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Pastor Deral's Office Hours

Pastor Deral'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. His cell phone number is [REDACTED] so if a Colorado number comes up, it might be your Pastor. His email address is [REDACTED]

Welcome New Members

Familiar faces are now new members!

On Sunday, August 21, 2022, Harris Allgood and Lars Hansen formally joined our church family.

Welcome Harris and Lars!!

Office will be closed

Monday, September 5th, Labor Day, the church office will be closed.

Diaconate Board meeting change for September

Diaconate Board changed from Monday to Tuesday for **September only**. So, the Diaconate Board will meet on **Tuesday, September 6th at 7 p.m.**

We Have a Booth at AFAD!!

The Church has reserved a booth at the Air Force Appreciation Day event in Carl Miller Park on **Saturday, September 10th**. This will support our Out Reach Program. We will be handing out copies of the Gospel of John, church pamphlets, and religious bracelets. We will also do a free drawing for one of Kelli Collett's quilts.

We need volunteers to sit in the covered booth from 10:00 to 4:00. This can be for 1 or 2 hours. Please contact Roger at [REDACTED] or text or call him at [REDACTED]. There is also a sign-up sheet on the bulletin table at the back of the Sanctuary.

Needed – Music Director and an accompanist

As many know, both the Choir Director and the Bell Choir Director have resigned. Our pianist, Lori Levis, has also stepped down. If you or someone you know would be interested in directing the choir or being an accompanist, please contact the office or a member of the Board of Trustees

Rally Day and the Return to Sunday School!!

Sunday, September 11th marks the beginning of our Fall through Spring schedule and a new Sunday school year.

10 a.m. Sunday School for children and adults. Betty Ashcraft and her team will be conducting the Sunday school classes for the kids and Pastor Deral will be conducting the Adult Sunday School beginning with a study of the book of John.

11 a.m. *Worship with Communion* There will be a special treat during worship.

We *will* be having our Rally Day Potluck Picnic this year. Hot dogs, hamburgers, buns and condiments will be supplied, as well as beverages. Please bring a side dish to share.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship Potluck and Meeting for September will be on the *third* Friday, **Friday, September 16** at noon.

Craft Days

Watch the bulletin and *In the Loop* for information on Craft Days.

It's nomination time

Have you 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 2022 that you would like to serve on a board or committee? Now's your chance! If you are interested in serving on one of the boards or

committees, please contact the church office at 587-4969.

Thank you, Linda Thomsen!

On Sunday, August 14, 2022, we celebrated with flowers, cake and gifts the hard work and dedication of Linda Thomsen, Custodian Extraordinaire, as she retired her tools of the trade.

Since August of 2008, Linda has been keeping our worship and fellowship spaces clean, welcoming and safe, even throughout COVID.

Thank you, Linda, for all your hard work and dedication through thick and thin. May your retirement be a time of refreshing and new adventures. We all have been truly blessed by your care.

Welcome to the Team, Kay Eilebrecht

With Linda Thomsen's retirement, comes a new custodian – Kay Eilebrecht.

Thank you, Kay, for stepping into Linda's shoes to continue the work of helping make our church home clean, welcoming and safe.

Kay and Rosie have been hard at work since August 1 and are doing a wonderful job. Thank you, Kay, and thank you Rosie, for keeping Mama Kay company and being the greatest welcoming committee on 4 feet.

Bulletin Sponsors for 2023

It is time to start signing up to sponsor a worship bulletin for 2023. The sign-up sheet will be on the back table in the sanctuary starting the third Sunday of September, **September 18th**. Choose the worship service you would like to sponsor and write your name next to that date; please note if you wish to remain anonymous. You may make your donation of \$10 per Sunday sponsored any time before the end of 2023.

Please mark your check for the bulletin date that you are sponsoring. If you have any questions about how this works, contact the church office at 587-4969.

Flowers for October

If you would like to provide or set out flowers on the altar for October (or any other month), check the sign-up sheet at the back of the Sanctuary or contact the church office to pick your Sunday. And, don't forget, you may donate money for flowers if you don't wish to do the actual arranging or purchasing. 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.

Sign up now for your favorite Sunday!

From the Search Committee

The profile is complete and the Central Pacific Conference has verified and approved it. It is now published to the United Church of Christ's public website. Now any pastor looking for a church can review it and send us their profile/resume for us to review.

If you would like to review our church profile, it is on our website (www.mhfirstcongregational.org) or see one of the members of the Search Committee for a copy.

Members of the Search Committee: Ken Andersen (Chair), Gail Banner (Vice), Mollie Marsh, Roger Fogleman, Polly Sanders, Kelli Collett, and Linda Ramsey.

Pastoral Relations Committee

While the last few months with Pastor Deral Schrom have been a real blessing, just a reminder that there is still a Pastoral Relations Committee available if needed. Committee members are Gail Banner, Phil Miller and Lee Wright. If you have any concerns, please relate them to one of us.

I also told Pastor Deral that it works both ways, so behave yourselves, as he can express his concerns to us, too!

Note from Suzanne Dillard

Dear Jennifer and all my friends at First Congregational,

Well, the Dillard family moved away from Mountain Home 8 years ago in June. We had had good years in Mountain Home and made really good friends. And a very special event happened there - Thomas was born on June 22, 2013 at the hospital on the airbase ! He shares his birthday with Nancy Sobien !

This year, on July 21st, they are flying to Florida from Germany ! Frank has orders to Tampa and they are finally going to be back in the states after 4 years away!! I can't wait! When COVID descended, my trips to Germany to see them ended and they were only able to fly the whole family back once for a visit (in June 2021)! How I missed them! Phillip is going to be a Senior in High School, Joseph a Sophomore,

Victoria is going into 8th grade, and Thomas is going into 4th grade (I think - it's hard to keep up)!

I live in [REDACTED] near my son, Phil, and his wife, Sanaz. They have a 9-month-old baby, Shahan, who I am trying to spoil as often as I can. We will all enjoy more chances to get together with Frank, Rose, and their children!

I wish you all a great summer - don't get too hot!!

Love,
Suzanne

Supplies for The Backpack Bridge

Yes, the schools do supply the necessary items for each student, but they do run out by mid-year as the school district does not give them enough supplies. The supplies shown below are needed for our teachers & students throughout the year. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Ann Carlin
The Backpack Bridge

1. Crayola Crayons (have the best color)
2. Crayola Markers (have the best color)
3. Crayola Colored Pencils (have the best color)
4. Composition Notebooks- Wide Ruled & College Ruled
5. Multi Subject Spiral Notebooks
6. Red Pens

Thank you

Belated Thank You

Two marvelous ladies were missing from the list of teachers and helpers for June's Vacation Bible School. THANK YOU to Judy Case and Sylvia Sisneros for your work with the pre-K class at VBS. The kids loved you both very much!

Summer Music

Thank you, Joseph Armstrong and Dorraine Aggen for providing Special Music this summer.

Thank You! to Nancy Sobien, Rose Ann Tagg, Grace Townsend, Nadine Roberts and Sylvia Sisneros for Special Music accompanied by Dorraine Aggen.

Flower Power!

Thank you to Gail Banner for her tireless dedication to maintaining the loooong flower bed that is on the edge of the parking lot by the road.

Thank you to Lee Wright, Judy Case, Gail Banner and Linda Ramsey for all their work on the Rose Garden.

Office help

Thank you Betty Ashcraft, Rita Olson, and Judy Case for taking care of the office and the church family while I took vacation in July. Ken and I appreciate your dedication of time so I could do this.

Jennifer Andersen, Church Secretary

Upcoming Events

Neighbors in Need

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on October 2, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through our national Justice and Local Church Ministries office, <https://tinyurl.com/2bfyatb>, you can find resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network. (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

BEHOLD! With your assistance, we together can help our Neighbors in Need Please give generously. And remember, contributions to Neighbors in Need can be made online

www.ucc.org/nin

Our Condolences

*To Susan Walker
On the loss of her father*

*Heidi Harris
On the loss of her grandfather*

In Loving Memory

*Nancy Martin
September 8, 1929 – August 22, 2022*

September Birthdays

1 – Heidi Harris	16 – Johnny A. Willis
3 – Anne Parker	19 – Beth DeVore
12 – Devin Osgood	20 – Thornton Osgood
14 – Alvaree Venski	27 – Jennifer Andersen
15 – Carrie Roeder	27 – Benjamin Parker
16 – Sally Henderson	28 – Hunter Dillenbeck

September Anniversaries

12	Susan and Gene Mussler
14	Rose and Lawrence Pearsall

Special Angels for September

LITURGISTS (Sue Stanek)

4 – Mollie Marsh
11 – Frank Marsh
18 – Vickie Armstrong
25 – Heidi Harris

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (Sign-up sheet)

4 – Nancy Sobien
11 – Rally Day potluck barbecue
18 – Sherry and Eddie Bush
25 – Nadine Roberts and Helena DeWeerd

USHERS (Linda Thomsen)

FLOWERS (Sign-up Sheet)

4 – Dorraine Aggen
11 –
18 –
25 –

PARAMENTS (Allen and Heidi Harris)

COMMUNION (Sandy O'Connell)

A Word from Pastor Deral

The long, hot days of summer 2022 are here! We've been enjoying various outdoor and recreational activities; patios, decks, and cook-outs; the mountains; sports; trips; along with

time for family and friends that provide delightful renewal. We can find relaxation and replenishing rest in remembering some practical tips for summer joy:

- **View your weeks of summer as part of the Grace of God.**

During your vacation and in your recreation, take consistent witness with you as a loving testimony of His grace. Remember to thank the Lord for the beauty you enjoy! "This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise."

- **In your weeks of summer, maintain your Giving to God.**

Bring your tithes and offering with you as part of your worship when you're in town. Send your gifts for the weeks you'll be away to help keep your church strong and healthy.

Ministry needs continue even though you may be out of town. Remember that giving is really what we're designed to do – giving and loving in the Lord's name. Giving boldly affirms the Lordship of Christ in your Life. It's a precious act that leads to true joy. As God provides faithfully, may we provide for His ministry generously!

- **Use your weeks of summer to the Glory of God.**

The following prayer by Orin Crain expresses the glory we can delight in and share this summer:

Slow Me Down Lord

Slow me down, Lord. Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind. Steady my hurried pace with a vision of the eternal reach of time. Give me, amid the confusion of the day, the calmness of the everlasting hills. Break the tensions of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of the singing streams that live in my memory. Teach me the art of taking minute vacations – of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to pat a dog, to smile at a child, to read a few lines from a good book. Slow me down Lord, and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of Life's enduring values, that I may grow toward my greater destiny. Remind me each day that the race is not always to the swift; that there is more to Life than increasing it's speed. Let me look upward to the towering oak and know that it grew great and strong because it grew slowly and well. Amen.

Knowing God's grace, we share our joy, His Life, our giving – all to His glory! This summer, may each of us grow in faith and send our roots deep in His love.

Pastor Deral

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7 p.m. Troop 19	2	3
4 11 a.m. Worship	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6 7 p.m. Diaconate Board	7	8 7 p.m. Troop 19	9	10 10 – 4 –Air Force Appreciation Day booth – come help greet people!
Rally Day 11 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship with Communion After worship - Rally Day Potluck	12 6:30 p.m. Board of Trustees 7 p.m. Troop/Crew 57 meets	13 5 – 9:30 p.m. Arts Council performance	14	15 7 p.m. Troop 19	16 10 a.m. First Friday Quilters 12 p.m. Women's Fellowship	17 7- 9 p.m. AA
18 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	19 7 p.m. Troop/Crew 57 meets	20	21	22 7 p.m. Troop 19	23 <i>Central Pacific</i>	24 7- 9 p.m. AA <i>Conference</i>
25 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship <i>In Eugene OR</i>	26 7 p.m. Church Council meets 7 p.m. Troop/Crew 57 meets	27	28	29 7 p.m. Troop 19	30	

October 2022

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