

CONGREGATIONAL CLARION

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April 2017



APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 2

5th week of Lent

Camp Sunday

Sermon: "Jesus is the Resurrection and the Light"

Scriptures: Psalm 130, John 11:1-45

Hymns How Blessed are They 526
 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go 446
 Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights 250 v 4-6

April 9

Palm Sunday/ Communion

Sermon: "Triumphal Entry"

Scriptures: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 11:1-10

Hymns All Glory, Laud, and Honor 265
 All Hail The Power of Jesus Name! 106
 Ride on, Ride on in Majesty! 268

April 13

Maundy Thursday Agape Feast

April 14

Good Friday

Scriptures: Isaiah 53, Psalm 22, Hebrews 16, Mark 15

Hymns In The Cross 264
 Were You There When They Crucified My Lord 283

April 16

Easter Sunday

Sermon "He Arose"

Scriptures: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Luke 24:1-12, Mark 16:1-8

Hymns Christ The Lord Is Risen Today 288
 Christ Arose 294
 He Lives 302

April 23

Sermon: "Are We Doubters Like Thomas?"

Scriptures: Psalm 16, John 20:19-31

Hymns My Faith Has Found a Resting place 406
 Christ Beside Me 425
 Blessed Assurance 426

April 30

Sermon: "The Road To Emmaus"

Scriptures: Psalm 116:1-4, Luke 24:13-35

Hymns O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee 589
 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace 587
 Rise Up, O Saints of God 590

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Office Hours:

Tuesday – Thursday: 8:30am – 3:00pm

Friday: 8:00am – Noon

Worship Hour: Worship Hour at 11:00am

Nursery Provided

Senior Minister:	Rev. Marijke Rossi
Moderator:	Ted Stephenson III
1st Assoc. Moderator:	Tom Simons
2nd Assoc. Moderator:	Marge Kimes
Treasurer:	Scott Hanson
Financial Secretary:	Mike McIntire
Church Clerk:	Ken Rockwell
Board of Trustees:	Mike McIntire
Board of Deacons:	Phil LeHoux
Outreach Board:	Diane Forster-Burke
Christian Education:	Patti Garver
Membership Board:	Wendy Haupt
Parish Nurses:	Diane Forster-Burke, Marge Kimes, Lynne Calame
Camp Fellowship:	Christine Madsen and Shaun McIntire
Garden of Grace:	Scott & Jeanne Hansen
Choir Director:	Devon Bettolo
Organist:	Teresa Clawson
Church Secretary:	Kristi Hanson

REFLECTIONS FROM THE REV.....

Rev. Marijke Rossi

Springtime is my favorite season. Three of our children were born in the spring. It holds a sense of newness, freshness and beauty that fills the world with joy. May we feel the blessing of the cycles of the year.

Easter is a time of resurrection. We may not understand how God brought Jesus back to life but we can be grateful for the event and the promise it brings to each of us.

We will have a couple more weeks of Lent and during that time we will be sharing the Agape feast with Holladay United Church of Christ. It was a great success last year and a joy to share in this sacred meal with our friends. Of course we welcome all to attend. Good Friday service will be at noon and we are also invited to attend the service in the evening at HUCC if desired.

Blessed Easter to all of us as we encounter the resurrection with Joy and thanksgiving.

KRISTI VACATION UPCOMING VACATION SCHEDULE

Hi Folks, I will be out of the office the following days April 13,14,18,19,20,21. Please direct your calls to Rev. Rossi. I am available to occasionally check church emails and will forward any urgent messages along.

CLARION DEADLINE



May Clarion Deadline will be April 19th. You can email your articles or leave them in the church office.
firstcongo@qwestoffice.net

OFFICE PHONE HELP NEEDED IN MAY

Looking for someone to answer phones in the office May 18th and 19th. Preferably someone with a key. Morning hours is all that is needed. Please let Kristi know if you are available

All Church Pot Luck Brunch

Saturday April 8, 2017 at 10:00am

Please come to a pot luck brunch to share good food, good conversation, and fellowship. Bring a dish to share - anything that you like to eat for brunch.

From the CE Board - A look at CE events and activities 2017

Written by: Pam Svikhart

1st Sunday of the Month – Camp Sunday

Camp Sunday is the first Sunday of every month. These are special Sundays that have been set aside in the year for bringing the spirit of Camp Fellowship down from the mountain and back into the church. On Camp Sunday, the young people from Camp Fellowship join the congregation in song, worship, and service in a variety of ways. Please welcome our campers when you see them!

1st Sunday of the Month – “Noisy Buckets”

“Noisy Buckets” is a fairly new phenomenon in our church which was begun by the CE Board. **During Camp Sunday service,** the children will pass “Noisy Buckets” around the congregation and collect loose change (save your dollar bills and checks for the worship service offertory). Donations will help support CE projects such as quarterly youth activities, Christmas and Easter events, and Jayrald (a Philippine boy whom the youth of our church correspond with and provide financial support for). Through monthly donations, the children are able to provide him with essential items such as clothing and school supplies, as well as special occasions such as Jayrald’s birthday and Christmas.

Family Sundays

You have probably noticed one or two “Family Sundays” on the calendar each month, but do you know what Family Sunday is all about? Family Sunday is a day when all youth, ages 4 and older, remain in the sanctuary for the service. It is a time for families to share in the message of the Lord and to rejoice in the name of the Lord together. Although ***no Sunday School classes*** are scheduled on Family Sundays, ***the nursery is always available for younger children***. For more information regarding the nursery, please members of the Membership Committee.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

CE is in need of Sunday School teachers! The FCC youth are an awesome group of kids! Check the bulletin board in the narthex for the sign up sheet. Dates and lessons are provided for each month.

March 19- April 9 – Donate Candy, Coins, Trinkets for Easter Sunday Egg Hunt

For the FCC’s annual Easter Egg Hunt, please donate candy, coins, or trinkets (small enough to fit inside of Easter eggs). ***All donations are due by Sunday, April 9th.***

April 2 – Camp Sunday

Hey, Kids! Check it out! We will join in the early part of worship service, sing camp songs, pass around the Noisy Buckets, and then take our leave to enjoy fellowship with other Campers. There will be ***Easter egg decorating*** and a really cool ***skateboarding Easter egg hunt!***

April 16 – Easter Sunday & the Annual Easter Egg Hunt

1. **Sunday School will be taught on Easter Sunday.** All children 4 -16 years are invited to join us.

2. Following the lesson and worship service, there will be an ***Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn*** for children up to the age of 15. Feel free to bring your child's Easter baskets or pick one up from CE members before the hunt.

Children will line up at the doors near the church office as follows:

A. Babies and children up to first grade will line up first and hunt on the flat grounds inside the perimeter of the sidewalks near the building.

B. First grade through 16 years will begin after the younger children have started. They will search for eggs beyond the sidewalk and on the north lawn and on the east hillside by the trees.

Have a wonderful Easter!

Friendship Manor Board Position

FCC supplies four members of Friendship Manor's Board of Trustees. FCC will need to fill one of these positions beginning this May. Each Board member is expected to serve a three year term. Because the term of service begins earlier than the term for FCC boards, the Nominating Committee is making this need known now, and requesting interested persons to contact Marijke, Ron Sawdey or Paul Kelley as soon as possible. You may contact Ruth Ann Smith-Matsuo or Susan Olson if you have questions about this position.



Parish Nurse Health Tip

These Drugs Can Harm Your Hearing Say What? Huh?

*Antibiotics and OTC pain relievers can cause inner ear damage.
How many are there? Over 200!*

Not only hearing loss, but balance and unsteadiness on your feet.

- Hearing loss isn't something that just comes with age. Your hearing can also be damaged — sometimes irreversibly — by the drugs you take.
- Ototoxic medications, literally "toxic to the ear," can include common prescription and nonprescription drugs, ranging from the seemingly benign, like aspirin and ibuprofen, to powerful chemotherapy drugs and certain antibiotics. People with hereditary hearing loss may be even more susceptible to their effects.
- But these aren't the only drugs that can cause serious hearing problems. Here are some others that have the potential to harm your hearing, especially if you take them in high doses for a long period.

Antibiotics Cipro (ciprofloxacin) and Levaquin (levofloxacin)

- Both of these are prescribed for a wide variety of bacterial infections, and both can cause hearing loss and tinnitus.

Antidepressants, including Prozac, Elavil, Paxil, Zoloft, and Celexa

- Linked to ringing in the ears, or tinnitus. Paradoxically, they are also often prescribed to relieve the psychological burden of tinnitus. Oh, for heaven's sake!

Loop diuretics

- A specific group, including furosemide (Lasix), prescribed for heart or kidney problems. They can cause hearing loss if taken in large doses for long periods, although the effect may be reversible once the drug is stopped.

The chemotherapy drugs Cisplatin and Carboplatin

- Extremely damaging. If you already have hearing loss, or if you have a family history of it, oncologists may suggest substituting other chemotherapy drugs, if possible. But if it's a case of your life or your hearing, most people will feel there's no choice.
- Other chemo drugs damaging to hearing are: **Bleomycin** and **Cylophosphamide**

Quinine - for treatment of malaria

- Like loop diuretics, it can affect hearing if long-term use at large doses is required, but the effect may be reversible.

Drug combos

- Taking multiple prescription drugs, or an over-the-counter pain reliever along with a prescription drug, can sometimes exacerbate hearing problems.
- For example, **aminoglycoside antibiotics**, like those mentioned above, are even more lethal to the inner ear's hair cells when combined with drugs like **vancomycin**, which can cause tinnitus, or a loop diuretic like **furosemide**.

Over-the-counter pain relief

- Frequent high doses of **aspirin**, **ibuprofen** (Advil), **acetaminophen** (Tylenol) and **naproxen** (Aleve) can increase the risk of hearing loss.

After all has been said, we are in a catch-22. Yes? We so often need these medications. What to do? What to do? Of course, weigh the good with the bad. Consult with your health care provider. And as Tom Barberi, an old radio host once said, "Moderation in all things, including moderation". Or something like that.

New Things, Different Things – Deacons Board

Written by Phil LeHoux

For some time, the Board of Deacons and Marijke have been considering how to enhance the Worship experience at FCC. The first change, which has been in place for a long while, was the order of the Service, particularly on Communion Sundays. To the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we have recently returned to a more interactive responsive liturgy, as well as moving Communion back to the end of the Worship. We will also be adding the practice of Communion by Intention on a more-frequent basis. Although much discussion has gone into the planning of the Worship, there are only seven voices gathered at the Board meeting. We need to hear from you: what would make the Sunday Worship more impactful for you? Let us know, talk to a deacon, drop a note in our mail slot. Better yet, consider joining the Board next year and get in on the planning and discussion directly.

April Outreach

Written by: Diane Forster-Burke

Volunteers of America's Youth Resource Center

The Volunteers of America in Salt Lake City has a variety of programs that they offer. One program is for homeless teens. Through their Street Outreach program, they're able to gain the trust of these youth and offer much-needed services at VOA's Youth Resource Center for homeless teens. At first, teens may come to the Youth Resource Center for a shower, to do laundry, or get some food. But once trust is built, the VOA can serve them in more meaningful ways. The VOA staff can work with the teens to explore what led to homelessness and to offer services to help teens to transform their lives. Each year, they serve about 800 teens through this facility. They offer emergency shelter beds, 24/7 assistance, three meals a day and free legal services through our *Homeless Youth Legal Clinic*. They also offer programs

dedicated to education assistance, job training, counseling, and volunteer-run groups. The Outreach Board took the donated items from the Share the Warmth Tree to the Your Resource Center this past December. For more information about their services you can go to: <https://www.voaut.org/homeless-teen-services>

REPLENISH the GARDEN OF GRACE for SPRING!

Saturday, April 1st, 9:00am - noon

(Located on the North side of the Church)

GOALS: Clip back the plants
Garden maintenance
Add mulch on top
Plant some new flowers

It is time to give our Xeriscape (Dry Vista) Garden some TLC before Easter. Come and enjoy the outdoors. Garden tools are available or bring your own. Coffee, Cold Drinks and Refreshments will be provided. Come for any amount of time you can. Thank you!

Hope to see you in the garden!

Contact us with any questions.

Jeanne Hansen
801.209.2823

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801.556.7448

LENTEN SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

April 5th – Lenten Soup Supper at 6:00pm (Wednesday)

April 9th – Palm Sunday Service at 11 am

April 13th – Maundy Thursday – Agape Feast at 6pm (sign-up sheet is on bulletin board upstairs check and sign – up to help)

April 14th – Good Friday Service at Noon

FCC is also invited to attend Good Friday service at Holladay United Church of Christ that evening

April 16th – Easter Sunday – Service at 11 am

Easter Egg Hunt for the Young Folks following Worship. Please check with a member of the CE board and see if they need any candy donations to help fill the Easter Eggs for the hunt.

Stewardship Sunday May 7th, 2017

Please join us May 7 to celebrate who we are as a church by rededicating ourselves to the coming year with our time and talents. We will be recognizing those who have given their time and talents in the past year, as well as expressing what First Congregational Church means to us. We hope you will all join us for a luncheon following worship.

Pictures Wanted

We need pictures of people, worship, and activities at FCC in the last year so we can have a slide show on Stewardship Sunday May 7th. Please send pictures to Wendy Haupt, wshaupt@gmail.com or text (801)755-9758.

April Calendar

April 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Garden of Grace Renewal Day 9am - Noon
2 Camp Sunday Adult Sunday School 12:30pm	3 AA Meeting 6:30pm	4 Deacons Meeting 7pm Trustees Meeting 7pm	5 Men's Breakfast 7am Community Soup Supper Night 6:00pm	6 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	7	8 All Church Brunch 10am. Bring a dish to share and enjoy some good company – Questions ask Wendy Haupt (Kitchen/Fireside)
9 Communion Sunday Palm Sunday CE Meeting before Worship Adult Sunday School 12:30pm Outreach Meeting Following Worship	10 AA Meeting 6:30pm	11	12	13 Maundy Thursday Agape Feast Kristi Out of Office Back in the office Tuesday April 25th	14 Good Friday Service Noon Kristi Out Of Office	15
16 Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt for the Young folks following Worship	17 AA Meeting 6:30pm Young Artist Chamber Players Sanctuary/Kitchen/ Fireside Room 5:30pm – 8:30pm	18 Kristi Out of Office	19 Community Night 6:30pm Council Meeting 6:30pm Clarion Article Deadline Kristi Out of Office	20 Choir Rehearsal 7pm Kristi Out of Office	21 Salt Lake City American Guild of Organists Recital Noon – 9:30pm Sanctuary and Kitchen/Fireside Room (Teresa Clawson) Kristi Out of Office	22
23 Adult Sunday School 12:30pm Recruiting Event Following Worship	24 AA Meeting 6:30pm Young Artist Chamber Players Sanctuary/Kitchen/ Fireside Room 5:30pm – 8:30pm	25	26 Community Night 6:30pm	27 Choir Rehearsal 7pm PEO Meeting Fireside/Kitchen 6:30pm – 8:30pm (Alice Stephenson)	28	29
30 Adult Sunday School 12:30pm Sandwich Making Following Worship	Notes:					

May Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 AA Meeting 6:30pm	2 Deacons Meeting 7pm Trustees Meeting 7pm	3 Men's Breakfast 7am Community Night 6:30pm	4 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	5	6
7 Camp Sunday Stewardship Sunday and Luncheon Following	8 AA Meeting 6:30pm Ministers Convocation Meeting Through the 11 th . Marijke will be out of the office	9 Marijke out of office	10 Community Night 6:30pm Marijke out of office	11 Choir Rehearsal 7pm Marijke out of office	12	13
14 Communion Outreach Meeting before Worship Mother's Day Sunday School Appreciation Adult Sunday School 12:30pm CE Meeting Following Worship	15 AA Meeting 6:30pm Marijke will be attending the Homeletics Festival through the 19th	16 Marijke out of office	17 Council Meeting 6:30pm **Please get your Annual Reports in by Sunday the 21 st Clarion Deadline Community Night 6:30pm Marijke out of office	18 Kristi Out of the office 40 th Birthday Trip to Disneyland Choir Rehearsal 7pm Marijke out of office	19 Kristi Out of the office 40 th Birthday Trip to Disneyland Marijke out of office	20
21 Choir Appreciation Sunday Adult Sunday School 12:30pm ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS ARE DUE TODAY	22 AA Meeting 6:30pm	23	24 Community Night 6:30pm	25	26	27
28 Adult Sunday School 12:30pm	29 AA Meeting 6:30pm Memorial Day	30	31 Community Night 6:30pm	Notes:		

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Period Ending February 28, 2017

CHURCH GENERAL FUND	February	Fiscal Year-to- Date
Unrestricted Contributions	\$9,339.66	\$107,787.87
+ Other Unrestricted Revenue	\$6,389.06	\$43,344.80
+ Transferred to General Fund from Designated Accounts, Memorial Fund & FCC Trust	\$354.98	\$5,092.93
= Total Income	\$16,083.70	\$156,225.60
Total Expenses	-\$21,422.66	-\$170,039.73
= Net General Fund Surplus (-Deficit)	-\$5,338.96	-\$13,814.13

Data for comparison

YTD Budgeted Unrestricted Contributions	\$103,613.00
YTD Budgeted Total Income	\$164,611.00
YTD Budgeted Total Expenses	-\$190,970.00
Amt YTD Surplus is ahead of (+) or behind (-) Budget	\$12,544.87

DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS

Designated Contributions	February	Fiscal Year-to- Date
All Outreach Contributions	\$897.00	\$5,834.00
Other Designated Contributions	\$13.50	\$2,439.70
= Total Designated Contributions	\$910.50	\$8,273.70

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