

CONGREGATIONAL CLARION

2150 FOOTHILL DRIVE
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
801-487-1357

July 2016



WORSHIP PLANNING – JULY

7/3/16

Psalm 66:1-12, Galatians 6:1-16

Comfort in discipline

86 The Lord is My Shepherd

500 Precious Lord Take My Hand

697 Eat this Bread

505 All the Way My Savior Leads Me

7/10/16

Psalm 82, Colossians 1:1-14

Gospel bearing fruit

616 We meet You, O Christ

587 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

588 A Charge to Keep I have

7/17/16

Psalm 15, Luke 10:38-42

Business is not always productive

344 I have decided to follow Jesus

453 Christ Be My Leader

466 Take My Life and Let it Be

7/24/16

Psalm 138, Luke 11:1-13

The Lord's Prayer

419 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

740 The Lord's Prayer

492 Spirit of the Living God

7/31/16

Psalm 49:1-12, Luke 12:13-21

Perspective on Abundance





**First Congregational Church
2150 S. Foothill Drive
Salt Lake City, Utah 84109**

Phone: (801) 487-1357

Fax: (801) 466-1331

Email: firstcongo@qwestoffice.net

Minister Email: pastorfirstcongo@qwestoffice.net

Website: www.firstcongregationalslc.org

Find us on Facebook: First Congregational Church, Salt Lake City

Office Hours:

Tuesday – Thursday: 8:30am – 3:00pm

Friday: 8:00am – Noon

Worship Hour: Worship Hour at 10:00am

Nursery Provided

| | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Interim 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: | TBD |
| Board of Deacons: | TBD |
| Outreach Board: | TBD |
| Christian Education: | TBD |
| Membership Board: | TBD |
| Parish Nurses: | Diane Forster-Burke, Marge Kimes |
| 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

Summer is here and it is nice and warm in the sanctuary. The Sacred conversations are going well. We are looking forward to adult Sunday school on weeks we aren't having the sacred conversations. The content for adult Sunday school will be about "how to study religion." I will have an outline and schedule soon. It will be up on the boards upstairs and in the fellowship room. Camp is coming soon and preparations are underway. There will be a showing of the Force Awakens on June 29th. All are welcome including all of the campers.

We are excited about the direction the church is going. The Pastoral Search Committee will be making a decision soon. We should be thinking about what that will look like when the new pastor is chosen. Remember we all work together and steer the ship with all hands on the wheel. Bring your ideas and energy as we continue the sacred conversations.

May we all be blessed in the coming months as we head for this exciting time of renewal and strength.

This is a blessing Father Lincoln Ure used. I think it is beautiful and worth sharing. Some of us attended Linc's funeral in June and found this the most comforting part of the service. Enjoy
"Live without fear, live beyond shame, live beyond resentment: your Creator has made you Holy, has always protected you, and Loves you as a Mother. Follow the Good Road. May you be on Christ's path. May he be on yours.

Amen



SUMMER CLARION

The office will be producing a shortened version of the Clarion during the Summer Months. We will have an updated Calendar for the month and financials and any new events that have come up. Deadline for any new upcoming events needs to be in by the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

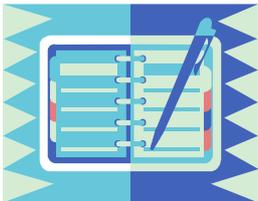
CLARION DEADLINE



August Clarion Deadline will be July 20th. You can email your articles or leave them in the church office.

firstcongo@qwestoffice.net

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.

Church Grounds Clean Up Day

Join us on Saturday morning **July 9** to help us show a little love for our church grounds. There's lots of weeding, trimming and picking up to do to bring the grounds up to snuff, and many hands makes for light work. Come as early as you'd like and stay as late as you can. Lists of projects will be available at the church, so folks can strike out on their own. Bring gardening gloves and tools. If you own a sprayer that can be used for applying Round Up, bring it along. There are lots of weeds to kill. Thanks in advance for pitching in.

Your Board of Trustees

Results of the Theological Survey of the Membership

Written by Ron Sawdey

You may recall that as part of our pastoral search we were asked to provide our church's response to a number of theological assertions. The responses were to be part of our Church Information Form (CIF) that was filed with the NACCC so that candidates to become our pastor could have a good overview of our church before they formally applied to become our pastor. The Pulpit Committee decided that the best way to develop our responses would be to conduct a survey of the members of FCC and get their input. A total of 30 members responded, so it is safe to say that the results of this survey are a fair reflection of the generally held beliefs of our church. I believe the results are easily interpreted, so I will not attempt to interpret the results. Rather, I would encourage each of you to read the results and decide for yourself if you agree or disagree with the beliefs held by the majority of our membership.

| Theological Statement | I Believe | Maybe | I Don't Believe |
|--|------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| All faiths have statement about God which are true. | 17 | 8 | 2 |
| Jesus is the Word made flesh. | 16 | 8 | 4 |
| Jesus is the fullest expression of God possible for human beings. | 17 | 7 | 2 |
| Religious beliefs relate to every facet of our lives. | 21 | 5 | 4 |
| Religion should remain separate from secular affairs. | 14 | 10 | 4 |
| Salvation is possible only through Christ. | 3 | 7 | 18 |
| Salvation is available to all person whether or not they are Christians. | 23 | 2 | 2 |
| The Bible is the inspired Word of God, mediated through human authors without error. | 1 | 6 | 20 |
| The Bible should be interpreted in the light of modern scholarship. | 18 | 6 | 2 |

| | | | |
|--|----|----|----|
| Evil is a real presence in the world today. | 20 | 4 | 3 |
| Sin and suffering in the world are solely the result of human willfulness. | 4 | 9 | 16 |
| The true nature of God is expressed through the Trinity--the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. | 11 | 10 | 4 |
| The Holy Spirit is an active presence of God made known in spiritual gifts. | 18 | 8 | 1 |
| Prayer has the power to change the world. | 15 | 11 | 1 |
| God is personally active in our lives. | 19 | 7 | 1 |
| Evolution and the Biblical account of creation are compatible with each other. | 23 | 5 | 1 |

JULY OUTREACH - American Red Cross

The American Red Cross will be the financial recipient for the Outreach donations for the month of July. The American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton in 1881. The American Red Cross helps those affected by disasters (flood, fire, earthquakes, tornadoes etc.) They are currently assisting flood victims in Texas and the South. On their web site www.redcross.org, they indicate that 90% of their assistance with disasters is after a fire has occurred. They help with temporary shelter as well as food and water.

In addition to disaster relief efforts, the American Red Cross collects and distributes blood donations, teaches CPR, trains people for emergency preparedness, and has first aid kits for sale. They also provide training for babysitting, CNAs, EMTs, swimming and lifeguarding. More than 4 million people received emergency and first aid instruction last year. Every 2 seconds, someone needs a blood transfusion. (www.redcross.org, 2016) They respond to nearly 70,000 disasters annually within the US.

SCHOOL BACKPACKS

The Outreach Board is once again collecting school supplies in back packs to be donated through the Salt Lake Educational Foundation for needy students. The empty back packs are now available in the church narthex. There are lists of school supplies requested to be included in the back packs. Please take both a list and a back pack.

The deadline for turning in your back packs is [Sunday July 31th](#). If you have additional questions, please contact an Outreach board member. Thank you for your continued support!

Women's Fellowship Pot Luck Lunch

Ladies, please come to a women's pot luck lunch Friday July 15 at 12:00pm in the Fireside Room. We always have lively conversation and great food. We hope you can all make it.

Women's Retreat - Alta Lodge Oct 7 - 8

We will be having a women's retreat, lead by Marijke, at the Alta Lodge Friday Oct 7 - Sat Oct 8. The retreat typically starts after we check in about 4pm Friday, and it concludes about 4pm Saturday. The retreat is a time for spiritual renewal, socializing with wonderful women, great food, and breathtaking scenery in Little Cottonwood Canyon. The cost for a double occupancy room and 3 meals will be approximately \$130 per person (approximately \$55 more for a single room). We also have money in our budget for scholarships (contact Wendy or Marijke if you are interested in a scholarship). **Let Wendy know as soon as possible if you plan to attend** so that she can let Alta Lodge know if we need more rooms (Alta currently has 12 rooms reserved for our group). **Wendy (801)755-9758**
wshaupt@gmail.com .

Deacons Message - LOOKING FORWARD

The Deacons are planning ways to enhance our sanctuary and narthex. We hope by September to have pew pads in the first ten rows of the Sanctuary and colorful banners on the east and west wall of the Sanctuary.

The narthex will have Welcoming banners above each of the credenzas. It is our hope that these additions will provide a warm and welcoming feeling in our building.

If you have further ideas please let one of the Deacons know about it.

Remember to sign up to be a liturgist in July and August.

You can donate to FCC via PayPal



For those of you who prefer to do all of your financial transactions through credit card, we have now made it possible for you to use your credit card to donate to FCC through PayPal. You simply go to the FCC web site (firstcongregationalslc.org) and find the "Donate" button on the lower left of the first page. If don't have a PayPal account it is easily done the first time you donate. You can use any major credit card (e.g. VISA, Mastercard, American Express and Discover Card) to make your payment. You can make payments to both the FCC general fund as well as to our monthly outreach recipients. Much like when you use a pew envelope, you can add a note to your donation and designate the amount you are giving to a specific fund.

We hope you find this convenience worthwhile. Please give any member of Council your feedback on what you think of this new way of donating to the ministry of our church.

The Ants Go Marching One By One

ANTS!!! – Attention members and Friends! The cleaning crew would ask that you please sweep the fireside room after each use. Any crumbs that get left behind are attracting ants. The cleaning crew cleans that room once a week but crumbs need to be kept off the floor so please put all the chairs up on the tables and sweep the space after each use. This will help keep them at bay.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Period Ending May 31, 2016

| CHURCH GENERAL FUND | May | Fiscal Year-to-Date |
|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| Unrestricted Contributions | \$15,616.15 | \$139,827.91 |
| + Other Unrestricted Revenue | \$4,342.50 | \$58,373.57 |
| + Transferred to General Fund from Designated Accounts, Memorial Fund & FCC Trust | \$38.00 | \$8,938.96 |
| = Total Income | \$19,996.65 | \$207,140.44 |
| Total Expenses | -\$45,647.80 | -\$209,937.56 |
| = <i>Net General Fund Surplus (-Deficit)</i> | -\$25,651.15 | -\$2,797.12 |

Data for comparison

| | |
|--|---------------|
| YTD Budgeted Unrestricted Contributions | \$159,722.00 |
| YTD Budgeted Total Income | \$247,202.33 |
| YTD Budgeted Total Expenses | -\$251,333.77 |
| Amt YTD Surplus is ahead of (+) or behind (-) Budget | \$1,334.32 |

DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS

| | May | Fiscal Year-to-Date |
|---|------------|----------------------------|
| Designated Contributions | | |
| All Outreach Contributions | \$562.00 | \$12,734.96 |
| Other Designated Contributions | \$74.98 | \$472.36 |
| = <i>Total Designated Contributions</i> | \$636.98 | \$13,207.32 |

July 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|-----------|--|--|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Worship at 10am Family Service Communion Adult Sunday School at 11:30am | 4 Independence Day AA Meeting 6:30pm | 5 Deacons Meeting 7pm | 6 Men's Breakfast At 7am Community Movie Night 6:30pm | 7 | 8 | 9 Church Outdoor Clean-up at 8am |
| 10 Worship at 10am CE Meeting Before Worship Adult Sunday School at 11:30am Outreach Meeting After Worship | 11 AA Meeting 6:30pm | 12 Trustees Meeting 7pm | 13 Community Movie Night 6:30pm PEO Meeting 11:30 – 3pm Fireside Room | 14 | 15 Women's Fellowship Pot Luck Lunch @Noon in the Fireside Room | 16 |
| 17 Worship at 10am Adult Sunday School at 11:30am Camp Fellowship Counselor Sleepover | 18 AA Meeting 6:30pm | 19 | 20 Community Movie Night 6:30pm Council Meeting 7pm Clarion Articles Due | 21 | 22 Camp Fellowship Counselors Arrive | 23 Camp Fellowship Campers Arrive Camp Runs till July 28 th for Campers and July 29 th for Counselors |
| 24 Worship at 10am Family Service Pioneer Day | 25 AA Meeting 6:30pm Pioneer Day Observed | 26 | 27 Community Movie Night 6:30pm | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 Worship at 10am Camp Fellowship Sunday Please wear your clean camp shirts to church School Supply Backpacks are Due | Notes: | | | | | |

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

2150 S. Foothill Drive

SLC, Utah 84109

July 2016

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED