

RED LODGE COMMUNITY CHURCH, UCC

Shalom



Quilters

Tuesday, January 14
1:00 p.m.
Lower Level
Knotters welcome!

DEACON FOR JANUARY

Bill Cords (262-366-0547)

Greeters

January:

5

12 Skip & Deb Bratton

19 Jerry & Betty Brekhus

26 Don & Karen Kinney

February:

2 Tom & Coeta Rieger

9 JoAnn Eder & Gail Stafford

16 Merv & Lynette Coleman

23 Shirlee Quinn

(If you are unable to greet when listed, please,
trade or find a substitute.)





Sunday, January 12
Following Worship
Lower Level
Annual Meeting & Potluck

Last names beginning A-M bring salad or main dish; N-Z, dessert



Praying for unity

Every January, the Christian church worldwide marks the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This ecumenical "octave," or eight-day observance, lasts from January 18 (the Feast of St. Peter) to January 25 (the Feast of St. Paul).

The week is based on Jesus' prayer to his heavenly Father in John 17:21 that his followers "may all be one ... so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (ESV). Jesus knew that if Christians were fiercely divided, people outside the faith wouldn't want to learn more about him.



The theme for the 2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from Deuteronomy 16:20 (NRSV): "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue."

JANUARY
Birthdays

Alicia Angell	1/2
Harris Gabrian	1/3
Matthew Martin	1/3
Tyler Metcalf	1/5
Brent Nearpass	1/5
Jim Hilderman	1/6
Jasper Anderson	1/7
Lola Ashby	1/7
Debbie Tomicich	1/7
Kandace Hopkins	1/10
Ryan Davis	1/12
Peggy Lynn	1/13
Tracy Schwab	1/16
Deb Bratton	1/18
Jeff Noe	1/18
Glenda Lane	1/19
Shirlee Quinn	1/20
Denis Elo	1/25
Samantha Ferguson	1/25
Joyce Miller	1/27
Brianna Lemire	1/30

JANUARY
Anniversaries

Don & Jane Stone	1/1
Russ & Jeni Born	1/5
Alan Goldin & Judith Gregory	1/6
Sid & Barbara Herbert	1/14
Jim & Linda Young	1/15

As of November 30, 2019:

Funds income:	\$134,388.10
Expenses:	<u>150,446.99</u>
Deficit	(\$ 16,058.89)

Harvest Dinner:	
Income:	\$4425.45
Expenses:	<u>1742.72</u>
Net income:	\$2682.73

Bazaar: \$1146.12

ALTERNATIVE BAZAAR: The Church had a successful Alternative Bazaar. Members "shopped" and gave \$200 to Heifer International, including a goat and pigs; \$250 for Workforce Housing; \$100 for the Red Lodge Area Community Foundation; \$83 to Kids' Corner for various merchandise; and \$332.99 to the craftswomen of Ethiopia for their beautiful jewelry. Kids Corner proceeds will return to the kids of the area in many different ways.

Ho, ho, ho, Merry Christmas! The members of the Community Church have shared the bounty again in so many ways!
 —Judith Gregory



COME ALONG!

SKY PILOT

⁹ He had another dream, and told it to his brothers, saying, “Look, I have had another dream: the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me.” ¹⁰ But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him, and said to him, “What kind of dream is this that you have had? Shall we indeed come, I and your mother and your brothers, and bow to the ground before you?” ¹¹ So his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind. (From Genesis 37, NRSV)

Wow. January of 2020...what will this new year and new decade bring? What are your dreams for how you see the next 10 years of your life? If I think back to 2010 I know that I had great dreams for my ministry, and part of that did involve the idea of coming west to serve either a church or a hospital, as long as I could be in the high altitude with plenty of fresh air, sunshine and blue skies. But I admit...it was just a dream. I was so involved with getting through seminary and the ordination process that I couldn't really put a plan together. I took what came and left it at that. And then, some 7 years later, I began to dream again. What would a ministry in the mountains look like? What would it take to put together a unique ministry that would serve those who serve us? How late in the year can I live a tent, anyway? And so my dream of moving west began to take shape again. Granted, that first move west was only 250 miles from Connecticut to the Adirondack Mountains, but it was a dream come true none the less. All the while, I kept feeling like God was preparing me for an even bigger move, to an even broader ministry, to a place where I would need to put all my resources together for a great challenge. And within that decade, that dream came to pass. While I am grateful that I don't have to sleep in a tent to see our ministry together take shape, I am ready and willing to do what it takes to further develop our “mountain” ministry.

I wonder if that is how Joseph saw his dream take shape...in a way that put all his resources together for a great challenge. Granted, his dream took place while he was asleep, but was that dream not what he used as the basis for his trust in God in that what he was called to do would come to pass?

My hope for 2020 and our church is that we will share our dreams and know that we have the resources that we need to put together the ministry that we are called to. This means meeting the challenges of change in realizing those dreams. It means trusting in God and each other.

Dream on for 2020...and share your dreams with one another.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Pam



COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, October, 2019

Revised Minutes

In attendance: Facilities Management, Jay West substituting for Skip Bratton; Stewardship & Mission, Linda Hanson; Vice Moderator, Donna Ritter; Executive Committee, Pastor Pam, Lauri Judd, Audrey Clark, Debbie Awes, and Debbie Tomicich.

The meeting was called to order by Debbie Awes. Pastor Pam led us in prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. No additions or corrections. The budget proposal was also presented. It is on file in the office.

Financial Secretary: Neighbors in Need collection was \$815. Roots of Justice, Seeds of Change offering was \$462. One thousand dollars was received from The Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Cycle Yellowstone Coalition. (We served breakfast for the cyclists when they were in Red Lodge this summer.) We currently have 50 pledging units, totaling \$122, 686.00 in commitments for 2020.

Treasurer's Report: Lauri reported everything is in order. Informed us that the church has acquired new Quick Books software.

Pastor's Report is on file.

Moderator's Report, Debbie Awes: She reports that the finance committee met a few days ago. And prepared the proposed budget to be presented at the annual meeting. The expected budget shortfall has historically been made up by end-of-year giving, open collections, and funds from endowments. Pam proposed reviewing the budget at the end of its cycle, to determine how funds were actually allocated. Steve H. motioned we do so, Jay seconded, all were in favor.

ONA Report: This ministry has been meeting regularly and has determined that the majority of our church feels that we are already an open and affirming church. Debbie Awes read the statement they have prepared, which is attached. Further input will be solicited via the Shalom and an anonymous suggestion box in the foyer. Jay motioned and Linda Hanson seconded that we adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee, and to present for a vote at the annual meeting in January the proposal that we officially become an ONA congregation. All were in favor.

Office Administration: It has become apparent that it is impossible for Lynette to accomplish all necessary administrative duties in a 20 hour work week. We are particularly in need of additional tech support to include data base development, slide presentations, and web page development. This would result in additional open office hours in order to better serve our congregation and the community. Bob Moran Endowment funds can be used to fund such a position. Audrey moved and Steve H. seconded such a position be created, with the Executive committee in charge of advertising, interviewing, and hiring a qualified for anticipated needs of 20 hours per week. All were in favor.

Committee Overlap: It has become evident that there is significant overlap of the duties of the finance, memorial, finance secretary and executive committees. This creates confusion about expected duties and is not an efficient use of time. The Executive Council recommended that the finance and memorial committees be absorbed into the Executive Committee, resulting in centralized financial administration and oversight. This would necessitate advance notice of a proposed change in the bylaws, to be voted on at the January 2020 Annual Meeting. Steve H. moved and Jay seconded that the finance and memorial committees be abolished and their duties absorbed into the Executive Committee. All were in favor.

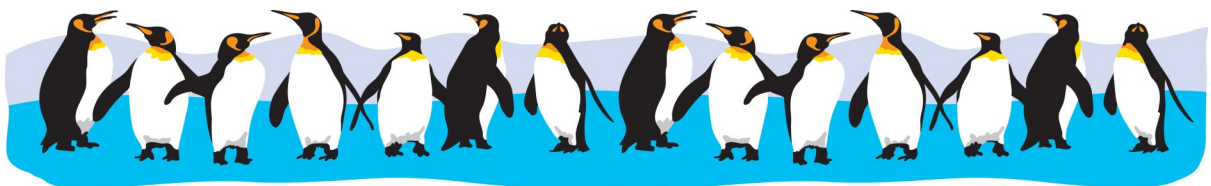
Stewardship and Missions Report: They would like access to the names of persons who pledge to the church, in order to hand-write thank you notes be sent. All were in favor of this proposal. The Stewardship Committee also recommended the church pastor be given access to the financial giving records of the church. After some discussion, that topic was tabled for continued consideration.

Jay West provided a report for Facilities Management. No action needed. Report is on file.

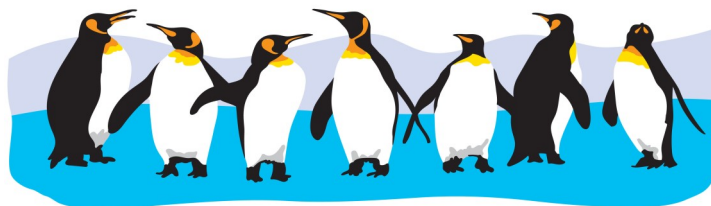
Randi Vaile provided a brief report from the Deacons, no action needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Audrey Clark, Secretary



January 2020 Calendar



HAPPY NEW YEAR

- 1 Wed. **Happy New Year**
- 2 Thursday 4:30 pm Facilities Management
- 4 Saturday 9:00 am Choir
- 5 Sunday 10:00 am Worship
- 6 Monday 9:30 am Great Books
- 6:30 pm Girl Scouts
- 7 Tuesday Noon Bible Study & Lunch
- 11 Saturday 9:00 am Choir
- 12 Sunday 10:00 am Worship
- 13 Monday 9:30 am Great Books
- 14 Tuesday Noon Bible Study & Lunch
- 18 Saturday 9:00 am Choir
- 19 Sunday 10:00 am Worship

Annual Congregation Meeting

- 4:00 pm 4-H
- 20 Monday 9:30 am Great Books
- 6:30 pm Girl Scouts
- 21 Tuesday Noon Bible Study & Lunch
- 25 Saturday 9:00 am Choir
- 26 Sunday 10:00 am Worship
- 27 Monday 9:30 am Great Books
- 28 Tuesday Noon Bible Study & Lunch



EPIPHANY

January 2020						
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Annual Reports are due!

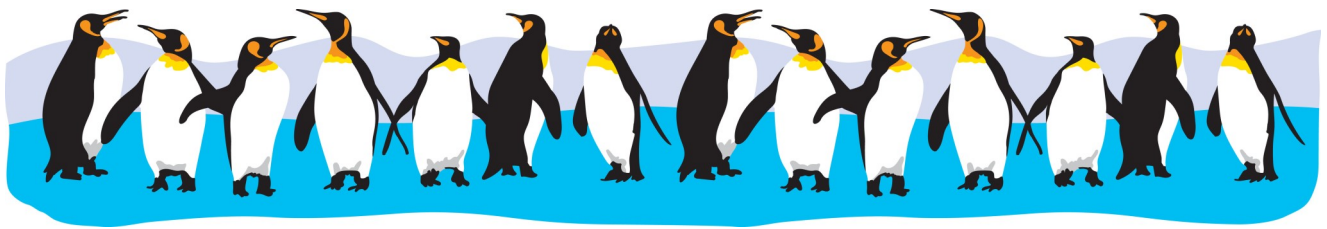
“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2020

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Our Mission: "The Red Lodge Community Church, United Church of Christ, welcomes all people to gather for 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

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Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am

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