

Mountain Proclamations

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Summer Worship Schedule

Our summer worship schedule has begun. Worship is at 11 a.m. There is no Sunday School during the summer. Communion will be served on the first Sunday of June and August.

Sunday school will begin again on Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 10 a.m.

Flowers and Fellowship for June, July and August

We have no volunteers for Fellowship Hour for the Month of June and only 2 for Altar Flowers. Please check the schedule and see where you can help, please.

Also, if you would like to provide or set out **flowers on the altar or host Fellowship Hour** sometime during the month of **July and/or August**, check the sign-up sheets at the back of the Sanctuary or contact the church office. Most of the Sundays in these months are open.

Don't forget . . . You may donate money for flowers if you don't wish to do the actual arranging. The suggested donation for altar flowers is \$30 dollars. The money will be used by one of our very talented volunteers to purchase flowers, do the arranging of them and placing them on the altar. Your name will go in the bulletin as the donor of the flowers.

Troop 57 Taco Dinner

Skip the cooking and support a great cause! Join Troop 57 for our Taco Dinner fundraiser.

This year, we're bringing the ultimate convenience: Drive-Thru Pick-Up! You can treat your family to a delicious, freshly prepared taco dinner without even having to step out of your car. Drive up, grab your meals, and head home for an easy, mess-free family dinner night or dine in and enjoy a stress-free dinner.

Every single ticket purchased brings our Scouts one step closer to adventure. 100% of the proceeds from this event go directly toward funding our summer camp experiences, helping our youth build leadership skills, confidence, and lifelong memories in the great outdoors.

Event Details:

Date: Friday, June 12

Time: 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM MDT

Location / Pick-Up Spot: 515 E 15th N St, Mountain Home, ID 83647

Adult Plate \$10-

3 shredded beef or chicken tacos with rice and beans.

Small/Child Plate \$5-

1 shredded beef or chicken taco with rice and beans.

Soda available for \$1-

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship is taking a well-deserved break for the summer. Their next planned meeting is scheduled for **Friday, September 11, 2026 at noon** in the Fellowship Hall.

Watch the bulletins, newsletter and *In the Loop* for any spontaneous outings that might come up throughout the summer.

Summer Music

With the Chancel Choir taking their 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. We need to know by Wednesday of the week you wish to share your talent.

It's nomination time

If you are interested in serving on one of the boards or committees in **2027**, or serving on the Nominating Committee, please contact the church office at 587-4969 and we will give your name and number to the Church Council and someone will contact you.

If you want information about which boards and committees will need new members and what

those boards or committees do, please contact the church office and we can get that information to you.

Volunteer Needed

The church would like a couple more volunteers to help “capture” 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!!

Juneteenth

Join us for the 25th Annual Juneteenth celebration at Carl Miller Park, a Joe B. McNeal Legacy. The celebration is on **Saturday, June 20th, from noon until 6 p.m.**

This year is extra special! We are proudly celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Juneteenth as an Idaho state holiday and we’re honoring the man whose vision and dedication made it possible, Joe B. McNeal.

To kick off the weekend, there will be the Aaron Thomas Memorial 5K Run/Walk on Friday, June 19th at 8:00 a.m. at the Walking Path beginning at N 3rd E and McMurtrey Road. Register by June 13th at MHJuneteenth.org. This event supports local scholarships and celebrates community, unity, and the enduring spirit of progress.

Join us on Saturday for a fun day of free BBQ (while it lasts), games, a pie-eating contest, live music, dancers, vendors, raffles, inspiring speakers, Community Scholarship presentations and more!!!

Raise (the money for) the Roof!!!

Our faithful roof is feeling her age. She has been keeping us safe and dry for 30+ years. It’s time for us to show her a little love.

A new roof over the Sanctuary was installed in March. The new roof cost \$61,164. Women’s Fellowship will match donations for this project up to \$5,000. Please consider giving generously to this Capital Improvement Campaign. For the donations you give by check, please write “For the Roof” on the memo line. If you are giving cash in an envelope, please write “For the Roof” on the envelope.

Thank you so much for helping care for the building that offers us a place to gather for support, fellowship, and fun.

If you have any questions about this project, ask any member of the Board of Trustees.

UPDATE: As of May 11th, \$12,245.00 has been raised to replenish the Building Fund after paying for the roof.

Children’s Church

Children’s Church has started again! Children fourth grade and younger are welcome to come back to the Children’s Church room with Jennifer Andersen and an assistant. **We will take the children back to the Children’s Church room after Offertory.**

We will need one other adult to be in class with them. If you are interested in being an assistant on any given Sunday, please contact the church office or Jennifer and we’ll get you on the schedule.

Reminder!

The July and August editions of the *Mountain Proclamations* come out as one edition. If you have any information, articles, or Special Angels to be included in the **August** edition as well as the July one, please make sure that it is into the office by **1 p.m. Thursday, June 18th.**

Part time job opening

The position of Church Secretary is coming open. Jennifer’s retirement date is December 31, 2026. However, it will take 3 – 6 months to train someone for the job, so resumés can be submitted anytime. She can retire earlier if the new secretary is ready earlier.

If you or someone you know would like to shadow us in the office to see what it’s like, contact us and we’ll set you up for a week to do that.

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

Thank you

Mother’s Day Gifts

Thank you to the Outreach Committee and the Diaconate Board for the gifts that were given out on Mother’s Day, May 10th. Your thoughtfulness and hard work are much appreciated by many!

Blanket Offering

The Blanket offering donations collected on Sunday, May 10th will provide over 50 people in crisis with a blanket to wrap up in or build a shelter with. Thank you all so much for your donations totaling \$505.00. Thank you so much for caring for those in crisis.

Acolytes for the 2025/2026 Sunday School Season

Thank you to Zoe Duty, Rachel Duty, Kassidy Carpentier; Addilyn Searls, Korie Searls, Adam Searls, Jr., Bianca Bartholomew, and Rykyr Smith for ringing the morning bell and opening and closing our worship services with the lighting of the candles for the 2025/2026 season. If any names are missing from this list, please know that your participation is much appreciated.

Christian Ed Update 25/26

The end of Sunday School has arrived, and it was a wonderful year. The adult Sunday School averaged 12 to 18 participants each week. They had plenty of fun (we could hear them laughing throughout the church). Thank you, Pastor Derrick, for leading these discussions. This curriculum will continue after Rally Day.

The children's Sunday School started slowly, with only a few kids attending, but although the attendance never grew, we had a lot of fun and learned a lot. We began in Genesis but switched to the New Testament at Christmas, covering Jesus' birth and early life. Then we moved into Easter and Pentecost.

Thank you, Diane, for sticking with it, keeping me on track, and teaching the younger kids. I truly appreciate your insight and perseverance with them. Also, thank you, Vicki, for filling in for us when we couldn't be there. We'll review the curriculum again for next year.

On May 17th, we hosted our end-of-year potluck/Cookout. Thanks to everyone who took the time to organize the meal, especially Sherri Bush and Linda Ramsey, and a special shoutout to Rick Bush for handling the flare-ups at the grill while cooking hamburgers. We'll also try to remember not to use the dark blue icing on the cupcakes next time. Thank you to all who helped set-up and clean-up and all those who shared their food. Your help and generosity were most appreciated.

And speaking of next time, September 13th is Rally Day. Not only do we have our Rally Day Potluck/Cookout, but it will also be the first day of next year's Sunday School.

We hope and pray you all have a wonderful and safe summer, and we look forward to seeing you in school next September.

Blessings

Ken Andersen, Christian Ed Chair

To the Choir members and Accompanist

Many thanks to all who sang in the choir this past year and welcome back, Mike Keas! Also, to Dorraine Aggen and Connie Bettencourt and Dorreen Solum for accompanying us. It's a joy to be able to sing praises to our Lord, and I hope that more of you will join us in September!

Also, so much gratitude to all the bell players! We have three octaves of bells and would love to have some more ringers! If you read music, you can play bells! We have a great time and would love to have you!

Blessings to all!

Gail

To Gail Banner and Doreen Solum

These choirs could not have happened without the efforts of Gail Banner directing the Chancel Choir and Doreen Solum directing the Bell Choir. Gail and Doreen, your talents have truly added to our worship services. Thank you so much.

Ink Cartridges

More and more ink cartridges are coming in! Thank you so much for helping the church save money on office supplies by bringing in your used ink cartridges. You may drop them off in the office or put them in the box on the corner table in the Fellowship Hall.

Going away for the Summer?

Stay in touch through the church website, www.mhfirstcongregational.org and our YouTube channel - <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 your pledge offering to fall behind, you can mail it directly to the office at:

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

Pilgrim Cove Camp

The camp programs for 2026 will include our Youth Summer Camp July 5-10 for campers in Grades 5th-12th, [Women's Retreat](#) July 20-23, 2026 and our work weekends on May 15th-16th and October 9th-10th, 2026. Our local churches also offer camp and retreat experiences, so

please check with your local United Church of Christ.

To register for a program opportunity, you can simply fill out the [Summer Camp Registration Form](#) and [Welcome Packet](#) and either email to the camp office at director@pilgrimcovecamp.org or mail it to:

Pilgrim Cove Camp, PO Box 867, McCall, ID 83638.

A minimum of a \$50 deposit is due at the time of registration and the balance is to prior to the event. You can mail a check to the above address or [pay online](#). If you have questions, please email us or call the camp office at 208-634-5555. Thank you.

Note: Scholarships are available from the church for the Youth Camp.

Community Announcements

American Cancer Society Relay for Life

When: July 4th, 2026

Where: Carl Miller Park

Time: 11 AM – 10 PM

If you'd like to donate to our team, please see Ann before or after church services. Ann will also have information on how to donate online.

Sincerely,

Ann & Curtis Carlin

Event Leads

Relay for Life of Elmore County

American Cancer Society

208-519-1687

relay4life.elmorecounty.idaho@gmail.com

June Birthdays

3 – Wade Baumgardner	19- Dustin Paille
4 – Leela Moehn	22 – Nancy Sobien
5 – Dan Mori	24 – Anita Christianson
9 – Leon Gaub	27 – Kitty Singleton
11 – Sherry Bush	28 – Polly Sanders
14 – Mimi Carlton	29 – Richard Broemeling
19 – Gail Banner	

June Anniversaries

15 – Kevin and Tori Case
25 – Judy and Carl Case
29 – Heidi and Allen Harris

Special Angels for June

LITURGISTS (Polly Sanders)

7 – Mark Light

14 – Christine Negri

21 – Grace Townsend

28 – Gail Banner

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (Sign-up sheet)

7 –

14 –

21 –

28 –

FLOWERS (Sign-up Sheet)

7 – Nadine Roberts

14 – Anita Christianson

21 – Linda Ramsey

28 –

USHERS – Rick Bush

PARAMENTS (Allen and Heidi Harris)

COMMUNION – Ann Carlin

A Note from Pastor Derrick

Dear FCC Family

Summer is here — and with every warm morning and long evening, we are reminded that we serve a God whose mercies are as faithful as the sunrise. This season, I want to encourage you to slow down, look up, and receive the rest that only He can give.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Matthew 11:28–29 (NIV)

Whatever this summer holds for you — joy, uncertainty, transition, or simply the busyness of life — Jesus is your steady place. His promise of rest is not just for vacations; it is a rest for your soul, available to you every single day.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul."
Psalm 23:1–3 (ESV)

Let this be your summer of restoration. Draw near to Him in worship, in prayer, and in fellowship with this family of faith. He is not finished with you — His best is always ahead.

You are loved, you are covered, and you are never walking alone. Step into this summer with your head held high — the Lord goes before you.

*With love and faith for the journey ahead,
Pastor Derrick and Latasha Wilcox*

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 p.m. Diaconate Board mts 7 p.m. Troop/Crew 57 meets	2 5:30 p.m. Women's AA 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Tai Chi	3	4 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Tai Chi	5 10 a.m. First Friday quilters	6 7 p.m. AA
7 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion	8 6:30 p.m. Trustees 7 p.m. Troop/Crew 57 meets	9 5:30 p.m. Women's AA 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Tai Chi	10	11 5:30 Girl Scout Troop 1064 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Tai Chi	12 5 – 6:30 p.m. Troop 57 Fund Raiser Taco Dinner in the Fellowship Hall	13 7 p.m. AA
14 Flag Day 11 a.m. Worship AW Christian Ed meeting	15 7 p.m. Church Council 7 p.m. Troop/Crew 57 meets	16 5:30 p.m. Women's AA 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Tai Chi	17	18 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Tai Chi	19	20 7 p.m. AA
21 Father's Day 11 a.m. Worship	22 7 p.m. Troop/Crew 57 meets	23 5:30 p.m. Women's AA 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Tai Chi	24	25 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Tai Chi	26	27 7 p.m. AA
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July 2026

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