

CONGREGATIONAL
CLARION

First Congregational Church
Salt Lake City, UT

SUMMER EDITION 2008
(June/July/August)

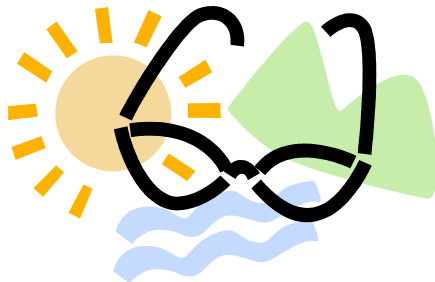


It's Summer Time

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

- June 1st** **Annual Meeting**
 “Uncommon People”
 Psalm 1: 1-3; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15
- June 8th** **Outdoor Service at 11:00am**
 Washington Terrace – Mountain Dell
 “Sitting Around”
 Matthew 9: 9-13
- June 15** **Father’s Day**
 Summer Worship Hour Begins (10:00am)
 “Thanksgiving”
 Psalm 100; Ephesians 1: 15-23
- June 22** **Wendy Haupt, Preaching**
- June 29** **TBA**
- July 6** **Welcome Rev. Michael Chittum**
 “Here We Go”



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

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

Endings and Beginnings

Central to our faith is that the end of one phase is but the beginning of another. It seems that the end of winter precedes the beautiful new growth of spring which has finally arrived. The end of our single life becomes a joyful celebration of the beginning of a new life in the mystery of marriage in which two people become one. In similar fashion, the end of our life apart from God is marked by new and transformed life with God as we are claimed in the waters of baptism or the rededication of ourselves in confirmation or church membership.

I thank you for the privilege of being able to serve as your Interim Minister. Now that my time with you is ending, many of you have asked what I will be doing next. The answer remains that I do not know. However, I trust that the Lord has something planned and I eagerly await discovering what this might be.

The end of my time with you is also the beginning of something wonderfully new with the arrival of Rev Michael Chittum. There can be few things as encouraging to a new Pastor as to be called by a unanimous vote. Yet transitions are always difficult; it is critical that you support and encourage Michael as he becomes your next Pastor.

In this period of endings and beginnings, may the love of Christ continue to surround you and give you peace.

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FROM OUR NEW MINISTER

Rev. Michael Chittum

HERE WE GO!

Vicki and I cannot wait until we arrive in Salt Lake City. We had such a wonderful visit with you all during the weekend of the candidating sermon that we felt like we were at home.

While our plans are still somewhat fluid, we expect to leave Georgia during the second week in June heading west. From Georgia to Utah is around 2000 miles. Since I am older than I used to be, we plan to make the trip in shorter chunks, rather than try for a couple of marathon days. Luckily, we will have something bigger than a two-wheeled cart to carry all of our worldly possessions. Although as I try to negotiate some of the highways we will be traveling, I may wish I only had a two-wheeled cart.

I want to thank the members of the Search Committee for all of their hard work and their help in this process. They represented First Congregational Church well.

Next, I would like to thank Al Hammond for his conscientious and faithful ministry to you. The work of an interim minister is quite demanding, so much so that many churches are not able to find someone willing to undertake that task for them.

Finally, I am thankful for the opportunity to work with you as your 14th minister. You should know that I am not perfect. I do make mistakes. You should also know that I will admit my mistakes and take responsibility for them, and I am always willing to listen to someone who disagrees with me. I will pledge to you that I will work hand-in-hand with you as we help FCC be a faithful witness to God's kingdom in Salt Lake City.

Grace and Peace, Michael

FROM THE SECRETARY

By Kristi Hanson

SEPTEMBER CLARION DEADLINE IS
AUGUST 20, 2008

PLEASE HAVE YOUR ARTICLES IN ON TIME

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.



BEES GAME



Come join us for some fun and fellowship at the Bees Game on Saturday June 14, at 7:00pm. The Bees are playing the Las Vegas 51s, and there will be fireworks after the game. Ticket prices are \$12 each. Let Wendy Haupt know by Sunday, June 8 if you would like to go (288-9758).

CO-ED SOTFTBALL

Looking for something fun to do on Friday nights – Come and cheer on our softball team. Games are held Friday evenings at the Redwood Road Recreation Center. Scheduled games are: June 6 at 9:30pm, June 13 at 9:30pm, June 20 at 9:30pm and June 27 at 6:30pm. The tournament is scheduled for August 1 and 8.

OUTDOOR SERVICE
JUNE 8TH AT WASHINGTON TERRACE
MOUNTAIN DELL PARK
Service will be held at 11:00am

It is summer, and that means time for the annual outdoor service. We have reserved 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 11:00am. 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 to bring your own eating utensils.

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

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

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 _____

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.

HEALTH TIPS FROM PARISH NURSING

Summer is upon us and it is a good time to review immunizations as many will be due prior to the start of school in the fall. Any time is a good time for adults to check their immunization status. For infants up to 18 months old should have: 4 DtaP, 4 Hib (Haemophilus Influenza for Infant Meningitis), 3 PCV (Pneumococcal), 3 Polio, 3 RV (Rotavirus), 2 Hepatitis A, 3 Hepatitis B, 1 MMR, and 1 Varicella (Chicken Pox). Before entering Kindergarten, students need another Polio, DtaP, MMR #2, and Varicella (Chicken Pox) #2. Before entering 7th Grade students need a Tdap Booster. It is highly recommended for all girls age 9-26 to receive 3 doses of HPV (Gardasil). It is also highly recommended for all students 11 and above to receive 1 Meningitis. Everyone from infants to adults should receive an annual Flu Shot. Adults should have the above immunizations and now receive a Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis) every 10 years. It is highly recommended that adults receive 1 Meningitis and 1 Pneumonia. At the age of 65 a second Pneumonia is recommended. Zoster to protect against Shingles is recommended for adults 60 yrs of age and older. Check with your health care provider, Salt Lake Valley Health Department, or with Community Nursing Service regarding recommendations, and vaccines. Remember there is no vaccine for West Nile Virus so preventing exposure to mosquitoes is essential. (www.cdc.gov)

We'd like to introduce our new parish nurse, Lynne Calame. Lynne is a Salt Lake School District Nurse with a Masters in Education.

OUTREACH NEWS

by **Ken Rockwell**

April's Outreach project of raising money for Heifer International brought in \$415.00. This was enough to provide several families with useful livestock and resources. We purchased:

- One llama (\$150)
- Two honeybee hives (\$30 each)
- Two gifts of trees (\$60 each)
- One "Promise basket"—a combination of geese, ducks, chickens and rabbits (\$85)

For further information see the Heifer International website:

www.heifer.org

May's Outreach donations went to the Utah MS Society in advance of the June MS bike ride, in which several church members will be participating.

June's project will be Volunteers of America. Organized in 1896, this national organization provides programs and services for abused children, people with disabilities, the elderly, at-risk youth, and many others. During a time of economic turmoil, there is increasing demand for the services of VOA. See their website at

www.voa.org

We will once again be making and serving sandwiches for the Salvation Army on Sunday, June 29. The sandwich making comes immediately after worship, and we need six people to help set up and serve at the St. Vincent de Paul soup kitchen at 427W. 200 South from 4 to 6 pm.

Projects for July and August haven't been selected yet, so watch the Sunday bulletins during the summer to learn more. But Sunday, August 31st is another "fifth Sunday," which means Salvation Army sandwiches once again.

Camp Fellowship Information

What: This is an overnight camp that lasts five nights and six days and is for children *going into* 4th through 9th grade. Camp is a HUGE part of the life of our church. Camp Fellowship has been a part of FCC for over 30 years!

Where: Camp Fellowship is held about 60 miles from FCC at Pine Cliff Camp (owned by the Methodist church and is about 17 miles east of Coalville, UT.)

When: It starts at 12:30 PM on Saturday, July 26th and ends at 10:30 AM on Thursday, July 31st. Registrations will be mailed in the beginning of June and are due back to the church on June 14th. Counselors and adult staff are there one extra day at the beginning and one extra day at the end.

Who: It is run by adult volunteers from the church. There are also incredible high school and college aged counselors who are trained to provide the fun experiences and supervise the campers 24-hours a day. Our ratio of campers to adult staff/counselors is less than 2:1!

How Much: Camp costs \$130.00 per child (if registration is received by the deadline) which includes everything (meals, snacks, a camp T-shirt, a water bottle, etc.) Note: if registration is received after the deadline it is \$150.00 per child. A multiple-sibling discount is also available. Scholarships are available.

Camp Fellowship Sunday

The Sunday after camp, August 3rd is dedicated to Camp Fellowship. Come hear the campers and staff share songs, dramas, and experiences from camp. This is truly a wonderful service so plan on coming to celebrate!



Camp Fellowship Needs

Camp is a church-wide effort. Please HELP in whatever way you can. We need the following:

- ❖ Food donations (contact Nancy Hohler 561-7438 to find out what we need.)
- ❖ Financial support (any size of monetary contribution is gratefully accepted! You're welcome to put it in the offering plate and just mark it clearly for Camp Fellowship.)
- ❖ Skit props and clothing (things that are fun and only gently used like jewelry, hats, staffs, overalls, capes, costumes (but NO MASKS), dresses, footwear, etc...use your imagination!) Please do not donate ordinary used clothing to camp, but instead give these to the donation box downstairs at church.
- ❖ Do you want to be a live part of camp? We need **VOLUNTEERS!** (If you want to volunteer contact Tom Hohler 561-7438.) Choose one or more of the following options:
 - An adult to drive the U-Haul to (Friday, July 25th) and from (Friday August 1st) camp.
 - Adults to be at camp for one or more days (or even all of camp!!!) helping in the kitchen, with activities, music and worship, etc.
 - Adults to plan and do crafts with the campers (volunteer for one or more of the four days we do crafts.)
 - Adults to supervise and enjoy the counselors by spending the "last night" at camp (July 31st.)



STITCHERS R&R

Want good company while working on a sewing or craft project. Plan on joining the Stitchers R&R Group. We meet on the last Saturday every other month from 10:00am to 4:00pm in the fireside Room. Summer dates are: May 31, July 26, and September 27.

Come, bring your sewing supplies and a brown bag lunch (or plan on going out for fast food). We can use this time for sewing, or solving all the world's problems. There are NO officers – There are NO by-laws – There are NO rules.

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.

GARDEN OF GRACE-JUNE 2008 UPDATE

In April we had a very successful Spring Garden Renewal Day. We cleaned up the Garden, planted new bushes, ground covers, herbs, and flowers. Our wonderful garden crew included: Scott Brown, Paul Kelley, Tony Gras, Scott Hansen, Jim Fouts, Simone Granger, Jim Olin, Joyce Gordan, and Yarka Pala. Skyline Honor Society students assisted us: Katie Johnston, Prevon Menon, and Jon Hansen.

Starbucks partnered with us to create a coffee bar to raise funds for Ryan Hansen's Peace Pole Eagle Project. Kudos to the hard work of Annette and Laurel Tomlinson and friend, Mary and Gavin Van Minde, Rachel Ericson and Fran Fouts.

Vendors who helped us included:

Big Jim's Hauling

Western Garden Center

A special thanks to those who stopped by to support our efforts. We appreciate it. The Hansen Family.



JUNE MUSIC CONCERTS AT FCC

Church members and friends are invited to join us for a celebration of music in the Sanctuary.

BAUMAN FLUTE RECITAL

Monday, June 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Jonathan Hansen will be featured on flute.



GALLOWAY TRUMPET & FLUTE RECITAL

Thursday, June 5, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Ryan Hansen will be featured on trumpet.

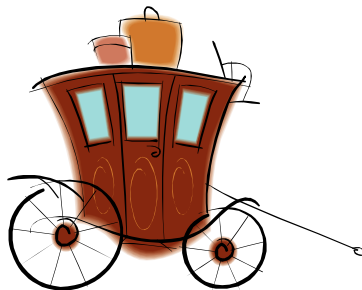
Refreshments will be served following the concerts.

Hope to see you there.

Questions call The Hansen Family at 583-0500.

WELCOME WAGON IDEAS

We are gathering an informational list of people's "favorite" things, restaurants, places, tips, summer activities, doctors, vets, and other helpful resources, etc. If you have any ideas please email them to the church and we can add them to a welcome wagon booklet. firstcongo@qwestoffice.net



FROM THE MODERATOR

As I near the end of my term, It's time to look back and reflect on events and changes that occurred during this past year. The challenges were far different than what I had imagined three years ago upon accepting the nomination of 2nd Moderator. With the support of all church officers and members, the church had a good year.

We had a major change as we welcomed Rev. Al Hammond to our church and pulpit. The Pulpit Search Committee was busy finding a candidate for our Senior Minister. There were small changes, such as this issue of the summer Clarion covers June, July, August. The next Clarion will come out in August for the September events. New events were held, including our Quatro de Mayo luncheon to support Mission Mazahua. An unplanned event – a forgotten spotlight for Christmas Eve service—resulted in creative alternative lighting. Favorite events, including our Outdoor Service on June 8 continued.

July will start a new fiscal year, with new officers and a new pastor, Rev. Michael Chittum. Changes will also be occurring to the building, starting with the Fireside Room and the restrooms. What changes would you like to see? What talents can you share to support our church fellowship? Let's start this new year together by working together to continue our ministry within the church.

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN THIS SUMMER

Please send the church a postcard of your vacations this summer. We love to see where our friends and members have traveled and seen. Thanks