

CONGREGATIONAL  
**CLARION**

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First Congregational Church  
Salt Lake City, UT

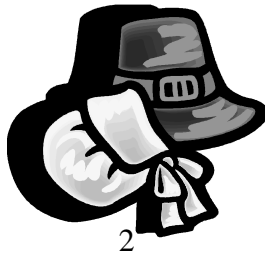
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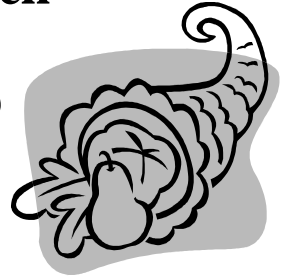
## WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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| November 2  | <b>COMMUNION<br/>ALL SAINTS DAY<br/>“Congregationalism:<br/>From Whence We Came”<br/>Psalm 107: 1-7, Deuteronomy 6: 20-25</b> |
| November 9  | <b>“Congregationalism: Faith”<br/>Psalm 78: 1-7, Ephesians 1: 15-23</b>   |
| November 16 | <b>“Congregationalism: Freedom”<br/>Psalm 90: 1-3, Galatians 4: 28- 5: 1</b>  |
| November 23 | <b>“Congregationalism: Fellowship”<br/>Psalm 95: 1-7, I Corinthians 1: 4-9</b>  |
| November 27 | <b>THANKSGIVING SERVICE<br/>10:30AM</b>   |
| November 30 | <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT<br/>“Signs and Symbols”<br/>Psalm 80: 1-3, Mark 13: 24-37</b>                                       |



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

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

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

- Minister ..... Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum**
- Moderator ..... Wendy Haupt**
- 1st Assoc. Moderator ..... Paul Kelley**
- 2nd Assoc. Moderator ..... Scott Brown**
- Treasurer ..... Jerry Pala**
- Financial Secretary ..... Herb & Sandra Shipman**
- Asst. Fin. Secretary ..... Pam Dropek**
- Church Clerk ..... Cathy Rockwell**
- Board of Trustees ..... Scott Haupt**
- Board of Deacons ..... Judy Weibel**
- Outreach Board ..... Carol Price**
- Stewardship Board ..... Pam Dropek**
- Christian Education ..... Robin Smith**
- Membership & Church Development .....  
Brad Ericson & Cissy Wolff**
- 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 Bertolle**
- Organist..... Edna Hamilton & Bob Dobson**
- Church Secretary..... Kristi Hanson**

# **REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR....**

**Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum**

## **CONGREGATIONALISM - WHAT IS IT?**

In the midst of cleaning out things in the office, I came across a 1977 article written by Harry Butman entitled, "What Is Congregationalism?" In the article, Harry made the following points:

*\*\* Congregationalism is a process, not a completion.* - I take that to mean we are always in journey toward becoming Congregationalists. The process is an on-going, dynamic one filled with both highs and lows.

*\*\* Congregationalism is people.* - We are Congregationalists as part of a community of faith, not as part of an individualistic stance. We are part of the people that includes Brewster and Smyth and Robinson as well as the children that fill our chancel during Children's Message every Sunday.

*\*\* Congregationalism is poetry.* - There is a sense of the mystery and the sublime encounter that goes beyond the rational and logical within our Congregational Way.

*\*\* Congregationalism is prayer.* - Harry emphasized, and I concur, that our way is dependent upon the presence of God among us.

In November, I plan to preach a four part series on our Congregational Heritage. The Thanksgiving season seems to be a good time for us to reflect on who we are as Congregationalists. The sermons will be based in large part on the research I did in London in 2001. The four sermons are entitled:

Congregationalism: From Whence We Came

Congregationalism: Faith

Congregationalism: Freedom

Congregationalism: Fellowship

Join with us in worship during November and you just might learn something new about being a Congregationalist.

Grace and Peace,  
Michael

**FROM THE SECRETARY**

*By Kristi Hanson*

**DECEMBER CLARION DEADLINE IS  
NOVEMBER 12, 2008**

**\* Please note early deadline due to the Holiday**

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR ARTICLES IN ON TIME**

**FRIENDSHIP MANOR BOARD VACANCY**

Please consider volunteering to fill the one remaining vacancy from First Congregational Church on the Board of Friendship Manor. Friendship Manor is a mixed-income apartment building for seniors on the corner of 500 South and 1300 East. Our church partnered with Congregation Kol Ami, First Unitarian Church, and Holladay United Church of Christ to apply for the federal funding to create Friendship Manor 40 years ago, and our four churches still staff the Board of Directors. The basic commitment is just one board meeting at dinnertime (5:30-7:00) every two months (fourth Tuesday). There are opportunities to get more involved if you wish. I attended a New Residents' Welcome Lunch this week and was very impressed by the diversity of residents' backgrounds and their level of enthusiasm for the Friendship Manor community.

The board could especially use more members with some business background because in the coming months we will be refinancing the building for significant maintenance and improvements as its original 40-year mortgage matures. Anyone can make a contribution, however, so we welcome any volunteer. A professional management company runs the building, so board members are not responsible for day-to-day decision-making and tasks. If you have further questions about Friendship Manor or service on its board, ask Susan Olson, Candace Lowry, or Barbara Jenkins. If you are interested in serving, please let Susan know.

## **ANNUAL AUTUMN OUTDOOR CLEAN-UP COMPLETED**

Thanks to Jim Fouts, Scott and Jonathan Hansen, Doug & Kelli and Olivia Burdette, Ron Weibel and Phil Thom for policing the south and west fence lines and disposing of bales of hay, lengths of old pipe, hunks of macadam, weeds, foliage and wind-strewn paper and plastic.

## **HANGING OF THE GREENS**

November 29, 2008

Come help decorate the church for the upcoming Advent Season on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Refreshments Available



## **CHRISTMAS CAROLING!!!**

The Deacons are looking ahead to the Christmas season and caroling. We did not go caroling last year, but would like to find out if there is an interest this year.

If you or someone you know would like to have carolers come on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> after the Sunday worship service, please contact the church office as soon as you can. If you would like to be part of the group that does the caroling, please let Judy Weibel know as soon as possible so we can arrange the event.



## **THANKSGIVING DINNER SPONSOR NEEDED**

For several years, FCC has been the site of a Thanksgiving Dinner for our members. In order for that to happen this year, someone or some group **MUST** step up to serve as sponsor/host for the event. Will you be the one?

## **WORSHIP WITH US ON THANKSGIVING DAY**

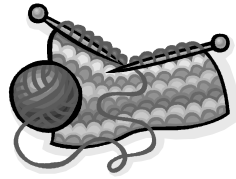


We will gather for worship at 10:30am on Thanksgiving Day. This will be a good time to gather together with your family to give thanks to God for manifold blessings.

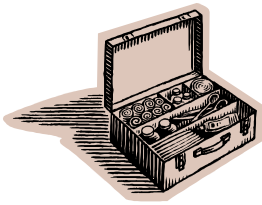
## **KNIT ONE- PURL TWO CALLING ALL KNITTERS**

*By: Glenda LeHoux*

For some time now, Jane Johnson, myself and others have been interested in starting a "prayer shawl" ministry at FCC. This ministry would involve knitting or crocheting shawls/throws/wraps to be delivered with our prayers, our love, and our well wishes to members of the congregation who are shut-in or ill. On a smaller scale, we also hope to produce scarves, mittens and hats for our annual share the warmth tree and other charities. We are looking for other people who would like to join us in friendship and fellowship and fun to create this ministry. We welcome all levels of knitters from beginners to advanced. At this time, we have only the idea and no format for our ministry; that would be a group decision. If you are interested in participating, please contact either Jane Johnson ([jjohnson2163@hotmail.com](mailto:jjohnson2163@hotmail.com)) or Glenda LeHoux ([lehoux1@msn.com](mailto:lehoux1@msn.com)) or speak with either of us any Sunday at church. In the meantime, keep on knitting!



## **FROM THE PARISH NURSES:**



We now have two First Aid Kits. One is in the kitchen downstairs (burn supplies included), located in the southwest corner on the counter. With the remodel it might be subject to placement change. The second one is upstairs in the office closet on the floor. Contents: Blood Pressure Cuff and Stethoscope, Glucometer, Fast Acting Glucose, Emesis Basin (technical term for Puke Pail), bandaids, gauze pads, roll bandages, tape, scissors. . .gosh, just about all the stuff you'd think would be in a First Aid Kit. The kits are black and fluorescent yellow boxes with handles, with stickers on all sides saying, "First Congregational Church First Aid Kit". Clever? Yes? Better than the original, "Stanley Tool Box", which we were thinking of going with in the beginning. Stay healthy and be safe at church. Don't make us use one of these.

## **THANKSGIVING OFFICE HOURS**

The church office will be closed on Thanksgiving and Friday.



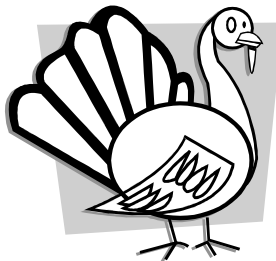
### **TIME CHANGE**

Don't forget that we "fall back" to standard time on Sunday, November 2. So set your clocks back before you go to bed the night before.

## **FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

*By: Scott Haupt*

Our clean up day was immensely successful. Many items never to be used and of no value were removed. Areas were straightened up for easier access, and excess furniture and such were placed in the Stoyer Hall to be recycled. These items, as I learned in Council, need to be bid on prior to any rummage sale and/or donation to Goodwill. If anyone would like to bid on these at rummage sale prices, please contact me. There are also two pianos that need refurbishing that can be bid on. Progress in the fireside room is being made and near completion. Yahoo! Now we will tackle the bathrooms and improve the Parlor to an updated meeting room. I still could use some help with some of the rooms in the Church to identify refurbishing needs and inventory. With these completed the trustees will come up with a long term plan for the building and grounds.



**WOMEN'S FALL LUNCHEON**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14  
12 NOON  
FIRESIDE ROOM**

**All women of the church are invited.  
Come for a time of food and fellowship.**

**Following lunch a guest speaker will present a  
demonstration on indoor plants.**

**Look for additional details in the Sunday Bulletin.**

**R.S.V.P. by Wednesday afternoon, November 12<sup>th</sup>  
Church Office – 801-487-1357  
Glenda LeHoux – 801-733-4950  
Becky Bishop – 801- 466-8244**

## **CLARION OPTIONS**



We continue to need to know how you would want to receive the CLARION. So far, we have only heard from about 33% of the folks who receive this publication. We do not have enough responses to know how to proceed. Let us know your preference of: Having the CLARION e-mailed to you, Picking it up at the church; or Continuing to receive it by USPS.

### **HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THE CLARION**

Please check the box of how you would like to receive the Clarion and return to the church office. Thank You

Name \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like to continue to receive the Clarion by mail.
- I would like to pick up a hard copy of the Clarion at the church
- I would like to receive the Clarion by email

## **ALL SAINTS DAY – NOVEMBER 2**

For centuries, the Christian Church has remembered her honored dead on ALL SAINTS DAY. This is a time for us to reflect on all who have gone before us and helped us be faithful in our walk with God. While FCC typically does a remembrance on Memorial Day for those in our congregation who have died, ALL SAINTS DAY marks a church-based opportunity to remember and honor them. If there has been someone special in your life who has died within the last year and you would like them to be honored in a brief ceremony during worship on November 2, please let Dr. Chittum know.

**POINSETTIAS**

We will once again be making the purchase of poinsettias available for the congregation as a memorial or celebration. The poinsettias will beautify the sanctuary during the Christmas Season. The cost of each will be \$7.75. Please pay when you place your order.

Please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate, or send it to the church accompanied with your check, if you wish to place an order. Please make the check payable to FCC/Poinsettias. Call the church office if you have any questions. The deadline is December 7.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Celebration of \_\_\_\_\_

