

CONGREGATIONAL  
**CLARION**

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First Congregational Church  
Salt Lake City, UT

MARCH 2007



## WORSHIP SERVICES

- March 4                      SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
COMMUNION  
“Righteous Doubts”  
Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18
- March 11                     THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
“An Honest Look”  
Luke 13: 1-9
- March 18                    FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
Mike Lowry, Preaching
- March 25                    FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
“A New Thing”  
Isaiah 43: 16-21
- April 1                      PALM SUNDAY  
“According to Script”  
Luke 19: 28-40
- April 5                      MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE  
AT 7:30PM  
“At Upper Room” – Communion  
Rev. Art Ritter and Rev Ellis Keck
- April 6                      GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE  
AT NOON
- April 8                      EASTER SUNDAY  
Early Youth Service at 9:30am  
Celebration of the Resurrection  
at 11:00am



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**Church Hours: Tuesday – Friday: 8:30am - 3:00pm**

**Worship Hour: Sundays at 11:00am**

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<b>Minister.....</b>	<b>Rev. Arthur P. Ritter</b>
<b>Moderator.....</b>	<b>Brad Ericson</b>
<b>1st Assoc. Moderator.....</b>	<b>Alice Stephenson</b>
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<b>Parish Nurses.....</b>	<b>Diane Forster-Burke &amp; Marge Kimes</b>
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<b>Camp Fellowship for Youth.....</b>	<b>Mary Wittke &amp; Tom Hohler</b>
<b>Choir Director.....</b>	<b>Devon Durkee</b>
<b>Organist.....</b>	<b>Edna Hamilton &amp; Bob Dobson</b>
<b>Church Secretary.....</b>	<b>Kristi Hanson</b>

# **REFLECTIONS FROM THE REV....**

*By Rev. Arthur P. Ritter*

## **HUNGRY?**



Following the first of the year I keep a tradition of having a complete physical. As the years pass and as my body gets older, I dread this annual observance. I am afraid that the doctor might find more wrong with me than I care to admit or want to hear. Any activity that begins with you stepping on the scales can't be too much fun!

Part of the process of the physical involves blood work and one must fast for at least twelve hours before blood can be drawn. By the time I leave the doctor's office, I am starving. Because I've been such a good boy in surviving the physical, I justify a stop at a local bakery and a couple of delicious, maple-frosted cinnamon rolls. My favorites! Besides, I won't get the report on my cholesterol level for three or four days!

As part of a discussion on Lenten practices, a colleague asked me, "When was the last time you were really hungry?" Because I normally eat well and in a timely fashion, I could not recall hunger beyond those times of fasting for medical purposes. I tend to think of hunger as a negative thing, as a physical need that should be satisfied. He spoke of hunger as a good thing, a yearning that should be enhanced and even encouraged. Through hunger we discover reliance upon a higher power. Through hunger we develop a discipline that separates us from mere selfish pleasures. Through hunger we make ourselves more attentive to the needs of others. In his temptation in the wilderness, Jesus even embraced hunger to put himself in a proper position to understand God's intention for his life.

While fasting is an appropriate Lenten discipline, perhaps the general idea of hunger is a good principle to seek in any Lenten behavior. During the forty days of preparation for the new life of Easter, we are called to place ourselves in a position of being hungry, of recognizing that there is something more than our own

personal achievement, pleasure and power that is needed to truly satisfy us. While filling our stomachs with food may make us feel better, filling our souls with the presence with God is the true way to lasting nourishment.

Peace and grace,

Art

**FROM THE SECRETARY**

*By: Kristi Hanson*

**APRIL CLARION DEADLINE IS**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2007**

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR ARTICLES IN ON TIME**

**EASTER MORNING EARLY SERVICE**

Rev. Ritter is seeking the help of all of our high school and junior high students to assist in the leadership of worship at our early Easter service. The service will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Easter morning.

We will need help with readings, drama, and music. If you wish to help, your attendance is needed at a meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 25. If you can't attend the meeting, please see Rev. Ritter.



## **BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL PRODUCTION AT FCC**

On Wednesday, March 7, the Productions Class from Brighton High School will present "Bang, Bang, You're Dead!" in the gym of First Congregational Church. The play will begin at 7:00 p.m. A social hour will follow. The students will use this opportunity to prepare the play for use in regional and state competition.

The play is a stark look at the serious issue of school violence. Given the recent tragedy at Trolley Square, the play will stir our emotions. Given the loss of a classmate in that horrible crime, the actors will bring much emotion to the stage. The Productions Class hopes that the message of the play will teach us all about the senseless nature of violence and the need for us all to find non-violent ways to deal with conflict. Due to the difficult subject matter involved, this presentation is not appropriate for younger children.

A freewill offering will be taken at the door. Proceeds will be donated to a fund established for Kirsten Hinckley, a Brighton High School sophomore killed at Trolley Square on February 12.

## **LENTEN ACTIVITIES**

Everyone is invited to join us for two Lenten observances of fellowship. The first will take place on Wednesday, March 14. Meet in the Fireside Room at 6:30 p.m. for a potluck dinner. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. Drinks will be provided. At 7:30, we will move to the sanctuary for a music program featuring Paul Kelley, Kristin Erickson, and Ken Sager. Others who wish to be a part of the program should contact Paul Kelley.

The second observance will be on Wednesday, March 28. Plan to join us at 6:30 p.m. for a spaghetti dinner prepared by our church chef Scott Brown. At 7:30, we will gather in the sanctuary to listen to the beautiful music provided by the Brighton High School Madrigals. Following the concert we will enjoy a dessert social hour in the Fireside Room.

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and clean-up at both of these evenings. Please sign the Lenten Activity list on the bulletin board in the hallway near the church office or call the church office at 487-1357.

## **HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCES**



Everyone is encouraged to participate in worship during Holy Week. These important services recall Jesus' last week in Jerusalem and the events leading up to his arrest, trial, and crucifixion.

Our Maundy Thursday service will take place on Thursday, April 5 beginning at 7:30 p.m. We will be sharing in the experience of the Upper Room, worshipping in the gym with the sacrament of The Lord's Supper at tableside. The Rev. Ellis Keck will assist Rev. Ritter in the service.

Good Friday Services will take place at noon on Friday, April 6 in the church's small chapel. The events of this day will be remembered through Scripture, song, and moments of silence.

## **HELP SAVE THE WOMEN'S RETREAT!**

With the closing of the Our Lady of the Mountain retreat center, we need to find another place to meet and possibly make other adjustments to the retreat format. The retreat has been an important institution to many of us, so there will be a planning meeting in the Board room after church on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, for anyone interested in brain-storming ways to save the retreat in some form. Please come and add your ideas and enthusiasm. If you can't be there on the 4<sup>th</sup>, but would like to help, please call Susan Olson at 532-3809.



**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
LENTEN/EASTER ACTIVITIES  
2007**

**March 7<sup>th</sup>**                      BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS  
"Bang, Bang – You're Dead" at 7:00pm  
Social Hour Following

**March 14<sup>th</sup>**                      Potluck at 6:30pm  
Entertainment will be musicians of  
First Congregational Church

**March 28<sup>th</sup>**                      Spaghetti Dinner at 6:30pm  
Brighton High School Madrigals at 7:30pm  
Refreshments Following

**April 1<sup>st</sup>**                              PALM SUNDAY – COMMUNION  
Worship Service at 11:00am

**April 5<sup>th</sup>**                              MAUNDY THURSDAY  
Service at 7:30pm

**April 6<sup>th</sup>**                              GOOD FRIDAY  
Service at Noon

**April 8<sup>th</sup>**                              EASTER SUNDAY – Family Sunday  
Youth Service at 9:30am  
Worship Service at 11:00am

**EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM**

It is time to place your order for lilies for the Easter Service!

PLEASE! Place your order as soon as possible so that we may reserve the quantity needed.

We must have your order no later than March 30<sup>th</sup>, along with your payment of \$7.25. Your order will be placed when payment is received. Thank you.

Complete the order form below and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office accompanied with your check made out to First Congregational Church/Lilies.

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF LILIES (at \$7.25) \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO TAKE YOUR  
LILY/LILIES HOME  
AFTER THE EASTER SERVICE



