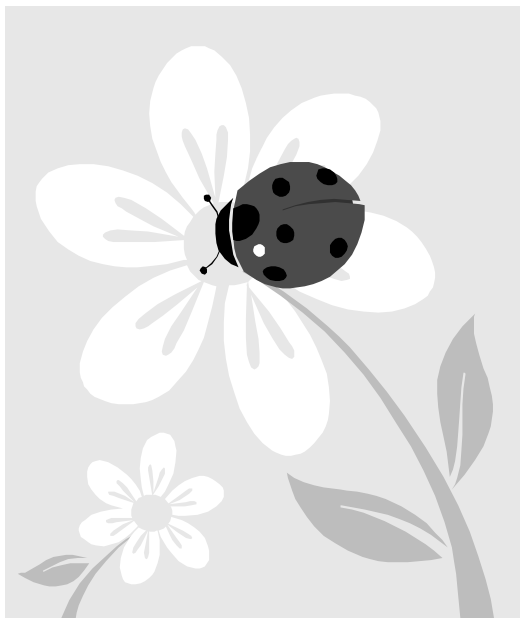


CONGREGATIONAL
CLARION

First Congregational Church
Salt Lake City, UT

MAY 2008



Happy Mother's Day

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

4 May

Why Look Up?

Acts 1:1-11

1 Peter 5:6-11

11 May

MOTHER'S DAY

Graduating Seniors Speaking

Acts 2:1-21

1 Cor 12:3-13

18 May

Now What?

Psalm 8

Mat 28:16-20

25 May

Judge Not!

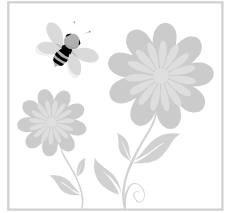
Psalm 131

1 Cor 4:1-5

Matt 6:24-34



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Friday: 8:00am - Noon

Worship Hour: Sundays at 11:00am

Interim 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	Pam 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 & Lynne Calame
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

Graduation

As I sit down to write this article, I have just returned from my daughter's graduate cello recital. I'm sure several of you will be attending recitals, sports events, and graduations all of which make me think about growth.

When Abby first began playing the cello, she used open strings and it was a major accomplishment for her to be able to play "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" (or to listen to those early renditions)! The recital I just attended included a Bach Suite, a Latin Suite, and a sonata--nearly an hour of beautiful solo music. What growth she has accomplished over the years! When you watched your kindergartener struggle to form his or her letters, did you think about the papers he/she would write in order to graduate from high school, or even college?

Growth doesn't happen overnight. There are lots of years between kindergarten and college, and as an observer, you have been able to watch the steps that have taken place that have resulted in growth. Some were major steps forward. Others were smaller. There may even have been a few steps backward, but at the graduation you can look on with pride and think back on all those years of accomplishment.

I wonder if God looks at us that way. God sees us when we have just begun our faith walk. God gently leads us in those first tentative steps, and then gently guides us as we allow the Spirit to lead us as we advance in our Christian life. I wonder if God stands back with pride as we conquer a habitual sin or turn the other cheek, pleased with how much we have grown.

What growth have you seen in your Christian life? Can you see the steps that are leading you "in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake." (Ps 23) Will God, looking at your life, say "Well done, thou good and faithful servant"? (Matt 25:21) As we watch others grow, let's take stock of our own lives and ask God to lead us in the way God wants us to mature.



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

JUNE/JULY/AUGUST CLARION DEADLINE IS
WEDNESDAY, May 21, 2008

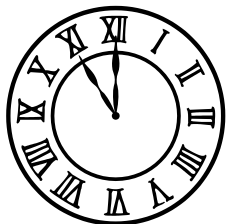
PLEASE HAVE YOUR ARTICLES IN ON TIME



Stewardship Reflections

There is a will for our life, other than our own will. There is a will for our money, other than our own will. There is FREEDOM in letting go of our own will.

--Dr. Walter Brueggemann



“There’s Still Time”

Our 2008-2009 Stewardship Drive is closed now, but our commitment to stewardship does not stop because our annual campaign has ended. In Romans 12:5 we read: “In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” It takes each of us working together to support and lift up our community of faith so that we may live beautiful, fulfilling lives as individuals and as a congregation through use of God-given Time, Talent, Thoughts, and Treasure. 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. The Stewardship Board celebrates the people and ministries of First Congregational Church. We thank you for supporting our stewardship efforts this year.

SPECIAL MUSIC

As summer approaches and the choir makes plan for a summer break we are making plans for special music. We invite anyone who has a special talent or knows someone who does to please contact Sandra Shipman. This is a great time for young people to share their talents with us. Music is an important component of our services, please consider participating.



**OUTDOOR SERVICE
JUNE 8TH AT WASHINGTON TERRACE
MOUNTAIN DELL PARK**

Please bring an item to share according to your last name

- A-F Drinks
- G-M Salads
- N-R Chips
- S-Z Desserts

Meat with rolls will be provided

MORE INFORMATION NEXT MONTH

FCC EMAIL LIST

The church office would like to update the email list of all of our members and friends. Email is a great way to alert the congregation of any upcoming events or changes or emergencies. Please fill out the form below and mail it into the church office or drop it in the offering plate.

(Please add all email addresses you use)

NAME _____

EMAIL _____ For _____

_____ For _____

_____ For _____

MAY OUTREACH

The May Outreach project is the Utah Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Multiple Sclerosis is a chronic disease that attacks the central nervous system, usually in people from 20 - 50 years old, but it may occur in children and teens as well. Many members and friends of FCC have been affected by MS. The MS 150 Bike Ride raises money to help with research and programs for MS in our state. This year we have several members of our church who are going to ride in the MS 150. They are Al Hammond, Dorothy Hammond, Rob Cope, Brad Ericson, Wendy Haupt, Scott Haupt, Brett Haupt, and Kevin Haupt.



ANNUAL MEETINGS

NACCC

Thy Will Be Done, the pilgrimage continues.

The Annual Meeting of NACCC is scheduled for Saturday, June 21 through Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at Plymouth, Massachusetts. While the official church delegate is expected to attend the business meetings and report back to the church, you may attend the meeting as a visitor. Special events are planned for this meeting. On Monday evening there is a re-enactment of Pilgrim Progress (gathering and going to worship). The meeting concludes on Tuesday with a visit to Plymouth Plantation. The evening continues with a Thanksgiving style meal, followed by entertainment by Back Eddy Bluegrass band.

NAPF, HOPE

While the adults are meeting in Plymouth, the church's youth will be meeting in Eston, MA at Stonehill College. NAPF is for any youth who has completed 8th grade through 12th grade. High School graduates through age 26 may attend HOPE. The conference runs from Saturday through breakfast on Wednesday. This year the youth will be participating in mission work around Brockton, MA.

If you are interested in attending the NACCC, NAPF, or HOPE as a delegate for the church, please let me know by Sunday, April 13. The Council will select our delegate(s) on Wednesday, April 16. Want more information – just ask.

Alice Stephenson
Moderator

FOOD BANK WORK DAY

The Utah Letter Carriers will be collecting food on Saturday, May 10, during their usual rounds. Last year they collected about 1 million pounds of donations from Utah residents in this annual one-day drive. Be sure to put out a bag of food that day before your mail arrives. Then join other FCC members for a donation sorting session at the Utah Food Bank (1025 S. 700 W) on Saturday, May 17, 10-noon. Call Ken Rockwell for further details.



**¡BIENVENIDOS!
EN NUESTRA FIESTECITA
Quatro de Mayo**

First Congregational Church is not called “First” for nothing. So this year we decided to celebrate “Quatro do Mayo” (May 4) instead of “Cinco do Mayo” (May 5)

On Sunday, May 4, we will be having a Mexican themed service, followed by a dinner to celebrate and raise funds for the Mazahua mission trip that some of our members are taking in June.

We will have enchiladas nuevo mexicanas (cheese, stacked), frijoles and dessert. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children.

Each table will have a piggy bank made by the Sunday school for further contributions. We will also have a wishing well, paper flowers for sale and Mexican music. Of course, no fiesta would be complete without a piñata for the ninos.

**PLEASE COME, CELEBRATE AND
SUPPORT MISSIN MAZAHUA**



Women's Retreat--SAVE THE DATE!

After encountering numerous scheduling problems this spring, the annual Women's Retreat will move to fall this year. The retreat is planned for Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25. Like last year, we will meet at Brighton Lodge up Big Cottonwood Canyon, starting at dinner time Friday and running through about 3:00 p.m. Saturday. The retreat leader and cost will be announced later. Please plan to attend, as this is a special time for fellowship for women of the church.

For those who might have been really looking forward to a retreat this spring, we have an alternative. Rev. Christine Nelson from Good Shepherd Lutheran has invited anyone from FCC to join their group for their retreat the weekend of May 16-18. They have 100 spaces at Pine View (Eden--near Ogden) and will only be using around 50, so there would be plenty of room for us. They have shared with other groups in the past. They start at 5 p.m. Friday at Good Shepherd (in Sandy) and have pizza, then drive up and have a session on Friday evening that Christine will be teaching. This is a coed retreat with a wide age range, and men do all the cooking. On Saturday they have three 'breakout sessions' interspersed with activities. Sports like archery and badminton are available, led by the wife of one of their pastors. A chapel manned by a prayer team is available as well. They are back by noon on Sunday. Fee is \$50/person. Their theme this year is a book by Beth Moore entitled Liberty in Christ. Christine and the leaders of the breakout sessions are studying the book and will present from that. If someone from our church wanted to be a leader, the next training session is on the last Tuesday of March at 5 p.m. If you would like more information, you can call Britney Stephenson at 523-8238.

If FCC members who are considering going to the Good Shepherd retreat would like to know who else is planning to go from our church, Susan Olson (532-3809; kelloln@msn.com) is willing to coordinate this information if you let her know.



FCC PREPARES FOR MAZAHUAN MISSION

In June more than a dozen members of the congregation will spend a week at the Mazahua Mission west of Mexico City. We will join volunteers from Iowa, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

The Mazahuan Mission, supported by the NACCC, provides spiritual, educational, career, and practical support to the Mazahuan people, an original ethnic people of Mexico.

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, money has been raised through the sale of Christmas wreaths and the February Outreach project. Other activities are being planned.

In addition to helping with a camp for the handicapped and other projects, Salt Lake volunteers are hoping to take a number of items needed by the Mazahuan people. We also need more money to defray the cost of travel for youth and to help support the mission itself. Ways you can contribute include the following:

- Donations of items - Bins have been placed upstairs and downstairs of donations in the attached Wish List. Some items are for those who travel across Mexico to attend the camp and some are for the mission to sell to or share with the local folks.
- Quatro de Mayo – Belly up to the table after church May 4th for a Mexican meal prepared and served by the volunteers. Watch for more information!
- Wheelchairs – Many of the camp attendees are brought on cart or in wheelbarrows. We are taking used or donated wheelchairs for the Mexicans attending the camp. Rachel Ericson is collecting as part of her Girl Scout Silver Award project. Bob Baird is also collecting wheelchairs.

For more information about Mission Mazahua and how you can help, please contact Katie Ericson, the Utah coordinator of the Mazahuan Mission, at 801-706-8997.

Wish List for items needed on next page

The Wish List

- Wheelchairs
- Wheelchair cushions (moisture resistant)
- “Umbrella strollers” (especially for teen sized bodies)
- Crutches (particularly needed are ones with wrist support)
- Stained glass supplies:
- Squires of spectrum glass “watercolors” and primary colors
- Scraps (some stores will donate or charge minimally by the pound)
- Tools
- Flux
- Glass cutters
- Wizards (glass trimming and grinding machines)
- Grinder heads
- 100 watt soldering guns for stained glass work
- Sewing machines and sewing supplies (fabric, thread, needles, etc.)
- Typewriters
- Laptop Computers
- Staple guns with staples that fit them
- Towels, sheets, pillow cases, dish towels, collapsible net washbaskets (they will have sheets for our use, but need sheets for their camping ministry)
- Plastic gags of all sizes
- Kitchen utensils and knives (do not bring in your carry-on)
- Pots and pans
- Burnable CDs
- Computer discs
- Sport equipment (tennis, and for their new swimming pool!)
- Swim suits (very modest style) Gym shorts or equivalent will do.
- Formals (teenage) and party dresses (they give them [or sell for an extremely minimal price] to families for their daughter’s quinceañera [15th birthday] celebrations)
- Shoes (comfortable walking shoes for children and adults)
- Vitamins (child and adult)
- Tape – duct, clear, packing
- School supplies (crayons, markers, notebooks, pencils, pens, glue, etc.) [note: paper is heavy and is available, but small notebooks are valued]

- AA batteries
- Disposable cameras
- Tylenol, aspirin, naproxen, tec. (child and adult)
- Spanish or Spanish/English Bibles or New Testaments (Christian literature – non denominational)
- Craft projects
- Musical instruments
- Soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products. (Hotel soaps and shampoo are great)
- Scissors (adult and child)
- Reading glasses – non prescription, various powers
- Peanut butter (small jars)
- Baby formula
- Baby blankets
- Office supplies: white out, envelopes, pens, etc)
- Personal items (use in your living area and then leave behind)
- Toilet paper (1 or 2 rolls only)
- Kleenex (several small)
- Hand sanitizer (good to have one in your pocket for all outings)
- Small plastic bags to line small waste baskets
- For “Goodie Bags” we will send home with each camper:
 - Packaged snacks (Oreo cookies are especially liked)
 - Small useable gift items (male and female)
 - Small stuffed toys
- Party items (bubbles, balloons, beach balls, decorations). We have a fiesta the last evening.