

CONGREGATIONAL  
**CLARION**

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First Congregational Church  
Salt Lake City, UT

May 2007



*Happy Mothers Day*

## **WORSHIP SERVICES**

- May 6<sup>th</sup>      CONSECRATION SUNDAY  
COMMUNION  
“Love One Another”  
John 13:31-35
- May 13<sup>th</sup>      MOTHER’S DAY  
GRADUATING H.S. SENIORS SPEAK
- May 20<sup>th</sup>      CHOIR AND SUNDAY SCHOOL  
APPRECIATION  
“Glory”  
John 17:20-26
- May 27<sup>th</sup>      PENTECOST SUNDAY  
NECROLOGY SUNDAY  
“Defining God”  
John 14: 8-17, 25-27
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>      TRINITY SUNDAY  
COVENANT CLASS RECEIVED  
“Truth”  
John 16: 12-15
- June 10<sup>th</sup>      COMMUNION  
OUTDOOR SERVICE  
AT 10:30AM

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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>
<b>2nd Assoc. Moderator.....</b>	<b>Wendy Haupt</b>
<b>Treasurer.....</b>	<b>Paul Kelley</b>
<b>Financial Secretary .....</b>	<b>Herb &amp; Sandra Shipman</b>
<b>Asst. Fin. Secretary .....</b>	<b>Pamela Dropek</b>
<b>Church Clerk.....</b>	<b>Cathy Rockwell</b>
<b>Board of Trustees.....</b>	<b>Jane Johnson</b>
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<b>Outreach Board.....</b>	<b>Glenda LeHoux</b>
<b>Stewardship Board.....</b>	<b>Rich Dropek</b>
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<b>Membership &amp; Church Development.....</b>	<b>Scott Brown</b>
<b>Parish Nurses.....</b>	<b>Diane Forster-Burke &amp; Marge Kimes</b>
<b>Sunday School Superintendent.....</b>	<b>Annette Tomlinson</b>
<b>Camp Fellowship for Youth.....</b>	<b>Mary Wittke &amp; Tom Hohler</b>
<b>Garden of Grace .....</b>	<b>Scott &amp; Jeanne Hansen</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



## **THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY**

"Let all thy joys be as the month of May" from *To a Bride*  
by Francis Quarles

A couple of years ago I heard someone say that the month of May has become the new December. Their reasoning had nothing to do with the weather. It had everything to do with activities of life. The month of May has become a significant month of celebration- Mother's Day, graduations, end of the academic year events, and Memorial Day. In May, we find ourselves just as busy as we are in preparation for Christmas.

It seems to be especially true in the life of the church. In the upcoming month we will have many special observances that have become important traditions here at First Congregational Church. On May 6 we will celebrate Consecration Sunday. This is the day in which we make our stewardship commitment of money and time to the church for the coming church year. We rejoice in the experience of God's love and in the spirit of fellowship that we find here at First Congregational Church. The slide show during worship and the celebration meal are memorable events!

On May 13 we observe Mother's Day by introducing our graduating high school seniors and asking them to speak during the sermon time. Throughout the years these talks have produced more than their share of laughter and tears.

On May 20 we offer our gratitude for the service of two very special groups- our choir and musicians and our Sunday School teachers. Throughout the year our choir and organists provide us with inspiration through music. Throughout the year our Sunday School teachers offer our young people a positive experience of our God. We should not take either group for granted and this Sunday is a way to say "thank you."

On May 27 we honor the memories and contributions of those members and friends who have died during the previous year. This Sunday is Necrology Sunday. As our nation observes Memorial Day, we pause to reflect on the gifts that others have given to us through their service in our church.

There is much to celebrate in May! There are many gifts of God to recognize and honor! Your presence in worship is needed to make the month what it needs to be.

Peace and grace,

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**FROM THE SECRETARY**

*By: Kristi Hanson*

**JUNE/JULY CLARION DEADLINE IS**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2007**

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR ARTICLES IN ON TIME**

**LOOKING FOR GRADUATES**

The church office is collecting the names of those who will be graduating from High School or College in the weeks ahead. A list will be published in our bulletin on May 13<sup>th</sup>. In addition, those high school graduates will be given the opportunity to speak during worship on Mother's Day. Families or graduates should contact the church office before May 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **ANNUAL MEETING 2007**

The 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Salt Lake City will be held in the sanctuary following the worship service on June 3, 2007. The purpose of the meeting will be the approval of annual reports of the boards and officers, presentation and approval of the budget, and election of board members and officers for the coming year. We will also be voting on proposed changes to the church bylaws.



### **ANNUAL REPORTS DUE**

In preparation for our Annual Meeting on June 3, 2007, chairpersons and officers need to submit their annual reports in **FINAL FORM** no later than May 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **MAY OUTREACH PROJECT**

*By: Glenda LeHoux*

A safe haven, clean beds, hot meals, respect and help navigating the bureaucracy of the social assistance system – these are a few of the things that the Interfaith Hospitality Network provides to the homeless families that are its clients. Churches provide housing on a rotating basis – setting up and tearing down rooms, serving hot meals, helping children with activities and homework and providing transportation to the next site. This program unites all communities of faith to assist these families.

Currently, First Congregational Church does not host IHN but is a supporting church providing volunteers at Christ United Methodist Church. As a church we have made a commitment to this program and as a board, we truly support and believe in this program.

The Outreach Board hopes that you will join them in support of Interfaith Hospitality Network as we contribute our May Outreach plate donations to this worthy cause.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR IHN**

First Congregational Church is one of the three churches who are providing volunteers for the Interfaith Hospitality Network at CUMC in May. We are seeking volunteers to provide and serve a hot evening meal; to spend a two hour shift helping with activities and homework; or to spend a night on site. We like to have two volunteers for each time slot filled. If you have never participated, we will be happy to pair you with someone who has experience. The next dates are Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. And again on Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. A sign up sheet will be posted on the Outreach Board in the gym. Please consider thoughtfully which of these volunteer opportunities is the best fit for you.



**MAKE YOUR MARK IN THE GARDEN**



We will be ordering new stones for Spring 2007 installation. Rev. Ellis & Karen Keck together with Susan Olson & Paul Kelley have ordered a stone in memory of Destiny Norton. Each stone is a way to honor an important someone or something. They make the Garden of Grace more accessible and easier to maintain through your support. A great way to remember Mother’s Day, Father’s Day or Someone Special. Questions call Jeanne Hansen at 583-0500 or Kristi Hanson at 487-1357. Thank you for supporting the Garden of Grace – Our Community Garden!

**GARDEN OF GRACE STEPPING STONES ORDER FORM**

Yes, I would like to Make My Mark in the Garden of Grace. The stepping stones are 1ft. x 1ft square, engraved with black letters. Each stone holds 35 letters including FCC at the top. Please print.

OPTIONS:	QUANTITY
A: Old Testament Pathway – Book Stones \$30 each	_____
B: Favorite Quote Stones - \$35 each	_____
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C: Personalized Stones - \$35 each	_____
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D. Peace Pole Donation (optional amount)	_____

Total quantity ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Information: Donated by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Ck# \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks out to the FCC Garden of Grace

Drop off or mail to: First Congregational Church

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Thank you so much for your support!

