

CONGREGATIONAL
CLARION

First Congregational Church
Salt Lake City, UT

OCTOBER 2007



CELEBRATE FALL

WORSHIP SERVICES



**Worship Service and Sunday School at 11:00am
Nursery Provided**

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| October 7 | Communion
“Growing Faith”
Lamentations 3: 19-26
Luke 17: 5-10 |
| October 14 | “Gratitude”
Luke 17: 11-19 |
| October 21 | Children’s Sabbath
“Itching Ears”
2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5
Luke 18: 1-8 |
| October 28 | Family Sunday
“Be Merciful”
2 Timothy 4: 6-8
Luke 18: 9-14 |

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

Friday: 8:00am - Noon

Worship Hour: Sundays at 11:00am

Minister.....	Pastor Al Hammond
Moderator.....	Alice Stephenson
1st Assoc. Moderator.....	Wendy Haupt
2nd Assoc. Moderator.....	Paul Kelley
Treasurer.....	Gerry Pala
Financial Secretary	Herb & Sandra Shipman
Asst. Fin. Secretary	Pamela Dropek
Church Clerk.....	Cathy Rockwell
Board of Trustees.....	Scott Hansen
Board of Deacons.....	Marge Kimes
Outreach Board.....	Ken Rockwell
Stewardship Board.....	Pam Dropek
Christian Education.....	Robin Smith
Membership & Church Development.....	Scott Brown
Parish Nurses.....	Diane Forster-Burke & Marge Kimes
Sunday School Superintendent.....	Annette Tomlinson
Camp Fellowship for Youth.....	Mary Wittke & Tom Hohler
Garden of Grace	Scott & Jeanne Hansen
Choir Director.....	Devon Durkee
Organist.....	Edna Hamilton & Bob Dobson
Church Secretary.....	Kristi Hanson

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR....

By Pastor Al Hammond

AUTUMN

This is my favorite time of year when all my senses notice the change. The trees with their vividly bright colors are a treat for the eyes. The cool, crisp and clear air is so pleasant and refreshing after the hot summer air, looking across the valley one can see things so much more clearly: it's almost as if one can see forever. Walks in the woods sound different as the dry underbrush snaps under foot. Perhaps the only negative sense is smelling leaves burning. As I enjoy the changes, I want to break out in songs of praise and thanksgiving.

This is also the time for my spiritual senses to notice the change of seasons. Thanksgiving is a time to ponder how blessed we are in so many different ways: God has provided for our needs. It is as if my spiritual vision can see forever as well: the entire sweep of the New Testament is clearly visible. Soon it will be advent as we celebrate God coming to earth in the person of Jesus. This advent season, Jesus wants to come into our hearts anew. As I think of Thanksgiving and Advent, I again want to break out in songs of praise and adoration. Beyond Advent, I can see Easter: the event that gives meaning to Christ's birth.

There are many who can not experience the changes in the physical world due to injury or disease, we willingly try to describe the beauty that we see. There are also many who cannot appreciate the changes in the spiritual seasons; often because they have never experienced the loving presence of Jesus in their lives. I encourage you to decide what you like best about the Fall, think about how you would express it to someone who cannot see the colors. Then think about when you most felt the presence of God in you life: how would you describe this to someone who hasn't had a similar experience? I would love to hear some of your stories of encountering God.

Blessings,
Al

AL HAMMOND – CONTACT INFORMATION

I will be in the office mornings. (It is a good idea to call and confirm) I will also be available other times by appointment. Please let me know if you would like to meet or have me visit. (Home, hospital, etc....)

After hours please contact me at Home (801) 274-1935, Cell (801) 891-4944 or email at interim.pastor@earthlink.net

FROM THE SECRETARY

By Kristi Hanson

NOVEMBER CLARION DEADLINE IS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 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 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.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be open Tuesday – Thursday from 8:30am – 3:00 and Friday from 8:00am – Noon.



FROM THE MODERATOR

Alice Stephenson

Change comes in many different ways. According to the calendar, Fall will officially be here next week. Our church has had its changes; we've said good-bye to the Ritters and welcomed Al and Dorothy Hammond. Sunday School has started, the choir is again contributing their voices to our service. Before we know it, the calendar will roll over to October, November, and December. There are many ways everyone can contribute to the upcoming Changes at the church. During October there is an opportunity to work at the Utah Food Bank on the 6th, or help with the fall Church clean-up on the 13th. Volunteers are needed to help with the Halloween Carnival on the 21st. During November we plan on having our annual Church Yard Sale, volunteers needed on the 3rd or the 10th. Thanksgiving Day brings our traditional dinner after the service, cooks needed. Then it's on to December with the Hanging of the Greens on the 1st, many hands make the work go quickly. Is anyone up for caroling this year? We could go caroling in a neighborhood close to the church or visit shut-in members, but we need singers. Kristi will be on vacation December 4-14, office help needed. Will you consider how you can contribute to the Church and its upcoming Changes?

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

We are in need of someone who can update the photo section of the church directory. Jeff Emmons emailed the 2005-2006 photo directory to the church office and we need someone to update it by taking pictures of new friends and members and then emailing the finished copy to the church to be attached with the addresses and phone numbers. Kristi will be working on updating the addresses and numbers but she needs someone to handle the photo side of things. The format that the photo directory is in is pdf. Please contact the church office if you would like to volunteer.

HEALTH TIPS FROM PARISH NURSING

Our annual Flu Clinic will be after church on Oct 14th with vaccines provided by Community Nursing Service.

SO YOU WANT TO BE AN ACOLYTE

Do your children want to be part of the Sunday service? Now is their chance. Anyone 4th to 6th grade can learn to be an acolyte. Acolytes are an important part of opening and closing the service of worship. Besides that it's fun. Training is easy and your child would likely be asked to acolyte once a month. If interested, please contact Robin Smith 971-9867.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Sunday school is underway and we have started a busy, fun curriculum. In September we learned about how the bible came to be using cooking, arts and games. We learned about the books of the bible and that God's word can be a source of comfort for us. October we will start a new rotation, Dance for Joy, in which we celebrate with Peter and John as they heal in the name of Christ. We are in need of teachers. If you are interested in teaching this year there is still an opportunity to do so. Please contact Annette Tomlinson or Robin Smith.



Stewardship Reflections

Give thanks for the children who love and give with gusto!
Pray that you can be free to love and give with the gusto of the child!

--Unknown

FOOD BANK WORK-DAY

The Holiday season is just over the horizon, and that means food drives are starting up! Outreach has scheduled a Utah Food Bank work day on Saturday, Oct. 6, from 10am to Noon. We'll be sorting food donations at the warehouse at 1025 S. 700 West. Look for the bright red door marked "Volunteers." For further information, contact Ken Rockwell



CROSSROADS URBAN CENTER ANNUAL BAZAAR

Saturday, October 6th, 2007
9:00am – 2:00pm

Christ United Methodist Church
2375 East 3300 South

\$1.00 donation or a can of food

Baby Booth
Holiday Boutique
Used Books
Sweets & Treats
Silent Auction
Crafts
White Elephants
Crossroads Treasures

Lunch will be served

Tickets Available in the FCC church office

FROM THE OUTREACH BOARD



The Outreach Board has chosen the Women's Crisis Shelter operated by the YWCA of SLC as the recipient of plate donations for the month of October. The 50-bed shelter provides crisis intervention, advocacy for women and children, and a safe private family room for up to 19 families. The program serves more than 1,000 women and children each year who are victims of family abuse. The Crisis Shelter operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The shelter provides critical supportive services including a 24-hour crisis hotline and admission. It also provides for basic needs such as three meals daily, clothing, transportation and personal care items. Social services include crisis intervention, safety plans and relocation assistance, advocacy for children and families, support groups and parent education. On-site child care is provided as is a public school classroom and therapeutic groups for children. Other services include culturally relevant advocacy, support and interpretation for refugee women and women of color.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fran Fouts has graciously accepted the task of running the Halloween Carnival this year. She is in need of some volunteers over the age of 12. If you are interested in helping please call Fran Fouts as soon as possible so plans can be made. The Halloween Carnival will be held October 21 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

COME JOIN THE FUN!!!
CHILDREN'S COSTUME HALLOWEEN
CARNIVAL
Sunday, October 21st from 6:30pm – 8:00pm



OUTDOOR WORK DAY

We are looking for volunteers to help clean and beautify the grounds of the church. Join us on Saturday, October 13 from 8:00am to around noon as we trim and clean up the landscape on the south and west sides of our building.

Bring your hedge trimmers, rakes, shovels, and gloves. The more help we get, the faster the job can get done. If you have questions or have a specific project you would like to see completed please contact Scott Hansen at 583-0500.



FCC GARDEN OF GRACE

Replenish the Garden Day

Saturday, October 13th, 8:00am – Noon

It has been an arid summer. The Garden of Grace, on the north side of our church, especially needs our help to prepare for fall. We will be sprucing it up. Come for any amount of time you can. It's a great time for Fall Fellowship and a good thing for our community environment. Refreshments served.

Bring gloves and tools if you can, otherwise they will be provided. Any questions call the Hansen Family at 583-0500.

This coincides with a general church clean-up. So pick your project and help. Thank you so much.