

CONGREGATIONAL CLARION

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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
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MAY 2009



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

WORSHIP SERVICES

May 3 – COMMUNION/4th Sunday of Easter

SERMON – “A Name”

SCRIPTURE – Psalm 23 & Acts 4:5-12

May 10 – 5th Sunday of Easter/Mother’s Day

SERMON – “Control?”

SCRIPTURE – Psalm 22:25-31 & Acts 8:26-40

May 17 – 6th Sunday of Easter

SERMON – “A Little Love”

SCRIPTURE – Psalm 98 & John 15:9-17

May 24 – 7th Sunday of Easter

Dr. David Rowe,

Associate Professor of Christian Formation and Ministry

Salt Lake Theological Seminary - Preaching

May 31 – Day of Pentecost

SERMON – “Our Advocate”

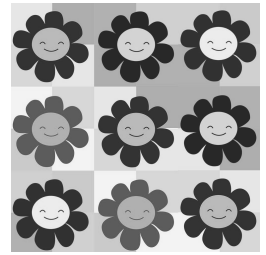
SCRIPTURE – Ezekiel 37:12-14 & John 15:26-27

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Office Hours:

Tuesday – Thursday: 8:30am – 3:00pm

Friday: 8:00am – Noon

Worship Hour: Sundays at 11:00am – Nursery Provided

Minister:	Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum
Moderator:	Wendy Haupt
1st Assoc. Moderator:	Paul Kelley
2nd Assoc. Moderator:	Scott Brown
Treasurer:	Jerry Pala
Financial Secretary:	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:	--
Christian Education:	Robin Smith
Membership Board:	Brad Ericson, Cissy Wolff
Parish Nurses:	Diane Forster-Burke, Marge Kimes Lynne Calame
Sunday School:	Annette Tomlinson
Camp Fellowship:	Tom Hohler
Garden of Grace:	Scott & Jeanne Hansen
Choir Director:	Devon Bettolo
Organist:	Edna Hamilton, Bob Dobson
Church Secretary:	Kristi Hanson

REFLECTIONS FROM THE REV.....

Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum

ARE WE A “BEYOND THE ORDINARY” CHURCH?

As part of the U.S. Congregational Life Survey, about 300,000 worshipers in over 2,000 congregations in the United States completed a survey during worship services in April 2001. Worshipers in Australia, England, and New Zealand completed similar surveys. Together, the international effort included about 2 million worshipers and 17,000 congregations across three continents. This research is ongoing.

A summary analysis from that survey identifies the ten strengths of congregations that are willing to go beyond the ordinary. Congregations that go ‘Beyond the Ordinary’ excel in the following areas:

1. Growing Spiritually -- Beyond the Ordinary congregations help worshipers grow in their faith
2. Meaningful Worship -- Beyond the Ordinary congregations provide worship services that meet the needs of worshipers
3. Participating in the Congregation -- Beyond the Ordinary congregations are places where worshipers are involved in many of the activities of the congregation
4. Having a Sense of Belonging -- Beyond the Ordinary congregations provide people with a sense of fellowship with others
5. Caring for Young People -- Beyond the Ordinary congregations ensure that the children and youth in the congregation are nurtured in the faith
6. Focusing on the Community -- Beyond the Ordinary congregations reach out to and serve those outside their

doors

7. Sharing Faith -- Beyond the Ordinary congregations help their worshipers feel comfortable sharing their faith with others

8. Welcoming New People -- Beyond the Ordinary congregations ensure that new people become part of their faith community

9. Empowering Leadership -- Beyond the Ordinary congregations help worshipers to share in the leadership of the congregation

10. Looking to the Future -- Beyond the Ordinary congregations focus on a positive future

As we get ready to head into the summer season and as I approach my first year anniversary, I would ask you: How would you rate our church? In what areas do we excel? In what areas do we need to improve? Let me know your thoughts.

Grace and Peace, Michael

CLARION DEADLINE

Summer (June, July, August) Clarion Deadline will be May 20th. You can email your articles or leave them in the church office. Thank you for getting them in on time.



ANNUAL REPORTS DEADLINE

In preparation for our Annual Meeting on May 17, 2009, chairpersons and officers need to submit their annual reports in FINAL FORM no later than May 10th.

ANNUAL MEETING

The 144th Annual Meeting of First Congregational Church of Salt Lake City will be held in the sanctuary following the worship service on May 17, 2009. The purpose of the meeting will be the approval of annual reports of the boards and officers, presentation and approval of the budget, and election of board members and officers for the coming year. Please plan on attending. Thank You

NEWSLETTER CHOICES UPDATE

Last Fall, you were asked to indicate your preference for receiving the CLARION – whether by e-mail, to be picked up at church, or to be mailed to you. The intent in doing this was two-fold: we want to save the church money; and we want to be more environmentally responsible.

Over the last 7 months, however, we have heard from only 80 of our 190 newsletter recipients. While we are grateful for the 80 responses we have received, it is difficult to discern what course of action to follow, since there are still more than 100 from whom we have not heard.

Some of you may not have responded because it does not matter to you. That is a legitimate response, but it would still be good for us to know. Therefore, if we have not heard from you by MAY 29, we will presume that you will be happy to receive the CLARION by e-mail or will be glad to pick up an issue as you come to service.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED as we move into the summer months, remember week to week needs of the church. For example, consider serving as a coffee hour host and/or a nursery worker. You will be richly blessed and earn brownie points in heaven, which we all need.



SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

We are in the process of planning our summer music program. We are inviting any of our members or friends who would like to consider contributing to our service with music to contact Sandra Shipman. If you have young people who would like to share their talent, we encourage them to participate. We look forward to a summer of wonderful music.



OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

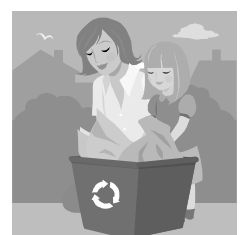
Following the Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive, the Utah Food Bank needs help sorting donations. FCC Outreach has a work session scheduled for Saturday, May 23 at 10am – Noon. Address: 1025 S. 700 W. For more info call Ken Rockwell, 801-359-1516.

FAVORITE HYMNS?

Do you have a favorite hymn or hymns that you would like to have included in worship service? Please e-mail them to the church or list them in a note and let Michael know. Perhaps, we will plan for a hymn service in the summer or you may find your favorite included in an upcoming worship service.

GUEST MINISTER – MAY 25

As Vicki and Michael travel to Kansas to be with their son, Joshua, during his college graduation, Dr. David Rowe will be our guest minister. David is an Associate Professor of Christian Formation and Ministry at the Salt Lake City Theological Seminary. We welcome him to the pulpit of First Congregational Church.



52 THANK-YOUS



Many people in our church help others and provide significant ministry to our congregation, but do so quietly so that most of us are not aware of the heart-felt service. These people deserve to be thanked, even if they don't want public recognition

for themselves.

You will have the opportunity to identify people like that in our church to whom we should say, "Thank you." A form will be available in the Narthex for you to identify who should be thanked and why. These will be collected weekly. The church will send out a thank you card to the person. Then, we will let you know in the Clarion what good deeds are being recognized, though we will not identify the person who did it.

THANK YOU'S SENT

As part of the "52 Thank You's Project" in which members of First Congregational Church, SLC recognize someone in our congregation who has helped our church or helped someone else, the following have been sent thank you notes:

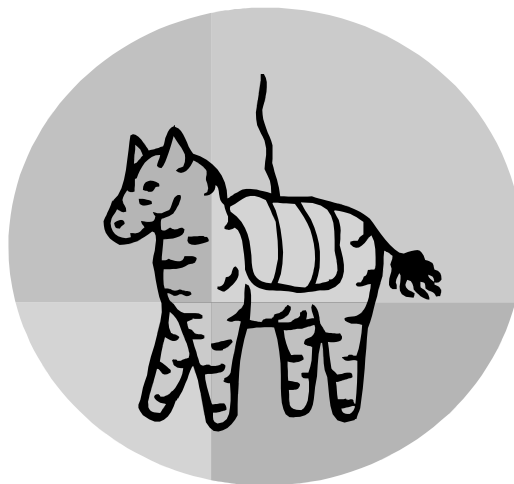
- a person who helps with Junior PF
- a person who helps with acolytes and insures we enjoy good coffee every week
- two people who work behind the scenes in many ways and make certain our traditions are preserved
- a person who contributes to the worship service through singing in the choir
- a person who works with our children and brings us new traditions for them that creates excitement
- three people who provide care for our church
- a person who contributes to worship through music
- a person who brings exciting and different music and for assisting the church with financial issues

Mission Mazahua Cinco de Mayo Fiesta and Outreach

Join us on Sunday May 3 after the service as alums of the 2007 and 2008 Mission Mazahua projects serve a luncheon of Mexican dishes celebrating First Congregational Church's support for the mission. We ask that \$6 be contributed for each adult meal and \$3 for each child's plate.

Mission Mazahua is located about 60 miles northwest of Mexico City. It attends to the spiritual, health and economic development needs of the indigenous Mazahua people. For the past two years, adults and youth from FCC have joined hands with others from across the country to work on projects ranging from an overnight camp for disabled campers to maintenance on the historic mission to concrete pours in the villages around the mission.

Net proceeds from the luncheon and designated outreach offerings for May will support the on-going needs of Mission Mazahua.



KIDS CORNER

Mother's Day

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BATHTIME
CARPOOLS
HELPING
LOVE
STORIES

CANDY
FLOWERS
HUGS
MEALTIME
SUPPORTIVE

CARDS
FUN
KISSES
MOM
WALKS

May Outreach Project –
 Designated Plate Offerings go to Mission Mazahua

May 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Communion Mission Mazahua Lunch	4	5	6 Men's Breakfast 7:00am	7	8	9
10 Family Sunday Mothers Day Annual Board Reports Due in Final Form	11	12 Board Meetings 7:00pm	13	14	15	16
17 Music Appreciation Annual Meeting Following Worship	18	19	20 Council Meeting 7:00pm Summer Clarion Deadline (June, July, Aug)	21	22	23
24 Family Sunday Necrology Sunday	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 Pentecost Sunday Sunday School Appreciation Salvation army Sandwiches						

June Outreach Project:
Designated Plate Offerings to MS Society

June 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Men's Breakfast 7:00am	4	5	6
7 Trinity Sunday	8	9 Board Meetings 7:00pm	10	11	12	13
14 Outdoor Service Communion	15	16	17 Council 7:00pm No Clarion	18	19	20
21 Summer Worship Time 10:00am Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27 NACCC Meeting through the 30 th MS Bike Ride
28	29	30				

LENTEN SURVEY

At the close of our 2009 Lenten Pot-Luck and Study, Dr. Chittum asked for feedback about having such events at FCC by means of a survey. It was decided by the Deacon Board that all the members of our church be given an opportunity to complete the survey. Please fill this out and bring it with you next Sunday.

1.) How important is it to you that FCC has a Lenten Series?
[please circle the number]

1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5 ___ 6 ___ 7 ___ 8 ___ 9 ___ 10
Not at all Neutral Extremely

2.) If it is important, what should/could be done to bolster attendance?

3.) How frequently should a series meet during Lent?

1 2 3 4 5 6

4.) Should it meet on: [choose one from each column]

___ Wednesday	___ morning
___ Saturday	___ afternoon
___ Sunday	___ evening
___ other	___ other

5.) What do you think is the best time of day for such an event?
_____ am/pm

6.) Should the content be: [pick as many as you would like]

___ Variety of Speakers

___ Entertainment

___ Devotional/Reflective

___ Book Study

7.) Should it include meals? ___ yes ___ no

8.) Should each session, not including meals, be:

___ less than an hour

___ about an hour

___ more that an hour

Any additional comments?

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Jerry Pala

For Period Ending March 31, 2009

CHURCH GENERAL FUND	<u>March</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Unrestricted giving	\$13,143.50	\$150,192.48
+Other Unrestricted Revenue	\$3,017.36	\$36,435.67
+Transferred to General Fund from Designated Accounts, Memorial Fund & FCC Trust	<u>\$1,194.48</u>	<u>\$51,841.13</u>
=Total Income	\$17,355.34	\$238,469.28
Total Expenses	<u>-\$14,900.31</u>	<u>-\$207,945.49</u>
= <i>Net General Fund Surplus (-Deficit)</i>	\$2,455.03	\$30,523.79

Data for comparison

YTD Budgeted Unrestricted Contributions	\$159,127.27
YTD Budgeted Income	\$230,647.61
YTD Budgeted Expenses	-\$236,521.47
Amt YTD Surplus is ahead of (+) or behind (-) Budget	\$36,397.65

DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS

	<u>March</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Designated Contributions		
All Outreach	\$1,583.83	\$13,127.50
Other Designated Contributions	<u>\$1,746.05</u>	<u>\$16,481.65</u>
= <i>Total Designated Contributions</i>	\$3,329.88	\$29,609.15



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