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Western Regional Youth Event

Fundraiser

Cara Grindle and Angelina Pearsall are going to Hawai'i!

It is a blessing to announce we are sending two of our young adults, Angelina Pearsall and Cara Grindle, to the United Church of Christ Western Regional Youth Event (WRYE). The event will be in Honolulu from **June 25 to June 29**. This is a church gathering of youth and youth leaders from UCC churches throughout the western states. The gathering is held every other year and it rotates locations. The event promises to be an empowering moment for Cara and Angel to interact with other UCC youth, discuss important church issues, and feel affirmed as empowered church leaders.

Hawai'i is one of the largest and most diverse conferences in our denomination. They are eager to show all participants the various ministries, service projects available, and to offer a deeper understanding of the UCC's diversity and mission. The conference is offering a plethora of workshops, speakers, and service opportunities.

The estimated cost of the trip is \$1,500 per person. This includes airfare, lodging, and food for the entire week. In order to stay within this amount, we have set a timeline to raise the needed funds of a total \$3,000 by **Easter, April 1, 2018**. We have already had \$270 offered and another \$30 pledged. We are on our way! Between now and Easter, Cara, Angel, and members of the Christian Education team will lead different information sessions and fund-raising events. Please stay tuned to worship announcements, the bulletin and email for dates and events.

If you have any questions, thoughts, or want to know how to contribute please contact the office or me at revdrewterry1957@gmail.com.

Here is a link to the event's website to learn more. <https://www.uccwrye.com/>

It is a joy and blessing to have a generous community willing to embark on this wonderful journey.

*Thank you
Blessings
Rev. Drew*

Lenten Disciplines

Wednesday Lenten potluck and meditations

Our traditional Wednesday Lenten Potluck and Meditation has begun. At **6 p.m.** we will share in a potluck supper. Please bring food to share and your place setting. Beverages will be provided.

At 6:30, we will begin the Lenten meditation, which will be based on the book *The Stories We Live* by Kathleen A. Cahalan. More books are on order. Electronic versions of the book are also available from Barnes and Nobles and Amazon. If you wish to make a donation to offset the cost, each book is \$12.

This is a wonderful tradition that will help enrich your Lenten experience. Join us in the fellowship and growth that this season has to offer.

One Great Hour of Sharing

The 2018 theme for this offering is "**More than we can imagine**". For more information about One Great Hour of Sharing and the hope your offering gives, go to www.ucc.org/oghs.

Coin boxes and giving suggestion calendars are available from the bulletin table in the sanctuary or from the church office.

This offering will be collected on **Palm Sunday, March 25th**.

The Maurie Townsend Underwear Offering

Our traditional annual *Maurie Townsend Underwear Offering* will be taken every Sunday during Lent, ending on **Palm Sunday, March 25th**.

It may sound like a truly bizarre name, but this offering accomplishes a wonderful and not often thought of service for the disadvantaged in our community. It provides undergarments of all kinds for all kinds of people – men, women, boys, girls, petite, not-so-petite and on and on.

Any time during Lent, bring in new, unopened packages of any type of undergarments - socks, underwear, t-shirts, ANY kind of undergarment - for any age group or gender. There is a basket at the back of the Sanctuary where you can put your offerings any Sunday during Lent.

When all the offerings are collected, they will be taken to El-Ada or St. Vincent de Paul for distribution to the disadvantaged in our area.

Easter Candy, Please?

The Christian Education Board has *plenty* of eggs. But they are all empty. **Between now and Sunday, March 18th**, please bring in your donations of Easter candy.

Your donation needs to be nut-free, individually wrapped and small enough to fit in a plastic egg.

If you would like to help fill all the eggs we have with all the candy you bring, we will be filling eggs after worship on **Sunday, March 25th**.

Thank you for your continued generosity with this annual event.

2018 Directory

The 2018 Directories are in. There are a limited number of them right now, but more are being ordered. We will try to give families who had photos done first and then we will hand them out until they are gone. These will *not* be mailed out.

If you cannot get out to get your directory or you are one of our long-distance members, please contact the office and we will make arrangements to get you your directory. Email: churchinfo@mhfccucc.org Phone: (208)587-4969.

Also – there is a **Mobile Directory** that can be viewed on any electronic device – smartphone, tablet, or home computer. For security reasons, the link and access code must be requested. If you would like to have access to this, please send an email to the church office and we will send you the link and the access code.

Women of the Church

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship potluck and meeting for March will be held on **Friday, March 9th** at **noon** in the Fellowship Hall.

ALL women of the church are invited to join us as we learn more about caring and sharing.

Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will be **Wednesday, March 14th** and **Wednesday, March 28th** at **11:00** in the Pastor's office.

We are currently studying *Wrestling with Angels*. This is a study with six chapters and each one is

a stand-alone study which includes a video and then discussion. So feel free to pick and choose which one you would be able to attend. Below are the remaining studies and our schedule -

Mar 14 - *Forgiving (How Do I Forgive and Get On with My Life?)* - Lewis Smedes

Mar 28 - *Doubt (How Can I Question and Still Believe?)* - Madeleine L'Engle

Apr 11 - *Love (Why is Loving So Hard?)* - Keith Miller

If you wish to be placed on the Women's Bible Study email list, please send an email to the church office at churchinfo@mhfccucc.org.

Flowers and Fellowship

If you indicated on your Time and Talent pledge card that you would like to host a Fellowship Hour or provide flowers for the altar, there are sign-up sheets on the table at the back of the Sanctuary for this.

Pick a Sunday or two (or three!) that works for you, put your name on the line so it's reserved for you and that's all there is to it.

If you have any questions about either of these ministries, contact one of the women in Women's Fellowship or the church office.

Saturday night, March 10th

Daylight Savings begins on **Sunday, March 11th**. Be sure to mark your calendars to turn your clocks **ahead** Saturday night before you go to bed.

Spring Clean

The Annual Spring Clean will be **Saturday, March 24th**, **beginning at 9 a.m.** This event is open to *all* members/attendees of the church, not just the Trustees. Come on out and help clean windows, woodwork, the nursery, and weather permitting, the flower beds. Bring your favorite cleaning equipment and come join the fun.

Easter Lily Dedications

If you would like to dedicate an Easter lily this year, you may bring it to the church any time the office is open during Holy Week, **March 26th – 29th**. If you would like your memorial or honorable mention to be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletins, please have that information to the church office by **1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27th**. Office hours are from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Forms for dedications will be on the table at the back of the Sanctuary beginning **March 4th**, but please do not bring your lily in until Holy Week.

No Sunday School

Due to Spring Break, there will be no Sunday School on **Sunday, March 25th** and no Sunday School on **Easter Sunday, April 1st**.

Holy Week/Easter

Palm Sunday, March 25th, regular worship time of 11 a.m. This is when we will take the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering and conclude the Maurie Townsend Underwear Offering.

Wednesday, March 28th NO Lenten Potluck and Meditation on

Maundy Thursday Meager Meal, Thursday, **March 29th at 6 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall

Good Friday Service, Friday, **March 30th** at *Grace Lutheran* at **7 p.m.**

Easter Sunday, April 1st

7 a.m. – Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

7:45 a.m. – Easter Breakfast given by the men of the church

8:15 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt

NO Sunday School

11 a.m. – Easter Regular Worship

Thank You

Betty Ashcraft

Thank you, Betty Ashcraft, for 12 years *in a row* of serving on the Christian Education Committee. Your dedication and countless hours of hard work has been much appreciated. Your bright and kind spirit shine in how you have brought the children of the church closer to God with each song, dance and script you have taught them.

To Jennifer Dillenbeck

Thank you, Jennifer Dillenbeck, for sharing your talent with the violin at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, January 13, 2018. Your gift of music was much appreciated and enjoyed.

To the Cleaning Crew

Thank you to Eddie Bush, Linda Ramsey, and Lee Wright – and Sasha – for the hours of hard work they put in to cleaning the back storage room. It was quite the job with some interesting discoveries. It looks much better – and we can find things again! Thank you all very much.

From the Ronald McDonald House

“Thank you for your donation of wish list items including personal hygiene items, bath and body sets, kids’ activity books, and games. Your gift helps keep families together and close to the medical care their children need.

Sincerely,

Kelly Staskey

Director of House Operations”

Joe B. and Mildred McNeal

Thank you to Joe and Mildred McNeal for the wonderful potluck you provided after worship on February 18th in observance of Black History Sunday. The McNeals provided us with a delicious meal of pulled pork, a choice of 3 sauces, Joe B. Slaw, barbecue beans and, of course, cake. No one left hungry! Thank you, Joe and Mildred! Thank you to all those who pitched in to help set up, serve and clean up afterwards. The many hands were much appreciated.

Looking Ahead

Annual Rummage Sale

The Women’s Fellowship Annual Rummage Sale is scheduled for **Saturday, April 28th**. Now is the time to start cleaning out those garages, attics, basements, and spare bedrooms for those gently used items that help the ladies make this sale possible.

Please remember, we cannot take any items that would cost the Women’s Fellowship to dispose of if they don’t sell. This would include any hazardous chemicals or old electronic items – old computers, televisions and the like.

Contacts for this event are Linda Miller, Judy Case or Nancy Allen.

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.mhfcucc.org) or via email (churchinfo@mhfcucc.org). Scholarships are available.

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.

Birthdays in March

2 – Patrick Harris	18 – Nick Dillenbeck
3 – Amy Aggen	18 – Bob Roberts
8 – Joseph Dillard	19 – Jay Townsend
10 – Lucille Gregory	20 – Mary Ethel Langfitt
11 – Genara Toy	23 – Mickie Betts
11 – Zoey Pearsall	24 – Doran Carbaugh
12 – Betty Celaya	25 – Carolyn Estes
14 – Bobbi Kelly	25 – Rita Olson
14 – Jean Leonard	25 – Sylvia Sisneros
15 – Alice Washington	29 – Matthew Houston

Anniversaries in March

- 3 – Pauline and Michael Marten
- 8 – Mollie & Frank Marsh
- 24 – Doran & Ed Carbaugh
- 28 – Gloria & Leon Gaub
- 31 – Mildred & Joe B McNeal

Special Angels for March

LITURGISTS (Pastor Drew)

- 4 – Ramona Yrazabal
- 11 – Pastor Drew
- 18 – Pastor Drew
- 25 – Gail Banner

GREETERS (Ken Hill)

- 4 – Betty Ashcraft
- 11 – Ken Hill
- 18 – Oledeen Bermensolo
- 25 – C.D. Houston

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (Sign-up sheet)

- 4 – Linda Thomsen
- 11 – Rose Pearsall
- 18 – Lauren Tomsic
- 25 –

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Sign-up sheet)

- 4 – Communion – No Children's Church
- 11 – Heidi Harris
- 18 – Betty Ashcraft
- 25 – Ken Andersen

NURSERY (Debi Deal)

USHERS (Ann Carlin)

FLOWERS (Sign-up sheet)

- 4 – Linda Thomsen
- 11 – Cynthia Van Blaricom
- 18 – Cynthia Van Blaricom
- 25 – Cynthia Van Blaricom/Palms

PARAMENTS (Allen and Heidi Harris)

COMMUNION (Heidi Harris)

From the Pastor

Dear siblings in Christ,

My move to Idaho was a clear blessing and necessity. I had never been as confident about anything in my life as I did when I answered the call to leave my home and become a pastor. The joy and excitement were blissful. The first year was filled with multiple signs of God's presence as I completed a successful year

of ministry, met new friends and supportive colleagues, and fell in love with my spouse. It was not all perfect. A sadness came from the realization of all I had left behind and let go of in order to embrace God's call and love.

I had almost unconsciously released 20 plus years of friendships, my favorite foods and safe spaces to go in times of trouble, and time with family. Most distinctly was the loss of time with my grandmother. We used to eat breakfast together and watch classic movies. My favorite memory is the night I fell asleep on the couch as we watched *Gone with the Wind* and I awoke to my grandmother calling, "Rhett, wake up." The joy and assurance of God's path came with the grief of what God had compassionately empowered me to release.

This month is the heart of lent. I have been struggling to think of what our community must let go of, and instead am thinking of the many ways we can joyfully embrace God's blessings. The last few weeks of February and the entire month of March we are celebrating our mission with one another and the world. We were blessed to celebrate and learn more about our ministry with the Boy Scouts. We once again persisted in celebrating Black History Sunday as we seek to renew our work of racial justice in the world.

This coming month is Women's history. We will celebrate how our church empowers women in our community to live out God's call. We will celebrate our own Women's Fellowship and their transformative ministry, our church's ministry with the Girl Scouts, and our partnership with a non-profit that helps families and is run almost entirely by women. These are praises to God for the opportunities we have been given, and the bountiful ways we have brought the gospel of Christ into the world. I hope and pray this journey affirms our strengths and helps us renew our vision and mission.

Will we let go of something this season? I am not sure. Maybe in the process, like my move to Idaho, we will have a memory of the past that we realize is difficult today. We need to grieve our loss. The hope is the path we are on, the one of dancing in the midst of both God's new song and the human pain of loss, guides us to the Easter promise of resurrection and eternal life. Maybe our Lenten story is not what Jesus resisted in the wilderness, but what Jesus sought to accept as guidance.

Whatever happens and wherever we go we have the love of one another, God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. These are what led us to now and may they lead us forevermore. I am blessed to share this journey with you.

Blessings
Rev. Drew Terry

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
CWD = Coffee with Drew WBS = Women's Bible Study	Confirmation Class: 11th, 18th, and 25th			1 12:30 – 3 p.m. <u>Family Advocacy</u> 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	2	3
Third Sunday of Lent 4 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion Diaconate mtg.	5 3:30 GSA 7 BSA	6 7 p.m. Cubs	7 <u>10 – 12 CWD</u> <u>3:30 GSA</u> 6 p.m. Lenten potluck and meditation	8 12:30 – 3 p.m. <u>Family Advocacy</u> 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	9 12 p.m. Women's Fellowship potluck and mtg.	10 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Confirmation Retreat here Turn clocks forward at bedtime
Fourth Sunday of Lent 11 Girl Scout Sunday 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship DST – Forward 1 hour	12 3:30 GSA 7 BSA 7 p.m. Trustees	13 8 – 8 Voting	14 <u>10 – 12 CWD</u> <u>11 a.m. WBS</u> <u>3:30 GSA</u> 6 p.m. Lenten potluck and meditation	15 12:30 – 3 p.m. <u>Family Advocacy</u> 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
Fifth Sunday of Lent 18 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	19 3:30 GSA 7 BSA	20 6 p.m. Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby	21 <u>10 – 12 CWD</u> <u>3:30 GSA</u> 6 p.m. Last Lenten potluck and meditation	22 12:30 – 3 p.m. <u>Family Advocacy</u> 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	23	24 9 a.m. Spring Clean
Palm Sunday 25 OGHS and Maurie Townsend offering ends 11 a.m. Worship Christian Ed Meeting	26 7 p.m. Church Council	27	28 <u>10 – 12 CWD</u> 11 a.m. WBS	29 6 p.m. Maundy Thursday Meager Meal 7 Choir practice	30 Good Friday 7 p.m. Good Friday Service at Grace Lutheran Church	31

April 2018 – subject to change

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Easter 1 7 a.m. Sunrise 7:45 Breakfast 8:15 Egg hunt 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion	2 3:30 GSA 7 BSA	3 7 p.m. Cubs	4 10 – 12 Coffee with Drew	5 12:30 – 3 p.m. <u>Family Advocacy</u> 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	6	7
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29 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 1 p.m. Confirmation	30					Confirmation: 15th, 22nd, 29th