

# Mountain Proclamations

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## Search Committee

The search committee has been reactivated and has again started the process of looking for a new pastor for our congregation. The committee welcomes your thoughts and input. This search and call process has been formalized by the conference to assist us. To help you better understand this process we want to share with you a brief summary of the Search and Call process in the United Church of Christ.

1. We will update the church profile that was completed during our last search.
2. Our vacancy will then be listed in "UCC Employment Opportunities."
3. Persons who have been authorized to complete a UCC Ministerial Profile will submit profiles for our committee through the Conference/Association office. The Ministerial Profile includes information about the candidate's educational background, experience, a detailed faith statement, eight written references, a background check form, and a criminal background check.
4. While the work on the Local Church Profile requires the input of many in the congregation, the **names of candidates are held in strict confidence within our committee; we ask you to respect the essential confidentiality of this process.** We will make every effort to keep you informed—on a regular basis—about our progress.
5. We will share our Local Church Profile with candidates, and we will begin to follow up with persons in whom we have particular interest. The follow up will include telephone reference checks, telephone interviews, and requests for sermon tapes. While pursuing these steps, we will also continue to evaluate new Ministerial Profiles.
6. We will select a small number of candidates for personal interviews, following which we will make arrangements for our Search Committee members to worship with them, most often in a church setting arranged by our Conference/Association office.

7. We will invite at least two candidates back for second interviews, following which we will seek God's guidance and prayerfully make a decision on a candidate.
8. If the candidate we recommend chooses to accept, compensation arrangements will be clarified and a date for a "candidating Sunday" will be established.
9. You will have an opportunity to meet the candidate (and family) that weekend in an informal setting as well as the formal worship service where the candidate will preach. A congregational meeting following the worship service will offer each member an opportunity to ask questions of the Search Committee, and to vote on the Call to our new pastor.

We trust that God will guide both our candidates and the members of our Search Committee. We ask you to pray for us regularly. We are blessed with a wonderful church community; with hard work and God's guidance, we will be blessed with a wonderful pastor to guide us as we minister in the name of Jesus Christ.

Please reach out to any member of the committee with your concerns.

Ken Andersen	Mollie Marsh
Billy Roeder	Gail Banner
Chris Paille	Ramona Yrazabal
Mildred McNeal	Linda Ramsey

## Welcome New Members

Kelline "Kelli" Collett and Beverly J. Davis joined the church family on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Welcome Kelli and Beverly!

## New Announcement Procedure

As of **Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** all announcements will be made from the pulpit by the pastor. All announcements, with pertinent information (what, when, where, etc.), needing to be made on Sunday morning must be submitted to the office by **11:30 a.m. the Thursday** prior to the Sunday the announcement needs to be made. Your announcement can be called in [(208)587-4969], emailed in ([churchinfo@mhfcucc.org](mailto:churchinfo@mhfcucc.org)) or brought in during office hours. Thank you for your help with this new change.

## Mission and Vision

Thank you everyone for joining our meaningful conversation on Sept. 16. This was a wonderful help in our Mission and Vision process. The council will meet again soon to discuss what we learned and begin writing both a Mission and a Vision statement. Our plan is to have both ready to present at our Annual Meeting on Nov. 11. Please stay tuned to your bulletin and church announcements for more information. If you have any questions or thoughts, please contact the office or a church council member.

## Neighbors in Need

On **Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**, we will take up our 2018 *Neighbors in Need* offering. Go to [www.ucc.org/nin](http://www.ucc.org/nin) for all the details on what this offering does for our Neighbors in Need. You may also make contributions to NIN at this same website.

## Bulletin Sponsors for 2019

Bulletin Sponsor sign-up sheets are on the back table in the sanctuary. Choose the worship service you would like to sponsor and write your name next to that date; please note if you want to remain anonymous. You may make your donation of \$10 any time before the end of 2019. Please mark your check for the bulletin date that you are sponsoring. If you have any questions about how this works, contact the church office at 587-4969.

## Giving Tree

There will be a Giving Tree again this year. Ann Carlin should have the gift tags approximately the first or second Sunday of November.

**Important!** The Giving Tree has begun collecting names for *receiving* gifts. If you know someone who is in need, direct them to the Chamber of Commerce to add their name to the list.

## Community Dinner

On **Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**, the Mountain Home Ministerial Association will be hosting the monthly Community Dinner at Our Lady of Good Council parish hall and they need your help.

There are different tasks that need to be done throughout the day to prepare for this event, so even if you don't have time during the evening to help, you may be able to lend a hand at one of the morning preparation activities. See the sign-up sheet on the sign-up table at the back of the Sanctuary for needs and times. Thank you so

much for lending your support to this important ministry.

## Craft Days for October

Everyone is invited to come to Craft Day at the church! It will be held **Fridays, October 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. We will be working on items to sell at our Christmas Bazaar. Bring your own project (there's lots of room and table space) or help someone else with theirs.

## Women of the Church

### *Women's Fellowship Potluck and meeting*

The next potluck and meeting for Women's Fellowship is scheduled for **Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>** at noon at the church. The hostesses will be Mildred McNeal and Dorraine Aggen. Come and join in the fun and fellowship as we explore this year's theme of "Caring and Sharing". All women of the church are invited and welcome.

### *Women's Bible Study*

Women's Bible study will meet the **second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m.** in the pastor's office. This month's meetings will be Wednesday, **October 10<sup>th</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup>**.

### *Help Wanted with the Christmas Bazaar!*

The bazaar will be held on Saturday, **December 1<sup>st</sup> from 8am until 12 noon**. All members of the church are asked to participate! **We need donations of gift-worthy items and crafted items.**

Whether you're a man, woman or child and your craft is wood, yarn, thread, cloth or recycled items, or you bake, can or pickle the bounty from your garden, please share your talent and your art with the Christmas Bazaar. Remember, the proceeds from the bazaar go to support many church programs!

**Important:** If you have something that you wish to donate for the Raffle, please notify the Women's Fellowship *before* the first of November.

## Spirituality and Shakes: Daily Faith Practices

**When: Oct. 16, 23, & 30 from 7pm-8pm**  
**Where: Frankie's Burgers on Main St.**

Come join us for a moment of reflection, shared prayer, and exploration into daily spirituality. We will explore various resources for devotionals and discuss other ways to be

centered in the Holy. You can come to one, two or all three sessions. Each discussion will be unique. Plus, there will be delicious food and milkshakes available!  
Please contact Pastor Drew with any questions.

### *Fall Fiesta Work Weekend at Pilgrim Cove Camp*

Mark your calendars for **October 12-14th** to join us at Pilgrim Cove Camp! It is time to say so long to summer, hello to fall, and come on in to winter. All hands are welcome whether it is with putting up the timbers in Old Rice, moving benches and tables, blowing out sprinkler lines, or all of the above. Once the work is done, there is time to enjoy beautiful autumn weather and scenery in the most amazing place in Idaho! Saturday night we will have Mexican Fiesta for dinner and celebrate with food and fellowship.

**Where?** Pilgrim Cove Camp in McCall

**When?** Fri. Oct 12th-Sun Oct. 14th

**What is this?** 2 nights lodging and 5 meals in exchange for work closing out the summer portion of the camp year

**Who?** Anyone who has a heart for helping and willingness to do so

**What should I/we bring?** All bedding, towels, warm clothing, toiletries that you may require, good shoes for walking, work gloves and any tools you may want to have on hand

As an added incentive this year to get workers, we are offering for anyone who comes to work weekend a 2 for the price of 1 coupon for Friends Weekend for Winter Carnival. That means for the cost of \$75 there is 2 nights lodging and up to 5 meals for 2 people!! What a deal! Get 4 nights and up to 10 meals in all for coming the 2 weekends (Work weekend AND winter carnival) for only \$75. COME ON UP AND SEE US!!!!

For more information and to book with us, call 208-634-5555 or contact us at [manager@pilgrimcovecamp.org](mailto:manager@pilgrimcovecamp.org)

### *Church Halloween Party*

This year's Halloween Party will be on **Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.** here at the church. There will be Trunk or Treat, Halloween costume walk, games, music, food, and fun for kids of all ages (yes, that means the adults too). Bring the kids, their friends, etc. and let's have a great afternoon of fun.

If you would like to donate candy, please drop it off at the church office Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. or bring your donated items to church with you on Sunday.

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer your help to set up, run a game, or clean up, please contact Ann Carlin.

### *October's Potluck*

The monthly potluck for October will be on the third Sunday of the month, **October 21<sup>st</sup>**. If possible, please bring your own place setting and food to share. No matter what, all are welcome to the table.

### *Thanks*

#### *Rally Day!!*

A big shout out to everyone who attended Rally Day, brought a dish to share, and got our Sunday School year off to a great start! About 90 of us!

The social committee did an awesome job! A special thanks to Ken Hill and Alan Harris who did all the barbecuing (thanks Education Committee for recruiting our grillers)! Mary Ann Hamilton, Sherry Bush, Heidi Harris, and Lauren Tomsic all pitched in to make Rally Day flow smoothly for everyone!

#### *Coffee pods*

Thank you to whoever left k-cup coffee pods in the office. These will be put to good use for guests who visit with the pastor.

#### *Garden Elves*

Thank you to the garden elves who take care of the Rose Garden. You know who you are.

### *Coming Events*

#### *Daylight Savings Time Ends*

Sunday, November 4, 2018

Turn those clocks back one hour.

#### *Annual Budget and Election Meeting*

The Annual Budget and Election Meeting will be after worship on **Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**. Please be sure to attend so that we have a quorum and won't have to re-schedule. Thanks!

#### *Women's Fellowship Christmas Bazaar*

The Women's Fellowship Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Saturday, December 1, 2018**, from **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm**. Set up will be **November 30 1 to 5 p.m.**

There will be homemade candy, breads, and baked goods as well as homemade jellies, salsas, pickles. Pies with coffee and tea will be available in Horner's Corner.

Besides goodies to eat, handmade crafts and needlework and gift items will be available for

purchase. Come join us and bring friends and neighbors. Get your Christmas baked goodies here and unique gift items for those very special people on your Christmas list.

If you have something to contribute to the Bazaar, contact the church office or one of the ladies from the Women's Fellowship.

### *In Loving Memory*

*Jerlene "Jeri" Gross*  
*August 11, 1923 – September 19, 2018*

### *October Birthdays*

1 – Dale Hooley	13 – Kristy Blanksma
2 – Suzanne Dillard	13 – Mary Ann Hamilton
4 – Lauren Tomsic	16 – Henry Toy
7 – Joyce Allgood	25 – Mollie Marsh
7 – Jay Leonard	26 – Linda Ramsey
9 – Rick Parks	27 – Noah Lichdi
10 – Terri Jones	29 – Jonathen Deal

### *October Anniversaries*

8 – Jeremy and Michaela Loosli  
18 – Janet & Bud Weise  
18 – Ann & Curtis Carlin  
30 – Anne Parker & Paul Taggart

### *Special Angels for October*

#### LITURGISTS (Ken Hill)

7 – Diane Venski  
14 – Lawrence Pearsall  
21 – Mildred McNeal  
28 – Heidi Harris

#### GREETERS (to be announced)

7 –  
14 –  
21 –  
28 –

#### FELLOWSHIP HOUR (sign-up sheet)

7 –  
14 – Sherry and Rick Bush  
21 – Potluck  
28 – Mimi Carlton

#### FLOWERS (Sign-Up Sheet)

Mollie Marsh

#### USHERS (Curtis Carlin)

#### PARAMENTS (Allen Harris)

#### COMMUNION (Heidi Harris)

### *From the Pastor*

Greetings loved ones in Christ,

Transition and change are never easy. Christ's death caused the disciples to scatter. The Gospel of John describes them fearfully gathering in a locked room. They were terrified of what was going to happen, saddened with the loss of their beloved companion and leader, and confused about what to do next. When the chaos seemed its most paralyzing the resurrected Christ broke down the barriers and brought forth the liberating comfort of the Holy Spirit.

One of the most wonderful experiences in a time like ours is the creativity of experiment. Transition ministry is a time to try new things. It's a ritual of both reaffirming our longstanding identity as well as exploring our own possibilities. The past year and half has seen this in various ways. Sometimes it's the epiphany of how to do an old tradition a new way such as with our Advent celebration. It is also renewing old traditions that were dormant like our youth preaching and leading Easter Sunday, and our joint Ash Wednesday service with Grace Lutheran. I personally am grateful for the recent joy we shared together with Lego blocks and bowling trophies.

This is an invitation to let our closing months together continue to be a Holy experiment. This is meant to help us discover in a fresh and powerful way our true identity. One such practice will be a small evening gathering on Tuesdays to talk about devotional practices. We will meet 3 times, on Oct. 16, Oct. 23, and Oct. 30. Each gathering will stand alone and everyone is welcome to join one, two or three meetings. We will meet at Frankie's on Main St. Consider it *Spirituality and Shakes*. We will focus on various resources and other practices to empower daily devotion.

This gathering along with our continued reflection on worship and other practices will help us to renew our energy. What the disciples discovered in that room was Christ had given them everything they needed to continue living out their mission. Transitions are fruitful opportunities to breathe, grow closer together, and celebrate our identity in God in a life-giving way.

I am blessed and grateful to share this journey. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, thoughts, needs, or if you'd like to break bread or coffee together.

Blessings

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# October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 3:30 p.m. GSA 7 p.m. BSA <b>Note Change!</b> 7 p.m. (Sept) <b>Church Council mtg.</b>	2 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	3 <b>NO</b> Coffee with Pastor Drew 3:30 p.m. GSA	4 12:30 – 2:30 <u>Family Advocate</u> 6 p.m. Bell <u>practice</u> 7 p.m. Choir practice	5	6
7 <b>NIN offering</b> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion	8 Columbus Day 6:30 p.m. Trustees' mtg. <b>Office Closed</b>	9 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	10 10 – noon Coffee with <u>Pastor Drew</u> 11 a.m. Women's Bible <u>Study</u> 3:30 p.m. GSA	11 12:30 – 2:30 <u>Family Advocate</u> 6 p.m. Bell <u>practice</u> 7 p.m. Choir practice	12 12 p.m. Women's Fellowship Potluck and meeting	13 Work Weekend at Pilgrim Cove (Oct 12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> )
14 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	15 3:30 p.m. GSA 7 p.m. BSA <b>Note Change!</b> 7 p.m. Diaconate Board mtg.	16 7 p.m. Cub Scouts 7 – 8 Spirituality and Shakes @ Frankies Burgers	17 10 – noon Coffee with Pastor Drew 3:30 p.m. GSA	18 12:30 – 2:30 <u>Family Advocate</u> 6 p.m. Bell <u>practice</u> 7 p.m. Choir practice	19	20 Halloween Party 1 – 4 p.m.
21 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship <b>☉Potluck☉</b>	22 3:30 p.m. GSA 7 p.m. Church Council mtg. 7 p.m. BSA	23 7 p.m. Cub Scouts 7 – 8 Spirituality and Shakes @ Frankies Burgers	24 10 – noon Coffee with <u>Pastor Drew</u> 11 a.m. Women's Bible <u>Study</u> 3:30 p.m. GSA	25 12:30 – 2:30 <u>Family Advocate</u> 6 p.m. Bell <u>practice</u> 7 p.m. Choir practice	26	27 Piano Recital 2 – 5 p.m.
28 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 12:20 p.m. Christian Education mtg.	29 3:30 p.m. GSA 7 p.m. BSA	30 7 p.m. <b>Pack meeting</b> 7 – 8 Spirituality and Shakes @ Frankies Burgers	31 Halloween 10 – noon Coffee with Pastor Drew 3:30 p.m. GSA	12:30 – 2:30 <u>Family Advocate</u> 6 p.m. Bell <u>practice</u> 7 p.m. Choir practice		

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				1 12:30 – 2:30 <u>Family Advocate</u> 6 p.m. Bell <u>practice</u> 7 p.m. Choir practice	2	3 <i>Turn clock back one hour before going to bed!</i>
4 <b>DST Ends</b> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion 12:20 Diaconate Board mtg.	5 3:30 p.m. GSA 7 p.m. BSA	6 <b>8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Voting</b>	7 10 – noon Coffee with Pastor Drew 3:30 p.m. GSA	8 12:30 – 2:30 <u>Family Advocate</u> 6 p.m. Bell <u>practice</u> 7 p.m. Choir practice	9 12 p.m. Women's Fellowship Potluck and meeting	10
11 Veterans Day 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship <b>Budget and Election Mtg.</b>	12 3:30 GSA 6:30 p.m. Trustees' mtg. 7 p.m. BSA	13 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	14 10 – noon Coffee with <u>Pastor Drew</u> 11 a.m. Women's Bible <u>Study</u> 3:30 p.m. GSA	15 12:30 – 2:30 <u>Family Advocate</u> 6 p.m. Bell <u>practice</u> 7 p.m. Choir practice	16	17
18 <u>10 a.m. S.S.</u> <u>11 a.m. Worship</u> <u>Pie Auction</u> <u>6 p.m. Dinner</u> <u>6:30 Pledge</u> Blessing	19 3:30 p.m. GSA 7 p.m. BSA	20 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	21 3:30 p.m. GSA <b>Office Closed</b>	22 Thanksgiving Day <b>Office Closed</b>	23	24
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