

Mountain Proclamations

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Pastor Derrick contact information

Pastor Derrick is in the office almost every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 until noon, unless he's out in the community or on a visit. He is also available by appointment just about any time. If you need to schedule a visit with Pastor Derrick here or in your home, you may call the office (208)587-4969 or Pastor Derrick at [REDACTED]. He also has email: [REDACTED]

Office will be closed

Monday, September 1st, Labor Day, the church office will be closed.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Red Cross Blood Drive is on **Tuesday, 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.

Diaconate Board meeting for September

Yes, the Diaconate Board will meet on the first Monday, **September 1st Labor Day**.

Men's Bible Study

Attention all men, all ages we casually invite you to join us for our new Men's Bible Fellowship Group.

Starting September 4th 2025 at 930am-1030am. Bring a Bible and a open mind to learn directly from the Bible.

Its FREE and will meet every Thursday morning at FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Fellowship Hall.

Light refreshments, good fellowship and a great opportunity to learn more about the Bible. If interested please contact the church office 208-587-4969

Open to all.

First Congregational Church AFAD Booth

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

Music People of all Kinds, Welcome

Wanted - Singers, Bell Ringers, Directors for both choirs and accompanists! We're so blessed to have the wonderful dedicated people that serve in all these areas, but we would so love to have more! If the Holy Spirit moves you to fill any of these openings, please let Gail Banner or the office know, or show up at a rehearsal! We can adjust rehearsal times to accommodate those who work! Both Choirs practice on Thursday evenings – 5 p.m. Vocal and 6 p.m. Bells.

Rally Day September 8!!

An exciting new **Sunday school year begins at 10 a.m. on September 8** with a *Getting to Know You* celebration. The school year will be filled with scriptures and related crafts and activities. All children and teens are welcome.

Get ready to play games and sing songs with your friends and teachers. **Worship will be at 11 a.m. with Communion** and Children's church will be held during the regular service and a BBQ for all the families and friends following the service.

Invite your friends and they can experience the warmth and hospitality of the First Congregational Church.

Rally Day Barbecue

After worship, we will have our Rally Day Potluck Barbecue. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.

The church family provides side dishes and desserts. This is a wonderful time of fun and food and fellowship. Such a great way to start the program year.

Women's Fellowship

The next Women's Fellowship potluck and meeting will be **September 12, 2025** at noon. All women of the church are welcome to attend and feel free to bring a female friend.

This year's theme is "Faith can move Mountains". The hostesses for September are Vickie Armstrong and Betty Ashcraft.

Conference Minister Visit

Rev. Tyler Connoley will be bringing greetings from the Central Pacific Conference on **Sunday, September 14th**.

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 or someone from the Nominating Committee (Polly Sanders, Barb Fogleman, Susan Walker, and Susan Mussler) with your name and number and you will be contacted.

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.

Bulletin Sponsors for 2026

It is time to start signing up to sponsor a worship bulletin for 2025. The sign-up sheet will be on the back table in the sanctuary starting the third Sunday of September, **September 14th**. 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 2026.

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.

Walk to End Alzheimers

The Walk to End Alzheimer's will be September 27th at Julius Kleiner Park in Meridian. Our family will again have our team, Marguerite's Marchers there and would love to have you join us. If you have had any connection to someone with this horrible disease, then you know how devastating it is. My mother, Marguerite, and Roger's mother, Kate, lived the last 5 years of their lives with it, and now Roger has it. Every day I pray that a cure will be found, and of course, tomorrow, but I know that won't happen. Every dollar that we raise will help fund the research and goes to help those fighting it and those caring for them. Please let me know if you can walk or give a donation. Our site has places for donations in memory of or in honor of patients.

Thank you!
Gail

Thank you

To Kellie Collett

Thank you to Kellie Collett for the donation of half a case of printer paper. Even with the slimmed down version of the Sunday worship bulletin, we still use a fair amount of paper and donations like this help make our budget go even further. Thank you, Kellie, for considering your church family.

Also, thank you so much for that caring presentation on on-line security and safety. Much excellent information.

All those lovely pop tabs!

"Dear Friends,

Please accept our thanks and appreciation for your recent donation of pop tabs.

We will recycle them with others we have received. The recycling company will then send us a check with which we are able to purchase supplies for the House.

Terry" (Ronald McDonald House volunteer)

Donations for Funeral Dinner for Marlene Osborn

Many thanks to all who helped with the luncheon following Marlene Osborn's funeral.

Thanks to the efficient kitchen workers who set up and cleaned up: Sherry Bush, Linda Ramsey, Lars Hansen, Rita Olson, Judy Case, Nadine Roberts, Mollie Marsh, and Grace Townsend.

And thank you to all who donated food for the luncheon: Judy Case, Betty Ashcraft, Susan Broemeling, Sylvia Sisneros, Mollie Marsh,

Susan Mussler, Mildred McNeal, Grace Townsend, Gail Banner, Sherry Bush, Linda Ramsey, Rita Olson, Bobbi Bergh, Polly Sanders, Rose Ann Tagg, Nadine Roberts, and Jennifer Andersen (thanks for the extra pan of Texas Sheet Cake for the starving workers!) All your help was much appreciated!

Nancy Sobien

Summer Music

Special thanks to Debbie Fischer for bringing her music to us on Sunday, July 8th with Pastor Derrick on the piano.

July 13th and August 3rd gave us the Bell Choir coming out for a summer treat.

Rounding out the summer season was Dorraine Aggen and Doreen Solum doing a duet on August 8th.

From Church World Services

“First Congregational Church of Mountain Home,

Thank you for your outstanding support of CWS Blanket! We are grateful to have you as a partner in mission and ministry. The \$573 you raised will help to provide people in need with a tangible sign of God’s love! Thank you for caring for your neighbors in need.

Peace,
Tiffany”

Coins for Stamps

Many thanks for the generosity of the church family for their contributions to the Coins for Stamps project. To date this Women’s Fellowship lead project has collected approximately \$275 from the coins (and bills) dropped into the little mailbox bank at the back of the Sanctuary to purchase stamps for the Card Elves.

Thank you all for taking those few moments to stop and drop your spare change.

NOTE: Thank you, Lars Hansen, for making an easier cover for the Coin Post Box.

To Lori Levis

Thank you for the donation of 500 individually wrapped hot beverage cups. These will be passed on to the Ronald McDonald House for their guest rooms. Your kindness is appreciated!

To Nora Lessard

Thank you, Nora, for the donation of stamps to the Outreach Committee. Your donation is such a big help to Diane Venski who keeps up with those cards to folks near and far.

From Marlene Osborn’s Family

“Thank you for being Mom’s church family and support. May you find good use for this donation in in remembrance of Mom.

God bless you all.

*The Family of Marlene Osborn
Wanda Clagg
Wayne Osborn”*

Trash Can Pad

Eddie Bush and Frank Marsh did a beautiful job of laying patio brick down by the entry door by the kitchen for the trash cans. No more dust or mud, depending on the season, and the trash cans can be moved out of the driveway.

Thank you so much, Eddie and Frank, for your work on this project.

Three Reams of Paper

Thank you to whoever it was that left 3 reams of printer paper in the office over the weekend of August 1 – 3. This is so very helpful to the running of the office and the church. Thank you!!!

Men’s Clothing Drive

Thank all of you who have brought men’s clothing for the men’s clothing drive we have been participating in for Immanuel Lutherans Sharing Closet in Boise.

Speaking of Paper

Thank you, Church Family, for adapting to the change in the way we do announcements. This change has saved the church approximately one ream of paper per month. That’s a significant savings. Thank you for your adaptability.

Labels

Thank you, Vickie Armstrong, for finding and purchasing the special labels we use to put on some of the AFAD gift items. Your thoughtfulness helps get the word out that we’re here sharing the Word.

Pilgrim Cove Camp

Dear Members of Our Church Family,

Pilgrim Cove Camp has long been a place of refuge, joy, and connection for thousands of people over the years. It is with deep gratitude and a touch of sadness that we share the news of Jeremy Force’s upcoming retirement as Executive Director of Pilgrim Cove Camp at the end of this year.

For the past five years, Jeremy has brought more than 35 years of camp leadership experience to our beloved camp, guiding it with vision, dedication, and heart. Under his stewardship, Pilgrim Cove has seen remarkable transformations: the complete renovation of Leahy Lodge and the redesign of New Rice with

three private bedrooms and modern furnishings; significant upgrades to Alan Creech Lodge’s dining hall and kitchen; improvements to the accessible Havlicak room and the Leydon and Kloss Encounters Cabins; and the exciting beginning of construction on a new addition—Curtis Cottage.

Beyond these visible changes, Jeremy has also played a critical role in strengthening the financial health of the camp, positioning us for a more secure and sustainable future.

While we will deeply miss Jeremy’s steady leadership and passion for this ministry, we are grateful that he has offered to assist with a lengthy transition period. His commitment to a smooth handoff will help ensure the camp continues to thrive under new leadership.

Please take a moment to thank Jeremy for the incredible legacy he leaves at Pilgrim Cove Camp. His impact will be felt for many years to come—in the spaces he helped renew and in the lives he has touched.

With gratitude,
The Pilgrim Cove Foundation Board

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Website: www.pilgrimcovecamp.org

Upcoming Events

Neighbors in Need

“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:20

Joining together in the struggle for justice and peace.

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on **October 5**, supports the UCC’s ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. 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 at any time: ucc.org/nin

In Loving Memory

Marlene Osborn
May 13, 1035 – July 26, 2025

Welcome to the World

Charity Faith Osgood
July 1, 2025

September Birthdays

1 – Heidi Harris	19 – Beth DeVore
3 – Anne Parker	20 – Thornton Osgood
10 – Radley Hinger	22 – Garren Schrom
10 – Rowen Hinger	25 – Deral Schrom
12 – Devin Osgood	27 – Jennifer Andersen
14 – Alvaree Venski	27 – Benjamin Parker
16 – Johnny A. Willis	30 – Erika Brandt

September Anniversaries

3	Deral and Garren Schrom
12	Susan and Gene Mussler
14	Rose and Lawrence Pearsall

Special Angels for September

LITURGISTS (Polly Sanders)

7 – Susan Mussler
14 – Polly Sanders
21 – Heidi Harris
28 – Gene Mussler

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (Sign-up sheet)

7 – Rally Day Barbecue
14 –
21 – Gene and Susan Mussler
28 –

USHERS (Jay Leonard)

FLOWERS (Sign-up Sheet)

7 – Helena DeWeerd
14 – Christine Negri
21 –
28 – Jo Gridley

PARAMENTS (Allen and Heidi Harris)

COMMUNION (Susan Walker)

A Word from Pastor Derrick

Greetings to all,

As we transition into our fall season and Sunday school resumes. Let us remember to seek God's will for our lives.

We are completing our teaching series on Faith and how faith operates.

The bible states; Romans 10:17 "Faith comes by hearing, hearing the word of God.

As the seasons changed, children go back to school let us stay focused on strengthening our faith and building our trust in God.

God Bless
Pastor Derrick

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Labor Day 1 Office closed 7 p.m. <u>Diaconate</u> <u>Board</u> <u>meeting</u>	2 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Blood Drive 5:30 p.m. Women's AA	3 1 p.m. PEO 5:30 p.m. Girl Scout troop 1077	4 6 p.m. Bell Choir 7 p.m. Vocal Choir	5 10 a.m. First Friday Quilters	6 AFAD at Carl Miller Park 7 p.m. AA
Rally Day 7 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship w/Communion Potluck BBQ!!	8 5:30 p.m. Girl Scout troop 1076 6:30 p.m. Trustees 7 p.m. BSA	9 5:30 p.m. Women's AA	10 5:30 p.m. Girl Scout troop 1077	11 6 p.m. Bell Choir 7 p.m. Vocal Choir	12 12 p.m. Women's Fellowship potluck and mtg.	13 7 p.m. AA
14 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship After worship Christian Ed	15 5:30 p.m. Girl Scout troop 1076 7 p.m. BSA	16 5:30 p.m. Women's AA	17 1 p.m. PEO 5:30 p.m. Girl Scout troop 1077	18 5:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 1064 6 p.m. Bell Choir 7 p.m. Vocal Choir	19	20 7 p.m. AA
21 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	22 5:30 p.m. Girl Scout troop 1076 7 p.m. Church Council 7 p.m. BSA	23 5:30 p.m. Women's AA	24 5:30 p.m. Girl Scout troop 1077	25 5:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 1064 6 p.m. Bell Choir 7 p.m. Vocal Choir	26	27 7 p.m. AA
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