

# *Mountain Proclamations*

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## *Pastor Derrick's Office Hours*

Pastor Derrick is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays 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 is also available by email: [bridgebuildersconnect@gmail.com](mailto:bridgebuildersconnect@gmail.com)

## *Troop 57 Flag Delivery Service*

On **Saturday, July 4, 2026**, Troop 57 will post a flag in your yard for the day for \$25 per flag. This is for the Mountain Home area only. If you are interested in signing up for this one-time service, contact Tom Mattern at [REDACTED]

## *Independence Day Office Hours*

There are no special office hours for the week of Independence Day.

## *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!!

## *Children's Church*

Children's Church is going again! Children fourth grade and younger are welcome to come back to the Children's Church room with

Jennifer Andersen. We will take the children back to the Children's Church room after Offertory.

## *Short term ministry opportunities*

We have three short term ministries that you can help with that don't require months of commitment. We have Fellowship Hour, Altar Flowers, and Children's Church. All of these are a one Sunday commitment but mean so very much.

With Fellowship Hour, you serve coffee, juice and a snack. Coffee and juice are provided and snacks are available if necessary. You get to see almost everyone in the church and provide everyone with a pleasant time of visiting. Often, friends join together to host this weekly ministry

Altar Flowers bring the beauty of God's earth into the Sanctuary. If you can't arrange flowers, you can still sponsor them by making a donation of \$30 to the Women's Fellowship and they will get the flowers and arrange them for you. Your name will go in the bulletin.

If you would like to help with Children's Church, Jennifer plans the lessons; all you need to do is be an extra pair of hands and maybe share some input on the lesson of the day. It's a blessing beyond description.

Please check your calendar and see where you might be able to help. 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 [(208)587-4969 [mhfccucc@gmail.com](mailto:mhfccucc@gmail.com)] to snag your Sunday. Feel free to sign up for any month with openings. Thank you so much for helping!

## *Roof Donation Update*

The new roof over the Sanctuary was installed in March. The final cost was \$61,164. Women's Fellowship has matched the donations for this project up to \$5,000. The contractor has been paid. This took quite a chunk out of our Building Fund, so please consider giving generously to replenish this Fund. For the donations you give by check, please write "For the Roof" or "Building Fund" on the memo line. If you are giving cash in an envelope, please write "For the Roof" or "Building Fund" 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.

**Donation update** – NEW UPDATE - \$12,245.00 has been donated toward the new roof. This includes matching funds from Women's Fellowship. Keep up the great work, Church Family!!

### **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)**

The Community Outreach and Membership Life Committee needs help from the congregation with our 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

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!**

Monday, July 20, 2026 4:00 PM  
Thursday, July 23, 2026 10:00 AM

Our Annual Women's Retreat is our gathering of ladies from across the conference who come to camp to retreat, relax and have a wonderful time in the splendor of the mountain beauty. There will be Bible study, worship singing and presentations planned with ample free time to

enjoy the lake, the outdoors, time with friends and much more. Come and see old friends and new ones in the wonders of the outdoors.

You can sign up by filling out the registration form and paying the fees online at <https://www.pilgrimcovecamp.org/registration-form-womens-camp>. **The deadline for registration is July 10th.**

Cost for the retreat is \$195 per person, and please denote attendees name when you pay online, or send the registration form with payment to the camp office.

**What to bring:** Sleeping bags/warm bedding, towel and wash cloth, personal care items, appropriate clothing and outdoor wear, and extra pair of shoes. Our 2026 theme is "Books" - please bring your favorite book to talk about, books you want to trade with other campers, and be prepared to even do a book craft alongside the beautiful Payette Lake!

Please contact Cindy Vincent at [bowens54@gmail.com](mailto:bowens54@gmail.com) with any questions, or go to <https://www.pilgrimcovecamp.org/pilgrim-cove-event-calendar/womenscamp>

### **Pilgrim Cove Representative**

Pilgrim Cove Camp has been an important part of our church life for decades. There is a Board that governs and maintains our church camp in McCall. This Board was put in place by the Idaho Association of UCC Churches.

Mountain Home First Congregational Church needs to have a voice on that Board. If you have an interest in Outdoor Ministry and can either physically be in McCall or through ZOOM, attend the monthly meetings of the Pilgrim Cove Camp Board, please contact the church office and we'll get you introduced to the Board. Thank you for considering this unique youth ministry.

### **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.

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.

## *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.

## *Thank You!*

### *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 \$120. Thank you for caring about all people everywhere.

### *From Pastor Derrick and Latasha*

I am writing to extend a special thank you to you for celebrating our first-year pastoral anniversary with us. We really appreciate your support and the kindness you have shown our community.

Thank you again for being a part of this special milestone.

*Best regards,  
Derrick Wilcox*

### *Mountain Home Burn Out Fund*

Thank you to all who gave during our Special Offering for Mountain Home Fire Department's Burn Out Fund. It was sorely depleted after the fire on the south side of town in late May. As a church we gave \$500; for the special offering, we collected another \$510 and the Women's Fellowship gave \$500. A total of \$1510.00 from Mountain Home First Congregational Church for the people of Mountain Home. Your love and care give great glory to God.

### *Father's Day Breakfast*

The men of our church had their first Father's Day Breakfast on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, in our Fellowship Hall with 20 men in attendance. The breakfast consisted of pancakes (regular and blueberry), milk (regular and chocolate), orange juice and coffee. Thank you to the cooks Rick Bush, Curtis Carlin and Phil Gridley. Thank you to the servers Rick Bush and Curtis Carlin. Thank you to Pastor Derrick for the Certificates of Recognition for Eddie Bush, Curtis Carlin and Lee Wright; they were greatly appreciated. Thank you to Miss Latasha for the decorations; everything looked wonderful. A huge THANK YOU goes out to Curtis Carlin for helping Pastor Derrick make this happen by getting everything together for this gathering of fellowship and love for the men of our church.

## *Community Event*

### *4<sup>th</sup> of July in the Park*

4<sup>th</sup> of July in the Park will be held at Carl Miller Park July 4 – 5 all day and night event. Live music by Relroc, a dunk tank, overnight camping, open mic, car show, vendors, raffles and family fun. This is a free family event. To be a vendor or volunteer, email [janicesevents@gmail.com](mailto:janicesevents@gmail.com).



When: July 4<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:relay4life.elmorecounty.idaho@gmail.com)

### *Chamber Community Service Event*

The Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce is having an ongoing "Adopt a School" event. From 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. from now through August 7<sup>th</sup>, you can drop off pencils, Expo markers, Clorox wipes, paper, notebooks, tissues and hand sanitizer at the Chamber Office at 205 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> E. Questions? Contact the Chamber at (208)587-4334 or [chamber@mountainhomechamber.com](mailto:chamber@mountainhomechamber.com)

## *Upcoming Events*

### *Red Cross Blood Drive*

Red Cross Blood Drive is on **Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>** 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](http://www.redcross.org) or download the app to your phone and schedule your donation there.

### *Rally Day*

Rally Day will be the second Sunday of September, **September 13<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

### *In Loving Memory*

*Dena Olson*

*February 21, 1947 – May 1, 2026*

### *July Birthdays*

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
18 – Diane Venski	

### *July Anniversaries*

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

### *Special Angels for July*

#### LITURGISTS (Rick Bush)

5 – Rick Bush  
12 – Richard Broemeling  
19 – Rita Olson  
26 – Rick Bush

#### FELLOWSHIP HOUR (sign-up sheet)

5 – Women's Fellowship  
12 – Jan Chriske and Grace Townsend  
19 – Jean and Jay Leonard  
26 – Ann and Curtis Carlin

#### FLOWERS (Sign-up Sheet)

5 – Barb Fogleman  
12 – Sharon Chambers  
19 –  
26 –

#### USHERS (Curtis Carlin)

#### PARAMENTS (Heidi and Allen Harris)

### *August Birthdays*

2 – Jocelyn Loosli	27 – Sandy O'Conner
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 (Curtis Carlin)

2 – Polly Sanders  
9 – Gail Banner  
16 – Curtis Carlin  
23 – Heidi Harris  
30 – Vicki Armstrong

#### FELLOWSHIP HOUR (Sign-up sheet)

2 – The Broemelings  
9 – Susan Walker  
16 – Sylvia Sisneros  
23 – Jo and Phil Gridley  
30 – Vickie Armstrong and Brian Sporleder

#### FLOWERS (Sign-up Sheet)

2 – 30 – Bill and Christine Negri

#### USHERS (Ann Carlin)

#### PARAMENTS (Heidi and Allen Harris)

#### COMMUNION (Susan Mussler)

### *From Pastor Derrick*

Dear First Congregational Church Family:

As we enter the heart of summer, we want to take a moment to share some encouragement for the months of July and August. This season often brings a change of pace, but it is also a wonderful time to reflect on God's unwavering power and His constant presence in our lives.

Whether you are traveling, spending time with family, or simply enjoying the warmer days, we hope you feel supported and strengthened by His grace. May we all be reminded that no matter where we are, God is with us, guiding our steps and providing us with His peace.

Let us continue to lean into His strength and acknowledge the many ways He is working within our community and our individual lives this summer.

Matthew 6:33 AMP

[33] But first and most importantly seek (aim at, strive after) His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right—the attitude and character of God], and all these things will be given to you also.

*Blessings,*

*Pastor Derrick & Latasha Wilcox*



# July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day 7 pm - AA
5 11 am – Sunday Worship	6 7 pm – Troop/ Crew 57	7 10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 pm – Women's AA	8	9 10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 pm - GSA 1064	10	11 7 pm - AA
12 11 am – Sunday Worship	13 6:30 pm - Trustees 7 pm – Troop/ Crew 57	14 10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 pm – Women's AA	15	16 10 a.m. Tai Chi	17	18 7 pm - AA
19 11 am – Sunday Worship	20 7 pm – Troop/ Crew 57	21 10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 pm – Women's AA	22	23 10 a.m. Tai Chi	24	25 7 pm - AA
26 11 am – Sunday Worship	27 7 pm – Troop/ Crew 57	28 10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 pm – Women's AA	29	30 10 a.m. Tai Chi	31	

# August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9 11 pm – Sunday Worship AW-Christian Ed	10 6:30 pm – Trustees 7 pm – Troop/ Crew 57	11 10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 pm – Women's AA	12	13 10 a.m. Tai Chi	14	15 7 pm - AA
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