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Welcome, Confirmands

Welcome to the Church Family, Cara Grindle, Amy Sowden, Angelina Pearsall and Zoey Pearsall. Congratulations on your Confirmation on Sunday, May 20th.

Summer Worship Schedule

Summer Worship Service with Children's Church and nursery care is at **10 a.m.** Sunday school begins again on Sunday, September 9th, Rally Day.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible will be from **June 11 through June 15, 9:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**, for ages 4-11 (Pre- thru 6th grade).

This year's theme will be "24/7 Jesus Makes a Way Every Day." We'll need volunteers to teach and help set-up and run the kitchen

The next organizational meetings will be at **6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 30th and Tuesday, June 5th**. For future planning section dates or to volunteer for *any* position, please call Ken Andersen or the Church Office

Pastoral Concerns

Dear siblings,

I wanted to clarify my schedule and pastoral care availability. I am available via [redacted] email revdrewterry1957@gmail.com, at any time. If you ever have an emergency, please feel free to use either of these. I do observe Sabbath from Thursday evening until Saturday morning. Please, if you have an emergency reach out to me and I will respond as soon as I am able. If I do not answer, please leave me a voicemail. If it is not an emergency I will respond as soon as I am able from Saturday afternoon to Thursday evening.

During my vacation time the church and I will find an emergency on-call pastor. This way the needs will be addressed as soon as possible.

You may also reach out to me simply to say hi. My passion for God's work comes from sharing time and getting to know the beauty of you as a child of the Divine. Let me know if you want to get coffee, lunch, or simply chat.

Thank you. My family and I are grateful for all your support. We feel blessed to be with you.

Rev. Drew

Fellowship and Flowers

Things are looking pretty good for Flowers and Fellowship this summer! Thank you to all who have stepped up to help with these ministries.

We have 2 Sundays open for Flowers in August and 3 Sundays open in July for Fellowship and 2 open in August for Fellowship. Since the Proclamation for July and August comes out as one newsletter, please sign up early so that information can be included in the newsletter.

The sign-up sheets for both of these is on the table at the back of the Sanctuary to the left of the doors leading into the Fellowship Hall. Thank you so much for your help with these ministries.

Name Tags, please

In respect to visitors and those who can't get to church as often as they would like, let's all try to remember to wear our name tags on Sunday morning so we can all get to know each other better.

You don't have a name tag? Let the Usher know and we will get one done up for you.

Craft Days!

Craft Days are coming back! **On Fridays, June 1st and 22nd from 1 to 2 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall, we will be having our summer Craft Days. Watch the bulletin and website for the rest of the schedule. Join in the fun to help prepare things for the Christmas Bazaar. Either bring a craft or help with a craft (Quiet Books!). This is a wonderful time for creative fellowship.

Summer Music

With the Chancel Choir taking their summer break, it would be wonderful to have other musicians or singers add to our worship time by

sharing their talents with us on any given Sunday during the summer.

If you or someone you know would like to share this talent with us, please contact the church office to let us know which Sunday you would like to do this.

Women's Fellowship

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The Women's Fellowship will be taking a break for the summer. The next meeting will be on **Friday, September 14th**. Watch the website and the Sunday bulletin for further details.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will be taking a break for summer. They will begin meeting again the second and fourth **Wednesdays in September – the 12th and 26th**. We are currently exploring different options for the new Bible study, so stay tuned to the Sunday bulletin, the website, and the upcoming newsletters.

Mission and Vision of our Church

For the past few weeks, the Church Council has been working on a new Mission and Vision Statement for our church. What is our mission for our church and our community? What is our vision for our future? Because we are in a time of transition, we feel that it's a good time to think about who we are and where we want to go in the future. We're such a vital and caring community and feel we could possibly tweak and enhance some things to keep us going strong for many years to come. We would like to have some input from our members. If you have some thoughts or ideas that you feel would be relevant to this process, please feel free to contact any Church Council member. We would really value your ideas!

Church Council Members are: Pastor Drew, Gail Banner, Phil Miller, Betty Ashcraft, Eddie Bush, Frank Marsh, Ramona Yrazabal, Jennifer Andersen, Ann Carlin, Linda Ramsey, Chris Paille, Mollie Marsh, Nancy Sobien, and Ken Andersen

Gail Banner, Moderator

Reminder!

The July and August editions of the *Mountain Proclamation* come out as one edition. If you have any information, articles, or Special Angels to be included in the **August** edition, please make sure that it is into the office by **1 p.m. Thursday, June 21st**. Bring it in during office hours (10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday), call it in (587-4969), or email it to (churchinfo@mhfccucc.org.)

2018 Directories

We still have some 2018 Pictorial Directories. If you didn't get yours, contact the office or see Jennifer Andersen at worship on Sunday.

Thank you

Spring Rummage Sale

Thanks to all the ladies and gentlemen that helped with set up and sales at our Rummage Sale. The turnout was amazing. Our success was not only monetary. We have fun, build friendships, help out our community, and recycle gently used clothes and household items. We also raised \$1,096.50. Money which helps stretch the church budget beyond the bare essentials. Thanks again for the donations, the hard work, and the loving community that makes all this possible.

Linda Ramsey

Women's Fellowship

Blanket Offering

The generous donations from the church family on Sunday, May 13th will provide over 63 people in crisis with a blanket to wrap up in or build a shelter with. Thank you so much for your donations of \$635.

Strengthen the Church

Your donations of \$152 to the *Strengthen the Church* offering will help struggling churches and new church starts continue in their mission of showing God's love to the world. Thank you.

End of Sunday School Celebration

End of Sunday School Celebration was so much fun! Together 80 of us celebrated our Sunday School attendees and teachers, our acolytes, our senior scholarship recipient, and our four exceptional confirmands!

A special thanks goes to:

- the social committee who are such a happy and dependable group! (Maryann Hamilton, Nadine Roberts, Allan & Heidi Harris, Sherry Bush, Loren Tomsic, Beth Devore)
- Allen Harris, Eddie Bush, and Frank Marsh for grilling the burgers & hotdogs.
- Christian Education who provided the delicious cake
- the anonymous donor who provided our meat and buns
- and Patrick Harris, Ken Hill, & Samantha Pearsall who helped carry supplies, arrange tables and decorate.

Respectfully

Mollie Marsh

To our musicians

To all those who donated their time and talent to our music program throughout the year, thank you so very much.

Organists: Marlene Osborn and Dorraine Aggen

Pianists: Dorraine Aggen and Doreen Solum

Choir Director and Bell Instructor: Don Thoen, Jennifer Dillenbeck, and Mike Keas

Bell Choir: Dorraine Aggen, Gail Banner, Elin Colthorp, Chris Paille, Nancy Allen, Nancy Sobien, Mike Keas, Alice Keas, Jennifer Dillenbeck, Doreen Solum, Betty Ashcraft and Bonnie Cardalland directors, Don Thoen and Mike Keas

Chancel Choir: Dorraine Aggen, Gail Banner, Elin Colthorp, Mike Keas, Phil Miller, Alice Keas, Nadine Roberts, Sylvia Sisneros, Nancy Sobien, Jennifer Dillenbeck, Nancy Allen, Cynthia Van Blaricom, Bonnie Cardall, and Amy Sowden and directors, Don Thoen and Jennifer Dillenbeck.

Our Acolytes

Thank you to those faithful youths who do their part for the church by lighting the Christ candles, ringing the bell to call us to worship and passing out the Registers each Sunday. These faithful youths were Charles Fogleman, Kassidy Carpentier, Sunnie Marx, Angelina Pearsall, Zoey Pearsall, Samantha Pearsall, Rachel Duty, Allison Duty, Cassie Duty, Avalynn Bixler, Bella Byrd, Rylon Byrd, and Keanah Newton. Your contributions are valued and appreciated all year around.

It's nomination time

Have you ever considered being on one of the boards or committees that help keep our church running smoothly? Did you put on your Time and Talent card for 2018 that you would like to serve on a board or committee? Now's your chance!

June is when we start looking for replacements for those whose terms are up at the end of the year. If you are interested in serving on one of the boards or committees, please contact the church office at 587-4969 and we will give your name and number to the Nominating Committee and some one will contact you.

Going away for the Summer?

Will your summer adventures be taking you away from town for awhile? Will you be missing worship on the occasional Sunday? You don't have to be out of the loop on what's happening in the church. Every Monday, the church website, www.mhfccucc.org, is updated with upcoming events. The pastor's sermon from the previous Sunday is also posted on the website at this time. The Rev Rant is updated on Wednesdays. Just pull up the website on your mobile device or laptop and stay in touch even while you are away.

Also, please remember that expenses do continue throughout the summer. If you are going to be away for the summer and you don't want your pledge offering to fall behind, you can mail it directly to the office at:

First Congregational Church, UCC
P. O. Box 659
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Relay for Life

As everyone knows Curtis and I participate in the Relay For Life, and this year is no different. Curtis and I have officially started our fundraising for the 2018 Relay For Life season, and we are hoping that we can count on the support of our wonderful and loving church family. No donation is too small for this worthy cause.

Please help us to help the American Cancer Society rid the world of this dreaded disease called cancer. If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation, please see Curtis or I either before or after church every Sunday until the Relay which takes place on August 4th at East Side Park from 11 AM to 11 PM. We hope to see you there.

*Thank you and God bless,
Ann and Curtis Carlin*

Directory Correction

Susan Mussler's cell phone is listed incorrectly in the hard copy of the Church Directory. It should read [REDACTED] If you have the mobile directory, it has already been changed.

Pilgrim Cove News

Summer Camp

Summer camp will be the July 8th through the 14th. If you have youth or know youth from 3rd grade to 12th grade who are interested in camp, the cost this year will be \$350. Registration forms are available in the office, from our website (www.mhfccucc.org) or via email (churchinfo@mhfccucc.org). Registrations are due to Pilgrim Cove Camp by June 25th. Camp Scholarships are available. The amount available depends on the number of applicants. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is June 15th. If you would like to be a counselor or a counselor-in-training, please contact the church office and we will pass your name and contact information along to this year's camp coordinator.

Our Condolences

To the Terry Family on the loss of Jade's great-grandfather

June Birthdays

3 – Wade Baumgardner 20 – Victory Gaffin
5 – Elaine McCalley 20 – Jade Terry
5 – Dan Mori 22 - Nancy Sobien
9 – Leon Gaub 24 – Anita Christianson
11 – Sherry Bush 27 – Pauline Marten
14 – Mimi Carlton 27 – Katherine Singleton
19 – Gail Banner 28 – Diana Hooley
19- Dustin Paille 28 – Polly Sanders

June Anniversaries

22 – Polly and Bid Sanders
23 – Nick and Jennifer Dillenbeck
25 – Judy and Carl Case
29 – Heidi and Allen Harris

Special Angels for June

LITURGISTS (Tony Deal)

3 – Tony Deal
10 – Lawrence Pearsall
17 – Betty Ashcraft
24 – Jade Terry

GREETERS (Diane Venski)

3 – Mildred McNeal
10 – Mollie Marsh
17 – Diane Venski and daughters
24 – Diane Venski and Grandchildren

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (Sign-up Sheet)

3 – Cynthia Van Blaricom
10 – Lauren Tomsic
17 – Mimi Carlton
24 – Nancy Sobien

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Betty Ashcraft)

3 – Communion – No Children's Church
10 – Ken Andersen
17 – Betty Ashcraft
24 – Heidi Harris

FLOWERS (Sign-up Sheet)

3 – Cynthia Van Blaricom
10 – Linda Ramsey
17 – Linda Ramsey
24 – Elin Colthorp

USHERS (Mildred McNeal)

PARAMENTS (Allen and Heidi Harris)

COMMUNION (Ann Carlin)

From Our Pastor

Dear siblings in Christ,

It is the season of Pentecost. This is the celebration of the journey our church takes as part of the 2000-year Christian mission to live out Christ's way. The book of Acts tells the

story of the early days as the disciples and first Christians sought to live out the faith. Then, as now, there were moments of Divine joy and times of perplexing confusion. God's Spirit guided the church to thrive for two millennia.

We continue this prayerful journey and the tradition of being a faith community seeking to live out Christ's mission. Our church is in the final year of a two-year transition period. The church council is marking this last stretch re-proclaiming our identity through a mission and vision process. Our goal is to create both a mission statement and a vision statement. We hope these sing out who God made us from the beginning, calls us to be now, and our Spirit filled future.

Our process is a series of special church council meetings to prayerfully reflect upon our history, the current state of our community, and our hopes and dreams. Most recently we rooted the project in God's Word using scripture to help us better understand where we are in God's story. Three passages and events stood out. We highlighted the beatitudes from Matthew 5 and our calling to serve all God's people, especially those in need. We found clarity in Matthew 13 and the parable of the seed sower. Our conversation centered on our church's mission to nurture others and help them blossom. The third story was the one on the eve of Pentecost. We discussed the uncertain transition of the disciples from Christ's ascension and departure to their ministry as the founders of the church. We reflected on their unknown path and questions as well as the courage and God's Spirit to lead them. These stories root our church's discernment in God's Word and empower us to reinvigorate our vision of Christ's way.

You, each member of this community, are essential to this process. We are still in the beginning phase. We plan to have an event in the fall to broaden the conversation to the whole church. Until then we hope you will help us. Let us know your thoughts, questions, or prayers for our church. What do you love most? What do you think God is calling us to do? How do we do it? How do we continue answering Christ's call?

In this newsletter you will find a list of the church council members. Please feel free to reach out to one them or myself. We would love to hear from you.

The first disciples had prayer, the Spirit, and one another to embark on an unprecedented journey. We have the same. May God's love, the power that brought us to today, lead us to thrive.

It is a blessing to be with you.

God Bless
Rev. Drew Terry

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 1 – 2 p.m. Craft Day	2
3 10 a.m. Worship w/ Communion 5 – 8 p.m. Elaine McCalley's B/D party	4 6:30 p.m. Mission and Vision C.C. 7 p.m. BSA	5	6 10 a.m. – Noon Coffee with Drew	7 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Family Advocate 6 p.m. Bell practice	8	9
10 10 a.m. Worship After worship: Diaconate Board meeting	11 7 p.m. BSA 6:30 p.m. Trustees Vacation	12	13 10 a.m. – Noon Coffee with Drew Bible	14 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Family Advocate 6 p.m. Bell prac. School	15 9 - 12	16
17 Father's Day 10 a.m. Worship	18 7 p.m. BSA	19	20 10 a.m. – Noon Coffee with Drew	21 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Family Advocate 6 p.m. Bell practice	22 1 – 2 p.m. Craft Day	23
24 10 a.m. Worship	25 7 p.m. BSA 7 p.m. Regular Church Council	26	27	28 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Family Advocate 6 p.m. Bell practice	29 1 – 2 p.m. Craft Day?	30

July 2018 – This calendar subject to change

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 a.m. Worship NO Communion	2	3	4 Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED	5 Office Closed 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Family Advocate 6 p.m. Bell practice	6	7
8 10 a.m. Worship After worship – Christian Education mtg.	9 6:30 Trustees 7 p.m. BSA	10	11	12 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Family Advocate	13	14
15 10 a.m. Worship	16 7 p.m. BSA	17	18	19 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Family Advocate	20	21
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29 10 a.m. Worship	30 7 p.m. BSA	31				