

CONGREGATIONAL CLARION

2150 FOOTHILL DRIVE
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
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May 2018



Happy Mother's Day

MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 6

Camp Sunday

Scripture - Psalm 98, John 15:9-17

Sermon - "Love One Another The Way I Have Loved You"

May 13

Mothers Day

Communion Sunday

Kids Speaking

May 20

Pentecost

Sermon - Paul, "The Great Contextualiser"

Scripture - Psalm 66:8-20, Acts 17:22-31

May 27

Trinity Sunday

Scripture - Psalm 29, Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon – "The Great Commission"



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 9:30am

Traditional Worship at 11:00am

Nursery Provided

Senior Minister:	Rev. Marijke Rossi
Moderator:	Tom Simons
1st Assoc. Moderator:	Marge Kimes
2nd Assoc. Moderator:	Wendy Haupt
Treasurer:	Scott Hanson
Financial Secretary:	Mike McIntire
Church Clerk:	Ken Rockwell
Board of Trustees:	Mike McIntire
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

REFLECTIONS FROM THE REV.....

Rev. Marijke Rossi

Blessings to all of you! This year is moving along so fast. Here we are in May with the annual meeting coming up the first Sunday in June. We will have several graduates speaking on Mother's Day as well as the younger students receiving a gift. Please join us as we are blessed with their point of view, looking at the world from the eyes of their future and sharing memories of their past. We will present bibles and honor the transitions of each child. May we also look at the world with fresh eyes and May we love one another as God loves us.

CLARION DEADLINE



Summer Clarion (June, July, August) Deadline will be May 16. During the summer months there will be an updated Calendar available each month. You can email your articles or leave them in the church office. firstcongo@qwestoffice.net

SECRETARY TRAVEL PLANS FOR MAY

Kristi will be out of the office May 17-18th ... You guessed it she will be in Disneyland for her Birthday.

Minister's Travel Plans for June

Marijke will be out of the office June 5th through the 26th.

Book Group – Meets Thursdays at 2pm in the Heritage Room.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

May 6 – Camp Sunday/Noisy Buckets

May 13 – Mother’s Day

May 16 – Annual Reports Deadline

May 20 – Sunday School and Choir Appreciation

May 26 – Church Hike @930am

May 31 – Women’s Potluck Luncheon at Noon

June 3 – Annual Meeting following worship

June 10 – Outdoor Service

June 17 – Father’s Day and Summer Worship Hour Begins

Morning Brew at 8:30am and Worship at 10am



CALENDAR



The Calendars in this issue give information about church activities as well as building use by 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.

GOT GRADUATES?

We would like to honor all in our church family who will be graduating from high school or college. Please call or email the church office with this information.



OUR GRADUATES!

We would like to congratulate all of our High School graduating seniors. Good luck in all your future endeavors.

ANNUAL REPORTS DEADLINE

All annual reports need to be turned in to the church office (firstcongo@qwestoffice.net) in final, print ready, electronic form by May 16, 2018. This will give the office time to get the Report booklet ready for the meeting. Thank You. If you have any questions please call the church office at 801-487-1357.

ANNUAL MEETING

The 153rd Annual Meeting of First Congregational Church of Salt Lake City will be held on June 3rd, 2018 in the sanctuary following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be the presentation and approval of the budget, receipt of reports from boards, moderator, and minister, and election of board members and officers for the coming year and other issues needing consideration by the membership of the church. Please plan on attending. Thank You.



FROM THE CLEANING CREW



The bathrooms get cleaned mid-week and the building also usually gets vacuumed mid-week as well. Please be aware of this cleaning schedule, the cleaning crew comes only once a week. During the summer months coming up we as members and friends need to remember to sweep up any crumbs left on the floor and also make sure trash is emptied and new liners are put in cans. Please also for those that use the fireside room. Fold and stack the chairs in the space next the fireplace. By doing this we make sure to keep the potential for bugs out. Please leave the building how you found it so it can be nice and clean for Sunday. Leave No Trace!

Church Hike on Saturday May 26th



Please join us for a hike (destination to be announced later) on May 26th at 9:30am. Please let Wendy Haupt know if you would like to come. (801)755-9758

Women's Pot Luck Lunch - Please join the women in our church for a pot luck lunch on Thursday May 31st at 12pm. This is a wonderful time to get to know women in the church.



Health Tip

Obituaries: Magnificent Tributes and Foder For Scammers!

Obits are pure gold for grieving family members and friends, and they are also "pure gold" for scammers who target grieving spouses and family members.

With the public sharing of information at an all time high and identity theft cases rising daily, we must write obituaries in a new way! It is imperative. Publicly sharing personal information is risky enough in every day life. It gets worse in death. Think about it; in an obituary you are sharing private information with STRANGERS!

What Not To Include In The Obituary:

1. Complete date of birth of the deceased. Give the deceased's age but leave out the complete birth date.
2. Do not give the deceased middle name.
3. Especially don't give his/her mother's maiden name!
4. Or the name of his first pet or favorite pet.
5. Complete address of the deceased.
6. Be very careful about including hobbies. Scammers love this information.
7. Don't include the names of family survivors. It leaves them open to scammers. This is one of the most difficult cautions to eliminate, as it is so historically traditional. One always sees, "She is survived by her amazing husband of 54 years, Dagabarth Farquar, 5 children, so and so, 10 grand children, so and so". All of them named. Too much information.

What To Include In the obituary:

1. If you go online, there are a million and one sites on how to write a beautiful obituary. All of them are "old school". They don't include the admonitions above. Be very careful.
2. Two days ago, a dear, dear, colleague passed away. Her obituary was magnificent. The true essence of her being was definitely caught. What wasn't captured was the fact that she was an amazing nurse. She was a pioneer in the field of early nursing in Utah, and then she defined school nursing for the entire state. Her model set the groundwork for every nurse that followed. We turned to her as our leader. Diane and I knew this was left out of the obituary not because there was not enough room, but because she had not shared with her family that she was the "Queen of All Things Nursing In Early Utah and The Mother of School Nursing". We don't like to toot our own horn. We don't tell our family and friends some of our greatest hits.
3. Here's my suggestion: Along with a copy of your will, medical directives, power of attorney, funeral and burial plan, give your family or power of attorney a copy of your resume. Add to it your greatest hits. The

things you've accomplished in life. Go for it! Don't leave anything out. Even if you have told some of it to family members, trust me, if it isn't written down, at the time of obit writing, it will be left out.

Possible Scams To Watch Out For After A Death In A Family:

Identity Theft:

- Nearly 800,000 people a year are specifically targeted after death, because no one's checking their credit reports.
- Remember the first five digits of a Social Security number are linked to a time and place of birth.
- Quickly send requests to each of the major credit-reporting bureaus – Equifax, Experian and TransUnion- to flag the person's account as "deceased". This permanently stops new credit from being issued in the person's name. You'll need a certified copy of the death certificate, proof that you are the executor and other details about the deceased.
- Notify the Social Security Administration (800-772-1213), the IRS, bank, insurers, brokerages, credit card issuers and mortgage companies.
- If possible, take care of all financial issues before the obit is published.
- Close down or freeze all credit cards, bank accounts, empty bank lock box, turn off and close cable account, etc.
- Close down all social media sites like Facebook and Twitter.
- Notify the DMV. You don't want duplicate licenses being issued.
- Don't forget to close down accounts on Amazon, Etsy, PayPal, Google, and iTunes . . . Good Lord, What else?
- Also, don't forget to make 2 dozen copies of the death certificate – with at least one of the dozen notarized. Remember you are going to need so many "certified" copies.

Grandparents Scam:

- Scammers use names published in obits to pose as grandchildren (or police or a friend of the grandchild) of the deceased, calling grieving survivors with sob stories about being mugged or arrested and needing money.

Deceptive Debt Collection:

- Crooks often call spouse, children or siblings to make a claim that survivors must repay the deceased's debts. Not true. Unless you co-signed the obligation or are otherwise legally responsible, debts are paid from the estate – not from the pockets of relatives. Anyone saying otherwise is deceiving the grieving for a quick buck.

Fictitious Life Insurance:

- Scammer insurance agents and attorneys will get in touch with survivors to claim the departed took out a huge, but often "secret" life insurance policy. But before benefits can be collected, a final premium or tax, or handling fee must be paid. Legit insurance companies don't request upfront fees by wire transfer or prepaid debit card.

Burglary:

- Do not include the deceased address in the obit.
- Arrange for a house sitter during the viewing, funeral, and interment.

Conning Clairvoyants:

- These reports are rare in the United States, but there has been an upswing. Conning clairvoyants seek payments from survivors in exchange from survivors for supposed messages from beyond the grave and often threaten an evil curse if money doesn't arrive.

Source: Death Notice Double-Cross, Sid Kirchheimer, AARP Bulletin, March 2018, Avoid Identity Theft From Obituaries, ObituariesHelp.org, Scammers using obituary notices to acquire new victims, CSO From IDG, Personal Financial Guide, Today Show, 2018

GARDEN OF GRACE- RENEWAL DAY KUDOS

We were blessed with a beautiful day and a great garden crew. The Old Testament is now complete and links together with the New Testament pathway, so the north side of the garden flows into the south side of the garden. Hallelujah!

The Sage Brush was thinned, flowers planted, weeding and mulch added on top. Great thanks to all who helped us accomplished this: Diane Forster Burke, Molly Connor, Steve Deakins, John Denny, Jon & Scott Hansen, Nick & Jud Gilson, Dan & Diana Kizerian, & Pam Svikhart.

Also a special thanks to American Stone for the stone pavers, Millcreek Gardens for the plants and Nuart Memorial for their great support of our Xeriscape (dry vista) Garden. Now get out there and enjoy it!
Jeanne, Jon & Scott Hansen

DEACONS

Written by Diane Simons

Spring is finally here and the First Congregational Church has a lot to look forward to from our annual outdoor service to Camp Fellowship and many things in between.

June 10, 2018 will be the date for our annual outdoor service at Mountain Dell. This year, The Holladay Church of Christ will be joining us for our service and potluck lunch. Marijke and Alex will not be in town that date and we are hopeful that the Pastor of Holladay Church of Christ will be leading the service. As usual, the Deacons will be responsible for the meat dish, with the rest of both congregations bringing side dishes and drinks. If you have

any outdoor games be sure to bring them and plan to spend time after the service having fun in the great outdoors.

The Annual Congregational meeting will be June 3rd, 2018, **PLAN TO ATTEND** it is vital to our church functioning to elect new moderators, and finalize participation in board duties.

Remember that Camp Fellowship will be at the end of July. Be sure to encourage the young children around you, neighbors, grandchildren, and friends, to attend camp this year. Children must be entering the fourth grade in the fall to attend. Registration forms are available at the church.

I would like to start a new congregation saying;

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.

Think how far our community of faith could travel if all of us work together to continue our service to God and our fellow man.

May Outreach



Camp Fellowship began in 1982 as an outreach for youth. It was started by Dan and Diana Kizerian. First Congregational Church has always supported Camp Fellowship. It is a non-denominational Christian camp for young people (9-13 years) with former campers as cabin counselors. Each cabin has a minimum of 2 teen cabin counselors. Camp utilizes the Camp Pinecliff facility on Chaulk Creek Canyon Rd outside of Coalville. The facility is owned by the Methodist Church. We also have several adults who attend Camp as directors, pastor, cooks, nurses, and crafts and activities counselors. Camp will be from July 28 to Aug 3rd this year.

The camper fee is around \$200.00 for the whole 6 days. This includes tee shirt, food, water bottle, crafts, etc. We pay Camp Pinecliff for each day that a camper, counselor, or adult is there overnight. Counselors and adults do not pay as we donate our time out of love and commitment to the kids. Camp runs very close to the budget. Our members and campers' parents donate food and medical supplies toward this effort to make Camp happen for the kids.

Camp Fellowship is the Outreach recipient of our financial donations for May. Money raised will be used to help with scholarships for campers as well as pay for the costs of housing counselors and adult staff. It may also be used to pay for things like food, crafts, etc. Thank you.

May 2018 FCC Community Movie Schedule

Please come and experience some great movies. As always, popcorn will be available.

Date	movie	Description
Wed. May 2nd 6:30 p.m.	<u>Esther & the King</u>	Rescheduled from April, Joan Collins and Richard Egan star in this Old Testament Biblical story taken from <u>The Book of Esther</u> . (1960 – 110 minutes)
Wed. May 9th 6:30 p.m.	<u>Blades of Glory</u>	This screwball comedy on ice pairs Will Ferrell and Jon Heder as male ice figure- skaters. (2007 – 93 minutes)
Wed. May 16th	-----	No Movie due to Council Meeting
Wed. May 23rd	-----	No Movie due to Safety Presentation
Wed. May 30th 6:30 p.m.	<u>The Seventh Seal</u>	Written and directed by Ingmar Bergman this B & W classic is set in Sweden during the Black Death. Medieval knight (Max von Sydow) plays a game of chess with the Grim Reaper who has come to take his life. (1957 - 96 minutes)



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Trustees Meeting 7pm Deacons Meeting 7pm	2 Men's Breakfast @7am Community Night @6:30pm	3 Choir Rehearsal @7pm Book Group@2pm	4	5
6 Camp Sunday Noisy Buckets CE Board Meeting @10am Adult Sunday School @12:30pm	7 AA Meeting @6:30pm Fireside Room	8	9 Community Night @6:30pm	10 Choir Rehearsal @ 7pm Book Group @2pm	11	12
13 Communion Mother's Day Adult Sunday School @12:30pm	14 AA Meeting @6:30pm Fireside Room Membership Board Meeting @7pm	15	16 Council Meeting @6:30pm Annual Reports Due in Final Form Please Email them to the office Clarion Deadline	17 Choir Rehearsal @7pm Book Group @2pm Kristi Out of the Office	18 Kristi Out of the Office	19
20 Sunday School and Choir Appreciation Adult Sunday School @12:30pm	21 AA Meeting @6:30pm Fireside Room	22	23 Community Night Safety Night @6:30pm	24 Book Group@2pm	25	26 Church Hike @9:30am Destination TBD
27 Adult Sunday School @12:30pm	28 Memorial Day AA Meeting @6:30pm Fireside Room	29	30 Community Night @6:30pm	31 Women's Potluck Luncheon @Noon Fireside Room Book Group @2pm Worship Team Meeting @6pm Heritage Room	Morning Brew 9:30am Each Sunday Traditional Service 11am Each Sunday	

June 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Summer Worship Hour Begins 6/17 at 10am Morning Brew 8:30am starting 6/17					1	2
3 Camp Sunday Annual Meeting Following Worship Morning Brew 9:30am Traditional Worship 11am Adult Sunday School 12:30pm	4 AA Meeting 6:30pm	5 Trustees Meeting 7pm Deacons Meeting 7pm Marijke will be out of the office through to June 26th	6 Men's Breakfast 7am Community Movie Night 6:30pm	7 Book Group @2pm Heritage Room	8	9 Building Rental Vine Institute Graduation Ceremony @2-4pm Sanctuary/Kitchen/Fireside Room
10 Outdoor Service at Washington Terrace @Mountain Dell at 11am – Lunch Following bring a side to share the church will provide the main course Communion	11 AA Meeting 6:30pm	12	13 Community Movie Night 6:30pm	14 Book Group @2pm Heritage Room	15	16
17 Father's Day Summer Worship Hour Begins Today at 10am Adult Sunday School 11:30m	18 AA Meeting 6:30pm	19	20 Council Meeting 6:30pm Clarion Deadline	21 Book Group @2pm Heritage Room	22	23 NACCC Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA 23 rd – 26 th
24 Guest Preaching Adult Sunday School 11:30am	25 AA Meeting 6:30pm	26 Building Use ELECTIONS Gym/Fireside Room/Kitchen 5am – 10pm	27 Community Movie Night 6:30pm	28 Book Group @2pm Heritage Room Worship Team Meeting @6pm – Heritage Room	29	30

TREASURER'S REPORT
For Period Ending March 31, 2018

CHURCH GENERAL FUND

	<u>March</u>	Fiscal <u>Year-to- Date</u>
Unrestricted Contributions	\$10,040.72	\$108,479.88
+ Other Unrestricted Revenue	\$5,819.00	\$50,746.95
+Transferred to General Fund From Designated Accounts		
Memorial Fund & FCC Trust	<u>\$38.00</u>	<u>\$6,628.84</u>
= Total Income	\$15,897.72	\$165,855.67
Total Expenses	<u>-\$19,300.78</u>	<u>-\$175,783.59</u>
= <i>Net General Fund Surplus (-Deficit)</i>	<i>-\$3,403.06</i>	<i>-\$9,927.92</i>

Data for comparison

YTD Budgeted Unrestricted Contributions	\$124,748.00
YTD Budgeted Total Income	\$171,769.00
YTD Budgeted Total Expenses	-\$173,985.00
Amt YTD Surplus is ahead of (+) or behind (-) Budget	-\$7,711.92

DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS

	<u>March</u>	Fiscal <u>Year-to- Date</u>
Designated Contributions		
All Outreach Contributions	\$505.00	\$6,331.35
Other Designated Contributions	<u>\$9.11</u>	<u>\$982.00</u>
<i>Total Designated Contributions</i>	<i>\$514.11</i>	<i>\$7,313.35</i>

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