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Summer Craft Days

Creating is always more fun with friends. So on that note on **Fridays July 7th and 21st and August 4th and 18th at 1:00 p.m.** the church will be open for crafters of every kind to come and work on their crafts or help others with theirs. Bring your supplies and create with good friends, fellow crafters, and *air conditioning*.

Quiet Books Project

During Craft Days, the women of Women's Fellowship will be putting together the ever-popular Quiet Books to sell at the Christmas Bazaar. But they need your help.

If you could join the ladies for a Friday afternoon or two to help cut the pieces out for the Quiet Books, that would be beyond wonderful! They have all the materials they need; they just need willing hands to help prep the pieces. If you have questions, please contact Linda Ramsey or the church office.

On Vacation!

The secretary will be out of the office from Thursday, July 13th through Monday, July 31st. We are endeavoring to get the bulletins printed ahead of time to make it easier on those who have graciously offered their time to be in the office while she's gone. On that note, if you have any announcements that should be in the bulletins for the 16th, 23rd, or 30th, please have them to the office by Monday, July 10th. Thank you so much for your timely help with this.

Summer Music

Do you have musical talent you would like to share with the church? Do you have friends or family who would like to share their musical talent with our church?

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.

Yard work help needed

A Friday or Saturday afternoon is all that we need. If you can come mow the church lawn one of those afternoons this summer, it would be a HUGE help. We have the equipment; we just need the man (or woman) power. Contact Eddie Bush or the office to arrange a time to get the key to the shed where the mower is stored.

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 2017 that you would like to serve on a board or committee? Now's your chance!

We have begun to look for replacements for those whose terms are up at the end of the year.

At present, the openings coming up are: for the three (3) year term commitments – 2 on the Diaconate Board – 1 woman and 1 man, 2 on Trustees, 1 for Christian Education and 1 for the Pilgrim Cove Board representative.

For the one (1) year term commitments: the church clerk, the youth coordinator, and assistant moderator, and there are 6 openings on Social Committee,

If you would like more information about what these groups do or are interested in serving on one of the boards or committees, please contact the church office at 587-4969 and we will get you the information you're looking for or give your name and number to the Nominating Committee and some one will contact you.

Pilgrim Cove Camps

Summer Youth Camp

UCC Youth camp is July 9th – 15th. Please, contact the office for more information.

Women's Camp

Women's Camp will be August 8 - 10. Cost for each camper is \$60 for 2 nights lodging and up to 5 meals. We have a fantastic keynote speaker for Wednesday evening retired UCC Pastor,

Diane Dulin will be sharing with us how the women involved with the YWCA in Palestine are experiencing God's beauty on a daily basis.

Registration forms are on the bulletin table, on our church's website, or you may contact the camp to reserve you space:

pilgrimvecmp@outlook.com

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship is taking a break for the summer. **However!** There will be a non-business meeting luncheon on the second Friday in August, **Friday, August 11th**, just for the fun of it. Watch the website and the Sunday bulletin for the location of the luncheon.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study is taking a break for summer. They will begin meeting again the second and fourth Wednesdays in **September – the 13th and 27th** – continuing the *Uppity Women of the Bible* series.

Going away for the Summer?

Will your summer adventures be taking you away from town for a while? 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
ATTN: Eddie Bush
P. O. Box 659
Mountain Home, ID 83647.

Thank You!

Vacation Bible School

The "Workshop of Wonders" VBS was held during the week of June 19 to 23. We had 17 students during the week who had a fantastic time. This fun filled week was accomplished due to the hard work of our faithful staff.

Teachers: Melissa Andersen; Lisa Knapp (Grace), Mollie Marsh, Laura Bentz (Grace), Mimi Carlton, Rose Pearsall, and Betty Ashcraft.

The Kitchen Staff: Nancy Sobien, Jean Etter (Christian/Baptist), Barbara Bogard (Grace), MaryAnn Hamilton, and Rosalie Finlayson (Grace).

The Youth Staff: Amy Sowden (music), Zach Schultz (4-6/Grace), Angelina Pearsall (Pre-K), Zoey Pearsall (K-1), Weston Smith & Grace Shieler (2-3), Brant Jordan (crafts), and Derek Schultz (activities/Grace).

And a special *THANK YOU* to the behind the scenes personnel: Jennifer Andersen (copies & keeping me straight); Linda Thomsen and Oledeen Bermensolo (janitorial) and Eddie Bush (hot dog burner extraordinaire).

The biggest *THANK YOU* of all:

All the generous people who donated snack foods and money for supplies that made this Vacation Bible School possible.

*Thank you all.
Ken Andersen.*

Yard work

To all those who help take care of the flower beds and lawns around the church, a heartfelt THANK YOU!

If you wish to weed a flower bed or even just a section of one, feel free to do so. You don't need special permission to do this. We especially need help keeping the Rose Garden looking nice. Gail Banner, Lee Wright, and Linda Ramsey welcome any and all helpers.

****Food Bank****

Don't forget the Big Blue Bucket. When you can, pick up an extra item or two when you are doing your own grocery shopping and bring your extras to the Big Blue Bucket to be taken over to the food bank at Grace Lutheran. Your donations mean so much to so many.

Public Service Announcement

Free food! Free summer meals are being provided for kids and teens from June 1st through August 8th at Carl Miller Park (American Legion and 10th Ave) and Skyview Apartments (945 W. 5th North).

- ✓ Free to kids and teens ages 1 – 18
- ✓ Low cost meals for adults
- ✓ Healthy meals based on USDA nutrition guidelines
- ✓ Fun, safe place for kids and teens to be active and visit with friends
- ✓ Helps families save money
- ✓ No application or proof of income needed

For more information, go to
www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks

Children's Church

Children's Church is for children from kindergarten through 3rd grade. Children in the 4th grade and up are invited to remain in regular church. Children below kindergarten age may go to the nursery where care will be provided.

Looking Ahead

Rally Day

Rally Day will be the second Sunday of September, **September 10th**. This marks the beginning of our Sunday school program with **Sunday school at 10 a.m. and Worship with Communion at 11 a.m.**

If you've been considering being a Sunday school teacher or assistant, this is when it all starts. Contact Betty Ashcraft or the church office to get your name added to the list.

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!

In Loving Memory

Veva Mae Ferguson
May 30, 1915 – June 17, 2017

July Birthdays

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1 – Vicki Eckenrod | 17 – Laurie Simono |
| 4 – Nolan Freeman | 19 – Stephanie LaClair |
| 5 – Dorraine Aggen | 23 – Chris Albright |
| 7 – John Hooley | 23 – Carl Case |
| 10 – Johanna Mori | 26 – CD Houston |
| 12 – Ken Andersen | 28 – Ann Carlin |
| 13 – Roger Banner | 28 – Ruth Schreiner |
| 13 – Judy Case | 30 – Timothy Browne |
| | 31 – Cassie Duty |

July Anniversaries

- 9 – Alan and Carolyn Estes
10 – Nancy & Skip Sobien
21 – Genera & Henry Toy

Special Angels for July

LITURGISTS (Gail Trueba)

- 2 – Tony Deal
9 – Lawrence Pearsall
16 – Heidi Harris
23 – Grace Townsend
30 – Tony Deal

GREETERS (Mildred McNeal)

- 2 – Molly and Frank Marsh
9 – Mary Ann Hamilton
16 –
23 – Linda Ramsey and Sherry Bush
30 – Jennifer Dillenbeck

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Betty Ashcraft)

- 2 – Ken Andersen
9 – Ken Andersen
16 – Betty Ashcraft
23 – Heidi Harris
30 – Betty Ashcraft

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (Sign-up sheet)

- 2 – Gail Banner
9 – The Pailles
16 – Mike and Pauline Marten
23 – Helena DeWeerd
30 – Mimi Carlton

USHERS (Curtis Carlin)

FLOWERS (Sign-up Sheet)

- 2 – Mickie Betts
9 – Gail Banner
16 – Linda Miller
23 –
30 – Mickie Betts

PARAMENTS (Heidi and Allen Harris)

From the Pastor

August Birthdays

1 – Shirley Curt 27 – Sandy O’Connell
8 – Gail Trueba 28 – Madilynn Carlton
12 – Nathan Parker 29 – Ramona Yrazabal
25 – James Albright 30 – Kenneth Hill
25 – Jan Jensen 31 – Lori Albright
 31 – Marty Veldman

August Anniversaries

3 – Debi and Tony Deal
9 – Jean and Jay Leonard
10 – Laurie and Rick Simono
11 – Marlene and Windy Osborn
13 – Barbara and Roger Fogleman
14 – Terri Jones and Truman Parker
17 – Jo and Phil Gridley
22 – Sally and Harold Henderson
28 – Anya and Raffael Lichdi

Special Angels for August

LITURGISTS (Jennifer Dillenbeck)

6 – Chris Paille
13 – Ken Hill
20 – Gail Banner
27 – Mildred McNeil

GREETERS (Lawrence Pearsall)

6 – Rose and Lawrence Pearsall
13 – Nadine Roberts
20 – Tony Deal
27 – Mollie Marsh

CHILDREN’S CHURCH (Betty Ashcraft)

6 – Communion – No Children’s Church
13 – Heidi Harris
20 – Betty Ashcraft
27 – Ken Andersen

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (Sign-up Sheet)

6 – Jennifer Dillenbeck
13 – Mary Ann Hamilton
20 – Mimi Carlton
27 – Rose Pearsall

USHERS (Ken Hill)

FLOWERS (Sign-up Sheet)

6 – Ramona Yrazabal
13 – Mickie Betts
20 – Mickie Betts
27 – Elin Colthorp

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COMMUNION (Mike Marten)

Dear loved ones in Christ,

Happy Summer! I hope and pray you are having a safe and joy filled summer. This summer I am working on our upcoming program year. This is a special year because we will be celebrating our 125th anniversary!

The festivities kick off with a birthday party on July 9. July 12, 1892 marks the first recorded gathering of the Mountain Home Congregationalists. Sunday, July 9, during coffee hour we will party and officially begin giving thanks to God for a century and a quarter of love and community.

The fall and the period following July 9 will be an intentional, joyous delve into the vibrant history of our community, reflections on who we have become over the years, and the initiation to discerning who God calls us to be. This birthday will be unique. It will be a time to deepen self-awareness as both a community and as individuals.

The beauty of this process is it is perfect for the beginning of a new ministry. When a church calls a new pastor it takes a long time of listening and prayerful observation to discover what God’s doing and how we are to respond. The most guiding resource is our own stories. Our 125th is a moment to step back, retell, rehear, and discover who we are and are calling.

This is going to happen in multiple ways and places. Two primary places are the Sunday school classes. Our adult Sunday school is going to embark on a history project to create timelines, find quirky and factual tales, and strengthen understanding of our past. The confirmation class is going to begin their discernment toward full membership with reflection on both our local community as well as the greater Christian church and our United Church of Christ denomination. These tools are enlightening toward the revelation of God’s call.

If you have any other ideas, stories, or would like to help plan our 125th please let us know. We would love to incorporate you.

Cheers to 125th! Cheers to the next 500 and more!

Blessings
Rev. Drew

July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 10 a.m. Worship †	3 Office closed	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 10 – 12 Coffee with Drew at the Library	6	7	8
9 10 a.m. Worship	10 7 p.m. Trustees 7 p.m. BSA	11	12 10 – 12 Coffee with Drew at the Library	13	14	15
16 10 a.m. Worship †	17 7 p.m. BSA †	18 †	19 †	20 †	21 †	22
23 10 a.m. Worship	24 7 p.m. BSA	25	26 10 – 12 Coffee with Drew at the Library	27	28	29
30 10 a.m. Worship	31 7 p.m. BSA			Jennifer on Vacation	† Drew out of town	

August 2017

(this calendar subject to change)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10 – 12 Coffee with Drew at the Library	3	4	5
6 10 a.m. Worship with Communion	7 7 p.m. Diaconate 7 p.m. BSA	8	9 10 – 12 Coffee with Drew at the Library	10	11 Women's Fellowship Luncheon – Time and place TBA	12
13 10 a.m. Worship	14 7 p.m. Trustees 7 p.m. BSA	15	16 10 – 12 Coffee with Drew at the Library	17	18	19
20 10 a.m. Worship	21 7 p.m. Christian Education 7 p.m. BSA	22	23 10 – 12 Coffee with Drew at the Library	24	25	26
27 10 a.m. Worship	28 7 p.m. Church Council 7 p.m. BSA	29	30 10 – 12 Coffee with Drew at the Library	31		