

# Mountain Proclamations

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## Easter Sunday Schedule

April 1<sup>st</sup>, Easter Sunday

7 a.m. Sunrise Family Service

7:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt

11 a.m. Worship Service

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday

## Women of the Church

### *Women's Fellowship*

Women's Fellowship will meet at noon on **Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** for the monthly potluck luncheon and meeting. Sherry Bush and Linda Ramsey will be the hostesses and the worship leader will be announced.

All women of the church are invited to attend. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Sobien or Nadine Roberts.

### *Women's Bible Study*

Women's Bible Study for April will be on the second and fourth Wednesdays, **April 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 a.m. in Pastor Drew's office.

We will continue 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 28 - *Prayer (Why Don't My Prayers Get Answered?)* - Richard Foster

April 11 - *Forgiving (How Do I Forgive and Get On with My Life?)* - Lewis Smedes

April 25 - *Doubt (How Can I Question and Still Believe?)* - Madeleine L'Engle

May 9 - *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@mhfceucc.org](mailto:churchinfo@mhfceucc.org). All women are welcome.

## Annual Rummage Sale

### *Donations and Rummage Sale Set-up*

Since this is the **only** rummage sale we do all year, clean those closets, basements, attics and garages well! Then bring your donation-worthy, gently-used items to the church. Set up this year is going to be **Thursday and Friday, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.** Or you can drop your donations by the office anytime the office is open.

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 old tires, hazardous chemicals or old electronic items – old computers, televisions and the like.

**Any help that you can provide with set up, during the sale, or taking things down after the sale will be very greatly appreciated. Contact Linda Miller, Judy Case or Nancy Allen to schedule your help time.**

### *The Sale*

The Annual Rummage Sale will be on **Saturday, April 28** from **8 a.m. until noon**. Come browse through the gently used treasures. Support the church and do a little wardrobe make-over, home redecorating or even spoil the kids or grandkids a little without breaking the bank. Come early and bring a friend.

## Are you graduating this year?

Are you graduating from high school or college this year? Please let the church office know by **Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**. It would be our pleasure to honor your accomplishment during Fellowship Hour on **Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**.

## Alan Creech Scholarship

In the summer of 2002, the Nampa church, community and the CPCUCC Conference lost a friend and valuable member. Alan Creech, the Police Chief of Nampa, and his best friend Mark Hupe were killed in a small plane crash while checking out the site for a church youth group camp. To memorialize Alan, and to continue the good work with youth he was involved in, we created the Alan Creech Memorial Scholarship Fund.

From its beginnings within our church, the Scholarship grew as other organizations in our community, which Alan contributed so much to, joined in. With the support of these other organizations, an endowment has been established that will insure the scholarship is perpetual. The amount of the scholarship has been increased this year to a onetime payment of \$1,000.00.

It is our desire to see the recipient of the Scholarship to be an individual who truly exemplifies the spirit of Alan Creech. A youth who may have faced unfavorable conditions or circumstances, but has shown the desire and spirit to make a contribution to their community, church or society.

A nomination packet that includes a short biography of Alan is available on line at our church website [www.uccnampa.com](http://www.uccnampa.com). Nominations need to be received by April 15. Please share this information with anyone who may be able to identify a worthy candidate. If you need additional information, contact the Scholarship Committee at the Nampa United Church of Christ.

### **2018 Directory**

The 2018 Directories are in. Generally, these will *not* be mailed out, but you can pick one up on Sunday or drop by the office during office hours. 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](mailto: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.

### **Using the Church after hours?**

If you are using the church for a meeting or event after normal church hours, please be sure that, when you lock up, all the doors all fully closed. Some of the doors are not “automatic” enough to latch. Give it a push to make sure it actually closed. Thanks!

### **Thank You!**

#### *More paper!*

Found another mega-pak of 8.5 X 11 paper on my desk Sunday morning (February 25<sup>th</sup>)! Thank

you whoever left it. Much used, much appreciated.

### *Hawai'i Fundraising*

It is with deep joy and gratitude I thank this entire community for supporting Cara and Angelina to go to the Western Regional Youth Event! The generosity of this community is a Divine gift. The love and support that has been shown is a testimony of the Christian love that moves this church. I am grateful. Thank you!

Thank you for sharing God's love  
Rev. Drew

### *Envelopes*

Thank you, Marlene Osborn, for the donation of a box of 500 business-size envelopes. This is such a big help with some our weekly and annual mailings. Thank you!

### *Spring Clean*

Thank you to all those who came out on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> for our Annual Spring Clean. Those we know showed up were Linda Ramsey, Gail Banner, Frank Marsh, Eddie and Sherry Bush, Lee Wright, Betty Celaya, and Boy Scouts Jeshua Dickinson, Michael Dickinson, Isaac Barth, and Ethan. If there are any we missed, please know that your hard work is much appreciated. The church looks wonderful!

### *One Great Hour of Sharing*

People we've never met thank you for your generous donations to One Great Hour of Sharing. Over \$500 was collected for this special offering that helps improve the lives of so many.

### *Maurie Townsend Underwear Offering*

Another offering that reaches out to so many. We collected over 45 packages of undergarments, totaling 276 garments to help give dignity and comfort to many.

### *Dessert Auction*

Thank you!!! Thank you to all who participated in the Youth Dessert Auction in one form or another – baking, bidding, or buying. Sweet returns came in at \$1,018 – a third of what is needed! Thank you all very, very much.

### **Blanket Sunday**

Blanket Sunday will be on **Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.

God has blessed us with so much, and we have much to share. Share this love by providing CWS Blankets to those in need. Each blanket costs only \$10, but these blankets can be a vital resource for someone needing a little support, warmth and encouragement.

**Together, we can help even more families. Won't you join us by making a gift today?**

For more about what Church World Services does, go to [www.cwsglobal.org](http://www.cwsglobal.org). They do much more than blankets.

### *Vacation Bible School*

VBS will be the week of **11 June – 15 June, 2018, 9am to 12: 30 pm, Monday thru Friday.** This year we'll be asking for cash donation (instead of food donations) and letting the kitchen staff buy what we need. If you'd like to help out or enroll you child, please contact the church office, Ken Andersen or a member of the Christian Education Committee.



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](mailto:managers@pilgrimcovecamp.org) or (208) 634-5555

### *Summer Camp*

Summer camp will be the July 8<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have youth or know youth from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.mhfccucc.org)) or via email ([churchinfo@mhfccucc.org](mailto:churchinfo@mhfccucc.org)). Registrations are due to Pilgrim Cove Camp by June 25<sup>th</sup>. Camp Scholarships are available. The amount available depends on the number of applicants. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is June 15<sup>th</sup>.

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.

### *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 4<sup>th</sup> at East Side Park from 11 AM to 11 PM. We hope to see you there.

*Thank you & God Bless,  
Ann & Curtis Carlin*

### *With Deepest Sympathy*

*To Mollie Marsh on the loss of her mother,  
Anne Driscoll - Feb. 23, 1920 – Feb. 28, 2018*

### *April Birthdays*

2 – Roger Fogleman	17- Patricia Urbick
4 – Randy Ramsey	20 - Barbara Fogleman
6 – Rose Pearsall	22 – Linda Miller
10 – Leonard DeVore	23 – Orville Thomsen
14 – Cassie Pentland	24 – Emma Duty
15 – Charlene Kaufman	25 – Billy Roeder
16- Mildred McNeal	26 – Debi Deal
16- Hailey Townsend	26 – Linda Thomsen
17 – Jennifer Dillenbeck	29 – Tony Deal

### *April Anniversaries*

10 – Mike and Alice Keas

### *Special Angels for April*

#### LITURGISTS (Ken Hill)

1 Sunrise – Confirmand  
1 – 11 a.m. – Chris Paille  
8 – Grace Townsend  
15 – Maurie Townsend

22 – Tony Deal  
29 – Wade Baumgardner

**GREETERS** (Tony Deal)

1 Sunrise – Confirmands  
1 – 11 a.m. – Mickie Betts  
8 – Betty Ashcraft  
15 – Tony and Debi Deal  
22 – Mike and Pauline Marten  
29 – Jade Terry and Nolan

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** (Betty Ashcraft)

1 – 11 a.m. – Communion  
8 – Heidi Harris  
15 – Betty Ashcraft  
22 – Ken Andersen  
29 – Jade Terry

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** (Sign-up Sheet)

1 – 11 a.m. –  
8 –  
15 – Lauren Tomsic  
22 –  
29 –

**USHERS** (Curtis Carlin/Heidi Harris)

1 Sunrise – Heidi Harris  
1 – 11 a.m. – Mildred McNeal  
8 – Curtis Carlin  
15 – Heidi Harris  
22 – Curtis Carlin  
29 – Heidi Harris

**FLOWERS** (Sign-up Sheet)

1 Sunrise – Lilies  
1 – 11 a.m. – Lilies  
8 – Linda Ramsey  
15 – Cynthia Van Blaricom  
22 – Linda Ramsey  
29 –

**PARAMENTS** (Allen and Heidi Harris)

**COMMUNION** (Chris Paille)

**NURSERY** (Debi Deal)

***From the Pastor***

Dear siblings in Christ,

My favorite Easter passage is what many consider to be the original ending of the Gospel of Mark. The book comes to an abrupt close as the two women who have come to clean Jesus's body encounter a stranger in a white robe. The messenger tells of Christ's resurrection and the women run fleeing away in shock. Mark invites us to ponder how the terrifying, amazing

experience of the empty tomb led to the thriving Christian movement.

Our own church has been on an awesome journey for over a year now. We continue to work together in a time of transition. The primary marker of our path is my title as Designated Term Pastor. It is important and mysterious.

What is important is we are in transition grieving and celebrating the past quarter century. Our church thrived under the leadership of Rev. Truman Parker. Now we find ourselves seeking transformative renewal. The ministry we share now is as ambiguous as finding an empty tomb with a stranger and a bizarre message. Our path is as necessary as the need to share the testimony with the world.

Churches in transition have a two-year period to grieve, seek renewal of what is essential to our identity, and embrace in a profound way God's call. The two years mark the healthy time for finding new life. The third year following transition needs to be a Sabbath to settle in to God's reinvigorated way. The success of a church in this third year and the ones that follow depends on the discernment done during transition.

I am grateful for you. Our church has energetically taken on the challenge of renewal and celebration of our past. Our first year together we worked to rediscover and reclaim our 125 years of ministry and worshipping God. We discovered amazing truths about our ancestors and reaffirmed the core of our community of faith. Our second year has begun with a Mission and Vision project.

The church council is working to reflect on who we are now, the identity of our community, and to name our path forward. This ministry requires the whole church. We will be reaching out to ask for reflections from everyone. Please feel free to reach out to church council members or myself if you have questions or thoughts. There will be opportunities to share as a community. Our hope is to proclaim together who God has called us to be in a life-giving way.

I am grateful for you. This is an unusual time. It takes courage, persistence and faith to do this ministry. The love of our church and the Divine will propel us. We may feel like we are traveling a mysterious path. Mark's Gospel shows us how the Holy Spirit will guide us to thrive. Together with God and Christ we will lay the foundation to thrive for the next 125 years.

Blessings  
Rev. Drew Terry

# April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Easter 1</b> 7 a.m. Sunrise 7:45 Breakfast 8:15 Egg hunt 11 a.m. Worship	2  3:30 GSA  7 BSA	3  7 p.m. Cubs	4  10 – 12 Coffee with Drew 3:30 GSA 6 p.m. PEO mtg.	5  12:30 – 3 p.m. <u>Family Advocacy</u> 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	6	7
8  10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion <b>Christian Ed mtg</b>	9  3:30 GSA 7 BSA <b>6:30 p.m. Trustees</b>	10  7 p.m. Cubs	11  10 – 12 Coffee with Drew 11 a.m. Women's Bible Study 3:30 GSA	12  12:30 – 3 p.m. <u>Family Advocacy</u> 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	13  12 p.m. Women's Fellowship potluck and mtg.	14
15  10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 1 p.m. Confirmation	16  3:30 GSA 7 BSA	17  7 p.m. Cubs	18  10 – 12 Coffee with Drew 3:30 GSA	19  12:30 – 3 p.m. <u>Family Advocacy</u> 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	20	21
22  10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship <b>Christian Ed mtg</b> 1 p.m. Confirmation	23  3:30 GSA 7 BSA  7 p.m. Church Council	24  7 p.m. Cubs	25  10 – 12 Coffee with Drew 11 a.m. Women's Bible Study 3:30 GSA	26  12:30 – 3 p.m. <u>Family Advocacy</u> 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	27  1 – 5 Set up for Rummage Sale	28  8 a.m. to noon Annual Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale
29  10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 1 p.m. Confirmation	30					<b>Confirmation:                      15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup></b>

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		1  7 p.m. Cubs	2  10 – 12 Coffee with Drew 3:30 GSA	3  12:30 – 3 p.m. <u>Family Advocacy</u> 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	4	5
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<b>Pentecost 20</b> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship With Confirmation <b>End of Sunday School/Confirmation Potluck/BBQ</b>	21  3:30 GSA 7 BSA	22	23  10 – 12 Coffee with Drew 11 a.m. Women's Bible Study 3:30 GSA	24  12:30 – 3 p.m. <u>Family Advocacy</u> 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	25	26
27  10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship <b>Christian Ed mtg.?</b>	28  Memorial Day Office Closed	29	30	31		