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Paster Derrick's Office Hours

Monday: Visitations and Community Involvement

Tuesday: Office 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesday: Office 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday: Office 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday: Visitations

Drop ins are always welcome whenever he's in the office. If you need to visit with Pastor Derrick here or in the home, please call the office (208)587-4969 or Pastor Derrick at [REDACTED].

Independence Day Office Hours

Since it falls on a Friday, there are no special office hours for the week of Independence Day.

Sunday Announcements

Beginning the first Sunday of July, church announcements will not be in the bulletin. They will be presented on the video screen before and after worship. For those who wish to have a printed copy, there will be a few printed sets of the announcements on the bulletin table. The pick-up copies will be refreshed on the first of the month.

This is an administrative decision in an effort to use our resources – the church's and the earth's – more thoughtfully. Your feedback on this change is most welcome.

Flower Bed Maintenance

Ah, the lovely days of summer, when the sky is clear, the birds sing, the flowers bloom, *the weeds sprout*. And the weeds sprout in the church gardens and flower beds, too.

There is a lot of ground to look after at our church home and we welcome any help y'all can give. If you could make some time during the cool of the morning or evening to come by the church and do a bit of weeding in **any** of the flower beds surrounding the church, you are most welcome to do so – no pre-authorization required. All we ask is don't plant anything permanent without the Trustees permission. But you can pull all the weeds your heart desires.

Questions? Please contact the church office or a member of the Board of Trustees.

It's nomination time

Have you considered being on one of the boards or committees that help keep our church running smoothly? Now's your chance! If you are interested in serving on one of the boards or committees, please contact the church office at (208)587-4969 with your name and number and you will be contacted by a member of the Nomination Committee.

If you have questions about what each board and committee does, so that you can find the right fit for your gifts, contact the church office and we will get that information to you.

Video Volunteer Needed

The church would like a couple more volunteers to help record 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!!

Christian Education

The Christian Education Board needs someone to join them in the adventure of educating our church family about God, Christ and living the Christian life. You will be finishing out someone's term that ends December 31, 2025, so it's a short stint to let you get your feet wet and see how you like this ministry. This position can be filled by a man or a woman.

Interested? Contact the church office at (208)587-4969 or mhfccucc@gmail.com

Altar Flowers and Fellowship Hour

July Flowers and Fellowship are full!!! Thank you so much for those who have offered their time and talents for these ministries.

August could use some help, though. We have 3 Sundays open for Flowers and all 5 Sundays open for Fellowship Hour. Please check your calendar to see where you can help with these ministries.

You can sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin table in the Sanctuary or you may call or email the church office to snag your Sunday. (208)587-4969, mhfccucc@gmail.com

Coins for Stamps

Have you received a card of some sort in the past years from the Card Elves, the Outreach Committee, or the church? Almost everybody has and I'm sure it put a smile on your face.

Again this summer, the Women's Fellowship is asking the congregation to help out. In the back of the Sanctuary is an adorable old post office mail box made into a bank. Frankie Guerre donated it so we can help the Outreach Committee with the purchase of stamps.

What we are asking is, as you pass by it each Sunday, just reach into your pocket or purse and pull out a couple of coins – pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, half dollars if you have them – and drop them into the bank! You'll walk out of there lighter, in both weight and spirit!

Thank you!

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.

Air Force Appreciation Day (AFAD)

September 6, 2025

The Community Outreach and Membership Life Committee needs help from the congregation to help operate a booth during AFAD. The booth will be like previous years and will include baskets for raffle with free tickets being handed out to the public, a wheel for children to spin and claim prizes, and handouts being given by members of the congregation.

How can you help?

- Donate a basket for the free raffle
- Provide small prizes for the spinning wheel
- Volunteer your time at the booth greeting visitors and handing out information and small gifts
- Help set up and tear down the booth

Roger Fogleman has a canopy, tables, and some chairs for the booth. He will set up on Friday evening, September 5th. If you volunteer to be at the booth, you may want to bring a lawn chair. Tear down will include calling raffle winners not present to claim their basket, packing up supplies, and taking down the canopy.

As we get closer to the date for the event, sign-up sheets will be posted at church. Please keep these opportunities in mind so we will have another successful AFAD booth. Thank you!

Community Outreach and Membership Life Committee

Women's Retreat!

Join us at Pilgrim Cove from July 28th through July 31st. Relax, laugh, sing and worship together in God's presence and nature on the shores of Payette Lake. Carpooling can be coordinated if needed.

Monday dinner to Thursday breakfast – 3 nights, 9 meals. Cost is \$195. Deadline to register is July 21st. Contact the camp office at office@pilgrimcovecamp.org or contact our church office. Registration forms are available upon request and scholarships are also available.

Pilgrim Cove Camp

Due to a number of factors, the Pilgrim Cove UCC Youth Camp has been cancelled this summer. Please keep this program in your prayers that it may grow again to reach youth all over Central and Southern Idaho.

The Big Blue Bucket and El-Ada requests

Please remember the Big Blue Bucket while out shopping for your own household needs. Items most needed are personal hygiene items, second most needed are household cleaning items. These are items that cannot be gotten on the SNAP card. ***It has been brought to our attention that baby hygiene items as well as monthly hygiene items for young women are very badly needed. Please consider these items when you are out shopping.*** As always, thank you so much for helping those in need to attain or maintain a higher degree of dignity.

Thank You!

Kelli Collett

Thank you, Kelli Collett, for sharing your time and talents by making the magnificent Pentecost banner that hangs under the altar shelf. It is beautiful!

Strengthen the Church Offering

The Strengthen the Church offering helps small churches accomplish big things with grants from the UCC. You all helped make big things happen with your collective donation of \$175. Thank you for caring about all people everywhere.

The Rose Garden

The Ethel Wolfe Rose Garden is looking amazing this year! Stop and take a look and enjoy the beauty and the scents. And **thank you** those who help keep it looking as good as it does – Lee Wright, Linda Ramsey, Gail Banner, and Judy Case. There are possibly more whose names have not made it to the office. All who help with this garden – **Thank you.** “Roses . . . The smiles of God’s goodness” – William Wilberforce

Grounds Keeping

Thank you to Eddie Bush, Frank Marsh, Ian Thomsen, and Lee Wright (with Ellie supervising) for keeping the grounds around the church mowed, trimmed, cleared of dead brush and anything else that needs to be done to keep the church yard and borders looking good and the water system working.

A shout out to Paul Ingram and Grace Townsend for trimming and weeding the whole west side of the church. It looks wonderful!

Planting Seeds/Juneteenth Help

A big thank you to Betty Ashcraft and Frank Marsh for their help getting our name “out there” by setting up the church banner at the Planting Seeds and Juneteenth events. We literally couldn’t have done it without you!

Going away for the Summer?

You can stay in touch while you’re away by going to www.mhfirstcongregational.org, on your mobile device or laptop. You can watch the Sunday worship on YouTube by clicking on our link on the “Ministries and Worship Video” page or going to our YouTube channel at: <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 to fall behind on your pledge offering, you can mail it directly to the office at:

First Congregational Church, UCC
ATTN: Frank Marsh
P. O. Box 659
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Upcoming Events

Red Cross Blood Drive

Red Cross Blood Drive is on **Wednesday, September 2nd** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Rick Parks.

You can schedule your donation on-line at www.redcross.org or download the app to your phone and schedule your donation there.

Rally Day

Rally Day will be the first Sunday of September, **September 7th**. This marks the beginning of our Sunday school program with **Sunday school at 10 a.m. and Worship with Communion at 11 a.m.**

If you are interested in teaching or helping with Sunday School, please contact any member of the Christian Ed Committee or leave your name with the office. Someone will get in touch with you and help you get started.

After worship there will be the traditional potluck barbecue. Please try to bring a side dish or dessert to share. No matter what, all are welcome to the table.

Our Condolences to



Public Service Announcement

Mountain Home School District’s Bear Necessities Food Pantry Distribution This Wednesday!!!

FOOD BOXES AVAILABLE TO ALL!

DISTRIBUTION DATES: Second Wednesday of every month except for July.

LOCATION: Hacker Middle School—Food box distribution will be on E 2nd North St.

TIME: 3:30pm - 5:00pm. Please avoid arriving before 3:30pm.

DRIVE-THRU DISTRIBUTION: DO NOT enter the traffic pattern until all the buses have departed from E 2nd North St, N 4th East St, & E Jackson St which happens around 3:30pm.

Other Area Food Banks

Calvary Chapel – 3rd Monday – 4 – 6 p.m.

Our Lady of Good Counsel – 4th Tues. 4 – 5:30

El-Ada – Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Must be enrolled in CSBG program.

July Birthdays

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 5 – Dorraine Aggen | 19 – Stephanie LaClair |
| 9 – Ruthie Arnold | 21 – Kelli Collett |
| 10 – Johanna Mori | 23 – Carl Case |
| 10 – Malcom Taggart | 26 – CD Houston |
| 12 – Ken Andersen | 27 – Paul Ingram |
| 13 – Roger Banner | 28 – Ann Carlin |
| 13 – Judy Case | 28 – Mike Moehn |

July Anniversaries

- 10 – Nancy & Skip Sobien
11 – Betty and Pedro Celaya

Special Angels for July

LITURGISTS (Rick Parks)

- 6 – Vickie Armstrong
13 – Susan Walker
20 – Christine Negri
27 – Luna Moehn

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (sign-up sheet)

- 6 – Gail Banner
13 – Erika Brandt
20 – Erika Brandt and Lars Hansen
27 – Ann and Curtis Carlin

FLOWERS (Sign-up Sheet)

- 6 – Vickie Armstrong
13 – Jean Leonard
20 – Nadine Roberts
27 – Jo Gridley

USHERS (Lars Hansen)

PARAMENTS (Heidi and Allen Harris)

August Birthdays

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 – Jocelyn Loosli | 27 – Sandy O’Connel |
| 8 – Gail Corlett -Trueba | 28 – Madilynn Carlton |
| 8 – Lola Moehn | 29 – Ramona Yrazabal |
| 10 – Susan Walker | 30 – Frankie Guerre |
| 12 – Nathan Parker | 30 – Kenneth Hill |
| 20 – Kay Eilebrecht | 31 - Marty Veldman |
| 25– Jan Jensen | |

August Anniversaries

- 9 – Jean and Jay Leonard
10 – Susan and Howard Walker
13 – Barbara and Roger Fogleman
14 – Terri Jones and Truman Parker
17 – Jo and Phil Gridley

Special Angels for August

LITURGISTS (Rick Parks)

- 3 – Leela Moehn
10 – Molly Marsh
17 – Heidi Harris
24 – Frank Marsh
31 - Betty Ashcraft

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (Sign-up sheet)

- 3 –
10 –
17 –
24 –
31 –

FLOWERS (Sign-up Sheet)

- 3 –
10 – Nadine Roberts
17 – Barb Fogleman
24 –
31 –

USHERS (Jo Gridley)

PARAMENTS (Heidi and Allen Harris)

COMMUNION (Ann Carlin)

From Pastor Derrick

Greeting First Congregational Church Family,

The Bible states:

Psalms 91:1-3 NIV
[1] Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. [2] I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” [3] Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence.

As we enter a season of uncertainty, war and terror let's focus on Psalm 91. God will grant us rest and protection from all the evil and dangerous things of the world. We are loved and protected by God.

Always remember to look to hills from whence cometh your help, your help comes from the Lord.

Stay Blessed 🙌
Pastor Derrick

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30 pm Women's AA	2	3	4 Independence Day	5 7 pm-9 pm AA
6 11 am Worship	7 7 pm Troop/Crew 57	8 5:30 pm Women's AA	9	10	11	12 7 pm-9 pm AA
13 11 am Worship	14 7 pm Troop/Crew 57 6:30 pm Trustees (?)	15 5:30 pm Women's AA	16	17	18	19 7 pm-9 pm AA
20 11 am Worship	21 7 pm Troop/Crew 57	22 5:30 pm Women's AA	23	24	25	26 7 pm-9 pm AA
27 11 am Worship	28 7 pm Troop/Crew 57 Women's	29 5:30 pm Women's AA Retreat	30 At Pilgrim	31 Cove Camp		

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. First Friday Quilters	2 7 pm-9 pm AA
3 11 am Worship with Communion	4 7 p.m. Diaconate 7 pm Troop/Crew 57	5 5:30 pm Women's AA	6	7	8	9 7 pm-9 pm AA
10 11 am Worship A.W. Christian Ed.	11 6:30 p.m. Trustees 7 pm Troop/Crew 57	12 5:30 pm Women's AA 1 st day of public school	13	14	15	16 7 pm-9 pm AA
17 11 am Worship	18 4:30 p.m. GSA 1076 7 pm Troop/Crew 57	19 5:30 pm Women's AA	20	21	22	23 7 pm-9 pm AA
24 11 am Worship	25 4:30 p.m. GSA 1076 7 p.m. Church Council 7 pm Troop/Crew 57	26 5:30 pm Women's AA	27	28	29	30 7 pm-9 pm AA
31 11 am Worship						