

# Mountain Proclamations

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## Welcome, Madilynne

*Madilynne Alison Carlton*

*Baptized May 14, 2017*

*Welcome to the family, Madilynne*

## Fellowship and Flowers

Help! Coffee Hour and Altar Flowers are in desperate need of volunteers for the summer. Flowers are needed for 2 Sundays in June, 3 in July and 2 in August. There are floral arrangements in the Flower Room that you may use or you may bring your own OR you may use any flowers that are in bloom around the church grounds. There are many styles of vases in the Flower Room for this.

Coffee Hour for June needs 2 more hosts/hostesses, July needs 5, and August needs 4. July and August are completely open. All you really are asked to do is make and serve coffee and punch. Any snacks served are totally optional.

The sign-up sheets for both of these is on the table at the back of the Sanctuary to the left of the doors leading into the Fellowship Hall. Thank you so much for your help with this ministry.

## Summer Worship Schedule

On **May 28<sup>th</sup>** we began our **10:00 a.m.** Worship Service with Children's Church and nursery care. There is no Sunday school from May 28<sup>th</sup> through September 3. Sunday school begins again on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, Rally Day.

## 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?

With the Chancel Choir taking their summer break, it would be wonderful to have other musicians or singers add to our worship time by sharing their talents with us on any given Sunday during the summer.

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 you would like to do this.

## Strengthen the Church Offering

The **Strengthen the Church offering** will be taken on **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**. The *Strengthen the Church Offering* enables the national church to fund new ministries that experiment with church beyond the walls of our buildings, resource and inspire churches seeking to do a bold new thing for the sake of the Gospel, and help churches work together in visioning who they are and who they can be in 2017 and for years to come.

With your help, we can live into the United Church of Christ's vision for a just world for all. Investing in the future of Christianity and the church is investing in the vision of what God is calling us to do, together.

## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible will be **June 19 through June 23, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**, for ages 4-11. This year's theme will be "Workshop of Wonder."

We'll need volunteers to teach and help set-up and run the kitchen. We also need **donations** of:

smooth peanut butter	cheese
jelly	Goldfish crackers
bread	pretzels
fresh fruit	juice
and of course, cookies	

We also need monetary donations to pay for supplies. If you would like to donate any of these items – time, treasure, or talent – please contact the church office or Ken Andersen. For any monetary donations, please note on your check that it is for VBS 2017.

## Women's Fellowship

### *Women's Fellowship*

The Women's Fellowship will be taking a break for the summer. **However!** There will be a non-business meeting luncheon on the second Friday in August, **Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**, just for the fun of it. Watch the website and the Sunday bulletin for the location of the luncheon.

## *Women's Bible Study*

The Women's Bible Study will be taking a break for summer. They will begin meeting again the second and fourth Wednesdays in September – the 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> – continuing the *Uppity Women of the Bible* series.

### *Reminder!*

The July and August editions of the *Mountain Proclamation* come out as one edition. If you have any information, articles, or Special Angels to be included in the **August** edition, please make sure that it is into the office by **1 p.m. Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Bring it in during office hours (10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday), call it in (587-4969), or email it in ([churchinfo@mhfccucc.org](mailto:churchinfo@mhfccucc.org).)

### *Thank you*

*From Nancy Martin*

Fellow church Members,

I can't express how much I miss attending services and seeing all of you. Weeks without Sundays are hard because then I never know what day of the week it is. I keep hoping things will change soon, perhaps with warmer weather.

I want to thank the many people who have called, sent cards or stopped by, including Jan Jensen, Deen Bermensolo, Mollie Marsh, and our new pastor. It's good to know that life goes on.

May God bless you each and everyone just as He has blessed me.

*Nancy Martin*

### *To Our Blessed Handymen!*

Thank you, Eddie Bush and Lee Wright, for all the hard work y'all put in fixing water leaks, trimming trees, and keeping everything in ship shape. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

### *To Mickie Betts*

Thank you to Mickie Betts for the donation of a single-cup, K-style coffee maker for the pastor's office. Thanks to Mickie, when you have an appointment with Pastor Drew you can have a cup of coffee or tea while you visit.

### *Beth DeVore*

Thank you, Beth, for the donation of 2 packages of 8.5x11 copy paper. The timing was excellent – we were all out of paper that very morning!

## *Spring Rummage Sale*

Thanks to all the ladies and gentlemen that helped with set up and sales at our Rummage Sale. The turnout was amazing. As usual, we were our own best customers turning up treasure after treasure which simply had to go home with someone! Our success was not only monetary. We have fun, build friendships, help out our community, and recycle gently used clothes and household items. We also raised over \$1100. Money which helps stretch the church budget beyond the bare essentials. Thanks again for the donations, the hard work, and the loving community that makes all this possible.

*Linda Miller*

Women's Fellowship President

### *Blanket Offering*

The generous donations from the church family on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> will provide 47 people in crisis with a blanket to wrap up in or build a shelter with. Thank you so much for your donations equaling \$467.

### *End of Sunday School Celebration*

Thank you to everyone who shared a dish at our End of Sunday School celebration potluck and to all those who stayed to enjoy the celebration. Thank you to Christian Education and Rose Pearsall who again provided the cake to celebrate another fun year of Sunday school. Rose did a lovely job baking and decorating our celebration cake. Thank you, Rose!

### *To our musicians*

To all those who donated their time and talent to our music program throughout the year, thank you so very much.

**Organists:** Marlene Osborn, Dorraine Aggen and Betty Parks

**Pianists:** Ruth Schreiner

**Choir Director and Bell Instructor:** Don Thoen

**Bell Choir:** Dorraine Aggen, Gail Banner, Elin Colthorp, Chris Paille, Nancy Allen, Nancy Sobien, Mike Keas, Alice Keas, Jennifer Dillenbeck, Truman Parker and director, Don Thoen

**Chancel Choir:** Dorraine Aggen, Gail Banner, Elin Colthorp, Mike Keas, Phil Miller, Alice Keas, Nadine Roberts, Sylvia Sisneros, Nancy Sobien, Jennifer Dillenbeck, Nancy Allen, and director, Don Thoen.

## *Our Acolytes*

Thank you to those faithful youth who do their part for the church by lighting the Christ candles and passing out the Registers each Sunday. Your contribution is valued and appreciated all year around.

## *It's nomination time*

Have you ever 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 2017 that you would like to serve on a board or committee? Now's your chance!

June is when we start looking for replacements for those whose terms are up at the end of the year.

At present, the openings coming up are: for the three (3) year term commitments – 2 on the Diaconate Board – 1 woman and 1 man, 2 on Trustees, 1 for Christian Education and 1 for the Pilgrim Cove Board representative.

For the one (1) year term commitments: the church clerk, the youth coordinator, and assistant moderator, and there are 6 openings on Social Committee,

If you would like more information about what these groups do or are interested in serving on one of the boards or committees, please contact the church office at 587-4969 and we will get you the information you're looking for or give your name and number to the Nominating Committee and some one will contact you.

## *Prayer Requests*

The Curtis Carlin family is asking for prayers for Curtis. His cancer has returned.

## *Going away for the Summer?*

Will your summer adventures be taking you away from town for awhile? Will you be missing worship on the occasional Sunday? You don't have to be out of the loop on what's happening in the church. Every Monday, the church website, [www.mhfcucc.org](http://www.mhfcucc.org), is updated with upcoming events. The pastor's sermon from the previous Sunday is also posted on the website at this time. The Rev Rant is updated 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  
P. O. Box 659  
Mountain Home, ID 83647

## *2017 Directory*

The 2017 Directory will be a pictorial directory and we will be doing it sometime after Rally Day in September. Life Touch Photography will be doing the portraits. As we get closer to the time, we will announce an actual date and get you all the information you need to make plans for this event. The last pictorial directory was done in 2007, so an update is definitely in order!

## *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 2017 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 is a cancer survivor of 7 years and our son-in-law Nicholas Tomsic is currently battling cancer. We also do it for loved ones we have lost to the dreaded disease. If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation, please see Curtis or me either before or after church every Sunday until the Relay, which takes place on June 10<sup>th</sup> at Carl Miller Park.

*Thank you and God bless,  
Ann and Curtis Carlin*

## *Pilgrim Cove News*

### *Summer Camp*

Summer camp will be the July 9<sup>th</sup> through the 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.

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 is \$350.

## *June Birthdays*

1 – Ella Bergstol            19 – Gail Banner  
2 – Jessica Bergstol        19- Dustin Paille  
3 – Wade Baumgardner    19 – Samantha Warner  
5 – Elaine McCalley        20 – Victory Gaffin

5 – Dan Mori                    22 – Thomas Dillard  
 6 – Susanne Ohlsen        22 - Nancy Sobien  
 7 – Amanda Pentland    24 – Anita Christianson  
 9 – Leon Gaub                27 – Katherine Singleton  
 11 – Sherry Bush            27 – Pauline Marten  
 11 – Phillip Dillard        28 – Diana Hooley  
    28 – Polly Sanders

### *June Anniversaries*

22 – Polly and Bid Sanders  
 23 – Nick and Jennifer Dillenbeck  
 25 – Jessica and Chris Bergstol  
 25 – Judy and Carl Case  
 29 – Heidi and Allen Harris

### *Special Angels for June*

#### LITURGISTS (Diane Venski)

4 – Betty Ashcraft  
 11 – Jennifer Dillenbeck  
 18 – Diane Venski  
 25 – Chris Paille

#### GREETERS (Jennifer Dillenbeck)

4 – Gail Banner  
 11 – Elin Colthorp  
 18 – Grace and Maurie Townsend  
 25 – Betty Ashcraft

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

4 –  
 11 – Linda and Phil Miller  
 18 –  
 25 – Linda Thomsen and Oledeen Bermensolo

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

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

#### FLOWERS (Sign-up Sheet)

4 – Linda Ramsey  
 11 – Linda Ramsey  
 18 –  
 25 –

#### USHERS (Tony Deal)

#### PARAMENTS (Allen and Heidi Harris)

#### COMMUNION (Alvaree and Diane Venski)

### *Children's Church*

Children's Church is for children from kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Children in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up are invited to remain in regular

church. Children below kindergarten age may go to the nursery where care will be provided.

### *From Our Pastor*

Dear loved ones in Christ,

Summer is the time to hit the road and seek adventure. The season is one where families and friends deepen their connections, creating new stories and celebrating the vibrant life already revealed. This June is the beginning of our own community's spiritual celebration of creating new life and singing praise for the life that has been given.

Our first pastor took the pulpit of our church 125 years ago this June. You can imagine the life and blessings that empower a community to thrive for this long. It is spiritually important to take time and give thanks to God for those blessings, for life and love. The time of celebrating is an adventure revealing to us the familiar ways we have found God as well as the enlightening insights we missed.

Our Christian faith is a celebration of 2000 years of stories and how God, Christ and the Holy Spirit bring forth life into the world. These stories are especially important to us in times of grief and fear. Our world cries out for relief from violence; the Christian church yearns to be reminded of the Divine call in a time of diminishing churches; and our own community seeks renewal in a transition that has not occurred in over two decades. These are in addition to our own personal struggles and longings for God's life-giving love.

We need to take time to celebrate 125 years of First Congregational, Mountain Home, ID. We are called to discover and rediscover the abundance God has shed upon both our individual and communal lives. The journey will deepen our awareness of God's current call. The celebration of God's love will open our vision to God's path forward.

Currently there are whispers and brainstorming ideas occurring on how we celebrate and come together anew. This letter is a seed. I hope you carry it with you on all your adventures this summer. I pray it serves as a reminder that no matter where you travel the love of this church and the love of God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit go with you. May this seed bring forth life giving recollections. May what blossoms inside you be shared with the garden we call First Congregational, Mountain Home. May we all find the time and place to enjoy the collective harvest of God's eternal love.

May the peace of Christ be with you wherever you are

Blessings  
 Rev. Drew Terry

# June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
<b>Pentecost 4</b> 10 a.m. Worship with Communion	5 No Diaconate Board meeting 7 p.m. BSA	6	7	8	9	10
11 10 a.m. Worship <b>Strengthen the Church offering</b>	12 7 p.m. Trustees 7 p.m. BSA	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17
Father's Day 18 10 a.m. Worship	19 7 p.m. Christian Ed 7 p.m. BSA	20	21	22	23	24
	<b>VA</b>	<b>CATION</b>	<b>BIBLE SCH</b>	<b>OOL 9 A.M.</b>	<b>to NOON</b>	
25 10 a.m. Worship	26 7 p.m. Church Council 7 p.m. BSA	27	28	29	30	

# July 2017

(this calendar subject to change)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 10 a.m. Worship	3 Office closed	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6	7	8
9 10 a.m. Worship	10 7 p.m. BSA	11	12	13	14	15
16 10 a.m. Worship	17 7 p.m. BSA	18	19	20	21	22
23 10 a.m. Worship	24 7 p.m. BSA	25	26	27	28	29
30 10 a.m. Worship	31 7 p.m. BSA					