

Mountain Proclamations

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Pastor Deral's Office Hours

Pastor Deral Schrom's office hours are Monday and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The exception is when there is a board meeting in the evening. On those days, he is in the office from 4 p.m. until the end of the meeting. The attached calendar shows his office hours.

Summer Worship Schedule

Summer worship will be at 11 a.m. Communion will be served on the first Sunday of June and August during the summer and there is no Sunday School during the summer months.

Strengthen the Church

The Strengthen the Church Offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

We will receive the Strengthen the Church offering on **Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022.**

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship potluck and meeting will be on **Friday, June 10th, at 12 p.m.** All women of the church are welcome and welcome to bring a friend.

Flowers for July and August

If you would like to provide or set out flowers on the altar sometime during the month of July and/or August, check the sign-up sheet at the back of the Sanctuary or contact the church office.

Don't forget . . .

You may donate money for flowers if you don't wish to do the actual arranging. The suggested

donation for altar flowers is \$30 dollars. The money will be used by one of our very talented volunteers to purchase flowers, do the arranging of them and placing them on the altar. Your name will go in the bulletin as the donor of the flowers.

Summer Music

With the Chancel Choir taking their well-deserved 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.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School for K-6 is scheduled for **June 20-24, 9:00-12:00.** Exploring the life of Jesus through Bible stories, skits, crafts, activities, and science. Snacks will be served, too. A program at the end of the week for the families to enjoy and share a hot dog. Pre-registration can be done at the church office or by calling (208)587-4969. If you would like to help with Vacation Bible School, please contact Betty Ashcraft or the church office or sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin table.

Thank you for considering this wonderful opportunity to bring Christ's light to the children of our community.

It's nomination time

If you are interested in serving on one of the boards or committees in **2023**, 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.

Volunteer Needed

The church would like a couple more volunteers to help "capture" the worship services on video and post them to YouTube. We have the equipment and will train you! Please contact the church office, Eddie Bush or Ken Andersen, if you are interested. Thank you!!

Reminder!

The July and August editions of the *Mountain Proclamations* come out as one edition.

If you have any information, articles, or Special Angels to be included in the **August** edition as well as the July one, please make sure that it is into the office by **1 p.m. Thursday, June 16th**.

Congratulations

Angelina Pearsall
High School Graduation

Patricia Urbick
Master's in Psychology of Leadership
Penn State University

Chris Rowl
Master's in Business Administration
University of Massachusetts

From the Pearsalls

“Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the cards, I have been meaning to reply but time got away from me. You are always on our minds, we talk about our memories with the girls and new friends here.

The last couple of years have been unreal, but we have made it through faith in God. The Girls have changed and grown so much. Angel has had a job last summer and plans on going to trade school next year – or school year I mean. Zoey will be a senior this next school year as well, and plans are still up in the air as to where she will go to college. (We will move again next year – don't know where yet.) Sammy will be a freshman and has proven she's quite the artist!

We hope and pray you all have made it through these last two years well and in good health.

♥ Rose Pearsall”

Thank you

From the Card Elves

It has been over two years since we started sending out cards. Our first cards were sent out during the beginning of the pandemic as a "you are not forgotten." Since that time, we have sent birthday and anniversary cards to those listed in the Proclamation as well as those listed in concerns and celebrations. We again want to thank all who have donated cards to us to share. A special thank you to Vicki Armstrong for her card creations and for sharing them with us. You all are indeed blessings to this church family.
The Card Elves

Women's Fellowship

Thank you, Women's Fellowship, for providing lunch for Rev. Tyler Connoley and the Church Council members on Sunday, April 24th. It was a true blessing to be fed literally and spiritually.

Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale 2022

Many thanks to the following people who helped raise \$2500 in our recent rummage sale: Sherry Bush, Nadine Roberts, Linda Ramsey, Betty Ashcraft, Heidi Harris, Judy Case, Mary Ann Hamilton, Rose Ann Tagg, Polly Sanders, Alice Keas, Gail Banner, Joyce Allgood, Wendy Franklin, Everett Franklin, Doreen Solum, Linda Miller, Mollie Marsh, Kaye Eilebrecht, Frankie Guerre, Barrie Eskridge, Kelline Collett, Vickie Armstrong, Grace Townsend and Ruby. And nothing would have been accomplished without the help of our wonderful men...Eddie Bush, Lee Wright, Lars Hansen, Phil Miller and Frank Marsh.

My Mother always said, “Many hands make light work”! We had many hands and it was still hard work!

Thank you!
Nancy Sobien

Acolytes for the 2021/2022 Sunday School Season

Thank you to Devin and Heather Osgood and Hunter Dillenbeck for opening and closing our worship services with the lighting of the candles for the 2021/2022 season. If any names are missing from this list, please know that your participation is much appreciated.

Blanket Offering

The donations from the church family on Sunday, May 8th for the Blanket Offering will provide over 46 people in crisis with a blanket to wrap up in or build a shelter with. Thank you so much for your donations of \$465.00. Nicely done.

Lee Wright

Thank you to Lee Wright for providing the carnations that were given out on Mother's Day, May 8th. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated by many!

Keith Narey

Thank you to Keith Narey for the donation of Mother's Day cards given to the congregation on Mother's Day. Your thoughtfulness was so appreciated!

To Jennifer Dillenbeck and Mike Keas

From the vocal and bell choir members, many, many thanks to Jennifer Dillenbeck and Mike Keas for all their hard work and many hours

preparing us for our anthems! We really appreciate all that they do for us!

To the Choir members and Accompanist

Thank you from a grateful church to all the choir members of both the Choir and the Bell Choir and those who accompanied them for your dedication and adventurous attitude for a year of wonderful music to the glory of God.

And this would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of Choir Director, Jennifer Dillenbeck and Bell Choir Director, Mike Keas. Your creative energies and talents inspired wonderful music for all.

Linda Ramsey and Lee Wright

Thank you, Lee and Linda, for tending to the Rose Garden – cleaning it up after winter, pruning and feeding, replacing roses when needed, and all the other things that roses require to return your efforts with a beautiful display of blossoms. Your work is appreciated by all who walk by this garden.

To The Bell Choir

I would like to thank everyone that has played in the Bell Choir this past year. It has been through your hard work and effort that allowed us to have an outstanding year. I have seen wonderful growth in many of our ringers. We will take a break for the summer with the full 3 octave Choir, but will perform several 4 handbell ringer pieces over the next few months. Then we will ring in the Fall with full gusto. And of course, if there are any folks out there that would like to learn how to play bells, you are more than welcome to contact me.

Mike Keas
Handbell Director

From Jennifer Dillenbeck,

Thank you to all that provided uplifting music over this past year. We have seen some beautiful growth within our choir.

So for my announcement: I have made the decision to step down from the choir director position. I want to extend gratitude to all the members of the vocal Choir for sharing your beautiful voices and stepping outside your comfort zone to try out my wild ideas, especially this last year; to Lori and Dorraine for your wonderful accompaniment and patience with my last minute changes; to Doreen for willingness to help us out in a pinch; and to Mike for filling in when I had to be out. It takes all of us working together to make beautiful music. It has been a wonderful blessing to work with all of you.

Going away for the Summer?

Stay in touch through the church website, www.mhfirstcongregational.org and our YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4te-AbJS-hGeUS6c1cmVA/>

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
ATTN: Frank Marsh
P. O. Box 659
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Pilgrim Cove Camp Manager

I would like to take a minute to remind everyone about summer camp this summer. We are providing camp for 3rd through 12th graders this summer from July 10th-15th. There are a couple of important items I want to lift up. First, we need people to sign up for camp so we know approximately how many participants we are going to have at camp, the sooner the better for planning. Secondly, we need volunteer leaders and counselors to make camp possible, without your help, camp will not be possible. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please let me know as soon as possible. I have also attached the registration form and brochure to this email for your use, they are also available on our website. If you need any assistance or have questions, please let me know.

Thank You,
Jeremy
Jeremy N Force
Manager - Pilgrim Cove Camp
208-634-5555
www.pilgrimcovecamp.org

Pilgrim Cove Women's Retreat

Women's Retreat at Pilgrim Cove Camp is August 9 through 11. Cost is \$90 for food and lodging. For more information about all that's going to be happening, pick up a flyer from the bulletin table or contact Fay Morgan at [REDACTED] or Carol Stirling at [REDACTED]

Directory Update

Jay and Jean Leonard
[REDACTED]

Our Condolences

*Joe and Mildred McNeal on the loss of his
sister, Cleo Robinson*

In Loving Memory

*Harold C. Henderson
January 18, 1929 – May 23, 2022*

June Birthdays

2 – Eliot VanAntwerp 19- Dustin Paille
3 – Wade Baumgardner 20 – Victory Gaffin
5 – Elaine McCalley 22 - Nancy Sobien
5 – Dan Mori 24 – Anita Christianson
9 – Leon Gaub 27 – Katherine Singleton
11 – Sherry Bush 28 – Diana Hooley
14 – Mimi Carlton 28 – Polly Sanders
19 – Gail Banner 29 – Richard Broemeling

June Anniversaries

23 – Nick and Jennifer Dillenbeck
25 – Judy and Carl Case
29 – Heidi and Allen Harris

Special Angels for June

LITURGISTS (Sue Stanek)

5 – Kevin Osgood
12 – Gail Banner
19 – Mollie Marsh
26 – Betty Ashcraft

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (Sign-up sheet)

5 – Gail Banner
12 – Kay Eilebrecht
19 – Nancy Sobien
26 –

FLOWERS (Sign-up Sheet)

5 – Judy Case
12 – Ann and Curtis Carlin
19 – Linda Ramsey
26 – Barb Fogleman

USHERS (Lee Wright/Curtis Carlin)

PARAMENTS (Allen and Heidi Harris)

COMMUNION – Curtis Carlin

A Note from Pastor Deral

Garren and I are excited to join with you in ministry here at First Congregational, Mountain Home! It was good, this Sunday to begin to

put names and faces together. We're looking forward to serving our Lord with you all. I am planning on being in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays, generally 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., so feel free to let me know if you'd like to come by and get acquainted. My cell phone number is [REDACTED] so if a Colorado number comes up, it might be me.

Just a brief bit about who we are:

I grew up in Grangeville, about 200 miles north of Boise. Garren was raised in Coquille, Oregon. We met at Northwest Christian College in Eugene, Oregon. We'll be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary this coming September 3. Time passes quickly! And yes, our friends are fond of saying about all our time together "Garren must be a hardy woman!" She's that, and the love of my Life! We have two children – Andy and Mandy. Andy is in Heaven; and Mandy; husband Isaac; grandchildren Kale and Holly are all in Meridian, only about a mile from us. Our other grandson, Andy's son Tristan, is out on his own and works in Wichita, Kansas.

Over the years we have served churches in Montana, Texas, Colorado, and Idaho. We were at Polson Christian Church, Polson, Montana for two years between college and seminary. During my three years in seminary at Brite Divinity, TCU, in Fort Worth, I was also the pastor at First Christian Church, Anna, Texas. Following graduation, we were called to South Suburban Christian Church, Littleton, Colorado, where I pastored for 38 years. Retirement brought us to Idaho. Gary Smith and I co-pastored in an interim position at Parkview Christian in Meridian. Since then, I have worked part-time at Lifeway Christian Books until they closed, and now as a driver for InterMountain Machining Supply, three days a week.

Serving the Lord is a precious thing. Someone has said that pastoring can be as exhilarating as hang gliding, or as burdensome as rolling the same stone up the mountain as Sisyphus did in Greek mythology! But – when we are serving with the understanding that, in the words of Warren Wiersbe, "ministry takes place when divine resources meet human needs through loving channels to the glory of God", then working together in the Lord's Church becomes, not a duty, but a delight.

Garren and I look forward to our time together here with you! We're privileged to be part of the greatest work on earth. It's Kingdom work! It's the Lord's work! We're partners in it – all of us together! And by His goodness and power, we'll continue to move forward for His glory!

Pastor Deral

June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 7 p.m. Troop 19	3 10 a.m. First Friday Quilters	4 7 – 9 MHAA
5 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion	6 7 p.m. Diaconate Board Pastor Deral 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. 7 Troop/Crew 57	7 Pastor Deral 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	8	9 7 p.m. Troop 19	10 12 p.m. Women's Fellowship Potluck and meeting	11 7 – 9 MHAA
12 11 a.m. Worship	13 6:30 Trustees Pastor Deral 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. 7 Troop/Crew 57	14 Flag Day Pastor Deral 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	15	16 7 p.m. Troop 19	17	18 7 – 9 MHAA
19 Father's Day 11 a.m. Worship After worship – Christian Ed mtg.	20 Pastor Deral 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 7 Troop/Crew 57 ←-----Vaca	21 Pastor Deral 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	22 Bible	23 7 p.m. Troop 19 School	24 -----→	25 7 – 9 MHAA
26 11 a.m. Worship	27 Pastor Deral 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 7 Troop/Crew 57	28 Pastor Deral 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. 7 p.m. Church Council	29	30 7 p.m. Troop 19		

July 2022 (subject to change)

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					1	2 7 – 9 MHAA
3 11 a.m. Worship	4 Independence Day – Office Closed	5 Pastor Deral 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	6	7 7 p.m. Troop 19	8 10 a.m. First Friday Quilters	9 7 – 9 MHAA
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