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Fall Time Change

Sunday, November 3, 2024
Turn your clock **back** one hour

Surviving the Holidays

Mountain Home Church of the Nazarene, 950 N. 7th East, is presenting Surviving the Holidays by GriefShare. Join us for a two-hour event where we talk about how to deal with grief around the holidays. This will be held on **Saturday, November 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.** This is a **free** event. Please contact the Nazarene church to register at (208)587-3093.

Stewardship Letters

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." 1 Peter 4:10

Watch your mail for the Stewardship 2025 letter and pledge cards. These are the lifeblood of the church – time, talent, and treasure. Please give prayerful consideration to the gifts and blessings you have received and how you might return a portion of them to God's service.

A thought about the Time and Talent cards – If there is any gift you have that you would like to share with the church, please fill out the yellow Time and Talent card. Don't think, "If they need my help, they'll call me." That's not necessarily true. If we don't receive a card from you, we can only imagine that you do not have the time available to offer to the church and her many functions. And consider, what you may not consider a gift – it's just something that you do – might well be a very valuable gift to one of the boards or committees that keep this church family going. So please, please, fill out the Time and Talent card with anything you can offer the church family in the way of Time and/or "Talent".

If you are a couple and would like an extra Time and Talent card so you can sign up for things separately, please contact the church office.

3rd Quarter Donation Statements

Third quarter Donation Statements will be mailed around October 30th. Monetary donations are an important part of keeping our church fully functioning. Your Donation Statement includes

your financial contributions from January 1, 2024 through/including October 13, 2024. Thank you for your support of our church and church family. If you have any questions about your Donation Statement please contact the Financial Recording Secretary, Frank Marsh, at [REDACTED].

Don't Forget to Vote

November 5th is Election Day

Annual Budget and Election meeting

Budget and Election meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 10th, after worship.** Members nominated are listed in the next column. Please plan to attend to complete a quorum.

Officers, Board, and Committee

Members

Nominated for 2025

ONE YEAR OFFICE

<u>Moderator:</u>	Susan Broemeling
<u>Assistant Moderator:</u>	Heidi Harris
<u>Clerk:</u>	Grace Townsend
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Eddie Bush
<u>Financial Secretary:</u>	Frank Marsh
<u>Historian:</u>	Kay Eilebrecht
<u>Photographer</u>	Ann Carlin
<u>Youth Coordinator:</u>	Frank Marsh
<u>Parliamentarian</u>	Ken Andersen
<u>Pilgrim Cove Representative:</u>	Jay Leonard
<u>Auditor:</u>	Appointed by Trustees for bi-annual review

THREE YEAR TERMS

Diaconate Board: Curtis Carlin, Jay Leonard, Susan Walker, Kelli Collett, Lee Wright, Jo Gridley, Rick Parks, Ann Carlin, Lars Hansen, Polly Sanders

Trustees: Roger Fogleman, Judy Case, Rita Olson, Gene Mussler, Mollie Marsh, Richard Broemeling

Christian Education: Betty Ashcraft, Susan Mussler, Vickie Armstrong, Sandra Moehn

Community Outreach and Membership Life: Mollie Marsh, Mildred McNeal, Jean Leonard, Luna Moehn, Diane Venski, VACANCY

ONE YEAR TERMS

Pastoral Relations: Gail Banner, Lee Wright, Phil Miller

Music Committee: Doraine Aggen, Gail Banner

Social Committee: Curtis Carlin, Sandra Moehn, Nadine Roberts, Erica Brandt, Lars Hansen, Mary Ann Hamilton

Search Committee: Gail Banner, Linda Ramsey, Mollie Marsh, Roger Fogleman, Kelli Collet, Polly Sanders.

Nominated members of each office board and committee for the year 2025. We would like to thank everyone who has volunteered and/or said “yes” to serve as officers, board members, and committee members.

We also thank and appreciate all of those who have agreed to continue with their current or second terms and all those who are new to a committee.

Our only vacancy being within the Outreach and Membership Life committee. If anyone would like to fill this vacancy, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

Nominating Committee

Richard C. Broemeling, Chair
Judy Case, Polly Sanders, Barbara Fogleman

Editor’s note: Thank you, Nominating Committee for all your hard work. A special Thank You to Richard Broemeling, for chairing this very important committee.

From the Search Committee

The Search Committee has been working diligently on the revision of our church profile which is essential in our search for a settled pastor. We feel that we have a final version almost ready to post on our website and to send to several conferences that our denomination affiliates with. Churches nationwide are having trouble finding pastors, so we aren’t alone in our search, but we feel that with God’s help and our new profile, we’ll find the right pastor for our church.

For the Search Committee,
Gail Banner, Chair

The Pie Auction!

We will be having a live Pie Auction after Worship on **Sunday, November 24th**. Nadine Roberts is chairing the event.

Pie bakers are needed! A sign-up sheet will be available on the back table beginning on **Sunday, November 3rd** or call Nadine Roberts at [REDACTED] to sign up.

Women of the Church

Women’s Fellowship meeting

November’s Women’s Fellowship Luncheon Meeting will be held **at noon on November 8th** in the church Fellowship Hall. Beth DeVore and Mary Ann Hamilton are hostesses. Plans will be finalized for our upcoming Annual Pie Auction and Christmas Bazaar.

The Christmas Bazaar!

The bazaar will be held on Saturday, **December 7th from 8 a.m. until 12 noon**. All members of the church are asked to participate!

Fresh baked cinnamon rolls and pieces of pie will be available along with many homemade items, bakery items, decorations . . . old and new! Items to sell are greatly encouraged . . .

Please contact Women’s Fellowship if you have any questions! All sales (monies) become the property of Women’s Fellowship.

❀❀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.

Editor’s note: The Women’s Fellowship spends these monies on the church – coffee, tea, and other condiments for Fellowship Hour and potlucks. They also make contributions toward other needed items around the church as well as donations to charitable organizations around town. Come support those who support us.

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.

Pledge Blessing

Our Pledge Blessing Service will be during the 11 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, November 24th**. We will bless our pledge offerings and our Time and Talent offerings at this time.

Please be sure to bring your filled-out pledge cards with you. Thank you so much for

generously giving back to God with your time, talents, and treasure.

Thanksgiving Dinner

In the evening of **Sunday, November 24th at 6 p.m.** we will have our Thanksgiving potluck dinner. Turkey and fixins' will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share to add to the feast. All are welcome to the table.

Community Thanksgiving Unity Worship Service

The Elmore County Ministerial Alliance will be hosting their annual Community Thanksgiving Unity Worship service here at First Congregational Church on **Tuesday, November 26th at 7 p.m.**

Please make plans to come and take this time to worship and reflect on all the blessings we have received over the past year.

Hanging of the Greens

On **Saturday, November 30th**, at 9 a.m. we will begin decorating the church for the coming Christmas season.

Anyone who wishes to come help the Diaconate Board set up the Christmas Trees and hang the wreaths and garland is more than welcome to join in the fun.

Poinsettia Dedications

Beginning **Sunday, December 1st** you may start bringing in your live (no silk ones, please) poinsettias. Those being shared as memorials or dedications, will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin so be sure to give this information to the church office by **Wednesday, December 18th**. Forms will be available on the back table beginning **Sunday, November 24th**.

Poinsettias may be dropped off at the church office Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or brought in on Sunday mornings. **If you want your poinsettia back after Christmas, please be sure to put your name on it.** You may take your plant home any time after our Christmas Eve candlelight service.

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!!

Thank you

Neighbors in Need

The Neighbors in Need offering was collected on Sunday, October 6th. Our generous collection for our neighbors was \$187, a \$52 increase over last year! Thank you for spreading your generosity far and wide.

Church Entrance Door Automatic Opener/Closure

Fellow Congregants, it is my honor and pleasure to inform you of a new feature that has been added to enhance our Church. Over the last couple of weeks one of our members researched, obtained, and installed the **new front Door Automatic Opener/Closure equipment** for our fellow church patrons/members, assisting all when entering and retiring from our facility!

I am proud and thankful to **Eddie Bush** for once again working continuously to update and maintain our Church!

Upcoming events

Red Cross Blood Drive

Our quarterly **Red Cross Blood Drive** will be on **Tuesday, December 3rd from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
Note – this is a change from our normal Wednesday schedule.

If you would like to help check people in or serve snacks some time during the day, please contact Rick Parks.

Speaking of snacks – Rick thought that it would be great to be able to offer homemade cookies to the donors, volunteer help, and the Red Cross workers. If you would like to provide a couple dozen homemade cookies for this event, please contact Rick Parks.

Tree lighting dinner on Base

We are looking for volunteers to provide salads or desserts for a special dinner for the airmen and their families who will be attending the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony on base on **December 12th**. The food needs to be to the base chapel by 5 p.m. on **Thursday, December 12th**. If you can help with this, please contact the church office at (208)587-4969 or mhfccucc@gmail.com

Thank you so much for considering this ministry.

Christmas Potluck

The Christmas Potluck will be after worship on **Sunday, December 15th**. Ham will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts to share.

Blue Christmas

Blue Christmas is a reflective service for those who are experiencing loss. This year's Blue Christmas service is held at Mountain Home Church of the Nazarene, 950 N. 7th East, on **Friday, December 20th at 6:00 p.m.**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Our Christmas Eve worship service will be at 7 p.m. on **Tuesday, December 24th**.

All Boards and Committees

Year-end Annual Reports are due in the office by **Thursday, January 4th**, earlier if possible, so they can be prepared for distribution at our Annual Meeting on **Sunday, January 14th**.

Directory Update

Lars Hansen



Anniversaries in November

11 – John and Carrie DiGuido
20 – Jose and Sylvia Sisneros

Birthdays in November

2 – Alexis Parks	8 – Gloria Gaub
2 – Samantha Pearsall	15 - Sabastien Rowl
4 – Joe B McNeal	15 – Allen Harris
4 - Phil Gridley	19 – Mike Keas
4 – Sue Stanek	23 – Harris Allgood
6 – Rebeca Arnold	23 – Grace Townsend
6 – Helena DeWeerd	26 – Katie Parks
7 – Bradley Arnold	28 – Philip Miller
8 – Cara Grindle	

Special Angels for November

LITURGISTS (Jo Gridley)

3 – Betty Ashcraft
10 – Susan Walker
17 – Mollie Marsh
24 – Mildred McNeal

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (Sign-up sheet)

3 – Gene and Susan Mussler
10 – Allen and Heidi Harris
17 – Vickie Armstrong
24 – Kay Eilebrecht

USHERS (Curtis Carlin)

FLOWERS

Lee Wright and Sherry Bush

PARAMENTS (Allen and Heidi Harris)

COMMUNION (Susan Walker)

From Pastor Deral

These days our country is deeply troubled and divided. As an important election approaches, we are praying for wisdom, reconciliation, and healing. But with all the unrest and confusion, we might be forgetting to pray for something else as well ...

In the fall of 1863, the United States was struggling still, in a bloody civil war. Since February of 1861, over 300,000 Americans had lost their lives. Another one million had been wounded.

In the midst of all this bloodshed and turmoil, President Abraham Lincoln did an unprecedented thing! He called for a day of Thanksgiving! Here is a portion of his Proclamation:

“The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the Source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful Providence of Almighty God ... I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States ... to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father Who dwelleth in the Heavens ...”

President Lincoln concluded: “... and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation, and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and union.”

The lust for power and the cravings of greed can so fill and corrupt our hearts that we forget the true Source of our Life, liberty, and blessing. Let's never forget; may we never neglect, our Lord's call to be humbly thankful. We may be praying for national transformation, but that truly begins in individual hearts.

Pastor Deral

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 10 am-First Friday Quilters 5:30 – 8 p.m. GSA 1076	2 7-9 pm – AA Before bed – Set clocks back one hour!!!!
3 10 am – Sunday School 11 am – Worship With Communion END of DST	4 7 pm –Diaconate 7 pm -Troop/ Crew 57	5 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. VOTING 5:30 pm Women's AA in the Choir Room this mtg. only	6 1 pm – PEO 4 pm – GSA 976	7 6 p.m. Choir 7 p.m. Bells	8 12 pm – Women's Fellowship 5:30 – 8 p.m. GSA 1076	9 7-9 pm - AA
10 10 am – Sunday School 11 am – Worship AW -Budget and Election Congregational mtg.	11 Veterans Day 6:30 Trustees 7 p.m. Troop/Crew 57	12 5:30 pm Women's AA	13 4 pm – GSA 976	14 6 p.m. Choir 7 p.m. Bells	15 5:30 – 8 p.m. GSA 1076	16 7-9 pm - AA
17 10 am – Sunday School 11 am – Worship AW Christian Ed. mtg.	18 7 pm –Troop/ Crew 57	19 5:30 pm Women's AA	20 4 pm – GSA 976	21 6 p.m. Choir 7 p.m. Bells	22 5:30 – 8 p.m. GSA 1076	23 7-9 pm - AA
24 10 am – Sunday School 11 am – Worship with Pledge Blessing AW Pie Auction 6 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner	25 7 pm – Church Council 7 pm –Troop/ Crew 57	26 5:30 pm Women's AA	27	28 Thanksgiving Day OFFICE CLOSED	29	30 9 a.m. Hanging of the Greens 7-9 pm - AA

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1 10 am – Sunday School 11 am – Worship w/Communion	2 7 pm Diaconate 7 pm – Troop/ Crew 57	3 8 am – 4 pm BLOOD DRIVE 5:30 pm Women's AA	4 1 pm – PEO 4 pm – GSA 976	5 6 pm – Vocal 7 pm - Bells	6 10 am – First Friday Quilters 5:30 – 8 p.m. GSA 1076	7 8 am – Noon Christmas Bazaar 7 p.m. – AA
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22 NO – Sunday School 11 am – Worship	23 7 pm – Church Council	24 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 5:30 pm Women's AA?	25 Christmas Office Closed	26 Office Hours TBA	27	28 7 pm - AA
29 NO – Sunday School 11 am – Worship	30	31 New Year's Eve 5:30 pm Women's AA?				