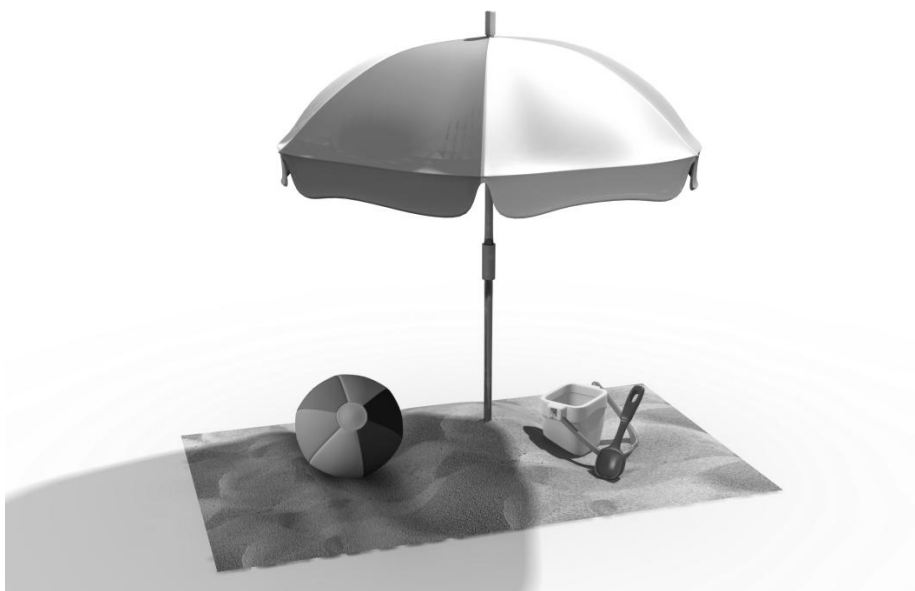


CONGREGATIONAL  
**CLARION**

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First Congregational Church  
Salt Lake City, UT

JUNE/JULY 2007



**IT'S SUMMER TIME**

## **WORSHIP SERVICES**

- 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
- June 17<sup>th</sup> “Doing Lunch with Jesus”  
Luke 7: 36 – 8:3
- June 24<sup>th</sup> Brad Ericson, Preaching  
“Reflections on Mount Everest”
- July 1<sup>st</sup> “Faith of a Founder – John Adams”  
Psalm 35: 1-9
- July 8<sup>th</sup> “Basic Instructions”  
Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20
- July 15<sup>th</sup> “The Main Thing”  
Luke 10: 25-31
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> “Mary in a Martha World”  
Luke 10: 38-42
- July 29<sup>th</sup> TBD
- August 5<sup>th</sup> CAMP FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY  
Rev. Ritter’s last Sunday at FCC

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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>
<b>Board of Deacons.....</b>	<b>Marge Kimes</b>
<b>Outreach Board.....</b>	<b>Glenda LeHoux</b>
<b>Stewardship Board.....</b>	<b>Rich Dropek</b>
<b>Christian Education.....</b>	<b>Robin Smith</b>
<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*

## **AN OPEN LETTER**

At this time I hope that all of you know that I have accepted a call to be the new Senior Minister at Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi, MI. I am honored and excited to begin this new position. But I am also saddened at the thought of leaving First Congregational Church on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Your words of both congratulation and regret have touched me. I truly appreciate your support and understanding. A few of you have asked for more details about Meadowbrook Congregational Church. The church is located in Novi, a northwest suburb of Detroit. It is around 8 miles from my previous church in Michigan, about 25 miles from Comerica Park- home of the Detroit Tigers, and 2 1/2 hours from my hometown of Stanton. Meadowbrook has an active membership of around 450 and an average worship attendance of 225.

As I contemplate my leaving First Congregational Church, I am filled with delightful memories. All of you have supported me and my family in so many wonderful ways. As we approach this summer of "saying goodbye," I would urge you to take those acts of love and support and channel them into the care and ministry of First Congregational Church. The months ahead will be challenging. You will need to find, welcome, and support the work of an intentional interim minister. You will need to pray for the work of a Pulpit Search Committee. You will need to find God's blessings in the call of a new minister. You will need patience, wisdom, strength, and courage. You will need to work together in the same kind of spirit that I have always found here.

During the months ahead, the help of each member and friend will be needed. No one, I repeat, no one will be able to stand along the sidelines without pitching in to carry some of the load.

You will need to attend worship to create and find the energy that springs from the worship of God. Don't use the time without a regular minister as a vacation from church!

You will need to serve on a board or ministry team. It would not be appropriate to welcome an interim minister or regular minister with unfilled positions. Currently we are in great need of members on our Board of Trustees, Membership, and the Mt. Olivet Cemetery Board. There are many items around the building that need the attention of a few volunteer hours. Even as I write our sprinkler system is malfunctioning and in danger of flooding the gym area. We are in immediate need of summer Sunday School teachers, coffee hour hosts, nursery care volunteers, ushers, and Interfaith Hospitality hosts.

You will need to continue your faithful financial stewardship. The search process can be expensive, especially given the geographical location of the church. The church will need your financial support.

You will need to pray. Think of the power of almost 200 daily prayers for the ministry of First Congregational Church. Who knows what inspiration such prayer might provide!

Again, I look forward to celebrating our final weeks together in ministry. This church is indeed a great church. With your earnest effort, it will continue to be such a church for many, many more years.

Peace and grace,



Art

**FROM THE SECRETARY**

*By: Kristi Hanson*

**AUGUST CLARION DEADLINE IS**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2007**

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR ARTICLES IN ON TIME**

## **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.



## **STEWARDSHIP NOTES**

Throughout this church year and for the past four or five years, the Stewardship Board has recognized individuals and groups within our congregation that support our community of faith with their time and talents. The Stewardship Board recognizes and celebrates the many people who contribute to the ministry of First Congregational Church. As the stewardship brochure we sent you said, "Like the branches of a tree, we are church family". It takes many branches and leaves to make a successful tree. For your contributions to this ministry of faith, for your fellowship and your gifts of time, talent, and resources, the Stewardship Board would again like to thank all of you.

Our 2007-2008 Stewardship Drive is closed now, but pledges of resources may be made (and changed, if need be) at any time. Regarding our financial giving, at this time we have received 55 pledges totaling \$148,241.00. If you have not yet returned an offering card, please consider doing so now. Your response will make a significant difference in the ministry of our church. Here is one final thought as we ponder what support we will provide to this ministry in the coming year. Our legacy as individuals will be the positive things we did in life and what we gave back, not what we acquired or thought. Thank you.



## **BASEBALL NIGHT WITH THE BEES**

Come join us for a night of fun family entertainment while watching the Bees play the Colorado Springs Sky Sox on Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Franklin Covey Field. The cost is \$10.50/person. Contact Wendy Haupt by July 1 to order tickets.

## **MS BIKE RIDE**

Five members of our congregation are riding the MS 150 in Logan on June 23 & 24. This ride supports research, education, and programs for multiple sclerosis in Utah. If you would like to donate to this wonderful cause please contact Cissy Wolff, Scott Haupt, Wendy Haupt, Brad Ericson, or Rob Cope. Checks can be made out to Utah State Chapter National MS Society.



## **PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE SELECTED**

At a special meeting of the congregation following worship on May 20, a search committee was selected to find a new senior minister for the First Congregational Church. The following people were elected: Becky Bishop, Marge Kimes, Rob Cope, Diane Forster-Burke, Louise York, and Kelli Burdette. As next year's moderator, Alice Stephenson will also be a part of the group

The Search Committee will be working hard in a confidential way and will keep the congregation informed of their progress through the process. They will need your support and your prayers.

## **HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED?**



Strength in a congregation means staying connected. One tool for staying connected is the FCC Directory. It has been over a year since we published the last FCC Directory. So, we are asking members and friends to let us know if your name, address, phone number, or email has changed. If you are not listed in the 2006 Directory, we would like to add your information to help us stay connected. It is easy to update the information, just call FCC office with the changes at 487-1357 or email us at [firstcongo@qwestoffice.net](mailto:firstcongo@qwestoffice.net) or just leave a note in pew pads or drop a note in the collection plate. But, please let us know. An update Directory is planned for this summer.

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FCC NURSERY**

Do you know a responsible person, 21 years or older, who enjoys children, and would like to work in the nursery during FCC Sunday services? If so, please refer them to the FCC office at 487-1357 for more details. The Nursery opens at 10:45am and closes after the service at approximately 12:15pm. Salary is \$20 for each Sunday. Please note that a background check is required on selected applicants. In the meanwhile, we still need volunteers to help in the Nursery during Sunday services. If you can help, please check the Nursery volunteer sign-up sheet posted on the south wall of the gym.



## **OUTDOOR CLEANUP DAY**

We are looking for eager volunteers to help us beautify the grounds of the church. The Outdoor Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 9, from 9:00am to Noon. Please bring your shovels, rakes, hedge trimmers, pruners, weed whackers, extension cords, gloves, and maybe even a step ladder. We will be doing most of our work on the west side of the building. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
**OUTDOOR SERVICE**  
**JUNE 10, 2007**

It is summer, and that means time for the annual outdoor service. We have reserved the Washington Terrace pavilion at Mountain Dell Park. This is the same site as last year, up Parley's Canyon.

Communion will be served at this service, which will start at 10:30am. Afterwards, if this year is like every other year, the best potluck lunch of the year will be served. Meat will be provided, but you are asked to bring a dish to share based on the alphabetic list below. Additionally, please remember your own eating utensils.

Traditionally, this is a very memorable day and fun for all. We hope to see you there.

If you can, please bring a dish (enough for 8-10) according to the following list (based on the first letter of your last name).

- A-H Salad or side dish
- G-Q Drinks or chips
- R-Z Dessert



## **GARDEN OF GRACE – JUNE UPDATE**

We had some great Garden Renewal Sessions and added some new mulch to help keep the weeds under control.

Special kudos' and thanks to our garden crew.

Tony Gras	Scott Hansen
Paul Kelley	Jonathan Hansen
Cissy Wolff	Nick Gilson
Jim Fouts	Doug Burdette



The Junior PF joined in as well.

Rachel Ericson	Ryan Hansen
Max Hohler	Gavin VanMinde

Community support from:

Maggie Wolfe USU Extension Services – Garden Advice

Jim Jones “Big Jim’s” – Mulch Delivery

Norm Judd – White Daisy Donation

Kelli Burdette coordinated with Jeanne Hansen for Olivia

Burdette’s Girl Scout Troop Service Project. Ground covers and flowers were added to the garden.

During the summer we will be extending a rock garden and adding new stone pavers. Please contact us if you can help. The Hansen Family 583-0500.

Thank you so much for all who have supported us. Hope to see you in the Garden!

## **CAMP FELLOWSHIP**

**What:** 1st Congregational Church (FCC) run interdenominational youth overnight camp for youth of many faiths

**Who:** 4th through 9th graders

**When:** Saturday, July 28th through Thursday, Aug 2nd



**Where:** Camp Pinecliff, which is owned by the Methodist church, and located 17 miles east of Coalville, UT

**Why:** Explore the theme: GOD is NEAR as well as learn about God's unconditional love by living with others in a cabin (cabins of 6-10 campers) with 2 cabin counselors (high school and college aged.) All experience morning watch, evening vespers, campfires, water games, a hike up the mountain to a cross, a dance (theme: Mexican Fiesta), activities, crafts, and this year...for the first time ever...participate in Camp Idol, a camp variety show. Campers, counselors and adult staff laugh a lot, eat like kings, sing lots of songs, and relate to each other in caring ways.

**Cost:** Campers \$130, counselor and adult staff \$20

**How:** Applications for counselors and registration forms for campers were mailed in May. They are due back at church in June (6/14 for campers, 6/20 for counselors.) Registration forms may also be requested from the church office, as well 487-1357.

**Staff:** There are 30+ adult and teen volunteer staff members during the week. They include 2 nurses, a minister (Art), cooks, activities counselors, crafts counselors, directors, etc.

**Getting involved:** There are many opportunities to contribute to this important part of FCC. CF needs additional kitchen help, a U-Haul driver to and from camp, and crafts day help. Donations of time, food, and money can be made. If you know of anyone interested in participating as a camper or if you are interested in volunteering or contributing to CF, contact one of the directors: Tom Hohler [thohler@msn.com](mailto:thohler@msn.com) , 561-7538; or Mary Wittke [wittkes@hotmail.com](mailto:wittkes@hotmail.com), 717-7230.



