

# Christ Church Chronicle

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## Meditations upon our Parish Hall

Deacon Janis Hansen

Not a very catchy title, perhaps, but stay with me... and consider deeply, even meditatively, our parish hall.



Groundbreaking: 51 years ago. Faith and hope and expectation that this could be a place for our community, both church and town, to gather.

Remodeling, 2013 & 2014. New, handicap accessible restroom; new sidewalk entrance and rails. New doors. Hours of hard labor, ingenuity, careful planning as the folks in the parish paint, put down new flooring, move stuff in and out, re-arrange the spaces.....



Game nights 2014 and 2015 (right) — fun with families and friends.... popcorn delights.

Childrens' Chapel (below)— another use of our hall to instruct children in the faith.



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## Meditations upon our Parish Hall

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And just last week: a full house, a huge reception for the memorial service of Gloria Lombard! How wonderful that the hall looked so good, and could hold so many! Maybe over 140! So many thanks to many in the parish for making this a fine event!



And, remembering Gloria: she taught Sunday School in the City Hall (probably with Rick Dale); sang in the choir; went to confirmation taught in Rectory where they memorized the catechism; baptized in 41 or 42 by Rev. Foote. A spunky, intelligent woman who connected family and friends, and can remind us over and over of her character, as we will hear her name in our worship: "Glory to God in the highest...." "Gloria in excelsis Deo...." We pray for the response of her soul, and for comfort for her family.



Consider this building a part of our lives at Christ Church, a gift from our church ancestors, a gift to our community, and a place in which to enjoy one another while living out the call to be Christ's body in the Ruby Valley.

## Senior Warden's Letter

Sandra Baril

Happy New Year! Although it is February, it is the beginning of a new year for the leadership of Christ Church. At our annual parish meeting on January 25 we met to review the accomplishments of the past year, approved the proposed budget for 2015, and elected new Vestry members and representatives to the Diocesan Convention. Tonya Romkema and Val Neely will join current Vestry members Don Snyder, Deb McNeill, Sandra Baril, Ashley Pairitz, and Nick Pairitz. Tonya and Val will be replacing the two spots vacated by Samantha Southwick, who moved away, and Frank Ford who has reached the end of his term. The congregation also elected JJ Snyder and Adam Romkema to be our representatives at the Diocesan Convention, which will be in Missoula this year. Janis Hansen will attend the Convention as Clergy representative.

The congregation also took the opportunity to thank Frank Ford for his exceptional leadership as Senior Warden. I'm sure that we could not have accomplished all that we did without his guidance. Immediately following the parish meeting, the current and new Vestry members met to elect new officers and vote on the budget. I will be the new Senior Warden, with Don Snyder and Deb McNeill continuing as Junior Warden and Treasurer. Ashley Paritz will be the new Clerk of the Vestry. Another change will be that Tonya Romkema will be the editor for this newsletter, Christ Church Chronicle.

2015 promises to be a very full and exciting year for Christ Church with Janis's ordination scheduled for this summer here at Christ Church. In addition there will still be all of the usual work of a busy year as we try to do our best to follow God's will for us. I ask for your prayers and active participation as far as you are able in Janis' ordination and in the other ministries of Christ Church. And I especially ask for your prayers for myself as I start this (very new for me) position and for all of the leadership of Christ Church.

Peace and Joy,  
Sandra Baril  
Senior Warden

## Annual Meeting Photos

Photos from the annual meeting. Individual photos Top left: Ashley Paritz, Top right: Frank Ford, Center: Val Neeley, Bottom left: Tonya Romkema, Bottom right: Deacon Janis Hansen



## Classified

**SECRETARIAL POSITION** to fill in when needed for weekly production of the Sunday Bulletin for Christ Church. The ideal candidate will have computer skills and keen attention to detail and accuracy. Flexible scheduling is available. To apply, send letter of interest to JJ Snyder at [jjslug@3rivers.net](mailto:jjslug@3rivers.net)

**CHRIST CHURCH** is looking for a part-time Clergy Liaison. Successful candidate will have excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and ability to manage projects from start to finish. Competitive compensation. To apply, contact Janis Hansen.

**SCHEDULER NEEDED:** Christ Church in Sheridan is seeking a volunteer to manage schedules for the Lectors, cleaning of the Church, and possibly Greeters (see ad below). Work is quarterly for Lector schedule and twice a year for cleaning schedule. Further information may be obtained by calling 842-5298 during normal business hours.

**GREETERS NEEDED:** Christ Church, Sheridan, MT 59721. Looking for candidates with great smiles and firm handshakes. Occasional work, Sundays only. Contact Senior Warden or any member of the Vestry.

**NOTE:** Compensation for above positions is in the form of smiles, hugs, the satisfaction of being part of great work, and laying up treasure in heaven.

## Coming Events

**February 20 –Game Night.** Join us for Game Night on February 20th. (What else are you going to do when it's cold and dark?!) We've got lots of classic games - Sorry, Candyland, Cribbage, Dominoes, Scrabble, plus Rummikub, Jenga and many more. Learn a new game or bring a game and teach us! It's a really fun evening. We'll also have our famous flavored popcorn and other refreshments. The action starts at 6pm in the Parish Hall. Bundle up and have some fun on a cold Friday night! Bring friends!

**March 1 – Children's Chapel.** 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.



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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.

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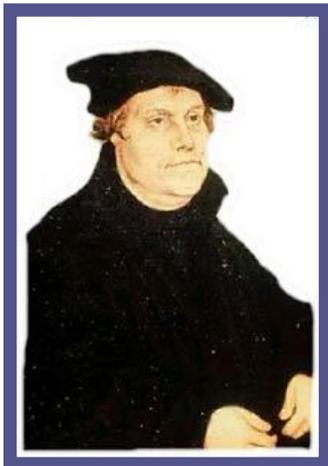
## Service Leaders for January and February

### Upcoming Service Leaders for January / February

8 Feb: Eucharist -- Rev Jean McLean  
15 Feb: Morning Prayer -- Don Snyder  
18 Feb: Ash Wednesday -- Deacon Janis Hansen  
22 Feb: Eucharist -- Rev. Canon Chris Roberts  
1 Mar: Morning Prayer -- Deacon Janis Hansen

### Upcoming Lectors for February/ March

8 Feb: Dave Hansen  
15 Feb: Alice Forwood  
18 Feb: Ash Wednesday -- Sandra Baril  
22 Feb: Frank Ford  
1 Mar: Kitt Dale



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