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****Changes to the Mountain Proclamations****

In an effort to be good stewards of our resources, effective with the **March** issue, we are moving to posting the monthly newsletter, *Mountain Proclamations*, in an electronic format – meaning we will *email* your newsletter to you as well as continue to put it on the website, www.mhfccucc.org

*****If you would still like to continue receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, there will be two ways that you may do this:*****

- 1) pick up a copy from church on Sunday
- OR**
- 2) have it continue to be mailed to your home by the U.S. Postal Service.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table with the Fellowship and Flower sign-up sheets for you to **“Opt-In”** for a paper copy and which way you would like to do it. *If you cannot come to church or are one of our many out of town members, please call [(208)587-4969] or email us (churchinfo@mhfccucc.org) to let us know your choice.*

If you wish to receive the newsletter by email, please be sure the church office has your preferred email address. Send an email to churchinfo@mhfccucc.org to confirm this information.

The Pastoral Relations Committee

We are pleased to announce the newest members of the Pastoral Relations Committee; Todd Paille, Gail Banner, Heidi Harris, and Lee Wright. The Pastoral Relations Committee works hard to improve the communication, interpretation and understanding between the congregation and the pastor. They define areas of potential conflict that needs to be addressed before the conflicts become a more serious issue. To fully implement conflict management, the Pastoral Relations Committee works within an atmosphere of confidentiality, while communicating open and honest feelings of church members to the Pastor.

The Pastoral Relations Committee also gives the Pastor an avenue to reflect his concerns, hopes,

ambitions and frustrations. This allows the Pastoral Relations Committee the opportunity to help the congregation understand the expectations and priorities of the Pastor.

The Pastoral Relation Committee is not a legislative body. They do not make policy or vote on behalf of the church. Their sole responsibility is to support and maintain an open relationship between the Pastor, the church staff, and members of the congregation.

If you have a suggestion, problem, complaint, grievance, or criticism please feel free to contact the Pastoral Relations Committee. They are here to foster two-way communication to enhance relationships within the church.

History Book

The Church History Book that Ramona Yrazabal maintains for us is available for viewing. It is located on the “Sign-up Table” at the back of the Sanctuary, just as you enter the Fellowship Hall. Take a moment to flip through the past few years of this very active community. If you have a story you would like to include in the Church History books, contact Ramona. If you would like to help her with this important part of our church life, she will certainly welcome your help.

Thank you, Ramona, for your diligence in keeping up with all that our members do throughout the years.

Women of the Church

Flowers and Fellowship

If you indicated on your Time and Talent pledge card that you would like to host a Fellowship Hour or do flowers, you will not get a phone call asking you to do this. The sign-up sheet on the back table in the sanctuary is your “call”, if you will. Pick a Sunday or two (or three!) that works for you, put your name on the line so it’s reserved for you and that’s all there is to it.

Women’s Fellowship

All women of the church are invited to attend the Women's Fellowship Potluck Luncheons and meetings on the second Friday of the month at noon, usually in the Fellowship Hall. This year’s

theme is *Caring and Sharing*. Come and join in the laughter, fellowship and worship with us. For more information, contact the church office or Nancy Sobien.

With that in mind, the **February** Women's Fellowship potluck and meeting will be on **February 9th** at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will be **Wednesday, February 14th and Wednesday, February 28th at 11:00** in the Pastor's office. We are just beginning the video series *Wrestling with Angels*. The study guide will be provided. All women of the church are welcome to attend. If you wish to be placed on the Women's Bible Study email list, please send an email to the church office at churchinfo@mhfccucc.org.

Boy Scout Sunday

Please welcome the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venture Crew on **Sunday, February 11th** as they celebrate Scout Sunday with us. All scouts are welcome to attend no matter which troop, pack, or crew you belong to.

29th Annual Black History Banquet

The Mountain Home Community Black History Committee would like to invite you to attend their 29th Annual Black History Banquet, with the theme of "African Americans in Times of War". The Keynote Speaker will be Honorable David Bieter, Mayor of the city of Boise, Idaho.

The banquet will be held at The Elks Lodge, 325 S. 3rd West, on **Friday, February 16th**. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:15.

Dress is semi-formal. Ticket donation is \$30 per person. **Please RSVP by February 10**. For more information, call 587-3227.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on **Tuesday, February 13th, at 6 p.m.** This is not a potluck; everything will be provided. We'll have sausage, ham and, of course, pancakes. This has always been an enjoyable tradition of fellowship time to prepare us for the Lenten season, so please come join us.

Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday Service will be on **Wednesday, February 14th** at 7 p.m.

Remember Valentine's Day

Wednesday, February 14th, is Valentine's Day. Besides remembering that special someone in your life, take a moment and drop a card to someone in a local care center, the VA Hospital, or someone who is a shut-in with no one to remember them.

If you'd like to know who our shut-ins are, just call the office and we'll let you know.

Black History Sunday

Sunday, February 18th we will celebrate Black History Sunday.

Lenten Disciplines

Wednesday Lenten potluck and meditations

Beginning on **Wednesday, February 21st**, we will have our traditional Wednesday Lenten Potluck and Meditation. Beginning at **6 p.m.** we will share in a potluck supper. Please bring food to share and your place setting. Beverages will be provided.

At 6:30, we will begin the Lenten meditation, which will be based on the book *The Stories We Live* by Kathleen A. Cahalan. Books are available in the office. Electronic versions of the book are also available from Barnes and Nobles and Amazon. If you wish to make a donation to offset the cost, each book is \$12.

This is a wonderful tradition that will help enrich your Lenten experience. Join us in the fellowship and growth that this season has to offer.

One Great Hour of Sharing

The One Great Hour of Sharing Lenten offering will begin soon! Watch the bulletin and website for offering ideas. Offering will be taken on **Palm Sunday, March 25th**.

The Maurie Townsend Underwear Offering

The Maurie Townsend Underwear Offering will also be taken on **Palm Sunday, March 25**. This very different, and oddly named, offering accomplishes a wonderful and not often thought of service for the disadvantaged in our community. Any time during Lent, bring in packages of *any* type of undergarments - socks, underwear, t-shirts, foundation garments - for any age group or gender. When all the offerings are collected, they will be taken to St. Vincent De Paul or El-Ada for distribution to the disadvantaged in our area.

Deadline for March Proclamation

February is a short month, so please have all your Special Angels and articles for **March's Proclamation** to the church office by **February 15th**. Thank you for your help.

Annual Reports Available

If you were unable to attend the Annual Meeting held on January 21st and would like a copy of the 2017 Annual Report, they are available from the bulletin table in the sanctuary, from the church office or from our website (www.mhfccucc.org) on the "Upcoming Services and Events" page.

Thank You

From the Chamber of Commerce

"One behalf of the Giving Tree Committee,

Please accept our sincere thanks for your generosity in support of this project. Your donation of time, talents, energy, supplies and money made it possible for our group to provide holiday gifts and winter clothing for over 525 children for the 2017 season.

Thank you again for supporting the Giving Tree. This project would not be possible without your generosity.

Wishing you all the best in 2018!

Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce

Giving Tree Committee

Patti Ferrell, Brenda Franks

Nancy Thompson, Vickie Bermensolo

And, we the Church Family, thank you, Ann Carlin, for your tireless efforts bringing the Giving Tree needs to our attention and coordinating our donations with the Chamber of Commerce. You are a treasure. Thank you.

More Paper!

Thank you to whoever it was that left the half-case of paper in the office in early January. Buying paper was on my to-do list that very week. Thank you!!

The Annual Report

I would like to thank everyone who had the responsibility of getting your committee or board's annual report to the office so that it could be compiled into the 2017 Annual Report. Everyone did a wonderful job getting their reports to me in plenty of time to put it all

together for the annual meeting. Your hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated.

Jennifer Andersen,

Church Secretary

The Manager's Monthly Minute

The managers of Pilgrim Cove Camp are working to keep us informed of the happenings of the camp. It's called the Manager's Monthly Minutes. They will be available on the back table, by the bulletins, in the sanctuary or on-line at our website, www.mhfccucc.org, on the Youth/Camp page.

Looking Ahead

Spring Clean

The Annual Spring Clean will be **Saturday, March 24th, beginning at 9 a.m.** This event is open to *all* members/attendees of the church, not just the Trustees. Come on out and help clean windows, woodwork, the nursery, and weather permitting, the flower beds. Bring your favorite cleaning equipment and come join the fun.

Holy Week/Easter

Palm Sunday, March 25th, regular worship time of 11 a.m. This is when we will take the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering and conclude the Maurie Townsend Underwear Offering.

NO Lenten Potluck and Meditation on Wednesday, March 28th

Maundy Thursday Meager Meal, Thursday, March 29th at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Good Friday Service, Friday, March 30th at Grace Lutheran at 7 p.m.

7 a.m. – Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

7:45 a.m. – Easter Breakfast given by the men of the church

8:15 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt

11 a.m. – Easter Regular Worship

Annual Rummage Sale

The Women's Fellowship Annual Rummage Sale for 2018 is scheduled for **April 28th**. Now is the time to start cleaning out those garages, attics, basements, storage units, and spare bedrooms for those gently used items that help the ladies make this sale possible. If you have any questions or would like to lend a hand – men or women – please contact Nancy Sobien or Nadine Roberts.

Change of Address

Ruth Schreiner
764 NW Date Ave.
Mountain Home ID
83647-5808

In Loving Memory

Ruth Marie (Pipal) Steckelberg
October 3, 1921 – January 2, 2018

Winthrop "Windy" Osborn
February 19, 1933 – January 10, 2018

Birthdays in February

3 Julianne Mori	19 Eddie Bush
5 Jo Gridley	19 Raffael Lichdi
7 Joshua Roeder	19 Windy Osborn
10 Victoria Dillard	19 Chris Paille
10 Lawrence Pearsall	21 Marci Hamada
10 Janet Weise	21 Dena Olson
11 Susan Mussler	21 Elizabeth Parks
12 Merrilee Hiler	23 Rick Carlton
12 Alice Keas	24 Lucas Marsh
14 Jim Blanksma	24 Nadine Roberts
17 Sam Hooley	25 Sue Baumgardner
18 Betty Ashcraft	26 Jakob Lichdi
18 Betty Parks	27 Sara Duty
28 Joe Joseph	

Anniversaries in February

17 Jennifer & Ken Andersen

Special Angels for February

LITURGISTS (Heidi Harris)

4 – Heidi Harris
11 – Frank Marsh
18 – Mildred McNeal
25 – Tony Deal

GREETERS (Mildred McNeal)

4 – Mollie Marsh
11 – Judy Case
18 – Oledeen Bermensolo
25 – Curtis and Ann Carlin

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (Sign-up sheet)

4 –
11 – Lauren Tomsic
18 – Joe and Mildred McNeal
25 –

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Betty Ashcraft)

4 – Communion – No Children's Church
11 – Heidi Harris
18 – Betty Ashcraft
25 – Ken Andersen

USHERS (Ken Hill)

FLOWERS (Sign-Up Sheet)

Nadine Roberts

PARAMENTS (Heidi and Allen Harris)

COMMUNION (Tony Deal)

From the Pastor

Dear Siblings in Christ,

It is the month of love and Lent. The two feel more like contrasts than companions. They actually have a lot in common. The most important is the willingness to release unhealthy notions of self in order to embrace the life-giving power of relationship.

Jesus's time in the desert was a period to ground his being in the essence of relationship with God. Christ's responses to the temptations of, "One does not live on bread alone...do not put God to the test...worship God alone" are all professions of love. Love is what gives us life; healthy relationships are ones built upon faith and trust, and they remain focused on the bond between beings. Lent is the time to reorient one's vision to the foundation of loving relationship with God. This Lent ask, "What do I need to release or take on to focus on the path of a vibrant relationship with God and God's people?"

This is the beginning of my second year as designated term pastor. This is a fruitful time of transition and renewal of our essence as God's beloved children. Let us join together as a community this season reaffirming our grounding in God's love. There have been significant changes and challenges thus far. God's Spirit continues to lead us to new life and reinvigoration. What must we do or let go of to refresh and strengthen our communal call as God's beloved servants and children?

No matter what we face we face it together united in the Christ's grace.

Blessings
Rev. Drew Terry

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Confirmation Class at 1 p.m. on: 4 th , 18 th , and 25 th				1 12:30 – 3 p.m. <u>Family Advocacy</u> 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	2 Groundhog Day	3
4 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion NO Deacon Mtg.	5 3:30 GSA 7 BSA	6 7 p.m. Cubs	7 NO CWD 3:30 GSA	8 12:30 – 3 p.m. <u>Family Advocacy</u> 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	9 12 p.m. Women's Fellowship potluck and mtg.	10
11 Scout Sunday 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	12 3:30 GSA 7 BSA 7 p.m. Trustees	13 6 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	14 Ash Wednesday 10 – 12 CWD 11 a.m. WBS 3:30 GSA 7 p.m. Ash Wed. Service here	15 12:30 – 3 p.m. <u>Family Advocacy</u> 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	16	17
First Sunday of Lent 18 Black History Sunday 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	19 President's Day Office Closed	20 7 p.m. Cubs	21 10 – 12 CWD 3:30 GSA 6 p.m. Lenten potluck and meditation	22 12:30 – 3 p.m. <u>Family Advocacy</u> 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	23	24
Second Sunday of Lent 25 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Christian Ed Meeting	26 3:30 GSA 7 BSA 7 p.m. Church Council	27 6 p.m. Cubs Blue and Gold Banquet	28 10 – 12 CWD 11 a.m. WBS 3:30 GSA 6 p.m. Lenten potluck and meditation			CWD = Coffee with Drew WBS = Women's Bible Study

March 2018 (this calendar subject to change)

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CWD = Coffee with Drew WBS = Women's Bible Study	Confirmation Class: 11th, 18th, and 25th			1 12:30 – 3 p.m. <u>Family Advocacy</u> 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	2	3
Third Sunday of Lent 4 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion Diaconate mtg.	5 3:30 GSA 7 BSA	6 7 p.m. Cubs	7 10 – 12 CWD 3:30 GSA 6 p.m. Lenten potluck and meditation	8 12:30 – 3 p.m. <u>Family Advocacy</u> 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	9 12 p.m. Women's Fellowship potluck and mtg.	10
Fourth Sunday of Lent 11 Girl Scout Sunday 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	12 3:30 GSA 7 BSA 7 p.m. Trustees	13 8 – 8 Voting	14 10 – 12 CWD 11 a.m. WBS 3:30 GSA 6 p.m. Lenten potluck and meditation	15 12:30 – 3 p.m. <u>Family Advocacy</u> 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
Fifth Sunday of Lent 18 Black History Sunday 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	19 3:30 GSA 7 BSA 7 p.m. Trustees	20 6 p.m. Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby	21 10 – 12 CWD 3:30 GSA 6 p.m. Lenten potluck and meditation	22 12:30 – 3 p.m. <u>Family Advocacy</u> 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	23	24 9 a.m. Spring Clean
Palm Sunday 25 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Christian Ed Meeting	26 7 p.m. Church Council	27	28 10 – 12 CWD 3:30 GSA 11 a.m. WBS 6 p.m. Lenten potluck and meditation	29 6 p.m. Maundy Thursday Meager Meal 7 Choir practice	30 Good Friday 7 p.m. Good Friday Service at Grace Lutheran Church	31