

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 (919)593-0820. He also has email: bridgebuildersconnect@gmail.com

Part time job opening

Kay Eilebrecht has served us faithfully as our church custodian since September 2022, but all good things come to an end. Kay will be retiring on **December 31, 2025**.

If you are interested in taking up the mantle and being our new church custodian, please bring your resumé to the church office and it will be passed on to the Trustees for review.

A copy of the job description is available from the church office.

Fall Time Change

Sunday, November 2, 2025
Turn your clock **back** one hour

GriefShare – Surviving the Holidays

Sunday, November 2, from 2 – 6 p.m.
GriefShare will be presenting a 2-hour workshop on Surviving the Holidays at MH Church of the Nazarene 950 N 7th East – (208)587-3093
www.mhnazarene.org/griefshare

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 2026 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. 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 29th. Monetary donations are an important part of keeping our church fully functioning. Your Donation Statement includes your financial contributions from January 1, 2025 through/including October 12, 2025. 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 8th is Election Day

Annual Budget and Election meeting

Budget and Election meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 9th, 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 2026

ONE YEAR OFFICE

<u>Moderator:</u>	Heidi Harris
<u>Assistant Moderator:</u>	Gene Mussler
<u>Clerk:</u>	Grace Townsend
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Eddie Bush
<u>Financial Secretary:</u>	Frank Marsh
<u>Historian:</u>	Kay Eilebrecht

Photographer Ann Carlin
Youth Coordinator: Frank Marsh
Parliamentarian Ken Andersen
Pilgrim Cove Representative: Barb Fogleman
Auditor: Appointed by Trustees for bi-annual review

THREE YEAR TERMS

Diaconate Board: Lee Wright, Curtis Carlin, Jay Leonard, Polly Sanders, Paul Ingram, Ann Carlin, Jo Gridley, Rick Bush, Susan Walker, Susan Mussler

Trustees: Richard Broemeling, Mollie Marsh, Rita Olson, Roger Fogleman, Linda Ramsey, Betty Ashcraft

Christian Education: Ken Andersen, Diane Venski

Community Outreach and Membership Life: Erika Brandt, Mollie Marsh, Mildred McNeal, Vickie Armstrong, Lori Levis, Diane Venski; Judy Case

ONE YEAR TERMS

Pastoral Relations: Gail Banner, Lee Wright, Polly Sanders

Music Committee: Doraine Aggen, Gail Banner

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

Nominated members of each office board and committee for the year 2026. 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 Christian Ed. Board. If anyone would like to fill this vacancy, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

Nominating Committee

Polly Sanders – Chair, Barbara Fogleman, Susan Mussler, Susan Walker

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

The Pie Auction!

We will be having a live Pie Auction after Worship on **Sunday, November 23rd**. 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 2nd** or call Nadine Roberts at [REDACTED] to sign up.

Women of the Church

Women’s Fellowship meeting

The November meeting of Women’s Fellowship will be a pot-luck luncheon/meeting **at noon on November 14th**. All women are invited whether they attend our church or not!

Guest speaker will be Kym Still...speaking on this year’s theme, “Faith Can Move Mountains”. Kym attends the Shrom’s church in Meridian... and Garren will be here, too! Meeting topics will be the upcoming Pie Auction and Christmas Bazaar! Hostesses are Doreen Solum and LaRae Hopkins.

Any questions? Please just ask!

Nancy Sobien

The Christmas Bazaar!

The bazaar will be held on Saturday, **December 6th 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. Gift tags should be available by the second week of November. 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 23rd**. 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 23rd 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 will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on 790 S Haskett on **Tuesday, November 25th at 7 p.m.**

Cookies and juice will be served after the worship service. If you can help with providing cookies, please contact the office (208)587-4969

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 29th**, 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 7th** 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 17th**

Forms will be available on the back table beginning **Sunday, November 23rd**.

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.

Sunday School substitute teachers

Would you like to work with the children and youth, teaching them about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, *but not every single week*? Then being a substitute Sunday School teacher is for you. The curriculum is really, really easy to teach and the kids are fun to be with. If you are interested, contact the church office or Ken Andersen (208)590-1635. Thank you so much for stepping up to help with this important ministry.

2026 Bulletin Sponsorship

The sign-up sheet is now available for sponsoring worship bulletins for 2026. It is on the back bulletin table with all the other sign-up sheets. How this works: you pick the Sunday you would like to sponsor, put your name on that blank space and sometime between now and the end of **2026**, donate \$10 to the church for each Sunday sponsored.

Thank you all for helping make the church budget stretch that much further.

Directory Director

The Church Council would like to put together another Pictorial Directory, but we need someone to look into options and secure a vendor to do this for us. This person may also find folks to help schedule appointments for pictures. If you are interested in this short-term ministry, contact the church office or any member of the Church Council.

Thank you

Neighbors in Need

The Neighbors in Need offering was collected on Sunday, October 5th. Our generous collection for our neighbors was \$225, a \$38 increase over last year! Thank you for spreading your generosity far and wide.

Stamp Coin Box

Many thanks to a most generous congregation! Your pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters...as well as dollar bills (even a \$50)...added up to

\$120 for the Outreach Committee to use for stamps!

Much appreciation to all who donated!

Women's Fellowship

From the Outreach Committee

Thank you to all who donated candy for the Trunk or Treat event the Outreach Committee participated in with Parks and Rec on October 24th. The turnout was amazing.

Upcoming events

The Christmas Bazaar!

The bazaar will be held on Saturday, **December 6th from 8am until 12 noon**. All members of the church are asked to participate! **We need donations of gift-worthy items and crafted items.**

More information will be available in the December Mountain Proclamations.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Our quarterly **Red Cross Blood Drive** will be on **Tuesday, December 16th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** If you would like to help, check people in or serve snacks some time during the day, please contact Rick Parks.

Christmas Potluck

The Christmas Potluck will be after worship on **Sunday, December 21st**. Ham will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts to share.

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 8th**, earlier if possible, so they can be prepared for distribution at our Annual Meeting on **Sunday, January 18th**.

Anniversaries in November

11 – John and Carrie DiGuido
19 – Derrick Wilcox and Latasha Carroll
20 – Jose and Sylvia Sisneros

Birthdays in November

2 – Alexis Parks 8 – Derrick Wilcox
2 – Samantha Pearsall 11 – Allison Ralls
4 – Joe B McNeal 15 - Sabastien Rowl

4 - Phil Gridley 15 – Allen Harris
4 – Sue Stanek 19 – Mike Keas
6 – Rebeca Arnold 23 – Harris Allgood
6 – Helena DeWeerd 23 – Grace Townsend
7 – Bradley Arnold 26 – Katie Parks
8 – Cara Grindle 28 – Philip Miller
8 – Gloria Gaub

Special Angels for November

LITURGISTS (Jo Gridley)

2 – Betty Ashcraft
9 – Rita Olson
16 – Susan Walker
23 – Wade Baumgardner
30 – Mark Light

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (Sign-up sheet)

2 – Allen and Heidi Harris
9 – Becky Hall
16 –
23 – Pie Auction – Rick and Sherry Bush
30 –

USHERS (Polly Sanders)

FLOWERS

Lee Wright and Sherry Bush

PARAMENTS (Allen and Heidi Harris)

COMMUNION (Susan Walker)

From Pastor Derrick

Greetings to all:

As we embark on the holiday season, travel and spend time with family and friends let us not forget to give thanks to God. His blessings, provision and mercy shower us every day.

As I look upon our world and see so much pain, suffering and worried I'm reminded what the Bible says in the:
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)
Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

This simply means give thanks always and to continue to pray. Pray for guidance, understanding and wisdom as we navigate through these difficult times.

Latasha and I want to wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving season.

May God Bless You
Pastor Derrick

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 7 p.m. AA Set clocks back one hour before bed
2 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship with Communion 2 a.m. DST ENDS	3 5:30 p.m. Girl Scout troop 1076 7 p.m. Diaconate Board mts 7 p.m. BSA	4 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voting 5:30 p.m. Women's AA	5 1 p.m. PEO 5:30 p.m. Girl Scout troop 1077	6 5:30 p.m. Girl Scout 1064 5 p.m. Choir 6 p.m. Bells	7 10 a.m. First Friday Quilters	8 7 p.m. AA
9 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Annual Budget and Election meeting	10 5:30 p.m. Girl Scout troop 1076 6:30 p.m. Trustees 7 p.m. BSA	11 Veterans Day 5:30 p.m. Women's AA	12 5:30 p.m. Girl Scout troop 1077	13 5:30 p.m. Girl Scout 1064 5 p.m. Choir 6 p.m. Bells	14 12 p.m. Women's Fellowship potluck and mtg.	15 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. BSA meeting 7 p.m. AA
16 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship AW Christian Ed.	17 5:30 p.m. Girl Scout troop 1076 7 p.m. Church Council 7 p.m. BSA	18 5:30 p.m. Women's AA	19 1 p.m. PEO 5:30 p.m. Girl Scout troop 1077	20 5:30 p.m. Girl Scout 1064 5 p.m. Choir 6 p.m. Bells	21 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Children's House	22 7 p.m. AA
23 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship w/ Pledge Blessing AW Pie Auction 6 p.m. Dinner	24 5:30 p.m. Girl Scout troop 1076 7 p.m. BSA	25 5:30 p.m. Women's AA	26	27 Thanksgiving Day OFFICE CLOSED	28	29 7 p.m. AA
1 st Sunday of Advent 30 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship						

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28 11 a.m. Worship	29	30 5:30 p.m. Women's AA	31 New Year's Eve			