

# *Mountain Proclamations*

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## *Fall Time Change*

**Sunday, November 4, 2018**  
Turn your clock **back** one hour.

## **\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\***

At the Budget and Election meeting being held on **Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 12:15 p.m.**, we will be voting on a proposed change to the Constitution and By-Laws of the church.

Proposed change: from

“Article II  
Object

The object of this Church shall be to provide for: the worship of God; the Christian training of children, youth and adults; and the extension of the Kingdom of God.”

To

“ARTICLE II  
MISSION AND VISION

A. Mission of First Congregational Church, UCC, Mountain Home, ID is:  
To bring the word of God to people with diverse lives and beliefs through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit

B. Vision of First Congregational Church, UCC, Mountain Home, ID:  
Work together to worship God, share our faith in Christ, and enrich our community through service and education.”

## *Don't Forget to Vote*

**November 6, 2018** is Election Day

## *Congregational Meeting*

The Budget and Election meeting will be on **Sunday, November 11, 2018**. As we know, this is also Veterans' Day. In respect for those members who participate and attend the ceremonies at the cemetery, the Annual Budget and Election meeting will begin at **12:15**. It is our hope that this will give participants and attendees adequate time to get to the church for this very important meeting.

## *Remembering our Veterans*

In recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World War I and in remembrance of those who served and sacrificed in World War I, at 11 a.m. on **Sunday, November 11**, we will toll the church bell 21 times with a 5 second interval between tolls.

## *Happy Crafters!*

All crafters are invited to come to Craft Day at the church! It will be held on **Fridays, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. We will be working on items to sell at our Christmas Bazaar. Bring your own project (there's lots of room and table space) or help someone else with theirs.

## *Christmas Program*

The Christmas program rehearsals will begin **Nov. 4 during Sunday School** time at 10. The rehearsals will be Nov. 4, 11, and 18. **No Sunday school Nov. 25**. Rehearsals Dec. 2 and 9 and the program Dec. 16. Children, teens, and adults are invited to be a part of the program. Talk to Betty Ashcraft.

## *Women of the Church*

### *Women's Fellowship*

The next meeting for Women's Fellowship is scheduled for **Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a potluck luncheon hosted by Ramona Yrazabal. Nominations for next year's officers will be announced. Plans for the Annual Pie Auction and Christmas Bazaar will be finalized.

All women of the church are welcome to attend.

### *Women's Bible Study*

The Women's Bible Study will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays in November, **November 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**. We will be beginning the study entitled *Battlefield of the Mind*, by Joyce Meyer, a DVD with book. Each topic is a stand-alone, so you can make the studies as your schedule allows. Rev. Kim Cran will be joining us as her schedule allows.

## *Get ready for a Silent Auction*

A Silent Auction will be held **throughout November** during Fellowship Hour. The winners of the auction will be announced after the Christmas Bazaar, **December 1<sup>st</sup>**. A list of auction items will be forthcoming soon. As always, all proceeds go to support our church, buy nursery supplies, and support Our Churches Wider Mission (OCWM).

## *Giving Tree*

There will be a Giving Tree again this year. Ann Carlin should have the gift tags approximately the first or second Sunday of November.

**Important!** The Giving Tree has begun collecting names for *receiving* gifts. If you know someone who is in need, direct them to the Chamber of Commerce to add their name to the list.

## *It's a Pie Auction!!*

Kick back and let Women's Fellowship help take some of the work out of Thanksgiving Dinner for you! Delicious, delectable, homemade pies will be auctioned off the Sunday before Thanksgiving, **November 18<sup>th</sup>, during Coffee Hour**. Join the fun and take home your little piece of heavenly pie. As always, all proceeds go to support our church, buy the coffee, and support Our Churches Wider Mission (OCWM).

If you would like to bake some pies for the Pie Auction, Women's Fellowship would be delighted to have the help. You may bring your pies with you to church Sunday morning, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Please note what kind of pie it is. If you have any questions, please contact Nadine Roberts.

## *Annual Church Thanksgiving Dinner and Pledge*

On **Sunday evening, November 18<sup>th</sup>**, we will hold our annual Thanksgiving dinner and ingathering of pledges. The festivities begin at **6:00 p.m.** with dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

The Church will provide turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, rolls and beverages. You provide your good company, your own table service and a dish to share for the potluck table.

If you know of any of our members who are unable to attend but would like to receive a meal, please let the office know so we can add them to our list for deliveries. There is also a sign-up sheet for shut-ins on the table in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to help deliver these meals, please contact the office.

Immediately following our Thanksgiving Dinner, approximately **6:30**, we will be having

our **Pledge Blessing Service** where we dedicate and bless our pledges for 2019. This may be a short service, but it is an important one.

## *Community Thanksgiving Service*

This year's Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on **Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** here at First Congregational Church.

If you can help provide cookies for fellowship time after the service, please contact our church office at 587-4969.

Monetary offerings will go to help the Elmore County Ministerial Association help those in need. Donated canned goods will go to the Grace Lutheran Food Bank.

## *Hanging of the Greens*

On **Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**, at **9 a.m.** we will begin decorating the church for the coming Christmas season. All are welcome to come and help.

Beginning **Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** you may start bringing in your live (no silk ones, please) poinsettias.

Those being shared as memorials or dedications, will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin so be sure to give this information to the church office by **Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**. Forms will be available on the back table beginning Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Poinsettias may be dropped off at the church office Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or on Sunday mornings. Please be sure to put your name on them if you want them back after Christmas. You may take your plant home any time after our Christmas Eve candlelight service.

## *Christmas Bazaar*

### *Christmas Bazaar Set up*

Set up for the 2018 Christmas Bazaar will be **Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. This is the time to bring in your handcrafted items and baked goods. This is also when some muscle is needed to help set up tables and transform the Fellowship Hall into a holiday wonderland of really nifty items for a unique Christmas celebration.

### *Women's Fellowship Christmas Bazaar*

The Women's Fellowship Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Saturday, December 1, 2018**, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm. There will be homemade goodies of all kinds and pies with coffee and tea in Horner's Corner. Besides goodies to eat,

handmade crafts and needlework and gift items will be available for purchase. Come join us and bring friends and neighbors. Get your Christmas baked goodies here and unique gift items for those very special people on your Christmas list.

If you have something to contribute to the Bazaar, contact the church office or one of the ladies from the Women's Fellowship.

### *In the Loop*

Would you like to stay in the loop on the happenings of the church? We have a new weekly email that will do just that for you. If you are not already receiving it, sign up for the new weekly email, *In the Loop*, which is sent out Thursday afternoons reminding each of us of events coming up for the next week and updating new events and procedures. Simply email the church office at [churchinfo@mhfccucc.org](mailto:churchinfo@mhfccucc.org) to be put on the list or give the office your clearly written email address.

### *Bulletin Sponsors needed*

Sign-ups are well under way for sponsoring bulletins for 2019. Best hurry if you want to get your Sunday! Over half the bulletins are already signed up for. Sign-up sheets are on the sign-up table at the back of the Sanctuary or you can contact the office Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sponsoring bulletins is a way to help make our financial resources go just a bit farther. Each sponsorship costs \$10, payable when you can between now and the end of 2019. Your name will be printed in the bulletin you choose to sponsor. If you wish to remain anonymous, please be sure to note that.

### *New Announcement Procedure*

As of **Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** all announcements will be made from the pulpit by the pastor. All announcements, with pertinent information (what, when, where, etc.), needing to be made on Sunday morning must be submitted to the office by **11:30 a.m. the Thursday** prior to the Sunday the announcement needs to be made. Your announcement can be called in [(208)587-4969], emailed in ([churchinfo@mhfccucc.org](mailto:churchinfo@mhfccucc.org)) or brought in during office hours. Thank you for your help with this new change.

### *All Boards and Committees*

Year-end Annual Reports are due in the office by **Monday, January 7, 2019**, earlier if possible, so they can be prepared for distribution at our Annual Meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

### *Thank you*

#### *Linda Thomsen*

Linda Thomsen works hard every week vacuuming, mopping, cleaning bathrooms, emptying trash cans, and scrubbing tables, among other things, to keep the church clean for her church family and all those who use our facility. Thank you, Linda, for your dedication and hard work. It is much appreciated.

#### *Halloween Party*

Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Party was a huge success. We had approximately 55 people attend and partake in the games, the food and the fun. This all would not have been possible if it were not for the help of some great people, and they are as follows: Curtis Carlin, the Pearsall family, Mildred McNeal and Diane Venski. Thank you all for taking time out of your day to help make this party a huge success. Thank you to Curtis Carlin & Lawrence Pearsall for being our Grill Masters and cooking all the hot dogs. A HUGE thank you goes out to all who donated candy, without your generosity this event would not have gone as good as it did. Plans have already begun for next year's Halloween Party; we are thinking of having a night time Halloween Party, more details to come.

*Sincerely yours,  
Ann Carlin  
Diaconate Board*

#### *Five for Five*

Thank you to the members of First Congregational UCC, Mountain Home for being a 5 for 5 Congregation of the United Church of Christ in 2017. 5 for 5 Congregations support Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support and the Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, Christmas Fund, and Strengthen the church Special Mission Offerings of the United Church of Christ.

*John C. Dorhauer*                      *Molly Carlson*  
*General Minister and President*   *Conference Minister*  
*United Church of Christ*

### *Our Condolences*

*To Mickie Betts on the loss of her sister,  
Verda Mae Dixon  
December 9, 1936 – October 11, 2018*

### *Birthdays in November*

2 – Nancy Allen	8 – Cara Grindle
2 – Alexis Parks	9 – Drew Terry
2 – Samantha Pearsall	12 – Allison Duty
3 – Anya Lichdi	15 – Allen Harris

4 – Joe B McNeal	17 – Luke Estes
4 – Sue Stanek	19 – Mike Keas
4 - Phil Gridley	22 – Fred Sisneros
5 – Layla Brumley	23 – Harris Allgood
5 – Don Thoen	23 – Grace Townsend
6 – Helena DeWeerd	26 – Katie Parks
8 – Gloria Gaub	28 – Philip Miller

### *Anniversaries in November*

6 – Linda and Randy Ramsey

### *Special Angels for November*

#### LITURGISTS (Heidi Harris)

4 – Lawrence Pearsall  
 11 – Heidi Harris  
 18 – Tony Deal  
 25 – Frank Marsh

#### GREETERS (Lawrence Pearsall)

4 – Eddie and Sherry Bush  
 11 – Gail Corlett- Trueba  
 18 – Chris Paille  
 25 – Marlene Osborn

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

4 –  
 11 – Kelli Collett and Helena DeWeerd  
 18 – Pie Auction  
 25 – Mimi Carlton

#### USHERS (Ann Carlin)

#### FLOWERS (Lee Wright and Sherry Bush)

#### PARAMENTS (Allen and Heidi Harris)

#### COMMUNION (Curtis Carlin)

#### NURSERY (Debi Deal)

### *From the Pastor*

Greetings siblings in Christ,

This month is the time of harvest and thanksgiving. The days grow shorter and the beaming life of summer goes dormant once again. We take a moment to give thanks for all life, for nourishment, and for love. Our church during this season celebrates stewardship and the magnificent generosity of our community to give life to others.

There is a profound spiritual revelation in stewardship. The offering time during worship reminds us it is a reflection of God's miraculous gifts to us and our grateful response. There is a plethora of insights found in reflecting upon our

financial, time, and other contributions to the church. One is the faithful commitment we make to one another.

Now is a time of disheartening divisions and isolation. More and more people throughout our country refuse to share with those who think differently, profess different creeds, vote differently, look different, come from strange places, speak unknown languages, love in unique ways, or are in anyway foreign. The faithful giving of ourselves to God as Christ did empowers us to live in the Divine loving, diverse community.

Our willingness to share our gifts with the church means we prioritize Christ's call, "That they may all be one (John 17:20)." We do this not to compromise our own beliefs, values or ways of living. We do it to enhance them. When we live in isolation and only insist on sharing with those who have the same pieces of the puzzle, we discover nothing more than our own disconnection and loneliness. It is when, like Christ who became human in order share earthly life and Divine being, that we seek to share with those who are radically different and discover the glorious beauty of God's robust creation.

Our tithes of time, money and talent come without demand of uniformity. They come as our way of affirming each one of our own identities as unique children of God. They are loving affirmations to everyone in our community of their unique, necessary beauty. Our gifts of stewardship are the bonds of our Christian community. They remind each one of us that we, like Christ, are God's beloved.

One of the fruits of our shared life together and revelation of our unity is our Mission and Vision. This month we will join together as diverse people to proclaim a unified calling from the Divine Trinity. The church council faithfully brought their varied perspectives together to once again rediscover and renew our community's purpose. All along the church and every unique person has been in our hearts as well as been invited to share thoughts. We are filled with life and joy to celebrate the revelation of God's still speaking voice as found in the new proposed Mission and Vision statements.

Similar to our gifts these statements show what we share in common while simultaneously encouraging the countless ways each person lives out God's way. Individually each one of us brings an essential piece of the journey. Together, united in Christ's love and empowered with the Holy Spirit, we find the Divine, eternal fulfillment.

Thank you for sharing who you are and all your Divine gifts.

Blessings  
 Rev. Drew

# November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12:30 – 2:30 <u>Family Advocate</u> 6 p.m. Bell <u>practice</u> 7 p.m. Choir practice	2 1 p.m. Craft Day in the Fellowship Hall	3 <b>Turn clock back one hour before going to bed!</b>
<b>DST Ends</b> 10 a.m. Sunday School  11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion	5 3:30 p.m. GSA 7 p.m. BSA 7 p.m. Diaconate Board meeting	6 <b>8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Voting</b>	7 10 – noon Coffee with Pastor Drew  3:30 p.m. GSA	8 12:30 – 2:30 <u>Family Advocate</u> 6 p.m. Bell <u>practice</u> 7 p.m. Choir practice	9 12 p.m. Women's Fellowship Potluck and meeting	10
Veterans Day 11 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship <b>Budget and Election Mtg.</b>	12 3:30 GSA  6:30 p.m. Trustees' mtg.  7 p.m. BSA	13 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	14 10 – noon Coffee <u>with Pastor Drew</u> 11 a.m. Women's Bible <u>Study</u> 3:30 p.m. GSA	15 12:30 – 2:30 <u>Family Advocate</u> 6 p.m. Bell <u>practice</u> 7 p.m. Choir practice	16 9 – 12 p.m. Children's House Montessori Chili Feed 1 p.m. Craft Day in the Fellowship Hall	17
18 10 a.m. S.S. 11 a.m. Worship <u>Pie Auction</u> 6 p.m. Dinner 6:30 Pledge Blessing	19	20 7 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service	21 <b>Office Closed</b>	22 Thanksgiving Day  <b>Office Closed</b>	23	24 9 a.m. Hanging of the Greens
25 <b>NO Sunday School</b> 11 a.m. Worship 12:20 p.m. Christian Education mtg.	26 3:30 p.m. GSA 7 p.m. Church Council 7 p.m. BSA	27 7 p.m. <b>Pack meeting</b>	28 10 – noon Coffee <u>with Pastor Drew</u> 11 a.m. Women's Bible <u>Study</u> 3:30 p.m. GSA	29 12:30 – 2:30 <u>Family Advocate</u> 6 p.m. Bell <u>practice</u> 7 p.m. Choir practice	30 1 – 5 p.m. Christmas Bazaar set-up	

# December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8 a.m. – noon Christmas Bazaar
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 2 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship with Communion	3 3:30 p.m. GSA 7 p.m. BSA 7 p.m. Diaconate Board meeting	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
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 9 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	10 3:30 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. Women's Bible <u>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
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 16 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	17 3:30 p.m. GSA 7 p.m. BSA – Court of Honor	18 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	19 10 – noon Coffee with Pastor Drew  3:30 p.m. GSA	20 12:30 – 2:30 <u>Family Advocate</u> 6 p.m. Bell <u>practice</u> 7 p.m. Choir practice	21	22
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 23 NO Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	24 8 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight service	25 Christmas Office closed	26 NO Coffee with Pastor Drew	27	28	29
30 NO Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	31 New Year's Eve Office closed					