

CONGREGATIONAL CLARION

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November 2014



WORSHIP PLANNING – November 2014

NOV 2 – 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & COMMUNION
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

SERMON – “Fellowship of the Church”

SCRIPTURE – Malachi 3:16-18 & Acts 2:42-47

HYMNS –

592 – Lord, You Give The Great Commission

695 – As We Gather At Your Table

552 – We All Are One In Mission

NOV 9 – 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SERMON – “Faith of the Church”

SCRIPTURE – 2 Chronicles 20:20-21 & Galatians 5:3-6

HYMNS – 70 – Lord, For The Years

406 – My Faith Has Found A Resting Place

425 – Christ Beside Me

NOV 16 – 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GUEST MINISTER – MICHAEL ON VACATION

NOV 23 – REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

SERMON – “Doing The Right Things”

SCRIPTURE – Psalm 100 & Matthew 25:31-40

HYMNS – 317 – Crown Him With Many Crowns

107 – O Light Whose Splendor Thrills

440 – Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

NOV 27 – THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

NOV 30 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SERMON – “Waking”

SCRIPTURE – Isaiah 64:1-9 & Mark 13:24-37

HYMNS – 66 – To God Be The Glory

154 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

525 – When We All Get To Heaven



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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



Minister:	Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum
Moderator:	Carol Price
1st Assoc. Moderator:	Ron Sawdey
2nd Assoc. Moderator:	Ted Stephenson III
Treasurer:	Paul Kelley
Financial Secretary:	Sandra Shipman
Asst. Fin. Secretary:	Pam Dropek
Church Clerk:	Ken Rockwell
Board of Trustees:	Mike McIntire
Board of Deacons:	Phil LeHoux
Outreach Board:	Robin Smith
Christian Education:	Emily Weibel
Membership:	Kathy Souba
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:	Bob Dobson
Church Secretary:	Kristi Hanson



REFLECTIONS FROM THE REV.....

Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum

OUR HERITAGE – IN THE FOUNDING OF THE NACCC

Early in October, I received a message from the Reverend Casey VanderBent, the interim Executive Secretary of the NACCC. In going through records at the NACCC office in Oak Creek Wisconsin, Casey found some documents that pertained to our church and sent me copies of them. As we think about our heritage and our history, I thought it appropriate to share highlights from the documents.

In 1955, the merger controversy raged. The leadership of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches had recommended a merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church to form the United Church of Christ. Many Congregationalists opposed the merger. Leadership on both sides of the merger issue agreed that the autonomy of the local church was a hallmark of Congregational polity. Opponents of the merger, however, did not feel that the documents giving the basis for the merger fully guaranteed the continuance of that autonomy. So, in 1955, a meeting was called at the Hotel Fort Shelby in Detroit to discuss plans in opposition to the merger.

The documents Casey sent me are: The Clerk's Statement and signed by Walter Hendron, Chair of Trustees, about the meeting that authorized our delegate, B. Z. Kastler, to attend the meeting in Detroit on November 9-10, 1955; The letter sent in January, 1956 to the Executive Secretary of the Intermountain Conference of Congregational Christian Churches in Boise certifying the vote of our church to join the NACCC; And a copy of the legal resolution sent to the State of Utah and Salt Lake County verifying the vote that was taken on January 18, 1956 to determine our course of action.

It was acknowledged that Mr. Kastler was “to participate in the formation of a National Association of Congregational Christian Churches to be formed for mutual counsel and fellowship” and that he was not “to incur any financial obligations or to take any action which would limit in any way this Church’s present independence of external control.”

The vote taken by the members of First Congregational Church on Wednesday, January 18, was overwhelmingly to oppose the merger and to join the NACCC. According to the letter sent by Mildred T. Stockman, Clerk, to the Reverend Harry Johnson in Boise, “There was a big majority with only 2 dissenting votes.”

In the legal Resolution to the state and county authorities, the church affirmed “that the principles of independency and voluntary fellowship are hereby unequivocally reaffirmed as the very foundation of Congregational Christian Polity, and that consistent therewith the government of this Church and the management of all its affairs, whether temporal or ecclesiastical, is vested in its members.”

As it was, so it remains. Going back to the struggles of the early English dissenters in the 16th and 17th centuries, Congregationalists have demanded that independence and self-governance of their own congregations. With that demand, as it always has, comes the responsibility on the part of each church member to be involved in the work, the decisions, and the ministry of the church.

Grace and Peace, Michael

TIME CHANGE Remember to move your clocks back (FALL BACK) for Sunday, November 2.



NEXT MONTH CLARION DEADLINE



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

A JOYOUS SENSE OF EXPECTANCY

Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, which is the Sunday nearest November 30th. This year, Advent begins on November 30th. The word Advent means “coming” or “arrival.” The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ.

Advent also symbolizes the spiritual journey of individuals and a congregation, as they affirm that Christ has come and that He will come again. Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation and anticipation.

Advent has probably been observed since the fourth century. During the Middle Ages it became associated with preparations for the Second Coming. More recently, in the last half century, it is most often thought of as a time of anticipation, joy, and happiness as we await the coming of the King.

The beginning of Advent is a time for the hanging of the greens, the decoration of the church with evergreen wreaths, boughs, or trees that help to symbolize the new and everlasting life through Jesus.

The advent wreath is a popular symbol of Advent. Its origins probably date back to the folk traditions of northern Europe. It is a circular evergreen wreath with five candles, four around the wreath and one in the center. The circle of the wreath reminds us of God Himself, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning or end. It symbolizes the eternity of God and the everlasting life found in Christ.

The evergreens of the wreath represent the hope that we have in God. Candles symbolize the light of God coming into the

world through the birth of His son. The four outer candles represent the period of waiting. The light of the candles reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world that comes into the darkness of our lives to bring life and hope.

The meaning ascribed to each candle often varies from church to church, but in many traditions the first candle is the candle of hope and the second candle stands for love; the third candle, the pink candle, traditionally represents joy. And the fourth candle represents peace.

The center candle is white and is called the Christ Candle. It is traditionally lighted on Christmas Eve, and reminds us that Christ is the heart of the season, giving light to the world.

The Advent season is about hope, not just hope that the circumstances of individuals' lives might be improved, but that human existence has meaning and possibility beyond our present experiences. If our hope is only in our circumstances, as we define them to be good or as we want them to be to make us happy, we will always be disappointed. That is why we hope in God, so that God will come and come again into our world to reveal himself as a God of newness and possibility.

During the time of Advent we contemplate that hope embodied and incarnated in a newborn baby—the perfect example of newness, potential, and possibility. Maybe that is what hope is about: a way to live, not just to survive, but to live authentically amidst all the problems of life with a faith that continues to see possibility when there is no present evidence of it, just because God is God. That is also the wonder of Advent.

Sources:

<http://www.cresourcei.org/cyadvent.html>

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/advent1.html#ixzz3Fhz0VDCB>

HEALTH TIPS FROM PARISH NURSE



The news media has been filled with Ebola and I thought that I would share with you what I learned from the CDC website as well as a lecture on Oct 3, 2014 given by Dr. Han Kim (public health faculty at Westminster).

Symptoms are: Fever (greater than 38.6°C or 101.5°F), severe headache, muscle pain, weakness, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal (stomach) pain, and unexplained hemorrhage (bleeding or bruising). Symptoms may appear anywhere from 2 to 21 days after exposure to Ebola, but the average is 8 to 10 days. People are only contagious once the symptoms begin. Ebola is difficult to transmit. It is spread by direct contact through broken skin or mucous membranes (nose, mouth, eyes) with the infected person's body fluids: blood, urine, saliva, sweat, vomit, semen, feces, breast milk, or through a contaminated needle stick, or from an infected animal. It is not spread through coughing or sneezing. Recovery from Ebola depends on good supportive clinical care and the patient's immune response. People who recover from Ebola infection develop antibodies that last for at least 10 years.

Ebola was originally identified in 1976 in Zaire. It has caused several outbreaks in Africa since then but has occurred in remote areas, which helped it to remain small and confined. There are 5 strains of this virus: Zaire (which is the current one in West Africa) with a 68% fatality rate, Sudan with a 53% fatality rate, Bundibugya with a 27% fatality rate, Tai Forest and Reston both with 0% fatality rates as there have been no human cases, only monkeys in labs. With appropriate rehydration and isolation, even the Zaire strain's fatality rate dropped to the mid 30% in Nigeria. We do not know the reservoir (where it resides between outbreaks). We think it might come from fruit bats, which makes it a zoonotic disease (animal to human).

This current outbreak is in congested cities within countries that have much movement of people across borders. These countries have suffered through civil war and poverty. The spread of Ebola is a huge problem in West Africa (Liberia, Guinea, and Sierra Leone) where the culture says that family members take care of the ill people as well as take care of the body for funeral preparation. These caregivers do not have gloves, disinfectants, or isolation areas for quarantine, or IV fluids to support the ill people who are dehydrated. These countries lack healthcare and public health infrastructure to manage this outbreak, and so it spreads and has a higher fatality rate than an area with good public health and well equipped hospitals. Public health would do “contact tracing” and determine who might have been in contact with any infected person. These individuals are isolated and observed for 21 days for the development of symptoms. In Liberia, more than 370 of the deceased were health care workers. Initially this infection was thought to be cholera and was not recognized as Ebola. This caused a delay in appropriate public health response.

Another interesting “factoid” is the $R(0)$ “R naught” which is the measure of how many people 1 ill person can infect. The $R(0)$ for Ebola is 1.4 to 2.5. HIV’s $R(0)$ is 4 and Measles is 18. Pertussis is 16-20.

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH NOVEMBER 21ST

There will be a lunch for women in the church and any friends you want to bring on Nov 21 at 12:00pm in the Fireside Room. Turkey will be provided, and if you are able, bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish and copies of the recipe to share. Wendy Haupt will also be sharing her favorite meditation called “Loving Kindness Meditation.”



NOVEMBER OUTREACH PROJECT

The recipient of our outreach offerings for November 2014 is Salt Lake City's Fourth Street Clinic at 409 W. 400 South. This clinic serves the homeless and low income population at no charge, through a medical director, 2 part-time physicians, 1 dentist, 12 midlevel providers (nurse practitioners and physician assistants), 2 pharmacists, multiple medical and dental assistants, pharmacy techs and other support personnel, plus a large group of volunteer physicians, dentists and pharmacists. It is open from 8am to 7pm Monday through Friday and has about 100 patient visits per day and 25,000 per year. The clinic is supported entirely by grants and private donations, with 88% of donations going to direct patient care. Plus, importantly, Intermountain Medical Centers and their physicians provide charity care to 4th St. Clinic patients for diagnostic and therapeutic procedures and hospitalizations, and pharmaceutical manufacturers provide the medications.

Recent advances are a new 4-chair dental clinic which provides dentures in addition to cleanings/extractions and the addition of a mental health/substance abuse counselor for each patient in addition to their medical providers. There is a full time street medicine program that operates out of a completely equipped medical van. Medical and dental students, NP and PA students participate in clinical training rotations. Fourth Street Clinic (previously Wasatch Homeless Health Clinic) has operated continuously for over 25 years and plays a critical, respected role in Salt Lake City's medical community. For additional questions, talk with Ruth Ann Smith who volunteers there or Jennifer Hyvonen, the community relations director of 4th Street Clinic at 801-364-0058, press 0 for operator.

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EVENTS AND SERVICES

Hanging of the Greens will take place Saturday, November 29, from 9:00 - Noon. This is an all-church activity to make the sanctuary beautiful prior to the first Sunday in Advent. Your reward will be coffee, doughnuts, the fellowship of working together, and the satisfaction of creating an uplifting space for worship in December.



Advent Worship Schedule

1st Advent – November 30th – Poinsettia Orders Due

2nd Advent – December 7th

3rd Advent – December 14th – Lessons and Carols

4th Advent – December 21st – Children's Program and Soup Luncheon Following

Christmas Eve Service – December 24th at 7:30pm

SPECIAL ADVENT SERVICES – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As part of December worship, we need families/individuals to be part of our advent candle lighting. If you would like to volunteer for this, please contact the church office.

We are also seeking volunteers for the Lessons and Carols service. If you would be interested in reading one of the Lessons please contact the church office.





Caring Connections

A HOPE AND COMFORT IN GRIEF PROGRAM INVITES YOU TO

Grief and the Holidays

Daffodils in Winter: Finding Peace in Sorrow

Monday, November 3, 2014, 7:00 pm

Featured Speakers:



*Richard Paul
Evans*



*Marc
Probst*

Refreshments will be served following the program.

University of Utah College of Nursing
Annette Poulson Cumming Building, 2nd Floor
10 South 2000 East, University of Utah Campus

Grief and the Holidays is an opportunity to gather tips for managing grief during the holiday season. The event is free and open to the public thanks to the generous support provided by:

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Outreach Project – Fourth Street Clinic

~ November 2014 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Daylight Saving Time Ends Communion Camp Fellowship Sunday All Saints Day	3 AA Meeting 6:30pm	4 Deacons Meeting 7pm Voting in Fireside Room All Day	5 Men's Breakfast 7am Book Group 7pm	6	7	8
9 CE Meeting before service Outreach Meeting after worship	10 AA Meeting 6:30pm	11 Trustees Meeting 7pm	12 PEO 11:00am Fireside Room/Kitchen (Alice Stephenson)	13 PEO 10:30am (Diane Simons)	14	15
16	17 AA Meeting 6:30pm	18 2015 NACCC Host Committee Meeting 7pm	19 Council Meeting 7pm Clarion Deadline	20	21 Women's Fellowship Luncheon 11:30-2pm Fireside Room/Kitchen	22
23	24 AA Meeting 6:30pm	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day Worship Service 10am Office Closed	28 Office Closed	29 Hanging of the Greens
30 1 st Advent Sandwich Making Following Worship	Notes:					

December Outreach – Ministering to Ministers

~ December 2014 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 AA Meeting 6:30pm	2 Deacons Meeting 7pm	3 Men's Breakfast 7am Book Group 7pm	4	5	6
7 2 nd Advent Communion	8 AA Meeting 6:30pm	9 Trustees Meeting 7pm	10 ** EARLY CLARION DEADLINE	11	12	13
14 3 rd Advent Lessons And Carols CE Meeting before service Outreach Meeting following Worship	15 AA Meeting 6:30pm	16 2015 NACCC Host Committee Meeting 7pm	17 Council Meeting 7pm	18	19	20
21 4 th Advent	22 AA Meeting 6:30pm	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 7:30pm	25 Christmas Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27
28	29 AA Meeting 6:30pm	30	31	Notes:		

TREASURER'S REPORT



For Period Ending September 30, 2014

CHURCH GENERAL FUND	September	Fiscal Year-to-Date
Unrestricted Contributions	\$11,916.95	\$37,340.31
+ Other Unrestricted Revenue	\$3,867.05	\$12,201.38
+ Transferred to General Fund from Designated Accounts, Memorial Fund & FCC Trust	\$467.86	\$1,490.86
= Total Income	\$16,251.86	\$51,032.55
Total Expenses	-\$14,443.63	-\$53,757.94
= <i>Net General Fund Surplus (-Deficit)</i>	\$1,808.23	-\$2,725.39

Data for comparison

YTD Budgeted Unrestricted Contributions	\$41,152.00
YTD Budgeted Total Income	\$56,443.00
YTD Budgeted Total Expenses	-\$58,526.84
Amt YTD Surplus is ahead of (+) or behind (-) Budget	-\$641.55

DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS

	September	Fiscal Year-to-Date
Designated Contributions		
All Outreach Contributions	\$1,080.59	\$3,061.40
Other Designated Contributions	\$55.00	\$232.00
= <i>Total Designated Contributions</i>	\$1,135.59	\$3,293.40

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED