

CONGREGATIONAL CLARION

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August 2018



AS SUMMER COMES TO A CLOSE...

First Congregational Church

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Website: www.firstcongregationalslc.org

Office Hours:

Tuesday – Thursday: 8:30am – 3:00pm

Friday: 8:00am – Noon

Sunday Worship Services:

Morning Brew at 8:30am

Traditional Worship at 10:00am

Nursery Provided

Senior Minister:	Rev. Marijke Rossi
Moderator:	Marge Kimes
1st Assoc. Moderator:	Wendy Haupt
2nd Assoc. Moderator:	
Treasurer:	Scott Hansen
Financial Secretary:	Mike McIntire
Church Clerk:	Ken Rockwell
Board of Trustees:	Ron Sawdey
Board of Deacons:	Carla McIntire
Outreach Board:	Diane Forster-Burke
Christian Education:	Pam Svikhart
Youth Director:	Molly Connor
Membership Board:	Cissy Wolff
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

FROM THE REV...

Rev. Marijke Rossi

As we are getting near to the end of summer there is a big event to keep us excited about what is going on at FCC. Our first ordination in many years will be happening on the 19th. Very exciting for us to be ordaining Joanna Hart. She has worked very hard to get to this point in her ministry and we are honored as her home church to bless her with confirming her call.

We are also continuing to look at visioning our future and supporting Trustees in getting the projects looked into that we have requested. The visioning/futures committee is working hard to help us all see the big picture for our church. Let's bring our ideas and solutions for all of us to make good decisions for the future.

I can hardly believe that camp is over as you are all reading this. I am writing this just before leaving for camp and full of anticipation. Knowing what a difference it makes to the kids we serve, I can't help but get that thrill in my stomach thinking of doing such an important mission. Molly will be at camp as our Youth Director this year and has been working nonstop for the last month to prepare(probably longer). Laurel Tomlinson has offered to co-lead worship services with me. Christine and Shaun have organized another great camp. It is truly a labor of love for all involved. To be able to pull off a camp with ALL volunteer staff is a rare and miraculous thing. I can't name everyone who makes camp happen, but, from the bottom of my heart I honor and thank all of you. God is good.

May we follow the example of Jesus in our goals to move our church forward and may we truly know in our hearts that we are working toward making our little piece of the earth a place of sanctuary, joy and peace.

Amen



MODERATOR'S MOMENT

Our new year of officers and boards has begun. Council met recently and boards are getting organized. Membership and Christian Education still have openings.

We have begun the Envisioning our Future adventure. Our first meeting for discussion was July 15. Thirty-five members met and the following resulted from our discussion:

1. The consensus of the group was to stay in the building and improve/upgrade it.
2. Most are willing to spend our trust money to make the church building a more inviting and welcoming space
3. We need to articulate our vision and mission to enable us to identify who, what and how we will use this building.
4. We need to truly look at the number, age and energy level of our congregation and accept the fact we will probably need outside help (which will cost us) to manage and achieve activities and to maintain the building in the future.
5. Suggestions were made to use Camp as a tool to help develop more youth activities to encourage more youth participation and growth.
6. #5 and other activities proposed bring up questions that will need to be addressed before implementation such as:

What are the activities proposed?

What human and financial resources are needed?

What are the goals of the activity? Growth? Outreach?

How does the activity relate to the goal?

How do we determine if the plan is a success?

7. We need to look at our organizational structure and consider reshaping our boards, their duties and man hours required to fulfill their responsibilities. This will most likely lead to bylaw changes.

Some progress is being made. Trustees are getting bids for updating our HVAC system. Hopefully we can act on that quickly. Boards are considering their needs.

We still want and need the involvement and support of all of you. Please bring forth your ideas, suggestions and comments. Put them in writing and include the required information. Give them to me or send them to the church office and Kristi will get them to us.

Other comments, ideas and suggestions? Does the above cover what YOU heard? Please let us know.

Thanks, Marge Kimes, Moderator

CLARION DEADLINE



September Clarion Deadline will be August 15th. You can email your articles or leave them in the church office.

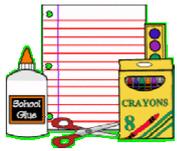
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CALENDAR



The Calendars in this issue give information about church activities as well as building use by external groups. While any building use should be co-coordinated through the office, this should help you make appropriate plans if you need to use the church.

August Outreach Project



Our August project will be the Granite School District Education Foundation (GSD). We will be filling backpack bags for students and any funds raised will go to the Education Foundation. Red backpacks to fill will be available by early July. These backpacks are due back to church by Aug 15th. School starts August 20th. We will solicit funds through the month of August for this Education Foundation.

The funds raised will assist the Granite School Education Foundation to help with school supplies and other needs experienced by their students. GSD has an extremely diverse population with a total of 68,000 students who have a wide range of needs. This year 65% of the students, approximately 44,000, are living at or below poverty level. Granite Education Foundation also endeavors to provide support for over 1,000 students identified as homeless. The Foundation strives to meet the needs for each student, but especially those who are at an economic disadvantage. Granite Education Foundation focuses on helping with basic needs such as food, school supplies and hygiene items.

Nursery Attendants Needed

Are you able to provide supervision in the nursery when families with young children attend church? No need to make a long term commitment. You can volunteer for a few Sundays here and there or you can be part of our regular rotation. Contact Cissy Wolff at cissywolff@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions. Please prayerfully consider joining us in providing this vital service for our church.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Celebrating a special occasion? Enjoying the fellowship after an uplifting worship service? Consider hosting Coffee Hour to enhance special celebrations and fellowship. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the conference room. Please consider helping to provide this special time of community.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational meeting following service on August 12. This will be to vote to call a vicinage council to approve the ordination of Joanna Hart. This council includes representatives from area churches and our church who look at the education, work activities as well as the spiritual life and activities to determine if ordination is appropriate. Ordination would occur at a future date.

Join the Thursday Book Group – Book Group is reading “Judgement Detox” by Gabrielle Bernstein. It discusses how to become less judgmental and more loving. Wendy Haupt has read it and highly recommends it. We’d love to add new voices to the six or seven who have been meeting regularly. The group meets weekly from 2:00 to 3:00pm in the Heritage Room. If you are interested, talk to Marijke about getting a copy of the book.

Women's Pot Luck Lunch - Please join the women in our church for a pot luck lunch on **Thursday August 30th at 12pm at Cissy Wolff's house (2016 Emerson Ave, Salt Lake City)**.  It will be much cooler to meet at Cissy's house instead of the church. Please let Cissy or Wendy know if you will be coming. We hope to see you all there.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Period Ending June 30, 2018

CHURCH GENERAL FUND	June	Fiscal Year-to- Date
Unrestricted Contributions	\$7,565.35	\$146,368.27
+ Other Unrestricted Revenue	\$7,040.63	\$71,418.49
+ Transferred to General Fund from Designated Accounts, Memorial Fund & FCC Trust	\$1,735.00	\$9,359.69
= Total Income	\$16,340.98	\$227,146.45
Total Expenses	-\$21,174.68	-\$238,394.90
= <i>Net General Fund Surplus (-Deficit)</i>	<i>-\$4,833.70</i>	<i>-\$11,248.45</i>

Data for comparison

YTD Budgeted Unrestricted Contributions	\$163,136.00
YTD Budgeted Total Income	\$225,717.00
YTD Budgeted Total Expenses	-\$234,164.00
Amt YTD Surplus is ahead of (+) or behind (-) Budget	-\$2,801.45

DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS

Designated Contributions	June	Fiscal Year-to- Date
All Outreach Contributions	\$425.00	\$8,065.35
Other Designated Contributions	\$0.00	\$982.00
= <i>Total Designated Contributions</i>	<i>\$425.00</i>	<i>\$9,047.35</i>

August Calendar

August 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Men's Breakfast 7am No Community Night Through August	2 Campers Return Home from Camp Book Group @2pm	3 Counselors Return Home from Camp	4
5 Camp Sunday and BBQ Welcome Home Campers Morning Brew @8:30am Traditional Worship Service @10am Council in charge of Coffee Hour	6 AA Meeting @6:30pm	7 Deacons Meeting @7pmk	8	9 Book Group @2pm	10	11
12 Communion Morning Brew @8:30am Traditional Worship Service @10am Congregational Meeting Following Worship Ecclesiastical Council for Joanna Hart Adult Education @11:30am CE Meeting Outreach Meeting	13 AA Meeting @6:30pm	14 Trustees Meeting @7pm	15 Council Meeting @6:30pm Clarion Deadline	16 Book Group @2pm	17	18
19 Morning Brew @8:30am Traditional Worship Service @10am Adult Education @11:30am	20 AA Meeting @6:30pm	21	22	23 Book Group @2pm	24	25
26 Morning Brew @8:30am Traditional Worship Service @10am Adult Education @11:30am	27 AA Meeting @6:30pm	28	29	30 Women's Potluck Luncheon Noon at Cissy Wolff's Home Book Group @2pm	31	

September Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Camp Sunday Morning Brew 8:30am Traditional Worship Service 11am Adult Education @11:30am	3 AA Meeting 6:30pm Labor Day	4 Deacons Meeting 7pm	5 Men's Breakfast 7am Community Night 6:30pm	6 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	7	8
9 Rally Day and Luncheon at the Church Communion Worship Service Change in Time 11am Morning Brew 9:30am Traditional Worship Service 11am	10 AA Meeting 6:30pm	11 Trustees Meeting 7pm	12 Community Night 6:30pm	13 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	14	15
16 Morning Brew 9:30am Traditional Worship Service 11am Adult Education @12:30pm	17 AA Meeting 6:30pm	18	19 Council Meeting @7pm Clarion Deadline No Community Night Due to Council	20 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	21	22 Women's Coffee at Beans and Brews on 33 rd . 9:30am Contact Cissy Wolff for more details
23 Morning Brew 9:30am Traditional Worship Service 11am Adult Education @12:30pm Flu Clinic Following Worship	24 AA Meeting 6:30pm	25	26 Community Night 6:30pm	27 Choir Rehearsal 7pm Worship Planning Meeting 7pm	28	29
30 Morning Brew 9:30am Traditional Worship Service 11am Adult Education @12:30pm						

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