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There still may be time!!

Depending on when you get this newsletter, there still may be time to rummage through the Women's Fellowship Annual Rummage Sale. The Rummage Sale will run **from 8 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, April 28th**. There is quite the selection this year – tools, fishing poles, carry cases, cameras – as well as the usual fare of clothes, crafts supplies and household goods.

Women of the Church

Women's Fellowship meeting

Women's Fellowship potluck and meeting for May will be held on **Friday, May 11th** at 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be the last meeting until September. Join us in this last hurrah 'til fall. Nancy Sobien and Nadine Roberts are the hostesses for this meeting.

Women's Bible Study

The last Women's Bible Study before summer break will be on **May 2nd at 11 a.m.** We will finish up *Wrestling with Angels* These have been stand alone studies and the last one is *Love with Keith Miller - Why Is Loving So Hard?* We will also discuss possible studies for the fall. 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, Josh Roeder

Congratulations to Josh Roeder on his high school graduation and winning of the First Congregational, UCC Scholarship to be awarded to him on **Sunday, May 20th** during worship.

Confirmation Sunday

The Confirmands will be confirmed on **Sunday, May 20th** during the service. Blessings to Angelina Pearsall, Zoey Pearsall, Amy Sowden, and Cara Grindle.

End of Sunday School

Potluck Sunday

Sunday, May 20th will be the last Sunday school class for the summer. It has been a good year and Christian Education invites you to celebrate with

a cake and a potluck barbeque after worship. We will be acknowledging graduates, Sunday school kids and Confirmands. If possible, please bring a dish to share and your own place setting.

All are invited to the table

Thank you to teachers

Sunday School comes to a close on **May 20th** as we celebrate the teachers, students, and graduates with certificates, mementos, a potluck lunch and beautiful cake.

Our dedicated teachers were: Debi Deal, Rose Pearsall, Betty Ashcraft, and Rev. Drew Terry. Molly Marsh stepped in as a substitute. Providing loving nursery care were Debi Deal and Sara Duty. Our faithful students this year sang songs, read scripture, and worked on various activities. **K - 3rd Graders:** Hunter Dillenbeck, Nolan Freeman; Avalynn Bixler, Bella Byrd, Keanah Newton, Rylon Byrd; Cassidy Carpenter, Sunnie Marx; **4th - 7th Graders:** Samantha Pearsall, Courtney Fogleman, Charles Fogleman, Natasha Tetrault; **Confirmands:** Angelina Pearsall, Zoey Pearsall, Amy Sowden, Cara Grindle.

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, Jade Terry, and Ken Andersen.

Next year will be filled with more teachings about how Jesus brings joy, love, and compassion into our lives. The Christian Ed Committee is always open to suggestions and more volunteers for activities to broaden the experiences of our youth. We are also looking for a new Sunday school teacher for K-3rd Graders. Anyone who would be interested, may contact the church office, Pastor Drew, or Chris Paille, Christian Education Chair.

Thanks to all for a great year!

Christian Education Committee

Giving Opportunities in May

Blanket Sunday

Blanket Sunday will be on **Sunday, May 13th, 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. They do much more than blankets.

Strengthen the Church

On **Sunday, May 20th, Pentecost Sunday**, please join us in planting the seeds needed to grow and sustain our denomination by making a gift to the **Strengthen the Church offering**. The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

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.

Here is why we participate in the Relay For Life. Curtis was a cancer survivor of 7 years when his cancer came back May of 2017. He underwent 8 grueling weeks of radiation and has been cancer free since then. We also lost our son-in-law Nicholas Tomsic October 19, 2017 to cancer. We Relay for many reasons, but our main reason is so others, such as Curtis, can have many more birthdays. 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 & God Bless,
Ann & Curtis Carlin*

Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 27th, 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

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

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

Thank you

Rose Garden Elves

You have to be up early to catch them, but they do show up from time to time to keep the Ethel Wolfe Rose Garden looking good. Spotted on a nice morning in April were Lee Wright and Linda Ramsey trimming and weeding and feeding our lovely roses. And we thought they looked that good by magic ;)

Easter Breakfast

We had our Annual Easter Breakfast on April 1, 2018, which was headed by Curtis Carlin; there were approximately 65 people in attendance. We shared food, fun and fellowship on this Easter Sunday. The breakfast would not have been possible if it were not for all the wonderful men of the church that donated their time and talents to cooking and serving the food. A huge "THANK YOU" goes out to Eddie Bush, Curtis Carlin, Nick Dillenbeck, Al Foster, Ken Hill, Joe McNeal, Gene Mussler, Lawrence Pearsall, Calvin Scholte, and Maurie Townsend for cooking all the wonderful food that was served and enjoyed by all who attended. A huge "THANK YOU" also goes out to Lee Wright for the beautiful flowers he brought in as centerpieces for the tables; they really brightened the tables up. The men of the church look forward to doing it all again next year.

*Sincerely yours,
Curtis L. Carlin
Easter Breakfast Coordinator*

Easter!

Easter was a wonderful celebration again this year. Many kudos to the Confirmation class for a beautiful Sunrise Service. What inspiration!

Thank you to the Bell Choir and Chancel Choir for beautiful music. Harold Henderson and Marlene Osborn also gave us beautiful music to enjoy. And, of course, thank you Pastor Drew for

leading us all in worship and celebration. The 11 a.m. service was indeed a blessing.

Carpet!

During the first week of April, right after Easter, new carpet was laid in the office/nursery/hall side of the church by Camas Carpet. Not a simple task. Beginning on Monday, Linda Ramsey, Gail Banner, Mike Keas, Lee Wright and Eddie Bush began moving *everything* that wasn't nailed down, beginning with the nursery and finishing on Tuesday with Pastor Drew's office and the secretary's office. All kinds of interesting things were found in the process. But that's another story.

Then Camas carpet came in on Wednesday to tear out the old and came back on Thursday to put down the new. All during this time Linda, Lee, Eddie and Gail were here to make sure all went as planned.

But all that stuff had to be put *back* in the nursery and offices. Thank you to the original moving team of Gail, Linda, Lee, Eddie, and Mike, plus the additional help of Nancy Sobien, Elin Colthorp, Sherry Bush, Betty Ashcraft, and Al Foster who all got together on Friday to put things back.

Before any of this could be done, Gail Banner and Linda Ramsey looked at sample after sample to find the best fit for our church. Thank you Linda and Gail

None of this could have been possible without the generous donations of the church family to the building fund and the help from Women's Fellowship who paid half the cost. That money, of course, came from the fund raisers the Women's Fellowship works so diligently to put on and the church family supports. Thank you, Everybody!!

And a new desk, too

After moving all that furniture out and back in for the new carpet, it was decided that the secretary's office needed a new desk – and it is nice! Thank you to Linda and Randy Ramsey, Eddie and Sherry Bush, Nancy Sobien and Gene Mussler for the hard work of moving out the old desk and moving in the new desk. Thank you, Women's Fellowship for purchasing the new desk and bulletin board in the office. It really brightens up the place.

Again, this could not be done without the Church Family supporting the Women's Fellowship's Christmas Bazaars, Annual Rummage Sales, Pie Auctions and other fundraising events. Thank you, Church Family.

Pilgrim Cove News

Spring Work Weekends

The spring opening weekends for Pilgrim Cove Camp are **May 18-20** and **May 25-28**. We will have loads to do for sure. Our focus, of course, is getting the docks out and water on. BUT we also need some chainsaw work completed. We provide lodging and meals for all workers. It is a wonderful time of fellowship as well. To let us know you are coming up, so we have enough food and lodging, please call 208-634-5555 or email manager@pilgrimcovecamp.org

Hope to see you soon!!

Summer Camp Job Opportunities

Are you looking for summer work? Are you 17 or older? Do you like the mountains, lake and serving others? If this all applies to you, Pilgrim Cove Camp, in McCall, wants you this summer!

We need lifeguards and kitchen staff. Room, board and an hourly wage is provided. We begin Memorial Day weekend. We are willing to work around school start and end times.

If you are interested, contact the managers at: managers@pilgrimcovecamp.org or (208) 634-5555

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.

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
- 21 – Rick and Mimi Carlton
- 27 – Kristy and Jim Blanksma
- 27 – Drew and Jade Terry
- 27 – Linda and Orville Thomsen

May Birthdays

4 – Gene Mussler 25 - Oledeen Bermensolo
5 – John Hiler 27 – Adam Marsh
9 – Curtis Carlin 28 – Jeremy Loosli
13 – Nancy Mason 29 – Kathy Mori
13 – Marlene Osborn

Special Angels for May

LITURGISTS (Mildred McNeal)

6 – Betty Ashcraft
13 – Maurie Townsend
20 – Mildred McNeal
27 –

GREETERS (Gail Corlett-Trueba)

6 – C.D. Houston and Company
13 – Grace Townsend and Gail Corlett-Trueba
20 – Al Foster and Betty Ashcraft
27 – Maurie and Grace Townsend

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (Sign-up Sheet)

6 – Lauren Tomsic
13 –
20 – Potluck
27 –

FLOWERS (Sign-up Sheet)

6 –
13 – Cynthia Van Blaricom
20 – Nadine Roberts
27 – Elin Colthorp

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Chris Paille)

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

USHERS (Lawrence Pearsall)

PARAMENTS (Allen and Heidi Harris)

COMMUNION (Diane Venski)

NURSERY (Debi Deal)

Pastor's Page

Greetings siblings in Christ,

I write to you in the midst of the Easter season and on the eve of Pentecost. These are joyous seasons in our life of faith. They give us time to celebrate and reflect on the essential gifts from God of Christ's resurrection and the blessing of the Holy Spirit. I think about these seasons and the stories of the disciples during the first Easter and Pentecost. They are powerful

because these were not easy times. They were periods of confusion, conflict, and the clear need for God's power in the life of the disciples.

The disciples, during and following Easter and Pentecost, were at a loss. Their leader was physically gone. They had to move forward with Christ in a profoundly mysterious way. James, Peter, and later Paul had disagreements about how the movement would flourish and what characteristics were important. They argued frequently. The internal strife was compounded with the external challenges coming from both the religious and the secular authorities. The traditional religions feared the new group and found their teachings offensive. The government perceived them as potential threats to the status quo. These were difficult times. The first Easter and Pentecost became the moment when God's transformative power revealed through Christ shined through the disciples and gave them what they needed to flourish.

Our times are nowhere near as dire. Our church is a place where many of us go to find hope and joy. Still, we face challenges. We are in the second half of our two-year transition. This has been primarily marked with my service as the designated term pastor. We have witnessed other changes as well. Our music programs, Christian education programs, and leadership have all experienced shifts. Like Easter and Pentecost, our church is in an era of renewal, discernment, and reaffirmation of God's path toward Divine communal fulfilment. The leadership and I have agreed there is about 8 months left of our intentional searching and reclaiming of God's call. Our hope and inspiration, like the first disciples and Christians, are God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and one another.

The disciples had differences. They let God's love lead them beyond these to establish a unified movement of diverse cultures and perspectives. They empowered and supported one another with prayer, fellowship, and conversation. It was never easy. It was always faithful. The path they traveled was the one that enabled them to sow the seeds of the religion that has given us eternal joy.

Let us move forward together seeking the beautiful mystery of resurrection. Let us move boldly knowing God's Spirit is with us. Let us move together knowing wherever we go we are not alone.

It is a blessing and joy to share this journey with you. I am grateful you have allowed me to join. I am excited for what God has in store for our church.

Blessings
Rev. Drew Terry

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		7 p.m. Cubs	10 – 12 Coffee with Drew 11 a.m. Women's Bible Study 3:30 GSA	12:30 – 3 p.m. <u>Family Advocacy</u> 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion 1 p.m. Confirmation	3:30 GSA 7 BSA 7 p.m. Diaconate Board meeting	6:30 p.m. Mission and Vision Church Council 7 p.m. Cubs	10 – 12 Coffee with Drew 1:30 Children's House graduation 3:30 GSA	12:30 – 3 p.m. Family Advocacy 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	12 p.m. Women's Fellowship potluck and mtg.	12 p.m. – 6 p.m. Relay for Life Mother's Day Craft Event
Mother's Day 13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 1 p.m. Confirmation	3:30 GSA 7 BSA 6:30 Trustees	8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Voting	10 – 12 Coffee with Drew 3:30 GSA	12:30 – 3 p.m. <u>Family Advocacy</u> 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice		
Pentecost 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship With Confirmation End of Sunday School/Confirmation Potluck/BBQ	3:30 GSA 7 BSA 7 p.m. Church Council	7 p.m. Cubs?	10 – 12 Coffee with Drew 3:30 GSA	12:30 – 3 p.m. <u>Family Advocacy</u> 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice		
27	28	29	30	31	Giving	Sundays
10 a.m. Worship	Memorial Day Office Closed				Mother's Day – Blanket Sunday	Pentecost – Strengthen the Church offering

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 a.m. Worship w/ Communion After worship: Diaconate Board meeting	7 p.m. BSA					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10 a.m. Worship	7 p.m. BSA 6:30 p.m. Trustees Vac	6:30 p.m. Mission and Vision C.C. ation	Bible	Flag Day School	9 - 12	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Father's Day 10 a.m. Worship	7 p.m. BSA					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10 a.m. Worship After worship: Christian Education meeting	7 p.m. BSA 7 p.m. Regular Church Council					