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## *Congratulations, Ann Carlin*

Ann Marie Carlin was baptized on Easter Sunday. Welcome into the family of God, Ann.

## *Women of the Church*

### *Women's Fellowship meeting*

Women's Fellowship wishes to invite all the women of the church to a bridal shower for Ms. Jade Courtney to be held **Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> at noon** in the church Fellowship Hall. There will be a potluck luncheon for which ham and dessert will be provided. You are asked to bring a salad or side dish.

Jade and Pastor Drew already have many of the necessary household items so Women's Fellowship has decided to present them with a gift card. We suggest that you may bring a card, a favorite recipe, a small handmade gift and/or a contribution toward the gift card.

Please join us as we celebrate their happiness and wish them a long and happy marriage.

### *Women's Bible Study*

Women's Bible Study will be on **May 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.** After May, they will begin their summer hiatus for the year, so there will be no other Bible studies for the summer. Watch the August bulletins and September newsletter for when the fall studies will begin.

## *Congratulations, Patrick Harris*

Congratulations to Patrick Allen Harris on his high school graduation and winning of the First Congregational, UCC Scholarship to be awarded to him on **Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** during worship.

## *Calling all Acolytes*

If your child has been an acolyte sometime between May 2016 and May 2017, please let Curtis or Ann Carlin know and then please have them at worship on **Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** for special recognition.

## *Giving Opportunities in May*

### *Blanket Sunday*

Blanket Sunday will be on **Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day**. For many years, our church has been helping to keep our neighbors warm by providing blankets to families here in the United States and around the world. These gifts of hospitality and care are possible because our congregation joins in the support of the Church World Service Blanket Program.

For only 10 dollars, you can give a blanket that can provide warmth and shelter, comfort and privacy, and healing and hope wherever God's people may need care. These blankets might be the best gift you ever give and you can change a life all at the same time.

For more about what Church World Services does, go to [www.cwsglobal.org](http://www.cwsglobal.org). They do much more than blankets.

### *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 2017 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.

Here is why we participate in the Relay For Life. Curtis is a cancer survivor of 7 years and our son-in-law Nicholas Tomsic is currently battling cancer. We also do it for loved ones we have lost to the dreaded disease. If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation, please see Curtis or me either before or after church every Sunday until the Relay, which takes place on June 10<sup>th</sup> at Carl Miller Park.

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

## *End of Sunday School*

### *Potluck Sunday*

**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** will be the last Sunday school class for the summer. It has been a good year and Christian Education invites you to celebrate this year with a **cake** and a **potluck** after worship. This will be the last potluck until Rally Day, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

All are invited to the table. If possible, please bring a dish to share and your own place setting.

### **You are Invited!**

Dearest First Congregational Church members,

Our wedding is just around the corner! Rev. Drew and I invite you all to the ceremony for our marriage on **May 27<sup>th</sup>**. We will be getting married at Boise First Congregational United Church of Christ in Boise, located at 2201 Woodlawn Avenue. The ceremony will start at 4:00pm. Come one, come all to join us on this very special day!

*Many blessings,  
Jade Courtney*

### **Summer Worship Schedule**

**Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**, begins our summer worship schedule with **worship at 10:00 a.m.** Communion will be the first Sunday of June and August during the summer and there is no Sunday School during the summer months.

### **Thank you to teachers**

Sunday School comes to a close on **May 21** as we celebrate the staff and students with certificates, mementos, and a beautiful cake after the church service. Our dedicated staff includes: Debi Deal, Rose Pearsall, Mollie Marsh, Betty Ashcraft, and Rev. Drew Terry. Susan Mussler and Chris Paille stepped in as substitutes. Providing loving nursery care are Debi Deal and Sara Duty.

Many thanks to our Children's Church volunteers who provide inspirational lessons during the adult service. Always giving of their time are Heidi Harris, Betty Ashcraft, and Ken Andersen.

Our faithful students this year sang songs, read scripture, and worked on various activities. Preschool students: Hunter Dillenbeck and Nolan Courtney; Middle Elementary students: Samantha Pearsall, Charles Fogleman, Avalynn Bixler, Bella Byrd, Keanah Newton, Sierra Tetrault, Sunnie Marx, Brooke Aguirre, and Matthew Aguirre; Upper classes: Angelina Pearsall, Zoey Pearsall, Amy Sowden, Natasha Tetrault, and Courtney Fogleman.

Vacation Bible School will be **June 19-23** and we invite all of our students to be part of the engaging week as we journey through the Workshop of Wonders.

Next year will be filled with more teachings about how Jesus brings joy, comfort and compassion into our lives. Confirmation classes for our older students will be taught by Rev. Drew Terry. The Christian Ed Committee is always open to suggestions and more volunteers

for activities to broaden the experiences of our youth.

*Thanks to all for a great year!  
Christian Education Committee*

**Thank you, Betty Ashcraft, for your excellent leadership**

### **Thank you**

#### *Spring Clean*

Spring Clean 2017 was quite a success! It was an easier job as Linda Thomsen and Oledeen Bermensolo have done a wonderful job with the weekly cleaning. Windows were cleaned, flower beds were weeded and re-arranged, and all manner of other cleaning and sprucing up was done on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Gail Banner, Eddie and Sherry Bush, Linda and Phil Miller, Linda and Randy Ramsey, Lee Wright, and Heidi Harris.

A special Thank You to the Scouts representing Boy Scout Troop 57 with Heidi Harris and Girl Scout Troops 223 and 274 with leader, Wendy Franklin. Thank you so much for helping with our annual Spring Clean. Your help was much appreciated.

#### *Grounds work beyond the Spring Clean*

Thank you to Linda Ramsey, Ramona Yrazabal and Lee Wright for all the magnificent work that was done on the Ethel Wolfe Rose Garden.

Thank you to Linda and Randy Ramsey, Gail Banner and Lee Wright for the extensive work done on the front flower bed – removing dead and overgrown vegetation and cleaning it up and making it a very attractive part of our church property.

And to whoever planted the primroses in the little flowerbed by the front doors – Thank you!

#### *Church Supplies*

Thank you to whoever left a package of 8.5 x 14 (legal) sized paper in the church office on Palm Sunday. Thank you so much. This is the paper this very newsletter is printed on. Thank you!

Thank you to Windy and Marlene Osborn for the donation of a Costco sized box of garbage bags. Much used and much needed! Thank you!

Thank you, Kendra Schroeder, for the beautiful fall flower arrangement that will fit perfectly in the alcove by the altar.

#### *One Great Hour of Sharing*

The One Great Hour of Sharing contributions this year was \$569. Thank you for supporting members of God's family you have never even met.

### *Maurie Townsend Underwear Offering*

39 packages equaling 217 garments. That's what this generous church family donated to the Maurie Townsend Underwear Offering. This will help so many disadvantaged people gain a little dignity and comfort. Thank you so much for your generosity.

### *Holy Week*

Thank you to Sherry and Eddie Bush for setting the Maundy Thursday table and Ramona Yrazabal, Linda Miller, and Barb Fogleman for preparing the soups. Thank you to the Bell Choir and Chancel Choir for providing music for the Good Friday service and Betty Parks for playing the organ.

### *Easter!*

He has risen, indeed! And what a celebration. Thank you to all who helped make this celebration possible. Thank you for all the donations of food for the breakfast and candy for the egg hunt. Thank you to the 61 people who joined us for breakfast. Thank you to all those who arrived at the church *early* to prepare and serve the breakfast and then clean up afterwards: Joe McNeal, CD Houston, Ken Hill, Lawrence Pearsall, Eddie Bush, Tony Deal, Gene Mussler, and Lee Wright (supplied the flowers) all coordinated by Curtis Carlin.

Thank you for all those who stuffed the Easter eggs and all those who hid them. And all those parents and grandparents who brought their children out to look for them!

Thank you to the Bell Choir and Chancel Choir for beautiful music and to Marlene Osborn and Ruth Schreiner for providing the accompaniment.

Thank you, Brent Garretson, for the beautiful solo of "I Walked Where Jesus Walked".

And thank you Pastor Drew for leading us all in worship and celebration.

### *Vacation Bible School*

Vacation Bible will happen and it will be from **June 19 through June 23, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**, for ages 4-11.

This year's theme will be "Workshop of Wonder." We'll need volunteers to teach and help set-up and run the kitchen

If you would like to help please contact the office or Ken Andersen.

## 2017 Directory

The 2017 Directory will be a pictorial directory and we will be doing it sometime after Rally Day in September. Life Touch Photography will be doing the portraits. As we get closer to the time, we will announce an actual date and get you all the information you need to make plans for this event. The last pictorial directory was done in 2007, so an update is definitely in order!

### *Pilgrim Cove News*

#### *Spring Work Weekends*

Can you clean, paint, hold a ladder, change a lightbulb, enjoy eating spaghetti and meatballs? If ANY of these things fall in your wheelhouse we **NEED** you for opening the camp for the 2017 Summer Season!

When? May 12-14 and May 19-21

All meals and lodging for the weekend are covered in exchange for help with getting the camp open. Chef Lu sets a fine table for sure! Please contact the camp by May 8<sup>th</sup> so we can make sure to order the right amount of food. 208-634-5555 or [manager@pilgrimcovecamp.org](mailto:manager@pilgrimcovecamp.org)

Hope to see you soon!!

#### *Summer Camp*

Summer camp will be the July 9<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

If you have youth or know youth from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade who are interested in camp, the cost this year is projected to be \$350. Deadline for applying for a Pilgrim Cove Camp scholarship of \$120 is **May 31<sup>st</sup>**. The church office has the contact information for this scholarship.

#### *Summer Employment at Pilgrim Cove Camp*

Pilgrim Cove Camp is getting ready for their summer season and that means hiring summer workers.

They need 3 lifeguards, 3 kitchen staff, and 2 housekeepers. The positions have hourly pay as well as room and board.

The pay will be: lifeguards \$10 an hour and if needed they can arrange for the training. Dishwashers will be hired at \$9.50/hr, Prep Cook at \$10/hr, and housekeepers \$8.50/hr. The season goes from Memorial Day through at least Labor Day. Lifeguards should be at least 18; kitchen staff and housekeeping no younger than 16. It

would be great to have adults (18+) apply as well.

If you or someone you know would like to experience the beauty of Pilgrim Cove Camp, please have them contact Lori at 208-634-5555 or [manager@pilgrimcovecamp.org](mailto:manager@pilgrimcovecamp.org). to discuss the application process. They hope to have these positions filled by mid-May.

You can also apply on line at:

<http://www.pilgrimcovecamp.com/jobs/>

### ***May Anniversaries***

- 1 – Gail and Roger Banner
- 3 – Beth and Leonard DeVore
- 5 – Carrie and Billy Roeder
- 9 – Merrilee and John Hiler
- 20 – Joyce and Harris Allgood
- 27 – Linda and Orville Thomsen
- 27 – Kristy and Jim Blanksma

### ***May Birthdays***

- 4 – Gene Mussler
- 5 – John Hiler
- 9 – Curtis Carlin
- 11 – Frank Dillard
- 12 – Rebecca Ashcraft
- 13 – Nancy Mason
- 13 – Marlene Osborn
- 13 – Stephen Straley Jr.
- 23 – Dave Perez
- 25 - Oledeen
- Bermensolo
- 27 – Adam Marsh
- 28 – Jeremy Loosli
- 29 – Kathy Mori
- 30 – Veva Ferguson

### ***Special Angels for May***

#### **LITURGISTS** (Mildred McNeal)

- 7 – Betty Ashcraft
- 14 – Maurie Townsend
- 21 – Wade Baumgardner
- 28 – Jennifer Andersen

#### **GREETERS** (Diane Venski)

- 7 – Lee Wright
- 14 – Rose Pearsall
- 21 – Oledeen Bermensols
- 28 – Diane Venski and grandchildren

#### **FELLOWSHIP HOUR** (Sign-up Sheet)

- 7 – Mollie and Frank Marsh
- 14 – Mimi Carlton
- 21 – Potluck
- 28 – Chuck and Vicki Eckenrod

#### **FLOWERS** (Sign-up Sheet)

- 7 – Mollie and Frank Marsh
- 14 – Linda Thomsen
- 21 – Need a volunteer
- 28 – Ken Hill

#### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** (Betty Ashcraft)

- 7 – Communion – No Children's Church
- 14 – Heidi Harris
- 21 – Betty Ashcraft
- 28 – Ken Andersen

#### **USHERS** (Mike Marten)

#### **PARAMENTS** (Allen and Heidi Harris)

#### **COMMUNION** (Heidi Harris)

#### **NURSERY** (Debi Deal/Sara Duty)

### ***Pastor's Page***

Dear loved ones in Christ,

It is a beautiful spring day and it feels like the season of Resurrection! I am filled with joy to be with you on this journey. One powerful aspect of Christian theology and resurrection faith is the paradoxical intersection of fulfilled joy and hope for God's complete revelation. We are called to celebrate the beauty of now, and encouraged to keep seeking God's blessings.

I continue to be grateful for this community and call. The past three months have been filled with grace. The church has made my family and I feel welcomed. Together all of us have journeyed together through Lent, and been refreshed in God's promise of everlasting life. True excitement lies in the reality that our journey has only begun.

Over the past few months I have gotten to know a few of you and likewise you have learned a little about me. It is time to keep hearing one another's stories, discovering who we are in this moment, and let this knowledge guide us to answer God's hope-filled call.

One way this will happen will be with coffee hours. I will begin hosting coffee office hours at the Mountain Home Library from 10 to noon every Wednesday, starting May 3. During this time, all are welcome to come visit me and simply chat. We can talk about whatever you want. God's persistent presence everywhere will break into any gathering, no matter the context, and reveal the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The more we get to know one another the more we will be able join one another seeking Christ. As the old adage goes, "If you want a vibrant congregation all you need is a coffee pot!"

I want to take this time to encourage you to reach out to me at any time. I am using Friday's as my Sabbath. Any other day of the week I would be happy to schedule a visit. Folks are also welcome to drop in during office hours. The more we know one another the more we will discover the Divine light. Let me know a good time and I'd love to chat!

Blessings  
Rev. Drew

# May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 p.m. Diaconate Board 7 p.m. BSA	2 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	3 3:30 GST #223	4 6 p.m. Bell practice 7 p.m. Choir practice 6 p.m. GST #274	5	6
7 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship with Communion <b>Christian Ed after worship</b>	8 7 p.m. Trustees 7 p.m. BSA	9 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	10 11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 3:30 GST #223	11 6 p.m. Bell choir 7 p.m. Choir 6 p.m. GST #274	12 12 p.m. Women's Fellowship with Jade's Bridal Shower	13
<b>Mother's Day</b> 14 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship <b>Blanket Sunday</b>	15 7 p.m. BSA	16	17 3:30 Girl Scout Troop #223	18 4 – 5 p.m. Children's House Graduation 6 p.m. Bell 7 p.m. Choir 6 p.m. GST #274	19	20
<b>Last Sunday School Sunday</b> 21 10 a.m. Sunday School <b>Last</b> 11 a.m. Worship Potluck & Cake	22 7 p.m. Church Council 7 p.m. BSA	23	24 11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study	25	26	27 Pastor Drew and Jade's wedding 4 p.m. @ Boise 1st
28 <b>10 a.m. Worship</b>	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30	31		☪ Acolyte Sunday and Graduate Sunday	

# June 2017

(this calendar subject to change)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
<b>Pentecost</b> 4 10 a.m. Worship with Communion	5 7 p.m. Diaconate Board 7 p.m. BSA	6	7	8	9	10
11 10 a.m. Worship	12 7 p.m. Trustees 7 p.m. BSA	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17
Father's Day 18 10 a.m. Worship	19 7 p.m. Christian Ed 7 p.m. BSA	20	21	22	23	24
25 10 a.m. Worship	26 7 p.m. Church Council 7 p.m. BSA	27	28	29	30	