

CONGREGATIONAL  
**CLARION**

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First Congregational Church  
Salt Lake City, UT

JANUARY 2008



**Winter Wonderland**

## WORSHIP SERVICES



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

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| <b>January 6</b>  | <b>Communion<br/>“Bring Gifts”<br/>Isaiah 60: 1-6<br/>Matthew 2: 1-12</b> |
| <b>January 13</b> | <b>“This is My Son”<br/>Isaiah 42: 1-9<br/>Matthew 3: 13-17</b>           |
| <b>January 20</b> | <b>“Lamb of God”<br/>Psalm 40: 4 &amp; 5<br/>John 1: 29-42</b>            |
| <b>January 27</b> | <b>“Come, Follow Me”<br/>Psalm 27: 1, 4 &amp; 5<br/>Matthew 4: 12-23</b>  |

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

**Friday: 8:00am - Noon**

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

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<b>Interim Minister.....</b>	<b>Pastor Al Hammond</b>
<b>Moderator.....</b>	<b>Alice Stephenson</b>
<b>1st Assoc. Moderator.....</b>	<b>Wendy Haupt</b>
<b>2nd Assoc. Moderator.....</b>	<b>Paul Kelley</b>
<b>Treasurer.....</b>	<b>Gerry Pala</b>
<b>Financial Secretary .....</b>	<b>Herb &amp; Sandra Shipman</b>
<b>Asst. Fin. Secretary .....</b>	<b>Pam Dropek</b>
<b>Church Clerk.....</b>	<b>Cathy Rockwell</b>
<b>Board of Trustees.....</b>	<b>Scott Hansen</b>
<b>Board of Deacons.....</b>	<b>Marge Kimes</b>
<b>Outreach Board.....</b>	<b>Ken Rockwell</b>
<b>Stewardship Board.....</b>	<b>Pam 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 PASTOR....**

*By Pastor Al Hammond*

## **Wisdom and Resolution**

Christmas causes growth: in bills and waistlines and a desire to improve. Add the effects of New Year's Eve and we reach the point of desperate resolution. More accurately, we reach the point of many resolutions. I am never sure whether our favorite January pastime is the making of resolutions or guessing how long it will take to break them all. Collectively, we do not seem to do very well on keeping resolutions, in part because it entails changing ourselves.

Wisdom is more than just knowledge; it is the ability to accumulate knowledge, gain insight from it, and then apply those insights in our daily lives. Generally wisdom is used in the New Testament in association with a gift of the Holy Spirit. Wisdom is not something that comes easily. When Luke describes Jesus growing in wisdom, it sounds as if it were as easy as a plant growing with adequate sunlight and water. A much better translation of 'to grow' is to 'make one's way forward by chopping away obstacles.'<sup>1</sup>

If we want to change this year, this idea of making our way forward by chopping away obstacles is a good approach. This warns us of the effort that it will take and the inherent obstacles. More importantly, the issue of what we ought to change should be based on wisdom: insights into ourselves. Even better is to gain the wisdom we need through study of Scripture and prayer, allowing the Holy Spirit to both lead us to know what to change and then strengthen us as we overcome the inherent obstacles.

As the short, cold days start to lengthen, let the Light of the World bring warmth and light to your days. We hear again the call of Jesus: "Come, Follow Me." Let us do so, letting His wisdom guide us individually and collectively into the year ahead.

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1 New International Greek Testament Commentary, 1978

## **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](mailto:interim.pastor@earthlink.net)

### **FROM THE SECRETARY**

*By Kristi Hanson*

**FEBRUARY CLARION DEADLINE IS**  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2007**

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR ARTICLES IN ON TIME**



### **Stewardship Reflections**

Money flows through our lives just like water— at times plentiful, at times a trickle. I believe that each one of us is, in effect, a glass, in that we can hold only so much; after that, the water goes down the drain. Some of us are larger glasses, some of us smaller, but we all have the capacity to receive plenty more than we need when we allow it. When you make an offering, the glass will be filled again and again.

**--Suze Orman, *The 9 Steps to Financial Freedom***

### **WOMEN'S LUNCHEON**

January Women's Luncheon will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Please reserve the date and come and join us at Noon in the Fireside Room.

## **ORGAN RECITAL**

On January 13, 2008, at 4:00 p.m., Barry Rishton will be at our church for an organ recital. Barry will be playing works by J.S. Bach, Louis Vierne, Eugene Gigue, and Henri Mulet. Our organ was originally installed in 1892 at our previous building, and moved to our present location in 1965. We will also be showcasing our church building and sanctuary to invited architects and historians. Donations from the concert will be earmarked for future organ repairs. Mark your calendar for this enjoyable half-hour concert.

Alice Stephenson



## **DESIGNATED OFFERINGS**

Please help FCC direct special offerings as you intend. Gifts via check to monthly outreach projects should be noted "Outreach" in the memo section. If you are making a special offering other than the outreach project designated for the month, be sure to provide the name of the fund ("Flowers", "Candles", "Coffee Fund" etc.) or memorial gift. Its fine to write one check designated for multiple funds or projects. Just be sure to clearly note how you would like your gift distributed.

Remember, too, that all cash offerings intended for outreach or other special purposes should indicate the fund designation on the offering envelope. Thank you for supporting the special ministries of First Congregational Church through your generous giving!

## **STICHERS R&R**

Saturday January 26th from 10 am. to 4 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Come, bring your sewing supplies and a brown bag lunch. Bring one of your unfinished projects or a new one and plan on a great day with good friends. And as always, WE WILL HAVE SHOW AND TELL (that's the best part!!!!).

Contact Alice Stephenson or Kathy Souba for further information.



## **OUTREACH BOARD NEWS**

The Outreach Board has chosen the Rescue Mission of Salt Lake to be the recipient of plate donations in January. The Rescue Mission of Salt Lake serves the homeless and needy of Salt Lake and Southern Davis Counties. It is a tax-exempt, non-profit entity consisting of a men's facility located at 463 South 400 West and a women's and children's facility, known as Rescue Haven, located at 1165 South State Street, both in Salt Lake City.

Many services are offered, including overnight accommodations with 50 beds in the men's dorm and 8 beds in the women's shelter (Rescue Haven). A faith-based recovery program is offered, along with walk-in sit-down meals (breakfast and dinner) and brown-bag lunches. They provide shaves, showers, haircuts and clothing and assistance in finding jobs. A Day Room is open during inclement weather. The Rescue Mission accommodates its guests by taking telephone messages and receiving mail for them. They provide for help with reading and writing skills and GED preparation. Food boxes for any individual or family requesting food are provided – no questions asked. Recently, the federal Transportation Security Administration stopped delivery of unopened toiletries, sports drinks, water and other sundries that are confiscated at the Salt Lake International Airport; as many as four 55-gallon drums of items were delivered each week. With cold weather creating a run on service to the homeless, this has been a great loss to the Rescue Mission.

In November the plate donations yielded \$370 for the "Share the Harvest" month and for Crossroads Urban Center.



## **SAY CHEESE!**

### **Phone and Photo Directory**

Do your part to help update the photos in our FCC phone directory and Family Photo Gallery.

Lock elbows with your family and stop in the Fireside Room for a time of fellowship and photos during coffee hour every Sunday in January. Contact Keli Burdette at 582-8366 or cell 833-1621 for information or suggestions.

### **ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY**

On Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> our church will celebrate its 143<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary. Following the service at 11:00am, there will be a meal in the gym and entertainment hosted by our former moderators. If you plan to attend we ask that you call the church office or sign the sheet posted in the gym so that we may get an accurate count. Please make a special effort to attend this celebration!

### **GOT TALENT?**

First Congregational Church has talent would you like to show us yours at the Anniversary Dinner? If you would like to sing a song, tell a funny (clean) joke, act out a monologue or skit, read a poem, juggle chainsaws (well, maybe bowling pins) – please contact Alice Stephenson or Brad Ericson January 13<sup>th</sup>. We need some great entertainers to celebrate the wonderful fellowship we have here at First Congregational Church.



## **PARISH NURSE TIP FOR JANUARY**

### Recognizing a **STROKE**

A bystander can recognize a stroke by asking four simple questions”

**S** Ask the individual to **SMILE**

**T** Ask the person to **TALK**, to speak a simple sentences (coherently)

**R** Ask the person to **RAISE BOTH ARMS**

**O** Ask the person to ‘stick’ **OUT** his or her tongue to determine if the tongue is ‘crooked’, if it goes to one side or the other.

If the person has trouble with **ANY ONE** of these tasks, call 911 immediately and

Describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

**REMEMBER: SMILE**

**TALK**

**RAISE BOTH ARMS**

**Stick OUT tongue**

