

# The McCall

## Community Congregational Church

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## Jeff Taylor To Serve As Interim Pastor

For almost a year, our church's search committee has diligently developed and conducted an extensive pastoral search as a result of Pastor Char's retirement this January.

The first phase of the effort has come to fruition with the selection of Jeff Taylor as interim pastor. Jeff is an Air National Guard Chaplain with 25 years of experience and is retiring from his military career. He and his wife, Sharon, reside in Fruitland. Jeff served as our guest pastor on March 28 and April 18.

Jeff was selected by the search committee from 19 applicants and four finalists. Following the interviews and serious consideration, Jeff received unanimous

approval from the search committee. His recommendation was forwarded to the board of trustees, who in turn, unanimously approved his application.

The board of trustees recruited and appointed the search committee in May 2020, and posted the opening for the interim pastor position in January on three websites: UCC-Central Pacific Conference, National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, and ChurchStaffing.com. The committee's process and their many volunteer hours of hard work resulted in Jeff Taylor's selection.

Search committee co-chairs Bryant  
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# Introducing Jeff Taylor

Jeff Taylor is a soon to retire Air National Guard Chaplain. He has extensive pastoral experience, sometimes in conjunction with active-duty military service in Delaware, Idaho, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Texas and South Dakota. He recently completed an active-duty chaplain assignment at the Kingsley Field Air National Guard Base in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Jeff has 25 years of ministry experience, including supervisory, teaching, administration and leadership roles. He has led three established churches into numerical and spiritual growth, accomplished a successful building program and developed two church plants.

He has served eight active-duty years in the United States Air Force, including six months of deployed duty as Wing Chaplain for a Joint Base during the initial build-up

and inception of Iraqi Freedom. For four years he served as a full-time Chaplain with the Joint Forces Headquarters, Gowen Field, Idaho, including a four-month deployment to Iraq and a three-month deployment to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany.

Jeff has been trained in five Strong Bonds curriculums and has facilitated over 20 events for Idaho and Delaware. He has completed two units of Clinical Pastoral Education with St. Luke's Hospital in Boise and the VA Hospital in Palo Alto, California.

He recently completed a two-year tour at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, serving as the Division Chief, Plans and Programs, for the Air National Guard Chaplain Corps. He served most recently as a Hospice Chaplain for Heart and Home Hospice in Fruitland.

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## *Interim Pastor...*

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Reinhard and Clark Jackson, and members Jet Johnson and Rob Blackman, and Moderator Bob Hallock deserve our gratitude and deepest appreciation for their tireless efforts to bring Jeff Taylor to our church family.

We hope you will join us in giving a warm welcome to Jeff and Sharon Taylor. We are blessed such talent has a desire and a calling to serve our congregation. Your questions and comments are encouraged and you are invited to contact any of the search committee members or trustees.

# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> 10:45 a.m. In-Person & Facebook & Live Worship	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6 p.m. Bible Study with Zoom 	<b>6</b> 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study @ Our Savior Lutheran Church	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 10:45 a.m. In-Person & Facebook & Live Worship  <b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6 p.m. Bible Study with Zoom 	<b>13</b> 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study @ Our Savior Lutheran Church	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 10:45 a.m. In-Person & Facebook Live Worship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6 p.m. Bible Study with Zoom 	<b>20</b> 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study @ Our Savior Lutheran Church	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 10:45 a.m. Worship ----- <b>30</b> Worship	<b>24</b> ----- <b>31</b>  <b>memorial DAY</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6 p.m. Bible Study with Zoom 	<b>27</b> 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study @ Our Savior Lutheran Church	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Plant Sale 

# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study @ Our Savior Lutheran Church	4	5
6 10:45 a.m. In-Person & Facebook Live Worship	7	8	9 6 p.m. Bible Study with Zoom 	10 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study @ Our Savior Lutheran Church	11	12
13 10:45 a.m. In-Person & Facebook Live Worship	14  Flag Day	15	16 6 p.m. Bible Study with Zoom 	17 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study @ Our Savior Lutheran Church	18	19
20 10:45 a.m. In-Person & Facebook Live Worship 	21	22	23 6 p.m. Bible Study with Zoom 	24 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study @ Our Savior Lutheran Church	25	26
27 10:45 a.m. In-Person & Facebook Live Worship	28	29	30 6 p.m. Bible Study with Zoom 			

# In Memory and Honor

## Grace Turek

Grace Marion Wilson Turek died peacefully on March 27, 2021 at 7:58 in the morning at the Cottages Assisted Living in McCall, Idaho. She was born on May 16, 1916 in Birmingham, Michigan. Her parents were Reformed Presbyterian missionaries and as the youngest child, she spent her early years in Mercine, Turkey, on the Mediterranean Coast, with her brother Bruce and sister Helen.

In 1923, when her father died, her mother traveled with the kids through Egypt to view the sphinx, the pyramids and King Tut's gold exhibit on her way home back to the United States to live in Morning Sun, Iowa. All three siblings graduated from

high school there and Grace went to Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, to attend Geneva College from 1934, graduating in 1938.

Majoring in elementary education there, she had the privilege and honor, as president of her club, to introduce Amelia Earhart to her class. She also met her

future husband, Charles Turek. After graduation, she married in 1940 and followed Charles' job to Buffalo, New York, where she spent her life as a homemaker, raising her children, who can attest to the fact that she had "the patience of a saint."



Grace was active in the Kenmore, New York, United Methodist Church for more than 68 years. She moved to McCall in 2011 and joined the McCall Community Congregational Church on October 16, 2011. Grace will be remembered as a selfless and kind wife and mother, who always had a smile even though times were tough.

She was preceded in death by Charles in 2001 and

is survived by her son Bruce and his wife Dawn, of Newport, Tennessee, daughter Shirley and her husband Paul of McCall, Idaho, and son Liam of Montana.

Gifts may be donated to the St. Luke's Hospice of McCall, Idaho, at 301 Deinhard Lane, McCall, ID 83638.

# Patsy Reynolds

Patsy Fay Reynolds died on April 18, 2021 of natural causes. She was born in North Carolina on August 28, 1928 and relocated with her family to the lumber camps of Idaho at an early age during the Great Depression.

When she was in third grade, the family relocated to Emmett where she was raised and became a proud graduate of Emmett High School. She attended Boise Junior College before transferring to the University of Idaho to further her education in the field of nutrition. There she rekindled a romance with a high school friend, Don Reynolds, and they were married a year later.

Her early years were spent as a Navy aviator's wife and home maker. The family eventually settled in Mountain Home, where Don established a dental practice. Patsy was fully invested as a homemaker for many years, raising four children while still finding the time and energy to work as a bookkeeper in the dental practice.

Patsy was active in two churches: The Mountain Home Congregational Church and later the McCall Community Congregational Church.

Patsy was known for her love of wildflowers. She and her husband and children spent many hours walking through the mountains and deserts of Idaho, picking flowers which were laboriously pressed, dried and placed on cards. Friends and family were always greeted with a handful of these cards and their beauty was appreciated by all.

Even in her later years, her humor and wit was evident. She was a kind and generous person who worked hard to pass these qualities to her children. One of her favorite sayings, "It's nice to be important, but more important to be nice," was heard many times in the Reynolds household. She was the last of her generation to pass in the



family.

Patsy is survived by her four children: Anne Reynolds of Boise, Merry Kim Mues (Lloyd) of Moscow, Eric Guy Reynolds of Boise and Keith Reynolds (Laura) of Garden City. She had five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren that she loved and treasured. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Patsy's memory to McCall Community Congregational Church, P.O. Box 762, McCall Idaho 83638.

## *Birthdays Greetings...*

May 1 Tom Map  
Malcolm Tanner  
May 2 Chris Westwater  
May 3 Dee Lillehaug  
May 5 Kari Roberts  
May 8 Anne Rush  
May 15 Sandy Whisenhunt  
May 16 Jacob Vance  
May 20 KayLee Cox  
Kathy Eld  
May 22 Mary Block  
May 24 Linda Pool  
May 27 Priscilla Walker  
May 30 Adam Phillips



## *Happy Anniversary...*

May 5 Jim & Bobbi Hoover  
May 9 John Hucks & Helen Moore  
May 20 Tim Duffner & Lynne Schnupp  
May 23 Earl Dodds & Linda Corder



## *Birthdays Greetings...*

June 6 Paula Miller  
June 10 Connie Harris  
June 13 Mark Robinson  
Pat Thompson  
June 17 Sadie Vance  
June 19 Bob Krajeski  
June 27 Rick Fereday  
Noah Finch  
Carol Whiteman  
Naomi Zentmyer  
June 29 Shirley Overton  
George Pool



## *Happy Anniversary...*

June 1 Bob & Pat Brueck  
June 7 Larry & Karen Nelson  
June 15 Phil & Nancy Reberger  
June 17 David & Catherine Hall  
June 18 Wes & Barbara Rhoades  
June 19 Rob & Kathy Blackmon  
June 21 George & Linda Pool  
June 22 Bob & Judy Krajeski  
Tom & Teresa Mapp  
June 25 Fred & Callie Smith







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