

# SHALOM

## Red Lodge Community Church, UCC

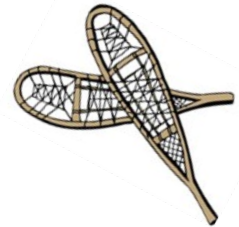


Pamela Peterson, Pastor

Lynette Coleman, Editor



### Notes from the Sky Pilot's Page



October 2019

The elevator speech – in other words, if you had someone's undivided attention while patiently riding an elevator for, say, 20 floors- how would you describe our church? That was my first assignment in my "Colleague Seminar 2019." This assignment is not as easy as it sounds. And so, as any sensible pastor would do, I am sharing this assignment with all of you. If you had 3-5 minutes of someone's undivided attention, how would you describe our church?

The Apostle Paul used the analogy of the body to describe the early church; each body part has a function and they all work together to benefit the whole. Paul also described the church as non-discriminatory, "There is no Jew nor Greek, no male nor female..."

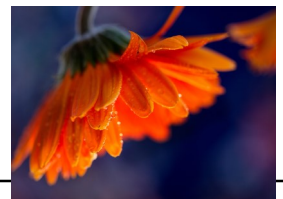
I have been describing our church as the "unity of the community." We are not just a place, but people who step out of our place to be the work of God in the community. Like the earliest church, we are non-discriminatory. Like the earliest church, we each have our roles and understand the necessity of those roles for the benefit of the whole. And in order to make the description personal, I always include a personal story. A story of challenge and acceptance, of openness and flexibility, of laughter and prayer.

Our mission statement, "We welcome 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" is accurate on both accounts; we welcome the community in and we work as servants in the community. What our mission statement does not say (and cannot say, just by the nature of the limits of a mission statement) is how we seem to be an intuitive church. We seem to know what someone needs and are able and willing to respond to that need with a sense of immediacy that is almost uncanny.

I would like to hear from each of you as to what your elevator speech is in regard to our church. Do you use a personal story? I would like each of you to work on your elevator speech so that we can share them in worship and in the community. So, dust off your notebooks and pencils and settle in for your first assignment. E-mail your "Elevator Speech" to me at [pastorpampeter-son@gmail.com](mailto:pastorpampeter-son@gmail.com) by November 1 for use throughout the month of November.

I know...an elevator ride in Red Lodge would be mighty short...but you never know where you will be and who you will be inviting along the way.

Peace  
Pastor Pam



It is with Abundant Joy  
that the  
Church Council of Red Lodge Community Church  
Invites you to the  
Installation Service of  
Rev. Pamela J Peterson  
As our Settled Pastor  
Saturday, October 19, 2019  
1:00 pm  
In our sanctuary  
Followed by a Potluck Dinner  
In our Fellowship Hall

No RSVP necessary, however Potluck Signups are appreciated.



Coming

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3**  
**11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Sign up for your favorite job  
& food to bring.**

**Sign-up sheets are in the  
Upper Room  
& advance tickets available**

***Everyone's help is welcomed &  
needed***

**DEACON FOR OCTOBER**  
**Renee Gabrian (446-2047)**

**Greeters**

**October:**

- 6 Don & Karen Kinney
- 13 Dennis Elo & Audrey Clark
- 22 Wally & Shari Nordstrom
- 27 Harris & Renee Gabrian

**November:**

- 3 **Harvest Dinner**
- 10
- 17 Janis Williams & Teresa Hauge
- 24 Jean Walters & Norma Scheidecker

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

# Harvest Supper and Auction

**Roberts United Methodist Church**  
Turkey Dinner & all the Trimmings!!

**Sunday, October 6**  
**2:00 to 6:00 pm**  
**Auction: 5:30 pm**

**Adults: \$10.00   Students: \$5.00**  
**Pre-school & Under: Free**  
**Takeout: \$12.00**

Handcrafted & Useful Items for Sale  
or for Bid & a Fish Pond!



**Saturday,**  
**October 12, 2019**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
***A Love Story in Song***

**Red Lodge Community Church**  
**Featuring Big Sky Chorus**  
Free will offering



**St. Agnes Parish**  
**Saturday, October 19**  
**9:00 am to 3:00 pm**  
**Craft & Bake Sale**



Judith Gregory	10/1
Sue Kauffman	10/2
Debbie Carlson	10/3
Keira Rice	10/4
Nancy Krekeler	10/6
Pamela Peterson	10/6
David Munson	10/7
Martha Sobral	10/7
Susan Watterson	10/7
Sue Roi	10/9
Penny Gail	10/12
Cassie Betz	10/14
Nick Beard	10/16
Elise Bratton Rothamel	10/16
Pam Hellerud	10/16
Julia Higgins	10/21
Tom Rieger	10/22
Nancy Hamilton	10/23
Charles Lindberg	10/23
Greta Christner	10/25
Maureen Booth	10/26
Ellie Elliott	10/27
Dan Gainer	10/29
JoAnn Pim	10/29
Lanny Hilderman	10/30
Bill Wilson	10/31



Jodie & Judy Christensen	10/2
Jim & Cara Kisthard	10/4
Pat & Edna Bomar	10/15
Mike & Beth Nordstrom	10/20
Tim & Katie Nordstrom	10/28
Jon & Gail Stradtman	10/29



## Church Council Minutes September 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Debbie Awes. Those in attendance were Pastor Pam (via Zoom), Debbie Awes, Donna Ritter, Dixie McCampbell, Debbie Tomicich, Laurie Judd, Linda Hanson, and Renee Gabrian.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Dixie moved the minutes be approved as written, Linda seconded and the motion carried.

Financial Secretary: Debbie reported \$749.60 was collected for the Ballentine Church community. She received payment for the Preschool rent.

Treasurer: Laurie reported budget and payments are good.

Pastor: Pastor Pam read her report covering a busy month and it is on file. She is traveling as she furthers her education and is available to us via technology!

Moderator: Debbie all is going well with Committees. She has had keys made for Deacons for Church access.

Vice Moderator: Donna will not be at our next meeting.

Diaconate: Renee reported there will be a deacon training this fall. Deacons will be receiving keys for Church access. Junction 7 is assisting with the Church Directory.

Facilities: Report is on file. There is an estimate from Holmlund Mobile Lock & Key for keyless lock which will be held for discussion at the next meeting.

Christian Education: Pastor Pam reports Sunday School has been postponed until September 29. The Preschool has started and is going well.

Finance: Dixie reports the committee will be meeting at the end of the month. Deficit funding was discussed.

Stewardship and Mission: Linda presented Carol Souders name as new member for the committee. Debbie Tomicich moved Carol be appointed to Stewardship and Mission, Donna seconded and the motion carried. The theme for this year's pledge drive is "God is still giving, God is still speaking." Each Sunday during the drive will address a bucket of need including Faith Formation, Lively Song, Inspiring Worship, and God in Community. October 6 service will also include World Communion and Neighbors in Need. October 13 will be the end of the drive with a stew cook-off provided by each committee.

ONA: Debbie reported Pastor Pam presented a Bible study explaining myths and interpretations of the Bible. This will be presented to members after services on 9/29. Rev. Dwight Welch will present a forum following worship on 9/15 on the "Alphabet Soup" of understanding our LGBTQI+ community.

Old Business: Installation of Pastor Pam will be held October 19, 2019 at 1:00 PM

New Business: An anonymous letter was received in the church office and is being addressed by Council. Cooper Mann, Maelyn Kisthard, Alicia Angell, Laura Nearpass, Sabrina Mann, Abby Nordstrom, and Natalie Hilderman have each received \$100.00 continuing education scholarships. Conference delegates will include four adults and two youth. The adults will include the Moderator, Vice Moderator, Dan Seifert, and John McCampbell. Youth will include Laura Nearpass and Sabrina Mann, pending church membership. The Nominating Committee has several offices to fill and will begin meeting in October. Pastor Pam would like to establish a Welcome Area in the Narthex. She will visit with Facilities regarding a desk for the area.

The next meeting date is pending. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Renee Gabrian

Potluck style dinner with study

***Embracing an Adult Faith***

Marcus Borg Series

Continues Wednesdays,  
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**5:30 p.m.**

Cost: Suggested offering \$10. Scholarships available.

**Quilters**

Tuesday, October 8

1:00 pm  
Lower Level

New participants are welcome!!



**Afternoon Discussion Series**

***Alternative Christian Visions:  
The Shepherd of Hermas***

With Dr. Susan M. (Elli) Elliot

Mondays, October 7, 14, 21  
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Online alternative: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Cost: Suggested offering \$35. Scholarships available.

**Provocative Forum:**

**Suicide: Montana's Concern**

Tuesday, October 1  
5:30 p.m.  
Senior Center

Keynote Speaker:  
John Sommers-Flanagan

Dinner RSVP a MUST: \$17.00  
Program: 6:00 p.m. (donation)

***What the Bible Does and Does NOT Say About Homosexuality***  
**Adult Forum**

**Rev. Pam Peterson**

**11:00 am, Fellowship Hall**  
(following worship)

**Sunday, September 29; Sunday, October 20**

Cost: Free







## Christian Stewardship

### *God is still Giving... God is still Speaking*

Do you believe that is true here at Red Lodge Community Church? Look around and lend your ear; God's gracious gifts surround us, and the Spirit nudges us daily to recognize God's voice in our own words and actions.

How do we sustain God's work? How do we insure that God's voice is heard in our community, be that our congregation, our county, our country or our whole wide world?

It takes action and resources. We are an active group of congregants with loving hearts and rich talents. And our home base for making sure that God continues to give and speak through us is Red Lodge Community Church. In order to experience inspiring worship and lively music, to grow our own faith and that of others, and to do the work of God in our community, requires financial resources in addition to our love, our talents, and our hard work.

That's what the pledge drive is about - providing the financial resources to sustain our home base within the bricks and mortar of this beautiful place where we are inspired to grow in God's love, and leave to spread that love and goodness as far and wide as we possibly can.

\$186,000 is the financial cost for keeping God's home base here at Red Lodge Community Church on solid footing for the coming year. Your pledge is vital in helping the financial officers know we have the resources to make sure God's voice is still heard in this special place and that God's work continues within and beyond these walls.

You should have received a bucket brochure and pledge card in the last couple of weeks. If you did not, let the office know immediately (446-1444). Please consider thoughtfully what you feel you can give financially over the next year. You can return your pledge card by mail or drop it in the bucket as it is passed with the offering plates during the service the next few Sundays. Watch our progress toward our goal on the giant check in the entry. Thank you for keeping God's voice strong in this community. You make a difference.

Your Stewardship and Mission Committee



It is that time of year again, Harvest Dinner time. This year the annual Harvest Dinner will be held on November 3rd from 11:30 am until 5:00 pm.

Turkey and ham with all the trimmings: pies, salads and rolls will satisfy your taste buds beyond belief. The cost will be \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 6-12 ages, and 5 and under eat free.

There will be sign-up sheets in the Upper Room for all to sign up for your favorite duties to create this much anticipated community event. Don & Karen Kinney and Pam Schuessler are chairing the event and want to thank you so much for last year, and thank you in advance for signing up and helping this year.





# October Calendar

## October

- 1 Tuesday 5:30 pm Provocative Forum:  
Suicide: Montana Con-  
cern, Senior Center**
- 2 Wed. 5:30 pm Study & Dinner**
- 3 Thurs. 5:00 pm Facilities Management**
- 5 Sat. 9:00 am Choir**
- 6 Sunday 10:00 am Worship & Child Sunday  
School**
- 7 Monday 9:30 am Great Books  
1:30 pm Discussion Series  
6:00 pm Girl Scouts**
- 8 Tuesday 1:00 pm Quilters**
- 9 Wed. 5:30 pm Study & Dinner**
- 12 Sat. 9:00 am Choir  
3:00 pm Big Sky Choir Concert**
- 13 Sunday 10:00 am Worship & Child Sunday  
School**

### Stewardship Pledge Drive Stew Cook Off

- 14 Monday 9:30 am Great Books  
1:30 pm Discussion Series**
- 15 Tuesday 4:00 pm Volleyball Dinner**
- 16 Wed. 5:30 pm Study & Dinner**
- 19 Sat. 9:00 am Choir  
1:00 pm Installation**
- 20 Sunday 10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Adult Forum  
4:00 pm 4-H**
- 21 Monday 9:30 am Great Books  
1:30 pm Discussion Series  
6:00 pm Girl Scouts**

## October

- 22 Tuesday 2:00 pm Finance Committee**
- 23 Wed. 5:30 pm Study & Dinner**
- 24 Thurs. 5:15 pm Church Council**
- 26 Sat. 9:00 am Choir**
- 27 Sunday 10:00 am Worship & Child Sunday  
School**
- 28 Monday 9:30 am Great Books**
- 30 Wed. 5:30 pm Study & Dinner**

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**World Communion Sunday**  
&  
**Neighbors in Need Offering**  
**October 6, 2019**

SHALOM  
RED LODGE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
308 S. BROADWAY  
P.O. BOX 786  
RED LODGE, MT 59068-0786  
  
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



October 2019



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

**Church Phone:** (406) 446-1444  
**Church Address:** 308 S. Broadway,  
PO Box 786, Red Lodge, MT 59068-0786  
**Email:** [rlcchurch@bresnan.net](mailto:rlcchurch@bresnan.net)  
**Pastor:** Rev. Pamela J. Peterson  
**Phone:** 203-631-9994  
**email:** [pastorpampeterson@gmail.com](mailto:pastorpampeterson@gmail.com)

**Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am**

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm