

# *Mountain Proclamations*

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## *Last 10 a.m. Worship*

**Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>** will be our last 10 a.m. Worship service for the season. We will return to our 11 a.m. Worship time with Sunday School at 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

## *Office will be closed*

**Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Labor Day**, the church office will be closed.

## *Choir Practices Begin Again*

Bell Choir begins practice for the 2018/2019 worship season on **Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** Chancel Choir practice will begin on **Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** and the choir will make their fall debut on Rally Day.

If you've been considering joining either or both choirs, now is a great time to do it. No auditions required and everyone is welcome to join in and sing and ring.

## *Rally Day and the Return to regular worship schedule*

**Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** marks the beginning of our Fall through Spring schedule and a new Sunday school year with Sunday school at 10 a.m. and Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

Communion will be served at the September 9<sup>th</sup> worship service. This is the only month when Communion is not served on the first Sunday of the month.

## *Sunday School 2018!*

Sunday school begins again on **September 9<sup>th</sup>**. All children – and adults! – are encouraged to bring a friend to help our Sunday school grow. We look forward to seeing everyone.

## *Annual Rally Day Barbecue*

After the 11 a.m. Worship service we will have our traditional **barbecue potluck**. Burgers and hotdogs will be provided and the church family is asked to bring goodies to share: salads, beans, desserts, whatever you want to bring to make a great family barbecue. All are welcome.

## *For the Women of the Church*

### *Women's Fellowship*

The Women's Fellowship meeting will be held on **Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**, at the church beginning at noon with a potluck luncheon. Nadine Roberts and Nancy Sobien will be the hostesses. Worship will be led by Linda Miller.

### *Women's Bible Study*

Women's Bible study will meet the **second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m.** in the pastor's office. This month's meetings will be Wednesday, **September 12<sup>th</sup> and September 26<sup>th</sup>**.

### *Kids Sing!*

Beginning **Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**, after worship and snacks, Chris Paille and Marlene Osborn will be teaching the kids the classic Sunday School songs, such as *Jesus Loves the Little Children* and *Jesus Loves Me*. This is open to all the young and young at heart.

### *Craft Days Continue*

Craft Days will continue through September with the only meeting being on **Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 1 p.m.** Watch the Sunday bulletins, October newsletter and the church website for October's schedule.

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 and fellow crafters.

If you don't have any supplies but would love to get in on the fun, come on down anyway. There is an abundance of craft supplies to be shared by all. Look through the treasure chest of goodies and see what beautiful things you can create.

### *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.

### *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!

### *Sermons on the Website*

If you should have to miss a Sunday or two or would simply like to review Sunday's sermon you can now access the actual sermon – not the manuscript – from our website. Pastor Drew is now posting his sermons on YouTube and the link for them will be listed on the sermon page of our website [www.mhfccucc.org](http://www.mhfccucc.org)

### *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*

### *Hymns of Thanksgiving 2018*

**Hymns of Thanksgiving 2018** – A community choir from the Treasure Valley is now being organized to present Idaho's 16<sup>th</sup> annual *Hymns of Thanksgiving* on November 18 at the CenturyLink Arena in Boise. All capable adult musicians interested in singing in the choir are encouraged to submit an **online application by September 30, 2018**. To learn more about *Hymns of Thanksgiving* and to apply, log on to [www.hymnsofthanks.com](http://www.hymnsofthanks.com)

## *Central Pacific Conference Annual Meeting*

Join us September 28-30, 2018 to explore *Flight Patterns of the Spirit: Strong, Sustainable, Connected Church*. In our new participative format, we'll explore how our sustainability as local churches is strengthened through our connections with each other. When we are connected, we are that much more sustainable, able to soar on the wind patterns of the Spirit. We don't know our destination, but we trust that the winds of the Spirit will get us there. **The CPC Annual Meeting will also be an important next step for the Starling Project as the CPC Board of Directors share what they heard around the conference and what experiments we will undertake together in the coming year.** Rev. Molly Carlson, our Designated Conference Minister, will give the State of the Conference. We'll also welcome special guests, Rev. Mike Denton, Pacific Northwest Conference Minister, and Rev. Marc Stewart, Montana/N. Wyoming Conference Minister.

For more information, go to the Central Pacific Conference's website at [www.cpcucc.org](http://www.cpcucc.org) and click on "news and events".

### *Fellowship in October*

We need volunteers to host Fellowship Hour for the month of October. If you have any questions about what this involves, please ask one of the women of the Women's Fellowship or contact the office. Sign-up sheets are on the table to the left as you leave the Sanctuary.

### *Thank you*

*From Harold and Sally Henderson*

We want to thank all of you who have been so thoughtful toward us during my recent surgery and our necessary relocation to assisted living in Meridian. We miss all of you and even though we may not be able to return to live in Mountain Home, we hope to visit there when we are able in the future. We appreciate so much all your concerns and prayers.

*Sally & Harold*

### *Summer Music*

Thank you to all who have contributed to our summer music – Jennifer Dillenbeck, Chris Paille, Cynthia Van Blaricom, Elin Colthorp, Dorraine Aggen, Marlene Osborn, the special treat on July 8<sup>th</sup> of the Bell Choir, and Joseph Armstrong.

## *Flower Gardens and Lawn Care*

There are a number of people who have put time into the flower beds and hedges around the church. Those who have been caught in the act are Eddie Bush, Lindy Ramsey, Gail Banner and Lee Wright. We're sure there are others who have come over and worked and weren't seen. Please know that your efforts are very much appreciated.

### *Eight One!!*

Thank you, Everyone, for pitching in and donating 81 packages of various school supplies for our School Supply offering held on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. That's a lot of supplies, especially when you consider that many of those packages had multiple items in them. These items were taken by Gail Banner to the Mountain Home School District office to be distributed where needed most. Thank you, Church Family, for your compassion and generosity. Thank you, Gail, for doing the transport.



**THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!**

To my wonderful church family-

I would like to take this opportunity to say "THANK YOU" to everyone who donated to my fundraising efforts for the 2018 Relay For Life of Elmore County. Thanks to your generosity and continued support I was able to reach my goal of \$2,000 and surpass it. In total I was able to raise \$2,500, and our Relay For Life team Jessica's Fighters was able to raise \$6,011.98. It means a great deal to me to have your continued support. Once again, "THANK YOU" for your support and generosity.

*Sincerely yours,*

*Ann M. Carlin*

*Jessica's Fighters Co-Captain*

*Relay For Life of Elmore County*

## *Bulletin Sponsors for 2019*

It is time to start signing up to sponsor a worship bulletin for 2019. The sign-up sheet will be on the back table in the sanctuary starting the third Sunday of September, **September 16<sup>th</sup>**. Choose the worship service you would like to sponsor and write your name next to that date; please note if you want to remain anonymous. You may

make your donation of \$10 anytime before the end of 2019. Please mark your check for the bulletin date that you are sponsoring. If you have any questions about how this works, contact the church office at 587-4969.

## *Upcoming Events*

### *Neighbors in Need*

On **Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**, we will take up our 2018 *Neighbors in Need* offering. Go to [www.ucc.org/nin](http://www.ucc.org/nin) for all the details on what this offering does for our Neighbors in Need.

### *Halloween Party*

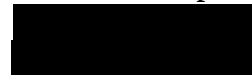
The annual Halloween Party is tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**, from 1 to 4 p.m. Make plans now to join in the fun, games, and food. Watch the bulletin and the October *Proclamation* for more information and ways you can help.

## *Changes of Addresses*

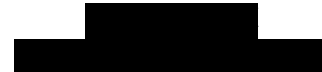
*Ann Parker and Paul Taggart*



*Elin Colthorp*



*Mickie Betts*



*Harold and Sally Henderson*



## *Our Deepest Sympathy*

*To Nancy Martin on the loss of her son, Pat, on Tuesday, July 31, 2018*

## *September Birthdays*

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 – Heidi Harris    | 16 – Sally Henderson   |
| 2 – Elin Colthorp   | 16 – Johnny A. Willis  |
| 3 – Anne Parker     | 19 – Ed Carbaugh       |
| 8 – Nancy Martin    | 19 – Beth DeVore       |
| 12 – Michael Bush   | 19 – Jordan Pentland   |
| 12 – Jon Pentland   | 27 – Jennifer Andersen |
| 14 – Alvaree Venski | 27 – Benjamin Parker   |
| 15 – Carrie Roeder  | 28 – Hunter Dillenbeck |

## *September Anniversaries*

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|----|----------------------------|
| 12 | Susan and Gene Mussler     |
| 14 | Rose and Lawrence Pearsall |

## Special Angels for September

### LITURGISTS (Jennifer Dillenbeck)

- 2 – Ken Hill
- 9 – Betty Ashcraft
- 16 – Wade Baumgardner
- 23 – Heidi Harris
- 30 – Polly Sanders

### GREETERS (Gail Cortlett-Trueba)

- 2 – Ken and Jennifer Andersen
- 9 – Gene and Susan Mussler
- 16 – Maurie and Grace Townsend
- 23 – Bid and Polly Sanders
- 30 – Mickie Betts

### FELLOWSHIP HOUR (Sign-up Sheet)

- 2 – Lauren Tomsic
- 9 – Rally Day Potluck Barbecue
- 16 – The Foglemans
- 23 – Lauren Tomsic
- 30 – Linda Thomsen

### USHERS (Ann Carlin)

### FLOWERS (Sign-up Sheet)

- 2 – Linda Ramsey
- 9 – Cynthia Van Blaricom
- 16 – Linda Ramsey
- 23 – Cynthia Van Blaricom
- 30 – Linda Ramsey

### PARAMENTS (Allen and Heidi Harris)

### COMMUNION (Tony Deal)

### NURSERY (Debi Deal)

## From the Pastor

Dear siblings in Christ,

I write to you with somber news. I have been reflecting and praying about our journey together and decided to call my ministry here interim ministry. This has always been a part of my call as the Designated Term Pastor. The original agreement was a two-year shared ministry in which the church and I would work through the transition from Rev. Truman Parker's retirement to a new era of settled ministry. The agreement allowed for the church and I to decide at the end of two years where God was calling us. Now, six months from the end of the agreement, it is time to genuinely engage this discernment. Sadly, I do not currently feel called to move forward as the settled minister.

My discernment has prayerfully considered the church's needs, my own calling, and my family's personal needs. There has been nothing easy about this as there are clear benefits in each area. I would like to focus this correspondence on the professional and ministerial reasons for this decision. I would be glad to share the personal pieces with anyone one-on-one. Please, rest assured that personally, like all life, there have been wonderful blessings here as well as challenges.

Professionally it is never easy for a church to move from a successful and faithful long-term minister into the next chapter of life. I did begin my call here with the mindset of an interim pastor to focus on the needs of grief and encourage creative, life-giving change. The past year and half has been one of fun, exciting new discoveries, and experimental failure requiring rethinking. All along there has been the call to learn and grow. Most importantly I have felt the church's compassion, forgiveness, and mercy.

What is important is where do we go from here. I am currently in conversation and prayerful discernment with the Pastoral Relations Committee, the Board of Trustees, and the Church Council to discuss what the church needs and how to move forward together. I am guaranteed to be here through the beginning of the New Year. If needed, we will be together longer. The conference and conference minister, Rev. Molly Carlson, are aware of this development. They hold us in prayer and are willing and ready to offer support. I hope this time will allow the church, my family and I the ability to hear God and discover anew our calls.

There is grief. You have shown genuine Christian love to my family and me. My hope for the remainder of my ministry here is to continue to compassionately challenge the church to boldly seek new ways of being God's people, while remaining authentic to the essential identity that began this community in 1892. This work is in addition to the priority of offering support, comfort, and care as we all live in a time of uncertainty and yearn for God's revelation.

We began this journey with the risk of hoping for a long-term relationship and ministry. It is sad for those dreams to be unfulfilled. I pray the loss of our dreams reveals the potential for other life-giving opportunities. I pray that I may be like a guest in your house who helps to discover the possibility of a home revival. I pray, God, there will still be times to break bread with you, to get to know you a little better, to cry together when needed, and laugh and dance often. I pray the bond that has already formed continues to grow and, no matter where God leads any of us, will never be broken.

Thank you for everything. It is a blessing and an honor to be your pastor and companion upon this mysterious journey.

*God Bless,  
Rev. Drew*

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2 Last 10 a.m. Worship	3 Labor Day  <b>Office Closed</b>	4 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	5 10 – noon Coffee with Pastor Drew  3:30 p.m. GSA	6 12:30 – 2:30 <u>Family Advocate</u> 6 p.m. Bell <u>practice</u> 7 p.m. Choir practice	7	8 Air Force Appreciation Day
9 <b>Rally Day</b> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion Potluck BBQ	10 3:30 p.m. GSA 6:30 p.m. Trustees' mtg. 7 p.m. BSA	11 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	12 10 – noon Coffee <u>with Pastor Drew</u> 11 a.m. <u>Women's Bible Study</u> 3:30 p.m. GSA	13 12:30 – 2:30 <u>Family Advocate</u> 6 p.m. Bell <u>practice</u> 7 p.m. Choir practice	14 12 p.m. Women's Fellowship Potluck and meeting	15
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