montana

June Supply Pulpit

June 04: Jay West Centenary Sunday (1st Methodist Service at RLCC)

June 11: Rev. Teressa Clark (Communion Sunday)

June 18: Hymn Sing Sermon

June 25: Rev. Teressa Clark



Council Update: Hopefully you have read the notice about the special congregational meeting scheduled following worship on Sunday, June 18. It will be brief. As mentioned, the two items of business are approval of the revised church governing documents and the presentation of an amended budget.

The church governing documents include the Constitution, the By Laws, and the Standing Rules. All have been reviewed and revised this spring through the capable and diligent work of Jay West and Steve Hanson. The purpose of the revision was to bring the language among the documents into concert and to have the documents reflect the current structure of the work of RLCC. The changes are minor but necessary. Each standing committee reviewed the description of their work so it accurately reflects what is being done. Not only is this important for the current work of the church, but important that these are accurate as part of our Church Profile.

Copies of the documents are available for review in the church office. They also can be mailed or e-mailed to you if you so request. There is not a plan to have printed copies available at the congregational meeting as we hope to defray copying costs. Also, by having them available now it is hoped that all members can review them prior to the meeting. Only the Constitution and the By Laws require a congregation vote.

The second stated purpose of the meeting is to review and approve an amended 2023 budget. The finance committee has done very thorough work in bringing all financial information up to date. They also have been able to look toward the future, which is what a budgeting effort is for. The Council will vote on the recommended changes at the next meeting, June 8. After that time, the proposed changes will be made available to the congregation.

Libby Gardner, Moderator

RLCC Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, April 13, 2023

The meeting was held in the Upper Room. Members in attendance were Libby Gardner, Walter Clapp, Jay West, Renee Gabrian, Julia Childs, Russ Lord, Mark Schubert, Russ Lord and Lori Floyd.

Libby Gardner opened with prayer and had positive comments about the last two Sunday Services.

Motion to Approve the Agenda was made by Jay West and seconded by Renee Gabrian. There was no discussion. Motion approved.

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda was made by Jay West and seconded by Mark Schubert. There was no discussion. Motion approved.

Stewardship and Outreach was represented by Julia Childs. Julia explained about the voting process on the distribution of the Hazel Chamberlain Fund. Each person has three votes. These may be used on one or many. Monies will be distributed by the percentage of votes. Voting will be at Coffee Hour on April 23, 2023.

Jay West highlighted a few Facility items. These included flood preparation, FEMA and our status as an evacuation center. Exit signs are being addressed and fire extinguishers are in place.

The Search Committee was represented by Russ Lord. After an overview of the progress, a motion was made to appoint an Ad hoc committee consisting of the moderator, a member of the finance committee, and a member of council to pursue an interim/designated term contract with Pastor Teresa Clark. This motion was made by Russ Lord and seconded by Renee Gabrian. No further discussion. The vote to pass was unanimous.

The motion was made by Jay West and seconded by Renee Gabrian to Approve the Previous Meeting Minutes. No discussion. Motion approved.

The financial report was given by Mark Schubert. Pledges are at \$119,460 by 46 pledging units. There was a discussion on OCWM. Jay West made a motion to suspend the expense of the OCWM. Mark Schubert seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Jay West and seconded by Russ Lord. Motion approved unanimously.

Old Business

Ad Hoc personnel has posted a CE position with job description.

By-Laws and Standing Rules had no update.

Empty Bowls is rescheduled for September.

Americorps group will be a continuous stay for the summer.

Pastor discretionary fund will be tabled until June.

New Business – none.

Motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm by Julia Childs and seconded by Russ Lord. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Floyd



Search Committee

The Church Profile group have sent the “final draft” to the church officers and PPR Chair to be reviewed, revised if they see the need, and forwarded to the Conference office to disseminate. Thank you to everyone who replied to the two Survey Monkey questionnaires that were used in creating the profile. The final draft of the Job Description was also sent to that group. When final approval is done Search Committee will call placement offices in the seminaries for the UCC, ELCA, Presbytery USA, Disciples of Christ, and United Methodist denominations.

The Search Committee has met several times, met with Tony Clark, Conference Minister, and with the deacons and council when Tony met with them. We have worked on a general protocol and questions to be used with any applicant or inquiry. As the profile and job description are circulated Search Committee work will increase dramatically - we all hope.



Communion will be held on Sundays when we have an ordained minister for our services. We will return to communion on the first Sunday of each month when we have an interim or settled pastor.

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June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Helen, Renee	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Lori, Don	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Kiyoko, Renee	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Lori Mark	26	27	28	29	30	

OPPORTUNITY CALLS!

Rev. Tony Clark recently met with the Deacons to discuss how we can provide good sermons for our RLCC congregation every Sunday morning. Unfortunately, he reported our MT-WY UCC Regional Conference is critically short of Ordained Pulpit Supply Pastors to fill in during pastor absences & vacancies. **Still, he also provided the encouraging insight that “all our local church members have at least one good sermon in them”!**

Tapping into these internal resources at RLCC can help prevent an empty pulpit for our Sunday service and allow the rich local experiences and wisdom from our fellow congregants to be shared. Please prayerfully consider offering your talents to prepare & give a future 10-15 minute sermon (or a short faith-based message from the pulpit, if that sounds less intimidating)!

If you are willing to volunteer for this vital role in our service, please get in touch with one of our Deacons so we can schedule you for an upcoming Sunday this summer or fall. Potential sermons can follow the weekly UCC Bible scriptures & lectionary calendar plan, or be on a specific Christian topic that you feel is important for the RLCC congregation to hear. Thanks for your help!

Cheers, Mark Sechler
1-573-415-7722 (cell)

Facilities Management

Red Lodge Community Church, UCC May 4, 2023 Minutes & Report to Council FROM FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Attending: Marge Nearpass, Russ Lord, Jay West

1. **Damaged Gutter on Entry Ramp' Roof:** Fixed.
2. **FEMA Flood Expense Reimbursement Grant** Mark Schubert's office has received the forms from Montana D&ES. We will try to get them submitted by the end of the month.
3. **Second Garbage Container:** A sign has been posted on our container saying "Church Use Only" and the container is being kept next to building to cut down on drive-by drop offs. We will ask the Americorps group to move the container out to the alley on Monday mornings. Garbage usage still is up considerably. Some of this has been because of users who should be taking their garbage with them after use of the building, but mostly, the volume has increased greatly. (For example, in the first week of May, there was enough garbage piled up inside the Church to fill two large containers.) We will order a second container at \$40/month for the summer and re-evaluate in the fall. **Followup:** (Second container was delivered May 9.)
4. **Review of Proposed Revised Standing Rules & Bylaws:** We reviewed draft proposed revisions to the proposed Standing Rules on Facilities. We will submit our suggestions to what has become the Ad-Hoc Organizing Documents Review Committee. Also, we voted that our committee should be simply called "the Facilities Committee."
5. **Summer Yard Maintenance:** We approved having ProCut do the usual spring lawn treatment and will have Janet put out a sign-up sheet for lawn mowing volunteers. Jay will set-up the charging stations for the mower and blower batteries .
6. **Replacement Bar Faucet for Kitchen's Handwashing Station:** The faucet shaft corroded through with spraying leaks in the back when the water is turned on. The leaks were temporarily patched the leak by wrapping the faucet spout with LeakStop tape pending a replacement unit. We determined that the replacement should be an ADA compliant model, what is called a 2-handle high-arc bar sink faucet with wrist-blade handles. **Follow-up:** An off-brand replacement was ordered from Amazon on May 5 but the order went somewhere in Butte rather than to us. The model no longer seems to be listed on the Amazon site. We have cancelled the order and asked for a refund. We will pick up a name branded commercial version (American Standard) at Northwest Pipe Supply in Billings and install the replacement on clean-up day..
7. **Men's Room Toilet Repair:** Last month, the seat split on the toilet in upstairs men's room. A replacement seat was ordered from Ace for \$29. On the evening of Saturday April 29, one of the Americorps volunteers found the toilet tank was leaking. They called us before the water got any deeper than could be contained by the floor's concrete-microtopping. (About ½ inch at the deepest.) We shut off the tank water, used a wet-dry shop vac to remove the standing water, and dried the floor and cabinet base that night using a cordless leaf-blower. The source of the leak was at the bottom of the tank where one of the tank mounting bolts had corroded through and broken. Water leaked out the bolt hole. The replacement seat has been installed, the tank bolts were replaced with new ones, and the bolt holes were re-sealed with new putty per spec.

8. **Clean Up Day:** This year's clean-up day will be on Wednesday, June 14. We will need to put notices in the Shalom, the weekly Wranglers, on the Bulletin Board, and announce it at Services. We will see if the Americorps volunteers will be available to help on that day. Tasks for the day will include:

- Garden and flower-bed clean-up
- Mounting the additional fire protection for the kitchens (fire blankets and small extinguishers)
- Mounting the replacement faucet for the handwashing station in the main kitchen
- Installing a proper electrical outlet at the pulpit with proper cable conduit
- Mounting the parking signs for the back parking area
- Clearing gravel and dirt from the back parking surface
- Washing window glass and screens as needed
- Spreading the remaining playground mulch

9. **Extinguisher and Emergency Exit Maps:** The drafts received from Walter's mother were approved with a request for thicker and bolder route arrows. When we receive those, Janet will print them out and have them laminated at Junction 7. We will then mount them in the appropriate rooms.

10. **Building Use Policies:** Discussion of specific rule changes was deferred to the next meeting when we hope to have larger attendance. The discussion then turned to ways of using the building to increase the Church's public presence in the community and/or possibly generating funding to make up for the diminished membership. One suggestion which will be pursued is using the downstairs for Fellowship Dinners both for Church members and friends and for community groups looking for a place to gather that is family friendly and not in a bar or connected with a bar. We agreed to explore ways that non-affiliated groups might be allowed (with advance approval and no advertising about alcohol) to include "BYO" wine and beer with their meal. Our consensus was that fellowship dinners among members should be encouraged as a "get to know each other" mechanism to overcome some of the loss of connections that we have experienced among ourselves during the Covid episode. In keeping with this Church's traditions, those would remain alcohol-free events. For non-affiliated community groups and events, we feel there is something to be said for a broader reach with a somewhat less restrictive policy that might help with our current funding deficit. However, our discussions are still in the preliminary stages and we do not yet have any specific proposals to present on even a trial basis.

Stewardship & Outreach

N/A



Christian Education



N/A



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

	Church Council	June 08 @5:30 pm
	Facilities	June 01@5:00 pm
	Stewardship	June TBD
	Deacon	June 20 @10:00 am
	Ad-Hoc-Finance	N/A
	Ad-Hoc-Search	N/A

Coffee Klatch

Meets every Wednesday @ 9am under Gazebo at Lions Park. Contact Renee if more info. 406-446-2047

Prayer Zoom

Prayer Zoom every Thursday. Look for reminder in email box for zoom links.

Parkinson's Disease Support Group

Group will be holding a meeting in the Upperroom on Tuesday June 20th at 2:00 pm. It is scheduled to meet every third Tuesday of the month. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Munson:

(406) 672-5403

Announcements



Good News! The new, improved pool is opening next week, the kids and families are excited and we are once again going to do Lunch in the Sun to pass out nourishing lunches at the pool on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday throughout the summer. We will use our kitchen to prepare the lunches (10:00 – 11:30 am) then proceed to the pool to pass them out. It was so much fun when we did this before COVID! Messiah Lutheran has volunteered to do the first week (June 5, 7, and 9). We are hoping that our **Community Church can do the next week (June 12, 14 and 16). We'll pass around signup sheets in church** Sunday or you can call Jo Ann Eder, 425-0651 to volunteer. We are currently determining which other churches might participate for the following weeks. We will probably try to take at least one week a month.

June 4th

Centenary Celebration Sunday

The 1st Methodist service in
the Red Lodge Community
Church;

Wednesday, June 14th

9 am

Church Clean up Day



Important

On 05/25/2023 the RLCC Council approved a special meeting to be held on June 18, 2023 for the following purpose: A special meeting of the Red Lodge Community Church Congregation is called to take place on Sunday June 18, 2023, at 11:00am immediately following worship in the church sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the church members to consider and vote on the updated and revised RLCC governing documents specifically the Constitution and By-laws. The Standing Rules will be presented but do not require a vote of the congregation. The Finance Committee will report on and present a revised 2023 budget. This will also be voted upon. No other business will be discussed or voted upon at this meeting.



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 your refrain from using strong personal scents or perfumes Thank You!



June 2023

Birthdays:

- June 2: Russ Lord
- June 6: Linda Young
- June 7: Martha Brown
- June 23: Betsy LaRowe
- June 24: Barb Herbert
- June 25: Deborah Aves
- June 26: Don Williams
- June 27: Don Hamilton

Anniversaries:

- June 2: Jim & Don Williams
- June 7: Betsy & Miles LaRowe
- May 10: Shari & Wally Nordstrom ; Debbie & Mike Tomicich
- June 14: Kathy & David Munson
- June 27: Marge & Brent Nearpass

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5:00 Facilities Management Meeting	2	3
4 10:00 am Live Worship Sermon: Jay West 9-12 Music Festival	5 9-11 am Great Books Club 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 9-12 Music Festival	6 9-12 Music Festival	7 9-12 Music Festival	8 9-12 Music Festival 8:45 am Coffee Klatch & Prayer Zoom 5:30 Church Council Meeting	9 9-12 Music Festival	10
11 10:00 am Live Worship Sermon: Rev. Teressa Clark	12 9-11 am Great Books Club 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	13	14 1:30 pm Choir	15 8:45 am Coffee Klatch & Prayer Zoom	16	17
18 10:00 am Live Worship Sermon: Sing Hymns 11 am A special meeting of the Red Lodge Community Church Congregation	19 9-11 am Great Books Club 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	20 2:00 pm Parkinson's Disease Support Group	21 1:30 pm Choir	22 8:45 am Coffee Klatch & Prayer Zoom	23	24 1-2 pm Kathleen Tarr Memorial
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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)

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Pastor:

