

# Mountain Proclamations

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## From the Association Moderator

Greetings Churches of the Idaho Association of the UCC,

This is Rev. Drew Terry, moderator of the Association. I pray this letter finds you well.

I am writing because our Conference Minister, Rev. Walter John Boris, is retiring following eight-plus years of serving our community. His last day will be March 31<sup>st</sup>. During his time, Walter John worked with us through unprecedented changes and aided many of our churches through transition. Walter John faithfully sought to make our conference prepared to do Christian ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

I invite all who feel called to join the Idaho Association to thank Walter John for his ministry. The Association's officers decided the most appropriate way to do this would be to invite individuals to write their own thank you cards and send them to Walter John at

Walter John Boris  
787 W. Alder Ct.  
Washougal, WA 98671

Cards should be sent to this address by the first week of April. The Idaho Association **will** make a financial gift offering in Rev. Boris' name to the Pilgrim Cove Camp Scholarship Fund at his request. If you would like to contribute to this offering please make your gift out to the Idaho Association of the CPC and send to:

First Congregation UCC of Boise  
c/o Ginni Neil  
2201 Woodlawn Ave.  
Boise, ID 83702

Please write in the memo or with a note that it is for Walter John. Ginni is our association treasurer and she will collect the gifts. The Idaho Association will then deliver the offering. This will be a wonderful way to express our communal gratitude for Walter John's ministry.

Please feel free to contact me at [geterr@gmail.com](mailto:geterr@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

God bless  
Rev. Drew Terry  
Pastor  
First Congregational Church, Mountain Home, ID  
Moderator of the Idaho Association of the CPC

## Rev Rants

There's a new page on our website. It's called "Rev Rants". Here you will find a mid-week reflection about the upcoming Sunday scripture lesson. Drop in a take a read and see what thoughts this brings to *your* mind.

If you would like to receive this reflection as an email, send an email to the church office at [churchinfo@mhfcucc.org](mailto:churchinfo@mhfcucc.org) and your name will be added to the list.

## Women of the Church

### *Women's Fellowship*

Women's Fellowship will meet at noon on **Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** for the monthly potluck luncheon and meeting. The second Friday is Good Friday, so the meeting was moved. Nadine Roberts and Nancy Sobien will be the hostesses and Betty Celaya will lead the worship.

All women of the church are invited to attend. If you have any questions, contact Linda Miller.

### *Women's Bible Study*

Women's Bible Study for April will be on the second and fourth Wednesdays, **April 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 a.m. in Drew's office. All women of the church are welcome.

### *Shower for Jade*

At the May Women's Fellowship potluck and meeting, we will be celebrating Jade Courtney's marriage to Drew with a Bridal Shower.

This meeting will be on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m. Check the May newsletter for more information and updates.

## Holy Week Schedule

**April 9<sup>th</sup>**, Palm Sunday, **11 a.m.** Worship  
**April 13<sup>th</sup>**, Maundy Thursday, **6 p.m.** Maundy Thursday Meager Meal and Service – not a potluck  
**April 14<sup>th</sup>**, Good Friday, **6:30** at First Congregational Church  
**April 16<sup>th</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

## 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 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 to schedule your help time.**

### *The Sale*

The Annual Rummage Sale will be on **Saturday, April 29** from **8 a.m. until noon**. Come browse through the gently used treasures. Support the church and do a little wardrobe make-over or home redecorating or even spoil the kids or grandkids a little without breaking the bank. Come early and bring a friend.

## Alan Creech Scholarship

The Alan Creech Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship given in memory of Alan Creech of the Nampa UCC church. Applications are due by **April 24, 2017**. For the application and who may apply go to: [www.uccnampa.com](http://www.uccnampa.com)

## Thank You!

### *Thank you for Coat Hangers*

Thank you to everyone who asked, offered, and brought coat hangers. Thank you to everyone for checking in and making sure my family and I had what we needed to transition. Your hospitality reflects Christ's presence. Jade, Nolan, and I are grateful.

*Thank you*  
*Rev. Drew Terry*

### *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper*

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was absolutely fantastic! Thank you so much for all

who put this wonderful supper together – Jennifer Dillenbeck; Allen and Heidi Harris; Rose and Lawrence Pearsall; Chuck Eckenrod; Curtis and Ann Carlin; and Frank Marsh. These wonderfully dedicated people did all the cooking, serving and cleaning up after the approximately 50 folks who attended this wonderful time of fellowship. And of course, Thank You! to Pastor Drew for providing all of us with King Cake as part of the tradition. Congratulations to Charles Fogleman who got the plastic baby baked inside the cake.

*Curtis Carlin*  
*Diaconate Chair*

### *To Oledeen Bermensolo*

Thank you, Oledeen, for helping with the janitorial duties while Linda Thomsen is on the mend from surgery. We are blessed to have you.

### *More paper!*

Found another mega-pak of 8.5 X 11 paper on my desk Sunday morning (March 19<sup>th</sup>)! Thank you whoever left it. We were indeed beginning to be in need of more paper. Thank you! Thank you!

### *To the Under-Radar Crowd*

To the Under-The-Radar gang, thank you for all the work you do around the church. It is noticed and appreciated, even when we can't figure out who did it.

## Church Lawn Care Help

The Trustees are looking for a handful of people who have a Friday or Saturday to spare about once a month to help with mowing the lawns around the church. We have the equipment; we just need the people to do the job. If you can offer a Friday or Saturday a month to mow the lawn, please contact a member of the Trustees or leave your name with the Church Office and some one will contact you to coordinate the schedule and get you a key to the shed.

## Blanket Sunday

Blanket Sunday will be on **Sunday, May 14<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.

Imagine you are a young parent who is forced to leave your home with your two children. It is a dark night, and you are walking on a dirt road from Macedonia to Serbia, far from your home

town. You stop at the registration center in Presevo, where you receive critical supplies to help you and your children before continuing the journey.

Among those emergency supplies were blankets, including baby blankets. You quickly wrap them around your children to keep them warm. You also receive a light-weight blanket to use for carrying your family's belongings.

These gifts of hospitality are only possible because our congregation joins in the support of the CWS Blanket Program.

This year, we can help young mothers and so many families. Our church will be taking a special offering on Mother's Day to help provide blankets and other emergency items to mothers and their families all around the world.

For only 10 dollars, you can give a blanket that can provide warmth and shelter, comfort and privacy, and healing and hope wherever God's people may need care.

These blankets might be the best gift you ever give and you can change a life all at the same time.

Please give generously.

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*

Vacation Bible will happen and it will be from **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

If you would like to help please contact the office or Ken Andersen.

### *Pilgrim Cove Camp Jobs*

Pilgrim Cove Camp is getting ready for their summer season and that means hiring summer workers.

They wish to make sure that they offer the folks of the Association churches "first crack" at these openings. They need 3 lifeguards, 3 kitchen staff, and 2 housekeepers. The positions have hourly pay as well as room and board.

The pay will be: lifeguards \$10 an hour and if needed they can arrange for the training. Dishwashers will be hired at \$9.50/hr, Prep Cook at \$10/hr, and housekeepers \$8.50/hr. The season

goes from Memorial Day through at least Labor Day. Lifeguards should be at least 18; kitchen staff and housekeeping no younger than 16. It would be great to have adults (18+) apply as well.

If you or someone you know would like to experience the beauty of Pilgrim Cove Camp, please have them contact Lori at 208-634-5555 or [manager@pilgrimcovecamp.org](mailto:manager@pilgrimcovecamp.org). to discuss the application process. They hope to have these positions filled by mid-May.

You can also apply on line at:  
<http://www.pilgrimcovecamp.com/jobs/>

### *Other Camp 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 projected to be \$350. Scholarships are available.

### *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 I 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*

### *April Birthdays*

2 – Roger Fogleman	17 – Jennifer Dillenbeck
4 – Randy Ramsey	17- Patricia Urbick
6 – Rose Pearsall	20 - Barbara Fogleman
9 – Tauna Eckenrod	22 – Linda Miller
10 – Leonard DeVore	23 – Orville Thomsen
14 – Cassie Pentland	24 – Emma Duty

15 – Charlene Kaufman 24 – Don Kaufman  
15- Rebecca Perez 25 – Billy Roeder  
16 – DeWayne Irwin 26 – Debi Deal  
16- Mildred McNeal 26 – Linda Thomsen  
16- Hailey Townsend 29 – Tony Deal

### *April Anniversaries*

10 – Mike and Alice Keas

### *Special Angels for April*

#### LITURGISTS (Mildred McNeal)

2 – Tony Deal  
9 – Grace Townsend  
16 Sunrise – Betty Ashcraft  
16 11 a.m. – Mildred McNeal  
23 – Mollie Marsh  
30 – Frank Marsh

#### GREETERS (Heidi Harris)

2 – Eddie and Sherry Bush  
9 – Lee Wright  
16 Sunrise – Allen and Heidi Harris  
16 11 a.m. – Oledeen Bermensolo  
23 – Frank and Mollie Marsh  
30 – Ramona Yrazabal

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

2 – Rose Pearsall  
9 – Carrie Roeder  
16 – Easter  
23 – Ann and Curtis Carlin  
30 – Sherry Bush and Linda Ramsey

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Sign-up Sheet)

2 – Communion – No Children's Church  
9 – Betty Ashcraft  
16 – Heidi Harris  
23 – Ken Andersen  
30 – Ken Andersen

#### USHERS (Lawrence Pearsall)

#### FLOWERS (Sign-up Sheet)

2 – Rose Pearsall  
9 – Linda Miller  
16 – Linda Miller  
23 – Linda Miller  
30 – Linda Ramsey

#### PARAMENTS (Allen and Heidi Harris)

#### COMMUNION (Vicki Eckenrod)

#### NURSERY (Debi Deal and Sarah Duty)

### *From the Pastor*

Dear loved ones,

I had an enlightening conversation recently with a fellow minister. My colleague pointed out, "You know originally Christianity's central focus was the resurrection and not the crucifixion." I am still wrapping my head around the importance of this insight.

The Resurrection is the epicenter of our faith. It is mystery, grace, mercy, and the unimaginable power of love to give life wrapped in one. The resurrection has never been fully explained. It has been filled with ambiguity and excitement. What happened at Christ's rising? There are various versions in scripture. What happens when we experience resurrection? The answer has caused a vibrant discussion amongst Christians since the beginning of the church. Whatever the answers, what is proclaimed is that God's life-giving love is the final and everlasting act of existence.

The lesson from the resurrection is the call as Christians to proclaim the mystery and journey with others seeking God's life. We are called to profess "Christ is risen" and simultaneously admit we are unsure of what that means. We have faith God's love will come no matter what happens. We move forward in search of God's full revelation.

Our new journey as a church has been fun and filled with joy. You have welcomed me with gracious love. We are still learning about one another. We continue to unravel the mystery of who we are, where we are, and where God is calling us. It's both scary as well as exciting.

It will take time to gain clarity on the path ahead. In the mean time we have the chance to embrace where we currently are located. It may at times feel as shocking and confusing as staring at the empty tomb. It may be as speechlessly joyful as recognizing Christ when the bread is broken. Whether we feel fear or bliss we should accept it as part of God's call to new life. When the intensity of the miraculous new path settles, we will gain understanding of how to respond.

There was an important period between the resurrection and the creation of the church. Historically it was between 20 to 100 years or longer depending on how you measure. According to scripture the time between the resurrection and Pentecost was measurable in days. The lesson is there must be time to be truly amazed with the life-giving epiphany of resurrection. There needs to be time to sit, feel the joy touch every ounce of our being, and let it truly transform us.

*Cheers to resurrection!*

*Rev. Drew Terry*

# April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 April Fool's Day
<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> 2 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship with Communion	3 7 p.m. Diaconate Board 7 p.m. BSA	4 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	5 6:30 <b>LAST</b> Lenten Potluck and meditation 3:30 GST #223	6 6 p.m. Bell practice 7 p.m. Choir practice 6 p.m. GST #274	7 12 p.m. Women's Fellowship – <b>note changed date</b>	8 9 a.m. Spring Clean
<i>Palm Sunday</i> <b>OGHS</b> 9 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Underwear offering ends	10 7 p.m. Trustees 7 p.m. BSA	11 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	12 11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 3:30 GST #223	13 6 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m. Choir	14 6:30 p.m. Good Friday Service	15
<i>Easter</i> 16 7 a.m. Sunrise 7:45 a.m. Breakfast and egg hunt 11 a.m. Worship	17 7 p.m. Christian Ed 7 p.m. BSA	18 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	19 3:30 Girl Scout Troop #223	20 6 p.m. Bell practice 7 p.m. Choir practice 6 p.m. GST #274	21	22 Earth Day
23 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	24 7 p.m. Church Council 7 p.m. BSA	25 7 p.m. Cubs	26 11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 3:30 GST #223	27 1 – 4 p.m. <u>Rummage set-up</u> 6 p.m. Bell 7 p.m. Choir 6 p.m. GST 274?	28 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Rummage sale set-up	29 8 a.m. to Noon Rummage Sale
30 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship						

## May 2017 (this calendar subject to change)

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<i>Mother's Day</i> 14 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship <b>Blanket Sunday</b>	15 7 p.m. Christian Ed 7 p.m. BSA	16 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Voting	17 3:30 Girl Scout Troop #223	18 6 p.m. Bell practice 7 p.m. Choir practice 6 p.m. GST #274	19	20
<i>Last Sunday School Sunday</i> 21 10 a.m. Sunday School <b>Last</b> 11 a.m. Worship Potluck & Cake	22 7 p.m. Church Council 7 p.m. BSA	23	24 11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 3:30 GST #223	25 6 p.m. GST #274	26	27
28 <b>10 a.m. Worship</b>	29 Memorial Day <b>Office Closed</b>	30	31			