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Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 26th, we began our summer worship schedule with **worship at 10:00 a.m.**

Communion will be the first Sunday of June and August and there is no Sunday School during the summer months

Craft Day is Back!

Mark your calendar for **June 7th and 21st**! Craft Day is coming back. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at **1 p.m.** to work on the craft of your choice with friends in the comfort of the adult Sunday school room – with air conditioning! At present, there is not a group project being worked on, but that could change. Just bring your favorite take-along craft and enjoy the fellowship. This is not a closed group, so bring a friend! The more that merrier!

Strengthen the Church

“Your past support of the Strengthen the Church offering is greatly appreciated. Through this offering, your congregation contributed to the continued expansion and revitalization of the United Church of Christ. As called for by the General Synod, 50 percent of your offering stays in your local conference, and 50 percent is sent to the national work of strengthening the church universal: through grants towards new church start, inspiring youth and young adults into leadership, and equipping pastors for ministry in the 21st century.

*Ms. Jacqueline Owen
Development Strategist
Office of Philanthropy, Technology, Identity and
Communications”*

For more information or to donate, go to www.ucc.org/stc We will be taking our ***Strengthen the Church*** offering on **Sunday, June 9th, Pentecost Sunday.**

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 20th**. Bring it in during office

hours (10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday), call it in (587-4969), or email it to (churchinfo@mhfccucc.org.)

Vacation Bible Day Camp

Vacation Bible School (Day Camp) will be a whole new experience this year. It will be conducted here at First Congregational Church by Luther Heights Bible Camp with college students coming in to run it. It will be much longer than usual and looks to be a whole lot of fun! You can meet the team at our Combined Worship Service in Legacy Park on **Sunday, July 14th at 10 a.m.**

Even though we have a team coming in to conduct this day camp, **we still need some local help.** Each of the five facilitators needs at the very least one assistant, high school age through adult. We will also need to handle snacks locally. Each church is taking a couple of days. First Congregational has Tuesday and Thursday. There will be more information on these needs as it comes in.

The dates for VBS are **July 15 through 19, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** We are limited to 40 kids, so get those registrations in soon. Please to bring friends and neighbors. This is a community event.

Fellowship and Flowers

As of this writing, July and August are looking a bit lonely. So far **most** Sundays are available for both Flowers and Fellowship Hour. Please take a moment to consider your schedule and which Sunday you would like to contribute your time and talent to for Flowers and/or Fellowship. The sign-up sheets for both of these are on the table at the back of the Sanctuary to the left of the doors leading into the Fellowship Hall. You can also call the office during office hours to check to see if the Sunday of your choice has been taken. If not, we can put your name on it for you. Thank you so much for your help with these ministries.

Summer Music

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.

Women's Fellowship Summer Project

This summer the Women's Fellowship group will lead the church in a three-month project. We will be collecting items for the Boise, Idaho Ronald McDonald House on Warm Springs Avenue. Our project is called, "FEED MY PEOPLE, CLOTHE MY PEOPLE, LOVE MY PEOPLE".

For the month of **June**, we will "FEED MY PEOPLE" by collecting a certain list of new food products to supply a spaghetti dinner for the residents of the House.

In the month of **July**, we will collect **NEW** clothing (sizes 2 years to adult) for the "CLOTHE MY PEOPLE" portion of our project. Ronald McDonald House has a closet of clothes for the participants to *have*. For example, some are whisked away via LifeFlight and only have the clothes on their backs.

In **August** we will finish up with "LOVE MY PEOPLE". For this part we will accept gift cards to gas stations, grocery stores (Alberton's and Wal-Mart) and just cash cards from \$5 on up.

We will have the opportunity (hopefully) to tour the facility as a group this summer. It is a very nice place and so very worthwhile.

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 2019 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. If you are interested in serving on one of the boards or committees in 2020, please contact the church office at 587-4969 and we will give your name and number to the Nominating Committee and someone will contact you.

Thank you

Annual Rummage Sale

Linda Miller and Terri Jones would like to thank everyone who participated in the Annual Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale held on Saturday, April 27th. There was a record amount of donations. Thank you. Volunteers unpacked

and set up for two days. Thank you. Volunteers packed up and hauled away the remains of the day. Thank you. We had a line of people waiting for the door to open and lines waiting to be checked out. To those who advertised and those who made purchases, thank you.

The generosity of our church family is, as always, amazing. Special shout out to Eddie Bush and Lee Wright who put aside their own plans and spent 3 days helping. Thank you!

In the end, we made a record amount of money for Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale - \$1684.14, after sales tax (\$587.64) – more than last year! Thank you, Everyone!!

Copy paper

Happy, happy! Someone left some 8.5 X 14 paper on my desk. This is so helpful for printing the newsletter. Thank you to whoever it was that left it. Happy, happy . . .

One Great Hour of Sharing Additions

An additional \$300 has been added to the One Great Hour of Sharing collection that was taken on Palm Sunday, April 14th. This brings our generous donation to those in need to \$848. Thank you so much, Church Family, for caring for those in need in concrete ways.

Acolytes for the 2018/2019 Sunday School Season

Thank you to all the children who opened and closed our worship service with the duties of the Acolytes. Our Acolytes for the 2018/2019 Sunday School season have been:

Samantha Pearsall	Avalynn Bixler
Keannah Newton	Aiyannah Browne
Sunnie Marx	Layla Brumley
Lucas Brumley	Allison Duty

Special Thank You

A special "Thank you" to two special ladies for 2 very different reasons.

Thank you to Barb Fogleman for providing the lovely carnations for Mothers' Day. Your thoughtfulness brightened many folks' day.

Thank you to Kelli Collett for the breathtaking banner that decorates the rock wall of the chancel where the altar once stood. Thank you so much for sharing your talents with the church family.

Blanket Offering

The donations from the church family on Sunday, May 12th will provide over 38 people in crisis with a blanket to wrap up in or build a shelter with. Thank you so much for your donations of \$385.

End of Sunday School Celebration

End of Sunday School Celebration was so much fun! Together 56 of us celebrated our Sunday School attendees and teachers, and our acolytes. A special thanks goes to:

- a. the social committee who are such a happy and dependable group! (Nadine Roberts, Mary Ann Hamilton, Allen and Heidi Harris, Kay Eilerbrecht)
- b. Ken Andersen for grilling the hotdogs.
- c. Christian Education who provided the delicious cake
- d. the anonymous donor who provided our meat and buns
- f. And a special Thank You to Curtis Carlin for always being available to help with the different social engagements.

*Respectfully
Mollie Marsh*

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 and Dorraine Aggen

Pianists: Dorraine Aggen and Doreen Solum

Chancel Choir Director Jennifer Dillenbeck and **Bell Director** Mike Keas

Bell Choir: Alice Keas, Betty Ashcraft, Chris Paille, Don Thoen, Doreen Solum, Dorraine Aggen, Frankie Guerre, Gail Banner, Jennifer Dillenbeck, Mike Keas, Nancy Sobien, Patty Dalrymple, Truman Parker

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

From Sylvia Sisneros

“Dear Church,

I have not forgotten you, it’s just that Fred needs me now. Keep us in your prayers.

Thanks for your lovely cards and letters, hope to see you all soon.

*Love in Christ
Sylvia and Fred Sisneros”*

Billy Roeder

Thank you, Billy Roeder, for the contribution of bark to put in the Rose Garden and street flower bed. This was a huge help in both budgeting the care of the church as well as the actual upkeep.

Linda Ramsey and Lee Wright

Thank you, Lee and Linda, for spreading the bark where it needed to go and tending to both the Rose Garden and the street flowerbed while you were at it.

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.mhfirstcongregational.org, is updated with upcoming events. 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

The Big Blue Bucket

Please do not forget the Big Blue Bucket while out shopping for your own household needs. Items most needed lately are personal hygiene items, second most needed are household cleaning items. These are items that cannot be gotten on the SNAP card. As always, thank you so much for helping those in need attain or maintain a higher degree of dignity.

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 2019 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 3rd at Carl Miller Park from 11 AM to 11 PM. We hope to see you there.

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

Pilgrim Cove News

Summer camp will be the July 7th through the 13th. If you have youth or know youth from 3rd grade to 12th grade who are interested in camp, the cost this year will be \$350. Registration forms are available in the office, from our website (www.mhfirstcongregational.org) or via email (churchinfo@mhfccucc.org). Registrations are due to Pilgrim Cove Camp by June 25th.

Camp Scholarships are available. The amount available depends on the number of applicants. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is June 13th. 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.

Public Service Announcement

Free food! Free summer meals are being provided for kids and teens from June 3rd through August 2nd at Carl Miller Park (American Legion and 10th Ave) and Skyview Apartments (945 W. 5th North).

- ✓ Free to kids and teens ages 1 – 18
- ✓ Low cost meals for adults
- ✓ Healthy meals based on USDA nutrition guidelines
- ✓ Fun, safe place for kids and teens to be active and visit with friends
- ✓ Helps families save money
- ✓ No application or proof of income needed

For more information, go to www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks

Change of Address

Lawrence and Rose Pearsall



June Birthdays

3 – Wade Baumgardner 19- Dustin Paille
5 – Elaine McCalley 20 – Victory Gaffin
5 – Dan Mori 22 - Nancy Sobien
9 – Leon Gaub 24 – Anita Christianson
11 – Sherry Bush 27 – Pauline Marten
14 – Mimi Carlton 27 – Katherine Singleton
19 – Gail Banner 28 – Diana Hooley
28 – Polly Sanders

June Anniversaries

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

Special Angels for June

LITURGISTS (Tony Deal)

2 – Bid Sanders
9 – Maurie Townsend
16 – Tony Deal
23 – Chris Paille
30 – Tony Deal

GREETERS (Maurie Townsend)

2 – Nancy Sobien and Rita Olson
9 – Ken and Jennifer Andersen
16 – Maurie and Grace Townsend
23 – Maurie Townsend and Tony Deal
30 – Grace Townsend and Gail Corlett-Trueba

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (Sign-up Sheet)

2 – Jennifer Dillenbeck
9 – Heidi Harris
16 –
23 – Betty Ashcraft
30 –

FLOWERS (Sign-up Sheet)

2 – Linda Ramsey
9 – Linda Ramsey
16 – Mike and Patti Gratton
23 –
30 –

USHERS (Curtis Carlin)

PARAMENTS (Allen and Heidi Harris)

COMMUNION (Ann Carlin)

Thoughts to Ponder

Make the Ordinary Come Alive

Do not ask your children to strive for extraordinary lives.
Such striving may seem admirable,
But it is a way of foolishness.
Help them instead to find the wonder
And the marvel of an ordinary life.
Show them the joy of tasting
Tomatoes, apples, and pears.
Show them how to cry
When pets and people die.
Show them the infinite pleasure
In the touch of a hand.
And make the ordinary come alive for them.
The extraordinary will take care of itself.

By: William Martin *The Parent's Tao Te Ching*

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10 a.m. Worship with Communion	3 7 p.m. Diaconate meeting 7 p.m. BSA	4 2 p.m. VBS planning meeting	5	6 12:30 p.m. Family Advocate	7 1 p.m. Craft Day	8
<i>Pentecost</i> 9 10 a.m. Worship	10 6:30 p.m. Trustees' mtg. 7 p.m. BSA	11	12	13 12:30 p.m. Family Advocate	14 Flag Day	15
<i>Trinity Sunday</i> 16 Father's Day 10 a.m. Worship	17 7 p.m. BSA	18	19	20 12:30 p.m. Family Advocate	21 1 p.m. Craft Day	22
23 10 a.m. Worship After Worship: Christian Ed mtg.	24 7 p.m. Church Council meeting 7 p.m. BSA	25	26	27	28	29
30 10 a.m. Worship						

July 2019- Subject to change

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6
7 10 a.m. Worship – NO Communion	8 7 p.m. BSA UCC	9 5 – 8 p.m. Cub Scouts Youth (3rd – 12th grade)	10 Camp	11 12:30 – 2:30p.m. Family Advocate In	12 McCall	13
14 10 a.m. Combined Worship at Legacy Park	15 9 a.m. to 3 P.M. 6:30 Trustees (?)	16 VACATION	17 BIBLE	18 DAY CAMP	19 9 a.m. – Noon Vacation Bible Day Camp	20
21 10 a.m. Worship	22 7 p.m. BSA	23	24	25 12:30 – 2:30p.m. Family Advocate	26	27
28	29 7 p.m. BSA	30	31	12:30 – 2:30p.m. Family Advocate		