



APRIL 2026

# NEWSLETTER

MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER & PRESCHOOL

Happy Spring

## New things are happening at MCC— save the dates and join us!

**PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**  
**Thursday, April 30th**  
**10:00 am – 12 noon**

**PRESCHOOL**  
*Open House*

MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER PRESCHOOL

If you or someone you know is looking for a special place of learning, we invite you to visit our Preschool at the Memorial Community Center on April 30th.

- Meet our two teachers
- Tour our classroom
- Pick up an application packet
- Refreshments provided
- Adults & Kids Welcome

We look forward to meeting families from our community!

**IDAHO GIVES:**  
**May 4 thru May 7**

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MAY 4-7, 2026 [idahoGives.org](http://idahoGives.org)

Save the dates for Idaho's biggest week of giving.  
Kick off date, midnight of May 4!

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**Tuesday, MAY 19th**  
**11:00 am – 2:30**

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Date: Tuesday May 19  
Time: 11:00am-2:30pm  
(last appointment at 2:15pm)  
Location: Vitalant Bus at MCC  
Goal/Slots: 12 units / 14 slots

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Lori Finnerty

Greetings,

March has been a wonderfully full and successful month here at the center! Our biggest highlight was the return of our **St. Patrick's Day celebration** – what a fantastic turnout. With lively music, dancing, and so many smiling faces, it was truly a joyful event from start to finish. It's safe to say this will become a beloved tradition – we're already looking forward to bringing it back in 2027!

Our weekly **group programs** continue to thrive. Art classes, exercise sessions, and our quilting group remain well attended, and it's inspiring to see our community come together regularly to learn, create, and stay active.

One of the brightest spots in our center is our preschool. The children are having an absolute blast – learning, playing, and growing together in such a joyful environment. From creative projects to shared laughter and new friendships, their energy is contagious and a wonderful reminder of why this space is so special.

Behind the scenes, we're hard at work planning our upcoming **summer music events** and seasonal fundraisers. We're excited that the second annual 5K run is also in the works scheduled for Saturday June 27th. We will be sharing details very soon – stay tuned!

We also have a special request. If you've been thinking about volunteering but can't commit to a regular schedule, we have a wonderful opportunity for you. We are currently in need of substitute teachers on an on-call basis. It's **flexible, meaningful, and honestly – a lot of fun!** The children bring so much joy and energy. If you're interested, please contact the center for more information.

In addition, we will soon be launching a monthly **"Wish List"** to support our pre-school and the MCC Center. This list will evolve as new needs, wishes, and opportunities arise, so we encourage you to check back each month.

We're also excited to announce that a **"State of the Union–MCC Edition"** gathering is in the works. This will be a special evening where we share how far we've come and our vision for the future, and proudly honor our outstanding volunteers. More details to come soon.

**We are deeply grateful** to serve this incredible community. Your continued support – whether through volunteering, attending events, or simply showing up – means more than words can express.

With Gratitude,  
Lori Finnerty  
MCC President



**Coming soon. Look for this event!**

**"State of the Union—  
MCC EDITION"**

*Date to be determined*



**STATE OF THE UNION  
MCC EDITION**

Where We Are & Where We're Going

A special evening where we share how far we've come and our vision for the future, and proudly honor our outstanding volunteers... (and Tacos provided!)

## 2026 MCC BOARD

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Mona Nagreiter – Head  
Toni Anderson – Teacher

### Preschool Hours

Mon-Thurs 9:00 to 1:00

### Office Manager

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### Next Board Meeting

2nd Thursday of each  
month: 12:30 PM at the  
Community Center

### DONATE

**Website:** mccinhope.com

### Mail a check payable to:

MCC, PO Box 405  
Hope, ID 83836

# EVENTS

Behind the scenes, we're hard at work planning our upcoming summer music events and seasonal fundraisers.

## 2026 MCC Event Dates

**Here are a few of our planned events.  
Mark Your Calendars!**

**The 3rd Wednesday music events will start in June  
and run through August.**

TBD	"State of the Union—MCC Edition"
Thurs. APRIL 30	PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
May 4 thru 7	IDAHO GIVES
Tues. MAY 19	BLOOD DRIVE
Wed. JUNE 17	MUSIC NIGHT 5:00-7:30
Sat. JUNE 20	SCENIC RUN
Wed. JULY 15	MUSIC NIGHT 5:00-7:30
TBD	LAKESIDE WINE TASTING
Wed. AUGUST 19	MUSIC NIGHT 5:00-7:30
Sat. SEPT. 19	OKTOBERFEST

*More details to follow on these and other fun events.*



All of our events depend on our wonderful volunteers. They are truly the heart of MCC.

We are deeply grateful for the continued support—whether through volunteering, attending events, or simply showing up—means more than words can express.

We are currently in need of substitute teachers on an on-call basis. It's flexible, meaningful, and honestly—a lot of fun! Call 208-264-5481.



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# EVENT: ST. PATRICK'S PARTY

The highlight event of March was the return of our **St. Patrick's Day Party** – what a fantastic community turnout! With lively music, dancing, and so many smiling faces, it was a joyful evening from start to finish. It's clear this is a tradition worth keeping – we're already looking forward to next year!

**A special thank-you to the many volunteers who stepped up** to bring the St. Patrick's Day party at MCC back to life! While there are simply too many helping hands to name, a special shoutout goes to Lonna and her husband for the generous food contribution. Thanks to our fabulous volunteers, everything ran smoothly and the room was filled with energy, laughter, and a **great time was enjoyed by all!** Truly a night to remember – we appreciate all of you who made it happen!



**"May your troubles be less, your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door."**



Hosts Vera (Left) & Eleanor (above)



# Preschool UPDATE



## April at the Preschool

For the month of April we will be learning all about ponds.

We'll also have a thematic unit on birds.

## March Highlights

Our Preschool marked its 100th Day with a joyful celebration shared with families at the Ice House Pizzeria!



**MCC Preschool is a creative learning program for children, ages 3-5**

- Arts & Crafts
- Language & Literacy
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# GROUPS & CLASSES

Our weekly programs continue to thrive. Art classes, exercise sessions, and our quilting group remain well attended, and it's inspiring to see our community come together regularly to learn, create, and stay active. Gardeners return in April!

If you would like to meet at MCC weekly or monthly let us know. We charge a nominal \$10 hourly rental fee. It's a great way to help MCC and also to share and enjoy a common interest.

Contact MCC for details: 208-264-5481

## Calendar

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:**  
Mondays 7 - 8 pm

**ART CLASSES:**  
Mon-Drawing, 1 - 3 pm  
Tues-Acrylic, 1 - 3 pm  
1st Wed-Watercolor 1 - 3 pm

**HOPE SENIOR FITNESS:**  
Tuesday & Friday 10 - 11 am

**CLARK FORK VALLEY QUILTERS:**  
1st and 3rd Thursdays  
9 am to 2 pm

**THE GARDENERS GATHERING:**  
2nd and 4th Sat 10 - 11am  
First session April 11

	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun
Week 1	ART 1-3 Drawing AA 7-8	SENIOR FITNESS 10-11 WOTR 11:15-12:15 ART 1-3 Acrylic	ART 1-3 Watercolor	QUILTERS 9-2	SENIOR FITNESS 10-11		Private Group 9-12
Week 2	ART 1-3 Drawing AA 7-8	SENIOR FITNESS 10-11 ART 1-3 Acrylic		MCC BOARD 12:30-2:30	SENIOR FITNESS 10-11 Private Group 4-6	GARDENERS 10-11	Private Group 9-12
Week 3	ART 1-3 Drawing AA 7-8	SENIOR FITNESS 10-11 WOTR 11:15-12:15 ART 1-3 Acrylic		QUILTERS 9-2	SENIOR FITNESS 10-11		Private Group 9-12
Week 4	ART 1-3 Drawing AA 7-8	SENIOR FITNESS 10-11 ART 1-3 Acrylic		<b>30th PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 10 to noon</b>	SENIOR FITNESS 10-11 Private Group 4-6	GARDENERS 10-11	Private Group 9-12

First Meeting April 11,  
10 - 11 am



Spring is here! Gardeners Gathering is back! Beginners and experts welcome to talk gardening for an hour every 2nd and 4th Saturday for the months of April through October, rain or shine, at MCC.

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month



As we welcome a new season, we're filled with gratitude for the return of our beloved **Gardeners Gathering**. Last year's planters were nothing short of stunning. Bursting with color, texture, and life! We're so thankful for the hands that planted, the hearts that nurtured, and the beauty their hard work brings to the MCC Center. Thank you Gardeners Gathering of Hope!!



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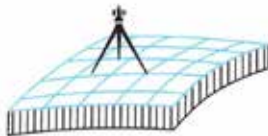
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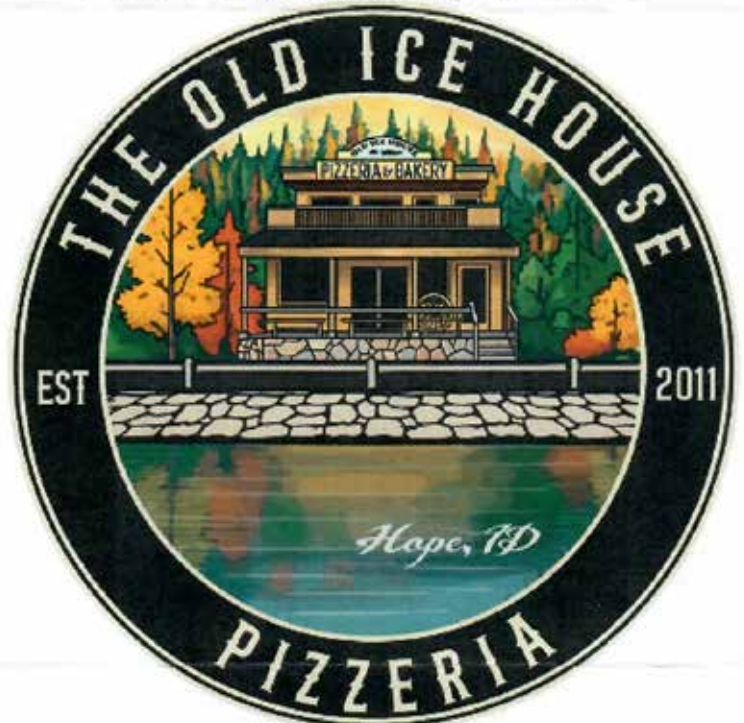


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