

CONGREGATIONAL  
**CLARION**

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First Congregational Church  
Salt Lake City, UT

AUGUST 2007



**CAMP FELLOWSHIP 2007**

*God is Near*

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

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

<b>Minister.....</b>	Rev. Arthur P. Ritter
<b>Moderator.....</b>	Brad Ericson
<b>1st Assoc. Moderator.....</b>	Alice Stephenson
<b>2nd Assoc. Moderator.....</b>	Wendy Haupt
<b>Treasurer.....</b>	Paul Kelley
<b>Financial Secretary .....</b>	Herb & Sandra Shipman
<b>Asst. Fin. Secretary .....</b>	Pamela Dropek
<b>Church Clerk.....</b>	Cathy Rockwell
<b>Board of Trustees.....</b>	Mike McIntire
<b>Board of Deacons.....</b>	Marge Kimes
<b>Outreach Board.....</b>	Glenda LeHoux
<b>Stewardship Board.....</b>	Rich Dropek
<b>Christian Education.....</b>	Robin Smith
<b>Membership &amp; Church Development.....</b>	Scott Brown
<b>Parish Nurses.....</b>	Diane Forster-Burke & Marge Kimes
<b>Sunday School Superintendent.....</b>	Annette Tomlinson
<b>Camp Fellowship for Youth.....</b>	Mary Wittke & Tom Hohler
<b>Garden of Grace .....</b>	Scott & Jeanne Hansen
<b>Choir Director.....</b>	Devon Durkee
<b>Organist.....</b>	Edna Hamilton & Bob Dobson
<b>Church Secretary.....</b>	Kristi Hanson

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

*By Rev. Arthur P. Ritter*

## **GOODBYE**

This is the final Clarion article that I will be writing as your minister. I will complete my duties here at First Congregational Church on August 5 and will be driving to Michigan the following day. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find important information regarding your interim minister and the process of the search committee for another full time minister.

I want to express again my gratitude for your love, concern, and support over these past eight and one half years. It has been an honor to be your minister and a privilege to know each of you. We have shared a lot of laughter and tears and moments which will touch my heart forever. I shall not forget you and your ministry with me will live on in my ministry with others. I will always remember the Camp Fellowships, the Christmas Eve services, the Consecration Sundays, the Lenten services, the visits I made to homes, hospitals and care facilities, the Children's messages, the House Band, Lessons and Carols, and even the work and clean up days around the property.

The next few months will be an important time for First Congregational Church, perhaps even a defining moment in the history of the church. An interim minister will be working with you to discern a future direction. Your pastoral search committee will be seeking a full time minister. Your presence will be needed here. Your participation will be required. Your prayers will be expected. If you consider yourself part of this wonderful fellowship, something will be asked of you now. You will have a part in God's plan for ministry here at First Congregational Church.

My prayers will be with you. Laura, Maren, Amelia and I will always think of this place as a home, no matter where we might be living. You have made us feel at home. You have touched us with the love of God.

Peace and grace,  
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## **FROM THE SECRETARY**

*By: Kristi Hanson*

**SEPTEMBER CLARION DEADLINE IS**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2007**

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR ARTICLES IN ON TIME**

## **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.

## **AUGUST OUTREACH PROJECT**

The August Outreach ministry will be collecting school supplies to be donated to local schools with large population of poor students, such as Washington Elementary, which many students living at the Road Home Shelter attend. Please bring supplies to Worship Service through the Labor Day weekend. The Outreach Board will also ascertain requirements for any specific needs and direct any plate donations to that purpose.

August 5<sup>th</sup> **CAMP FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY**  
Rev. Ritter's last Sunday at FCC

## **CAMP FELLOWSHIP FUNDRAISER**

Fill your pockets with \$1 bills and come to Camp Fellowship Sunday on August 5<sup>th</sup> ready to purchase **GOD is NEAR** bracelets for yourself, for your friends, and for your family. A slew of various sized and color bracelets have been donated for raising money for camp so every dollar we make, goes into the camp fund. There will also be camp T-shirts available for purchase from various years. AND donations are always accepted! So come to the service and celebrate camp, then come to coffee hour and support camp! See you there!

## **DEACONS**

The Board of Deacons is updating the lists of people interested in serving on the Ministry Teams associated with the Deacons. These teams and services are:

- **Worship Ministry**
  - Ushering
  - Updating the outdoor sign
- **Communion and Liturgist Ministry**
  - Assist pastor in celebration of Communion and Baptism
  - Serve as liturgist
- **Special Events Ministry**
  - Assist pastor with weddings and funerals
  - Assist with special events, religious occasions, decorations, meals, etc.
- **Care and Concerns Ministry**
  - Provide meals and visits to members in need
  - Assist with Parish Nursing Program
  - Assist with Women's Support and Women's Retreat
  - Provide rides to members in need
  - Send sympathy cards to those who are ill, grieving, and stressed
  - Provide prayer support through the prayer chain

Continued:

- **Music Ministry**

- Provide music

Many people have already signed up for, or been asked to, assist with these services. If you have not been asked and **are interested** in serving in any of these areas, *OR* if you are serving and are **no longer interested**, please contact one of the Deacons (Marge Kimes, Judy Weibel, Jeniel Smith, Sandra Shipman, Becky Davis, Vickie Brunstetter, or Mary Wittke) or the church office during the month of August.

It is an understatement to say that these services are important to the life of our church. Each and every member and friend, young and not so young, is encouraged to participate in one or more of these essential ministries. Please consider what you can and will do to help provide meaningful worship at First Congregational Church.

**NEW ADDRESSES**

The Ikefuna Family  
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Post Falls, ID 83854

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The Ritter Family  
24748 Davenport Ave.  
Novi, MI 48374  
Phone: (248) 449-6331



## **INTERIM MINISTER**

The Interim Committee has announced that Rev. Al Hammond will start Tuesday August 7. He will be keeping regular office hours. Please direct all pastoral concerns to the church office. Al comes from a Presbyterian background and has served as interim in Logan. He has retired from the U.S. Army and he is an avid cyclist. Please welcome and support him during his time here.

## **SEWERS R&R**

Call all quilters and other sewers. Reserve September 29, 10-4pm to meet at the church for a day of sewing and friendship. Contact Alice Stephenson or Kathy Souba for further details.

## **HOLA, FROM THE MISSION MAZAHUA TRAVELERS!**

We had an amazing, powerful experience and thank the congregation for your spiritual and financial support. We saw God's love, grace and purpose throughout every day of our visit.

We encourage everyone to consider participating in future mission trips. To showcase our trip and to generate excitement and funds for future trips, the 2007 Mission Mazahua Team will make a presentation and hold a silent auction after services in mid-September. Watch your September bulletins for updates. Thank you for allowing us to represent First Congregational Church.



