

Mountain Proclamations

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Summer Craft Days

Craft Days are coming back! On Fridays, July 6th and 20th from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, we will be having our summer Craft Days. 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. Watch the bulletin and website for the rest of the schedule.

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? 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 during the summer you would like to do this.

Lady Liberty Picnic!!

Lady Liberty Picnic is back with a wrap-up of our 125th Anniversary celebration! And it will be **Sunday, July 8th at 6 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall (think, air conditioning). Hot dogs, hamburgers and lemonade will be provided by the Women's Fellowship. Bring a picnic treat to share and your place setting and come join in the food, fellowship and fun!

Combined Worship in the Park

On **Sunday, July 15th at 10 a.m.** we will join with our local sister churches, Grace Lutheran and St. James Episcopal Church for a combined worship service at **Legacy Park** at the gazebo down by the pond. This wonderful event will be followed by a potluck luncheon. Please join us for this special event. The churches will **not** be bringing chairs, so please bring lawn/camp chairs for you and your family/friends. If possible, bring a covered dish to share.

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

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.

Can you give a ride?

There is an increasing number of our members who are beginning to need rides to church and church functions. If you are able to help out in this important ministry, please contact the office with your name and number so that we can connect you with those who really need this service. Thank you so much for helping!

Treasures Report

With one Sunday remaining in the first half of 2018 we have collected \$49,668 in general funds but have spent \$54,415. Those figures do not include: \$3,209 that was donated for and then spent on the Hawaii Youth conference or \$1,423 in donations to Special Offerings which was then sent to the Conference.

The general expenditure figure does include \$2,844 for sharing outside the church (OCWM, Ministerial Association, and Conference, Pilgrim Cove, and Idaho Association dues).

So far this year we have also collected \$1,255 for the Building fund. This fund had built up to

\$4,701 from previous year donations, therefore with this year's donations the fund was up to \$5,956. From this we have spent \$472 for restriping the parking lot and \$2,505 for new carpeting in the office area (Women's Fellowship also donated an additional \$2,500 for the carpeting). The Trustees have also contracted to replace the West side windows with new energy efficient ones for \$ 3,326. (Most of those current windows have lost the seal in the double panes and have clouded up making them look bad as well as being thermally inefficient.)

	<u>General</u>	<u>Building</u>
<u>Income</u>	49,668	1,255
<u>Expenses</u>	54,415	2,977
<u>Pending Exp.</u>		3,326
<u>Difference</u>	(4,747)	(5,048)
Endowment		Previous balance
<u>Transfer</u>	12,000	4,701
Current		
<u>Balance</u>	7,253	(347)

As you can see from above, we are generally solvent but General Donations are not keeping up with spending. We have transferred \$12,000 from our endowment funds to supplement the general fund for the remainder of the year. It is through the generosity of past members and the subsequent stewardship of their final contributions that we are able to draw from our endowment funds at this time. We need to continue that stewardship by minimizing use of these funds for normal operating expenses. Please donate as you are able.

Eddie Bush
Treasurer

It's nomination time

Have you 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! 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 someone will contact you.

Women's Fellowship

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The Women's Fellowship is 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 is 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.

Going away for the Summer?

Will your summer adventures be taking you away from town for a while? 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, and The Rev Rant is 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: Frank Marsh
P. O. Box 659
Mountain Home, ID 83647.

Change of Address

Ann Parker and Paul Taggart
554 Oxbow Drive
Monument, CO 80132-6028

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*

Thank You!

A long overdue thank you

Thank you to Maurie and Grace Townsend for donating a full case of copy paper way back in February. This thank you somehow got lost in the shuffle. Thank you so much, Maurie and Grace. Paper is our number one consumable item in the office.

Vacation Bible School

The “24/7 Jesus Makes a Way Every Day” VBS was held during the week of June 11 to 15. We had 16 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: Mollie Marsh, Laurice Bentz (Grace), Drew Terry, and Reese Dixon; **Music:** Marlene Osborn; **Games:** Justin Brown; **The Kitchen Staff:** Nancy Sobien, Jean Etter (Christian and Baptist), Barbara Bogard (Grace), Oleddeen Bermensolo, Rosalie Finlayson (Grace), and Betty Frederickson, (Grace) **The Youth Staff:** Amy Sowden (music).

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

The biggest *THANK YOU* of all: All the generous people who donated money for supplies that made this Vacation Bible School possible.

*Thank you all.
Ken Andersen.*

From Ken and Mary Hill

“I want to thank everyone for their thought and kindness in offering to provide food. Ken and I will be going to Bend this week and staying to the end of the month.

Mary, Ken, Chris”

Fresh Paint

They’re at it again! Linda Ramsey, Eddie Bush and Lee Wright have graciously donated their time and energy to paint the bottom portion of the walls in the Nursery hall and the Fellowship Hall. It looks very nice. Thank you, Linda, Eddie, and Lee for all your hard work and dedication to the church family.

To Mickie Betts

For years of coordinating the food bank donations delivery to Grace Lutheran Food Bank, thank you, Mickie Betts. Your faithful service will be missed.

Mickie needs to step down from this ministry. If there is anyone who has a bit of time during the week to coordinate the delivery of our food bank donations to Grace Lutheran, please contact the office.

Miscellaneous Donations

Some of our members are downsizing and have made wonderful donations of silk flowers for the altar, Christmas Bazaar items, kitchen items and other such useful items for the church’s use.

Thank you to Elin Colthorp and Mickie Betts for thinking of the church family as you move toward your newest adventures.

Looking Ahead *Rally Day*

Rally Day will be the second Sunday of September, **September 9th**. 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 Chris Paille or the church office to get your name added to the list.

Our Deepest Sympathy

*To Ken and Mary Hill on the loss of his grandmother
and her mother*

In Loving Memory

*Doris Jeanne “Dottie” Olson
October 31, 1932 – June 24, 2018*

July Birthdays

1 – Vicki Eckenrod	14 – Pedro Celaya
4 – Nolan Freeman	19 – Stephanie LaClair
5 – Dorraine Aggen	23 – Carl Case
7 – John Hooley	26 – CD Houston
10 – Johanna Mori	28 – Ann Carlin
12 – Ken Andersen	28 – Ruth Schreiner
13 – Roger Banner	31 – Cassie Duty
13 – Judy Case	

July Anniversaries

9 – Alan and Carolyn Estes
10 – Nancy & Skip Sobien
11 – Betty and Pedro Celaya
21 – Genera & Henry Toy

Special Angels for July

LITURGISTS (Heidi Harris)

1 – Heidi Harris
8 – Susan Mussler
15 – Wade Baumgardner
22 – Pastor Drew Terry
29 – Mollie Marsh

GREETERS (Ann Carlin)

1 – Wade Baumgardner
8 – Frank and Mollie Marsh
15 – Combined worship at Legacy Park
22 – Nadine Roberts
29 – Grace and Maurie Townsend

CHILDREN’S CHURCH (Chris Paille)

1 – Ken Andersen
8 – Heidi Harris

15 – Betty Ashcraft
22 – Ken Andersen
29 – Jade Terry

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (Sign-up sheet)

1 – Jennifer Dillenbeck
8 – Betty Ashcraft
15 – Potluck at Legacy Park
22 – Cynthia Van Blaricom
29 – Kelli Collett and Helena DeWeerd

USHERS (Diane Venski)

FLOWERS (Sign-up Sheet)

1 – Mickie Betts
8 – 29 – Jennifer Andersen

PARAMENTS (Heidi and Allen Harris)

August Birthdays

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

August Anniversaries

3 – Debi and Tony Deal
9 – Jean and Jay Leonard
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 (Gail Trueba)

5 – Grace Townsend
12 – Mildred McNeal
19 – Chris Paille
26 – Betty Ashcraft

GREETERS (Diane Venski)

5 – Sarah Duty and girls
12 – Jade Terry and Nolan
19 – Mary Ann Hamilton
26 – Sherry Bush

CHILDREN’S CHURCH (Chris Paille)

5 – Communion – No Children’s Church
12 – Heidi Harris
19 – Betty Ashcraft
26 – Ken Andersen

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (Sign-up Sheet)

5 – Lauren Tomsic
12 –
19 –
26 – Mimi Carlton

USHERS ()

FLOWERS (Sign-up Sheet)

5 – Cynthia Van Blaricom
12 – Kelli Collett
19 – Ramona Yrazabal
26 – Ken Hill

PARAMENTS (Heidi and Allen Harris)

COMMUNION (Diane Venski)

From the Pastor

Dear siblings in Christ,

I hope your summer is filled with joy and life. If it is not, I hold you in prayer. I hope God comes and the peace of Christ fills you.

The gospel of Mark, our lectionary Gospel for this year, captures the mysterious truth of life’s joy and grief. I write this following our worship reflection on Jesus’ parables, and prior to us journeying with the disciples and Jesus into a storm. The one consistent piece is the presence of questions. Jesus asks, “Why are you afraid? Do you have no faith?” The disciples genuinely ask, “Do you care? What are you talking about? What does this mean? Who are you?” Mark leads us on the mysterious journey of baptism, questions, storms and finally to an empty tomb. There are no clear answers. The only certainty is the call to seek God’s transformative everlasting life revealed through Christ.

We are on this journey. Our own church is deep in discernment, yearning to re-proclaim in a new way our call. The Christian world wanders into an era where fewer and fewer Americans believe in religion let alone Christianity. The fog is thick, and like the disciples in the gospel, fear and questions appear as our only dim light. What do we do?

Like the disciples, we move forward with Jesus and our questions. We live out our faith that the Teacher will reveal what we need to know. We celebrate sending youth to a national church event for the first time in our memory. We join our long-time Christian siblings for an outdoor worship service. We ask, “Who is our neighbor? How do we, like Christ and the disciples, serve them?” We live the questions, do our best, and continue to seek.

It is never easy living in the mystery. Mark proclaims it is where we find the resurrection. It is never easy to ask questions. The disciples lead us to stay faithful in seeking and insisting on finding God’s answers. Together, as God called and Jesus lived, we will support one another and reap the harvest of God’s eternal love.

Blessings
Rev. Drew

July 2018

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 1 – 2 p.m. Craft Day in the Fellowship Hall	7
8 10 a.m. Worship After worship – Christian Education mtg. 6 p.m. Lady Liberty Picnic	9 6:30 Trustees 7 p.m. BSA UCC	10 YOUTH CAMP	11 AT PILGRIM	12 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Family Advocate COVE CAMP	13 IN McCALL	14
15 Combined Worship at Legacy Park 10 a.m. Worship	16 7 p.m. BSA	17	18	19 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Family Advocate	20 1 – 2 p.m. Craft Day in the Fellowship Hall	21
22 10 a.m. Worship	23 7 p.m. BSA	24	25 10 a.m. – Noon Coffee with Drew	26 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Family Advocate	27	28
29 10 a.m. Worship	30	31				

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10 a.m. – Noon Coffee with Drew	2 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Family Advocate	3 1 – 2 p.m. Craft Day in the Fellowship Hall?	4
5 10 a.m. Worship w/ Communion <u>After worship</u> Diaconate Board meeting	6 7 p.m. BSA	7 6:30 p.m. Mission and Vision Church Council meeting	8 10 a.m. – Noon Coffee with Drew	9 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Family Advocate	10	11
12 10 a.m. Worship	13 6:30 p.m. Trustees 7 p.m. BSA	14	15 10 a.m. – Noon Coffee with Drew	16 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Family Advocate	17 1 – 2 p.m. Craft Day in the Fellowship Hall?	18
19 10 a.m. Worship	20 7 p.m. BSA	21 7 p.m. Cubs	22 10 a.m. – Noon Coffee with Drew	23 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Family Advocate	24	25 Reserved 12 – 8 p.m.
26 10 a.m. Worship <u>After worship</u> Christian Ed meeting	27 7 p.m. Church Council 7 p.m. BSA	28 7 p.m. Cubs	29 10 a.m. – Noon Coffee with Drew	30 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Family Advocate	31	