

Mountain Proclamations

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From the Trustee

We want to thank everyone for your support during the Air Force Appreciation Day. Our Church set up a booth in the park. About 25 church members worked in the booth during the day and handing out church brochures. And just talking to people to get the word out about our church. Kelly Collett made a beautiful quilt for our give away prize. We had 135 people sign up for the free quilt drawing. The winner was Michele Martz. She picked it up right away and had pictures taken. She gave us permission to use her name and photo.

We also handed out bracelets to hundreds of children and adults. It was a pleasant experience making face-to-face contact with the families.

We felt this was a great success and look forward to next year's event.

Church Constitution and By-Laws

Re-Write

Over time, our Constitution and By-Laws have become a bit outdated in places and a lot outdated in others – and some are still “just right”

The Church Council is looking for a team of 3 – 5 people who feel gifted in the area of writing clearly and concisely what needs to be known to keep our church serving effectively.

If you feel that you have this gift, please contact Moderator Polly Sanders or give your name to the office secretary and we will pass it on to Polly.

Do you have some input?

Do you feel there are some things that need to be added, subtracted, or clarified? Please write them down and give them to the office to be shared with this new team that will be looking into the Constitution and By-Laws rewrite.

Thank you all for your prayerful consideration of your place in this task.

Website input

We are looking for one to two paragraph testimonies of why you worship God here at

Mountain Home First Congregational Church. Your testimony will appear on the Testimonies page of our website.

Email or bring in your testimony anytime. We would like to be able to change out the testimonies every month or so.

Thank you for giving this your heartfelt consideration.

New name, new use

The Nursery is now “The Quiet Room”. For those who don’t know where this room is, it’s through the door to the right, just as you come out of the Sanctuary and straight across the hall.

If you want to hear the worship, but you need some quiet space, you may go into the Quiet Room and listen. There is a speaker in there that allows you to hear the singing and the sermon.

If your child needs some space for a few minutes or a place to get comfort, you may bring your child here and not miss any of the worship.

This transition is a work in progress, so if you have any ideas to improve the change, please let the office know and we will pass it on to the appropriate people.

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. This 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, 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. This 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 Hockak 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 all can help our Neighbors in Need Please give generously. Remember, contributions to Neighbors in Need can be made online www.ucc.org/nin**

Craft Days for Fall

Craft day will be held on **Friday, Oct. 28th at 1:00 p.m.** in the church Fellowship Hall. All are welcome...friends, neighbors, family...

Office Closed

In observance of Indigenous Peoples Day, the church office will be closed on **Monday, October 10th.**

Potlucks have returned!

After over two years, we will be having our first "just because" potluck on **Sunday, October 16th** after worship. Bring your favorite potluck dish to share – main course, side dish, salad or dessert. All are invited to the table. Questions? Contact Mollie Marsh.

Mid-Year 2022 Treasures Report

This has been a financially challenging year for the church. As of mid-September, we have received General donations of \$64,866, and General expenditures of \$96,682. This compares with last year's donations of \$89,161 and expenditures of \$82,438 at this time. Much of this disparity in spending and income was caused by the problems we experienced earlier this year. Fortunately, we had General fund savings from previous years and have not had to use our endowment funds to pay for our current operating expenses. We hope to finish the year without further withdrawals from savings.

We still face many financial uncertainties with our search for a new minister along with the rising cost of inflation. Fortunately, we still have some savings along with our endowments to see us through these difficult times, but we cannot rely on those alone.

Thank you for generously supporting the church.
Eddie Bush
Treasurer

Women of the Church

Women's Fellowship Potluck and meeting

Women's Fellowship Potluck and meeting will be on **Friday, October 14th** at 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Kay Eilebrecht and Linda Thomsen are hosting.

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes

Women's Fellowship will once again be participating in the Children's Shoebox project.

We will be collecting items to send to needy children in foreign countries. Donations of toys, school supplies, and hygiene items are requested...just remember...everything must fit in a shoebox!

We will be sending these out the third week of November. A ten-dollar shipping fee is required per shoebox...we hope to pack 20 shoeboxes...so monetary donations are also accepted.

There will be a basket at the back of the church for your wonderful donations.

Items not allowed are:

Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Sobien, [REDACTED]

Bulletin Sponsors for 2023

It is time to start signing up to sponsor a worship bulletin for 2023. The sign-up sheet is on the back table in the sanctuary. 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.

Pilgrim Cove Camp Fall Work Weekend

The Pilgrim Cove Camp fall work weekend is **October 14 – 16, 2022** and there are many projects to complete before winter sets in at Pilgrim Cove Camp.

We will provide food and lodging for all participants whether you come for the day or the weekend. The work will be done on Saturday from about 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing many of you again and new folks too. **Please RSVP to the camp office by Oct 10** so we can be prepared to take care of you.

Thank you all for your continued support of the ministry at Pilgrim Cove Camp.

Jeremy Force

Email: manager@pilgrimcovecamp.org

Phone: 208-634-5555

Thanks

The Board of Trustees

Thank you, thank you to the Board of Trustees for all the hard work they put into getting the church set up with a booth at Air Force Appreciation Day. All those who helped work the booth on Saturday, September 10th had a great time – Pastor Deral, the whole Osgood Family, Sherry and Eddie Bust, Gail Banner, Gene and Susan Mussler, Lars Hansen, Nancy Sobien, Richard and Susan Broemeling, Judith Case, Ken Andersen, Joyce Allgood and Frank Marsh. There were probably others, as well. Please know your friendly handshake and smile were much appreciated.

From Vickie and Joseph Armstrong

“To all our friends at 1st Congregational Church,

Thank you so much for your love and support and extraordinary generosity of your time, talent, and love.

God bless you all,
Vickie and Joseph Armstrong”

From Pastor Deral and Garren

“Dear Mountain Home Family!

Sending a great, big hug!
Thank you for the big surprise recognition for our 50th Anniversary. A HUGE card and huge bouquet and a corsage along with well wishes and hugs! You are all Amazing ♥

Love,
Deral and Garren”

Pop Tabs!!!

We did it again! We have filled the pop tab jug at the back of the church. Keep up the good work – so easy and helps so much.

For those who do not know – we collect *aluminum* pop tabs to take to the Ronald McDonald House. They cash them in to purchase the items needed to run the Ronald McDonald House. It is amazing how much these little pieces of aluminum help out. Keep ‘em coming!!!

Community Involvement

Giving Tree

There will be a Giving Tree this year. More to come as they work out the details. As always, Ann Carlin will be our point of contact for this project. Thank you, Ann!

Coming Events

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 6, 2022, 2 a.m., turn those clocks back one hour.

Annual Budget and Election Meeting

The Annual Budget and Election Meeting will be after worship on **Sunday, November 13th**. All members of the church are strongly encouraged to attend so that we have a quorum.

Pie Auction

We will be having a live Pie Auction the Sunday before Thanksgiving, **Sunday, November 20th**, with Roger Fogelman as auctioneer. Nadine Roberts is chairing the event. More information in the November Proclamation.

Thanksgiving events

Pledge Blessing

Our Pledge Blessing Service will be incorporated in the 11 a.m. worship service, where we will bless our pledge offerings and our Time and Talent offerings. Please be thinking about the ways you can give back to God with your time, talents, and treasure.

!Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner!

We are having our Thanksgiving Dinner this year! Can I get an “AMEN”?!

Sunday, November 20th at 6 p.m. we will have our first Thanksgiving potluck dinner in 2 years. More details to follow.

The Christmas Bazaar!

The bazaar will be held on Saturday, **December 3rd from 8am until 12 noon**. All members of the church are asked to participate! **We need**

donations of gift-worthy items and crafted items.

Whether you're a man, woman or child and your craft is wood, yarn, thread, cloth or recycled items, or you bake, can or pickle the bounty from your garden, please share your talent and your art with the Christmas Bazaar. Remember, the proceeds from the bazaar go to support many church programs!

More information will be available in the November Mountain Proclamations.

In Loving Memory

*Cynthia Ann Van Blaricom
August 15, 1950 – September 6, 2022*

October Birthdays

1 – Dale Hooley	13 – Mary Ann Hamilton
2 – Suzanne Dillard	16 – Henry Toy
4 – Lauren Tomsic	21 – Karen Jumonville
7 – Joyce Allgood	22 – Cindy Lindquist
7 – Jay Leonard	23 – Mariah Parks
9 – Rick Parks	25 – Mollie Marsh
10 – Terri Jones	26 – Linda Ramsey
13 – Kristy Blanksma	28 – Booker Parker

October Anniversaries

8 – Jeremy and Michaela Loosli
18 – Janet & Bud Weise
18 – Ann & Curtis Carlin
30 – Anne Parker & Paul Taggart

Special Angels for October

LITURGISTS (Rick Parks)

2 – Betty Ashcraft
9 – Susan Walker
16 – Phil Miller
23 – Rick Parks
30 – Susan Broemeling

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (Sign-Up Sheet)

2 – Richard and Susan Broemeling
9 –
16 – Potluck
23 –
30 – Sylvian Sisneros

FLOWERS (Sign-Up Sheet)

2 – Nadine Roberts
9 – Jay and Jean Leonard
16 – Linda Miller
23 – Richard and Susan Broemeling
30 – Helena DeWeerd

USHERS (Lee Wright)

PARAMENTS (Allen Harris)

COMMUNION (Heidi Harris)

A Word from Pastor Deral

The Power of Partnership

Over these last weeks as Garren and I have worshipped and worked with you, I've seen the truth and beauty of some verses from the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes lived out among you.

*“Two are better than one, because they have
good return for their labor;
If they fall down, they can help each other up.
But pity those who fall and have no one to help
them up!
Also, if two lie down together, they will keep
warm,
But how can they keep warm alone?
Though one may be overpowered, two can
defend themselves.
A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12*

We often hear this passage read at weddings, and its meaning has special tenderness for new couples. But the meaning has a wider application for First Congregational Church!

If you read the verses again you'll note the importance and power of partnership woven through them. “Two are better than one” – in our *work*; in our *walk*; in our *warmth*; and in our *watching* out for one another! Our partnership in the Church involves our *working* together for the Lord's purposes and glory. We *walk* through our up's and down's together – holding one another up, encouraging one another, keeping one another steady in our walk with the Lord. We enjoy the *warmth* and comfort of our fellowship. And we *watch out* for one another through the hard times; praying for one another in the ministry and service of our Lord, out in the world He died to save.

These verses help us celebrate our heritage and God's faithfulness in the past, as well as look forward to all He's doing as we move into a healthy future of ministry and mission. This vision is wide enough to keep all of us busy; and large enough to ask the best of all of us in our giving, our serving, our witnessing, and our working together in His Name.

Pastor Deral

October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 7-9 p.m. AA
2 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship with Communion	3 7 p.m. Diaconate Board 7 p.m. Troop/Crew 57	4	5	6 2 p.m. Bell practice 3 p.m. Choir practice 7 p.m. Troop 19	7 10 a.m. First Friday Quilters	8 7-9 p.m. AA
9 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	10 Columbus Day Office Closed 6:30 p.m. Board of Trustees	11	12	13 2 p.m. Bell practice 3 p.m. Choir practice 7 p.m. Troop 19	14 12 p.m. Women's Fellowship	15 7-9 p.m. AA
16 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship After Worship Christian Ed mtg	17 7 p.m. Troop/Crew 57	18	19	20 2 p.m. Bell practice 3 p.m. Choir practice 7 p.m. Troop 19	21	22 7-9 p.m. AA
23 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	24 7 p.m. Church Council meets 7 p.m. Troop/Crew 57 meets	25	26	27 2 p.m. Bell practice 3 p.m. Choir practice 7 p.m. Troop 19	28	29 7-9 p.m. AA
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20 11 a.m. Worship with Pledge Dedication After Worship – Pie Auction 6 p.m. Thanksgiving Potluck dinner	21 7 p.m. Troop/Crew 57	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	25	26 9 a.m. Hanging of the Greens 7-9 p.m. AA
<i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 27 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	28 7 p.m. Church Council meets 7 p.m. Troop/Crew 57	29	30			