

CONGREGATIONAL CLARION

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

April 2019



APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 7 - Camp Sunday and Communion

Scriptures - Psalm 126, John 12:1-8

Sermon – “Like Those Who Dreamed”

April 14 – PALM SUNDAY

April 18 –MAUNDY THURSDAY

Agape Feast @6pm

April 19 – GOOD FRIDAY @Noon

Evening Service at Holladay United Church of Christ

@6:30pm

April 21 – EASTER SUNDAY



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Office Hours:

Tuesday – Thursday: 8:30am – 3:00pm

Friday: 8:00am – Noon

Sunday Worship Services:

Morning Brew at 9:00am

Worship Hour at 10:30am

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:	Phil LeHoux
Outreach Board:	Joanna Hart
Christian Education:	Kevin Haupt
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

Blessed Spring to you, beloved kingdom people. We are celebrating a time of “Practicing Resurrection” life as we look forward to Easter that is the model for living that life of rebirth. May we be truly refreshed by this time of Lent and deeply loving ourselves, God and our church. May we extend our gracious hospitality to HUCC while they join us for the Agape feast and the Good Friday service and we may attend the HUCC service on Good Friday as well. It is truly a blessing to share events with this loving community. Continue to pray for our church and the future we see for it. May God bless our stewardship of this community and the building that reflects our care for it.

Blessings

Marijke

CLARION DEADLINE



****PLEASE NOTE EARLY DEADLINE DUE TO THE EASTER HOLIDAY. May Clarion Deadline will be April 10th. You can email your articles or leave them in the church office. firstcongo@qwestoffice.net**



Moderator's Moment

Written by: Marge Kimes

Spring is springing with some sunshine, winds and rain, still some snow mixed in. It all holds hope for warmth and flowers. Daffodils will be blooming soon.

April will be a busy time with Lent activities and celebration of Easter. I love Easter morning especially when we sing 'Joy in the Morning'.

It is going to be a busy time for our nominating committee. They will be speaking with many of you with hopes for your participation in our church activities by serving on a board. Please think about your involvement and support of First Congregational Church. Please come forward, volunteer and speak to us. We look forward to working together.

The Nominating Committee consists of Marijke Rossi, Mike McIntire, Scott Brown, Patti Garver and myself, Marge Kimes.

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. You can go to this link to sign up for coffee hour online:

<http://signup.com/login/entry/1013746964083> There is also a sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the conference room.

Please consider helping to provide this special time of community.

If you have any questions, please contact Cissy Wolff at

cissywolff@gmail.com or call/text at 801-243-5457.



Experiencing the Joy of Generosity!

At the end of April, we will begin a stewardship emphasis titled *Experiencing the Joy of Generosity*. This will be an exciting and beneficial time of sermon messages, lay presentations, and daily devotions. We believe this program will be a blessing to those who already are experiencing the joy of being generous with the gifts God has given to them, and we hope and pray that this effort will help many more experience the joy that comes from giving faithfully and generously.

When we give to God through giving to our church and others, we experience one of the true joys of being Christians. Jesus said, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35). God doesn't need our gifts, but he asks us to give them. God accepts and uses them and gives us joy in sharing them. As we respond to God's love for us by giving back to him part of what he's given to us, he reacts by giving us even more. *"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you"* (Luke 6:38). Although we don't give so that we will receive God's blessings, God's Word promises us that, when we give faithfully and willingly, we will receive an abundance of spiritual blessings and, for some, material blessings as well.

Have you ever wondered why you are left with such a joyful feeling when you are able to give a gift to your church or to help a person in need? The answer to that question may be rooted in us as Christians who are being recreated in the image of God. To be made in God's image means we are made to be like him whose nature is to give. Giving helps us feel fulfilled as we reflect God's nature. Although the image of God was lost by sin, as those converted by faith in Jesus, we *"have put on the new self,*

which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator” (Colossians 3:10). Our Creator empowers us to give joyfully to our church and others according to his will. With this attitude of joyful gratitude, God keeps us close to him, and others see his image through us.

Our pursuit for fulfillment and joy culminates in the discovery that we receive those things when, by God’s grace, we respond with eagerness to God’s directive to give. Like David, we exclaim, “*But who [are we]...that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we give you*” (1 Chronicles 29; 14).

We hope and pray that the emphasis *Experiencing the Joy of Generosity* will be a blessing to you and your family!

Put It On Your Calendar- May 19 from 6-8 pm

Celebrating Our Commitment to First Congregational Church

During the morning service on May 19 we will culminate our stewardship emphasis of *Experiencing the Joy of Generosity* by returning our Financial Commitment Forms. Join us that Sunday evening, May 19 from 6 -8 pm at the home of Ron Sawdey, Cissy Wolff, and Trudy Wolff to celebrate our commitment to First Congregational Church. We will have drinks and appetizers together to share the joy of giving faithfully and generously.

ARE YOU A VOTING MEMBER?

Part of our church covenant states that “we gather as a church to walk together in the Christian tradition and we seek to be more fully in relationship with God. We embrace all who are called to worship here with our support, prayers and acceptance. We commit to participate in and support the church and its ministries.” The Membership Board would like to encourage everyone to embrace our covenant by committing to participate in and

support the church and its ministries. You can do this by officially becoming a member by affirming in a public worship service a desire to further the purpose of this Church and to honor the covenant.

If you are already a member, we encourage you to remain a voting member by signing the Church Roll (in the Narthex) at least three times during the calendar year and by making a donation of any amount to the general fund at least once during the year. This donation must be made in a way that can be attributable to you (check, PayPal, pew envelope with your name on it). You can also be a voting member by making a donation of any amount to the general fund at least 3 times during the calendar year. Again, these donations must be made in a way that can be attributable to you.

If you are interested in officially joining our congregation or if you have any questions about your membership status, please call the church office.



FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

There are several events being celebrated during Lent and Holy week that we hope you will enjoy participating in. By the time the April Clarion comes out we will have already celebrated Shrove Tuesday on March 5th and Ash Wednesday with Holladay United Church of Christ on March 6th.

The parade of palms will be on Palm Sunday, April 14th during our worship service. Marijke would like everyone who is able to march with a palm like last year.

The Agape Feast will be on Maundy Thursday, April 18th at 6:00pm. This year, like last year, we will be sharing this service with our friends from Holladay United Church of Christ at our

church in the gym. We encourage all to attend if possible. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Like last year we encourage everyone to prepare your donation of food completely (wash the grapes and cut them into small bunches, slice the bread and cheese, etc.) and have it ready to serve in a bowl or plate that you can take home with you, rather than using one of the church dishes. This greatly helps with both set-up and clean-up after the service.

On Good Friday, April 19th, there will be a worship service held in the Chapel at 12:00 noon. The emphasis will be on Christ's crucifixion. It will be a short service so you are able to return to work if you need to. That same evening we are also invited to attend the Good Friday service at Holladay United Church of Christ at 6:30pm. This is a very moving, somber service remembering Christ's crucifixion.

Of course the culmination of the week will be our worship service on Easter Sunday, April 21st. This is always one of my favorite services and usually well attended. There will be an Easter Egg hunt after the service in the courtyard for the children.

This is an exciting time of the year with the arrival of Spring, the events of Lent and Holy Week and, of course, Easter. We hope to see all of our friends and family at these special events.

Women's Coffee and Bagels & Women's Lunch in April

Please join us on Saturday April 13th at 9:30am at Einstein's Bagels Murray Holladay Rd and Highland Dr. for coffee, tea, and bagels. We had a great group of women last time and wonderful conversations. We are also having a women's pot luck lunch on Thursday April 25 at 12:00pm in the Fireside Room. We always have good food and lively conversation.

SPRING GARDEN RENEWAL at the Garden of Grace

Sat. April 13th 9am-noon

Located on the north side of FCC



Please come for any amount of time you can.

Tools will be provided or you can bring your own.

Water, Coffee & Refreshments will be provided.

Call or text us if you have any questions. Thank you.

Hope to see you in the Garden of Grace for Good Times!

Jeanne Hansen 801.209.2823 Scott Hansen 801.556.7448

Jon and Ryan Hansen

Health Tip from Parish Nursing

SafeUT app

Utah has one of the highest teen suicide rates in the nation. Utah's teen suicide rate in 2018 was 5th highest with 21 adolescent suicides per 100,000. A measure to help combat this suicide rate is the SafeUT app.

Did you know about the SafeUT app? SafeUT@hsc.utah.edu . It is a phone app that was established by the Legislature in 2015 to provide a statewide phone crisis service for school safety and need for a crisis line for students in K-12 grades. In 2018, additional funding was authorized to provide phone resources for any student who is suicidal, threatening violence, or is the victim of bullying. This funding also expanded to colleges or universities in Utah in 2018. All 41 school districts and 8 state sponsored institutions of higher education are included in SafeUT. Private and charter schools (K-12) also are enrolled in this app. The crisis calls are handled by licensed crisis workers from the University Neuropsychiatric Unit (UNI), 24/7.

Users can submit: a **tip** over concerns of violence or self-harm, or concerns over a drug overdose. These tips are sent immediately to the SafeUT staff as well as to the school personnel of the individual who called in the tip. Users can also access a **chat** (texting in real time) with a licensed mental health clinical crisis worker. And users can initiate a **call** for a therapeutic dialog with a licensed crisis worker. They also have a geo locator function on the app that can be used if the caller is suicidal.

In a year from Jan 2018 to Jan 2019, SafeUT app recorded: 21,680 chats, 12,008 tips, 513,050 chat and tip threads, and 334 potential school threat tips. The top 5 topics for the chats or calls were suicide, bullying, depression, drugs, and cutting. Two hundred seven suicide calls have been handled through SafeUT during January 2019. (SafeUT app presentation to Public Education Appropriations 2/7/19).



The app download is free. It is a great resource for a student who is in trouble or has witnessed a violent situation.

FROM THE OUTREACH BOARD

The selected organization for Outreach donations for April is Wasatch Community Gardens. <https://wasatchgardens.org/>. The organization began in SLC in 1989 with a mission “to empower people of all ages and incomes to grow and eat healthy, organic, local food.” They believe that the quality of a community is directly related to the quality of its food. They offer garden space, educational programs, and community events to empower people to grow, harvest, preserve, and prepare fresh, healthy food through four main programs: Community Garden, Youth Garden, School Garden, and Community Education. They

have one entire garden just for growing tomatoes. It is the Grateful Tomato Garden on 600 E and 800 S.

A new project for Wasatch Community Gardens is the Green Team Farm Project, located at 622 W 100 S. It was begun in 2016. It is a farm-based job training program that aims to simultaneously revitalize an underutilized urban area while providing opportunities for women who are experiencing homelessness. During the 10-month program, participants study organic agriculture techniques, rediscover and cultivate a solid work ethic, and work to restore their sense of confidence. The program is a partnership between Wasatch Community Gardens (WCG) and Advantage Services.

Public health research shows that inner city communities have poor health outcomes because of the lack of green grocers where community members can purchase fresh produce; often only able to shop at convenience stores. Purchasing food at convenience stores results in high calorie, nutrient poor eating patterns resulting in obesity and other co-morbidities like diabetes and heart disease.

Wasatch Community Gardens has helped communities to establish gardens in unused blocks of the city, on school grounds, and is currently involved in a capital campaign to raise money to purchase a larger area of ground for a demonstration garden and the organization's headquarters. They offer workshops on gardening and the produce often goes to poorer families who have learned to grow some of their own food. Workshops are open to everyone.



APRIL BOOK GROUP - Book Group Begins “A History of God”

On Thursday, April 4, the book group will begin reading “A History of God: The 4,000-Year Quest of Judaism, Christianity and Islam” by Karen Armstrong. In contrast to our practice up to now, with this book we plan to read sections each week ahead of the meeting rather than reading together during the meeting. The Salt Lake City Library does not have the book, but it’s not a new one so there are many inexpensive copies for sale on Amazon (e.g., \$5). We meet each Thursday in the Heritage Room from 2:00 until 3:00 or 3:15. We’d love to have more people join in discussing this fascinating book. *Sample excerpts are available in the Narthex for pick up*



TREASURER REPORT

For Period Ending February 29, 2019

CHURCH GENERAL FUND	<u>February</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Unrestricted Contributions	\$17,108.30	\$109,898.40
+Other Unrestricted Revenue	\$5,303.65	\$44,951.75
+Transferred to General Fund From Designated Accounts, Memorial Fund & FCC Trust	<u>\$225.50</u>	<u>\$3,216.78</u>
=Total Income	\$22,637.45	\$158,066.93
Total Expenses	<u>-\$21,239.52</u>	<u>-\$163,346.67</u>
=Net General Fund Surplus (-Deficit)	\$1,397.92	-\$5,279.74
Data for Comparison		
YTD Budgeted Unrestricted Contributions		\$102,128.00
YTD Budgeted Total Income		\$164,968.00
YTD Budgeted Total Expenses		\$176,001.86
Amt YTD Surplus is ahead of (+) or behind (-) Budget		\$5,754.12

DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS

	<u>February</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Designated Contributions		
All Outreach Contributions	\$1,158.00	\$5,550.41
Other Designated Contributions	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$69.20</u>
= Total Designated Contributions	\$1,158.00	\$5,619.61

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 AA Meeting @6:30pm Fireside Room	2 Deacons Meeting @7pm Kristi Out of the Office	3 Men's Breakfast 7am Lenten Potluck and Presentation @6pm	4 Book Group @2pm Choir Rehearsal @7pm	5	6
7 Camp Sunday Communion Morning Brew @9am Worship @10:30pm Adult Sunday School @Noon	8 AA Meeting @6:30pm Fireside Room	9 Trustees Meeting @7pm	10 Council Meeting @6:3pm EARLY CLARION DEADLINE DUE TO THE EASTER HOLIDAY	11 Book Group @2pm Choir Rehearsal @7pm Building Rental PEO (Alice Stephenson) 6pm – 9m Fireside Room/Kitchen	12	13 Women's Coffee @9:30am at Einsteins – See Wendy Haupt for Details Garden of Grace Spring Renewal from 9am - Noon
14 Palm Sunday Morning Brew @9am Worship @10:30pm Adult Sunday School @Noon	15 AA Meeting @6:30pm Fireside Room	16	17	18 Kristi Out of Office Book Group @2pm Maundy Thursday Agape Feast @6pm	19 Kristi Out of Office Good Friday @ Noon Evening Good Friday Service at Holladay UCC @6:30pm	20
21 Easter Sunday Morning Brew @9am Worship @10:30pm Easter Egg Hunt Following Worship	22 AA Meeting @6:30pm Fireside Room	23 Kristi Out of Office	24 Kristi Out of Office	25 Women's Potluck Luncheon @Noon Book Group @2pm Choir Rehearsal @7pm Worship Planning Meeting 6pm	26	27
28 Morning Brew @9am Worship @10:30pm Adult Sunday School @Noon	29 AA Meeting @6:30pm Fireside Room	30				

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5 Communion/Camp Sunday Morning Brew @9am Worship @10:30am Adult Sunday School @Noon	6 AA Meeting @6:30pm in Fireside Room	7 Deacons Meeting @7pm Kristi Printing Mother's Day Bulletin TODAY! Please have all information to me by Friday May 3 rd Thank you	8 Council Meeting @6:30pm Kristi Out of Office	9 Book Group @2pm Choir Rehearsal @7pm Kristi Out of Office	10 Kristi Out of Office	11
12 Mother's Day Morning Brew @9am Worship @10:30am Adult Sunday School @Noon	13 AA Meeting @6:30pm in Fireside Room	14 Trustees Meeting @7pm	15 Clarion Deadline ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS DUE IN FINAL ELECTRONIC FORM TO firstcongo@qwestoffice.net	16 Book Group @2pm Choir Rehearsal @7pm	17	18
19 Sunday School and Choir Appreciation Sunday Commitment Sunday with Celebration following service Morning Brew @9am Worship @10:30am Adult Sunday School @Noon	20 AA Meeting @6:30pm in Fireside Room	21	22	23 Book Group @2pm	24	25
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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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