



CHRIST CHURCH CHRONICLE

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Shared Leadership

Rev. Janis Hansen

Since November, we've been looking at new ways to be Christ Church together through shared leadership. We've hit some bumps, but we have also learned of the many talents and skills among us. So many are helping with the many tasks of keeping Christ Church going.

Here's the model we've been exploring at Christ Church. We designate these areas which form the key components of our organization.

WORSHIP

Worship is basic to our faith and community, and we've had some great leadership stepping up for our services. Leading worship, providing music, conducting the readings, setting up the altar (and the after-service tasks) are a few of the tasks we hope hold meaning in providing worship.

PASTORAL CARE

Calling on folks who cannot make it to church, and providing communion are overt and important ways for us to reach out, but we also care about one another. Our personal caring and praying for one another are also pastoral care.

OUTREACH

A church caring about its community is key to its health. Our outreach works quietly in this town: assistance for dental care, swim lessons, school music programs. If there are other programs we can support — please let your Vestry know.

ADMINISTRATION and UPKEEP

Our buildings and grounds, as well as worship, pastoral care, and outreach mentioned above, require willing workers. Whether it is contacting and organizing those who take on a task, or doing the work ourselves, there are numberless tasks that keep Christ Church together and moving forward.

We prepare the Sunday morning bulletins, and tend the flowers, shovel the snow, and clean the sanctuary (mostly sweep up the flies). We make the goodies for coffee hour, serve on the Vestry, and we hire contractors (our bell tower has some issues and we're looking for a contractor to give us some help on that.) We keep the wheels of finances going, and have a website, newsletter, and library. Repairs are made, doors are painted, files are organized, supplies are purchased, and every Sunday morning the coffee is made.

Look closely, the word "administration" includes a form of "ministry!"

If you have feedback to provide about the model of leadership, please let the Vestry or the clergy know! We are eager to assess this model.

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Pictures from a Joyous Easter Season



Preparing the palms on Palm Sunday



Celebrating Steve and Dorothy




The Egg Hunt



An Easter Feast

Service for Mary MacLaurin



Celebration of Life

**MARY JEANNE
MACLAURIN**

JUNE
10

10AM CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
304 S. MAIN STREET SHERIDAN, MT

SHERIDAN CEMETERY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

12PM RECEPTION AT CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
- FOOD & DRINKS PROVIDED

Humor Corner

Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'	The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.	At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.	The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.	This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.	Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.
The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.	The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'
Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.	This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.	

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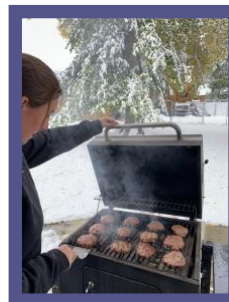
Spring Cleaning

Spring Cleaning . . . Saturday, June 17

Our Spring-Cleaning Event and BBQ Lunch is scheduled for June 17th starting at 9AM. It will primarily be focused on the church and the yard as that seems to take quite a bit of time.

A task list has been started and will be posted later in the Parish Hall, so you can come prepared with what you might need to help out.

For lunch Caleb and Bri will bring their BBQ and there will be a list to sign up to bring dishes to go with hamburgers.



Photos from last October's cleaning and BBQ

Pentacost!

May 28



**TO KEEP
CALM
ON
PENTECOST
IS AN OXYMORON**



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INVITE people into our midst
INCLUDE people in the life of the church
INFORM people about past events that shape our present,
and current events that shape our future
PROCLAIM the gospel in thought, word and deed
REJOICE in a new life found in Christ Jesus.

Mission Statement

To be formed as the body of Christ, seeking to love and serve one another and those in need.

Vision Statement

To be Christ's continued presence in the Ruby Valley by welcoming those who seek Christ, offering varied forms of services, reflecting our diversity while maintaining our Episcopal identity.



**THE VISITATION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY**

(31 MAY)

Service Leaders for May/June

Upcoming Service Leaders for February/March

- 7 May: Eucharist - Rev. Janis Hansen
- 14 May: Liturgy of the Word – Dorothy DeHart
- 21 May: Eucharist - Rev. Janis Hansen
- 28 May: Morning Prayer – Sandra Baril
- 4 June: Eucharist - Rev. Janis Hansen
- 11 June: Liturgy of the Word – Dorothy DeHart

Upcoming Lectors for December/January

- 7 May: Ron Tussing
- 14 May: Robert Brown
- 21 May: Bri Harbor
- 28 May: Alice Forwood
- 4 June: Dorothy DeHart
- 11 June: Sandra Baril