

CONGREGATIONAL CLARION

2150 FOOTHILL DRIVE
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
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JANUARY 2019



WINTER IN THE WASATCH

2019 WORSHIP PLANNING – January

January 27

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm 19:1-11, Luke 4:14-21

Rejection is hard to take

January 20

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5, John 2:1-11

Water to Wine



January 13

Baptism of our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Baptism

January 6

Epiphany of the Lord Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12

Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh

****CHANGE IN SERVICE TIME****

Beginning January 6, 2019 we will be moving our regular Sunday service time to 10:30 AM. The council approved this change at their last meeting. This is being done to accommodate our organist, Teresa Clawson, and her needs on Sunday mornings. We appreciate her talents and skill in playing our magnificent organ. It is not an easy job. This will allow folks to have more afternoon time to enjoy on Sundays. We know choir practice will be challenged but we will work it out. Thanks for your understanding.

First Congregational Church

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Office Hours:

Tuesday – Thursday: 8:30am – 3:00pm

Friday: 8:00am – Noon

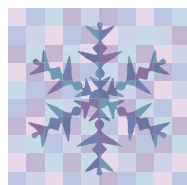
Sunday Worship Services:

Morning Brew – 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



FROM THE REV...

Rev. Marijke Rossi

I pray that the Christmas season filled everyone with hope, peace Joy and love. Above all we receive the gift of Jesus, who sustains us and moves us to live as kingdom of God people. As we enter the new year let us take the momentum of Christmas and use that to jumpstart our ministry for 2019. Let us take all we learned about ourselves and put into action our mission and live our vision. Thank you all for another wonderful year as a church family. May we have an amazing year.

CLARION DEADLINE



February Clarion Deadline will be January 16th. 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 groups. While any building use should be co-ordinated through the office, this should help you make appropriate plans if you need to use the church.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Christmas season so special for our young people. We had help with the Sunday School Pageant, a soup luncheon, a very special visitor, and the Christmas Eve Nativity scene. Thanks again for supporting our youth.

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY



Thank you all for your kind words and cards during the Christmas season. I have loved hanging those cards up at my house and being reminded of how wonderful you all are, and how much I love working for you and the church. I hope you all had a memorable Christmas season and I hope you all have a happy new year.

OUTREACH

First Congregational Church, in association with Catholic Community Services, participates in serving thousands of hot, nutritious meals to individuals in need at St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall. Several times a year, we, as a church, make and serve 600-700 sandwiches. In order to support this continued commitment, Outreach donations for this month will go toward this project. Donations will be used to purchase the supplies needed to make the sandwiches and to continue our dedication to feed those in need in our community.

FROM THE DEACONS

Written by Judy Weibel

On January 20, we will celebrate First Congregational Church's start in the Salt Lake Valley. We should be proud of our long and meaningful history of being a Protestant Church in Salt Lake.

In 1865 a group of soldiers at Camp Douglas, Christian and Jewish merchants, business men, and Federal Territorial officials organized as the Young Men's Literary Association, spearheaded the formation of the First Congregational Church of Salt Lake City. This was the first church formed other than the Church of Latter Day Saints.

A Sunday School program was started shortly after the church was organized and it had over 100 regular attendees.

When Independence Hall was finished, besides regular church services and Sunday School, the building was used by many other organizations, dances, programs and school. Catholics, Jewish and other Protestant churches used the building for activities until they built their own facilities. The Salt Lake Academy was formed and housed here after additions to the regular Independence Hall were completed.

A new church was built on First South and Fourth East and first used in May 1892. The church was praised for being the handsomest building as well as having a top ranked pipe organ. The stain glass window of "The Walk to Emmaus" was installed in this building. After several ministers, a decision was made to build a new and bigger church building on Foothill Drive, the current church building. After two years of construction, the stained glass window and the pipe organ were moved to the new facility on Foothill Drive.

Our church, along with other religious organizations, has been instrumental in establishing Mount Olivet Cemetery in 1874 and Friendship Manor in 1967. We are still involved in the operations of these with church members on the board.

Although our church has changed with remodels and updates, we are still the welcoming and caring church we started as back in 1865. Put January 20, 2019, on your calendar to attend the worship service and celebrate our church's history.

Marge's Moderator's Moment

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! 2019, WOW TIME DOES FLY.

By the time you read this we will be in a New Year (or close to it). On January 20, we will be celebrating the 154th Anniversary of First Congregational Church of Salt Lake City. The first Congregational sermon was preached in rented quarters in January 1865. During 1865 a constitution was adopted and trustees elected. A building, Independence Hall, was constructed

and the first worship service was conducted November 18, 1865. The building was used by many diverse groups for varied activities. In the meantime the Congregationalists started schools, providing free education for children unable to attend private fee-based schools. Independence Hall was used until 1889 when it was decided a larger, better equipped facility was needed. A new facility was built and first used in May 1892. The total seating capacity was 1200 when the main floor was totally opened for seating. The main sanctuary seated 550 alone with 250 in the balcony. Can you believe it?? It is a good day when we have 50 these days, though we can accommodate around 300 in our current sanctuary. The organ and the stained glass window, "The walk to Emmaus" were installed in the new building. The first south building served for over 70 years.

Our building on Foothill Dr. was dedicated in September 1965. It has served us well and in 2019 we will be making repairs and updates so we can continue to serve God as many have in the past. God bless us and lead us on the path He has for us!



Parish Nurse Tip

Most Clinicians Comfortable Praying With Patients

- Most healthcare providers and medical students answered, in a Medscape poll, that they were very or somewhat comfortable with the idea of praying with or for patients.
- Nurses/advanced practice nurses (APRNs) were the most open to the idea, with 88% saying they were comfortable or very comfortable with the practice.
- Physicians were next at 77%, followed by medical students at 73%.
- Medical students and physicians were much more likely to report they were very uncomfortable with praying with or for patients (9% for both groups vs. 3% for nurses/advanced practice nurses).
- The gap among providers is bigger when it comes to participating in prayer with patients. When asked how often they accept patient requests to pray

with them, 87% of nurse/APRNs answered "always or frequently," but only 69% of physicians answered that way. Medical students were in the middle at 75%. Physicians were more likely to say they would never say "yes" (6%) vs. 2% of nurses/APRNs. Three percent of medical students would never say "yes".

Comments Show Division

- A psychiatrist wrote, "I would never pray, with or without my patients."
- Another commenter had a similar view: "Relationships are built on honesty, so I would never pretend to pray with a patient. They can do what they need to secure their place in heaven, I'll do what I can to keep them here on Earth."
- However, a hospice nurse wrote, "Prayer is always welcome in our organization & supported in all disciplines. At the end of life, someone's faith is all they have & I feel privileged when a person/family asks me to pray with them."
- The question doesn't come up all that often, poll respondents said. Only 12% of physicians and medical students said patients ask "always" or "frequently" that the provider join them in prayer. One in 10 nurses/APRNs answered that way.
- The most common answer to the question was "rarely." Nearly half of physicians answered that way (48%), while 44% of nurses/APRNs and 37% of the medical students agreed.
- Most providers (99% of nurses APRNs, 85% of physicians, and 81% of medical students) receive requests to participate in prayer from Christians, while far fewer typically receive requests from patients of other religions.

Alternatives for Those Uncomfortable

- Some commenters offered alternatives for providers uncomfortable with patients' requests to pray.
- A pharmacist wrote, "I do not lead a prayer, yet almost always bow my head, remain silent [to] bear witness to the importance of this to the patient and family."
- Another commented, "You don't have to share their beliefs, just show your support. If the prayers are not of my faith, I stand and/or hold hands while their spiritual leader recites the prayer as I bow my head and remain silent. It's just showing that you care. Again, it's a personal decision we all need to make for ourselves."

Source: Marcia Frellick, Medscape Nurses, August 22, 2018



January 2019

January 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Office Closed	2 Men's Breakfast @7am	3 Book Group @2pm Choir Rehearsal @7pm	4	5
6 Camp Sunday Morning Brew @9:00am Worship @10:30am Adult Education @11:30pm Outreach Meeting	7 AA Meeting @6:30pm in Fireside Room	8 Trustees Meeting @7pm Deacons Meeting @7pm	9 Council Meeting @6:30pm	10 Book Group @2pm Choir Rehearsal @7pm	11	12
13 Communion Morning Brew @9:00am Worship @10:30am Adult Education @11:30pm CE Meeting Following Service	14 AA Meeting @6:30pm in Fireside Room	15	16 Clarion Deadline	17 Book Group @2pm Choir Rehearsal @7pm	18	19
20 Morning Brew @9:00am Worship @10:30am Adult Education @11:30pm CE – Ice Skating	21 AA Meeting @6:30pm in Fireside Room Martin Luther King Jr. Day	22	23	24 Book Group @2pm Choir Rehearsal @7pm	25	26
27 Morning Brew @9:00am Worship @10:30am Adult Education @11:30pm	28 AA Meeting @6:30pm in Fireside Room	29	30	31 Book Group @2pm Choir Rehearsal @7pm Worship Group Meeting @6pm		

February Calendar

February 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Camp Sunday Morning Brew 9:00am Traditional Worship 10:30am	4 AA Meeting @6:30pm	5 Deacons Meeting @7pm	6 Men's Breakfast @7am	7 Book Group @2pm Choir Rehearsal @7pm	8	9
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TREASURER'S REPORT

For Period Ending November 30, 2018

CHURCH GENERAL FUND	November	Fiscal Year-to- Date
Unrestricted Contributions	\$10,789.00	\$60,673.44
+ Other Unrestricted Revenue	\$6,037.28	\$29,026.23
+ Transferred to General Fund from Designated Accounts, Memorial Fund & FCC Trust	\$114.00	\$1,312.78
= Total Income	\$16,940.28	\$91,012.45
Total Expenses	-\$17,508.93	-\$94,821.26
= <i>Net General Fund Surplus (-Deficit)</i>	<i>-\$568.65</i>	<i>-\$3,808.81</i>

Data for comparison

YTD Budgeted Unrestricted Contributions	\$59,208.00
YTD Budgeted Total Income	\$98,436.00
YTD Budgeted Total Expenses	-\$109,147.85
Amt YTD Surplus is ahead of (+) or behind (-) Budget	\$6,903.04

DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS

Designated Contributions	November	Fiscal Year-to- Date
All Outreach Contributions	\$350.00	\$2,353.28
Other Designated Contributions	\$67.58	\$61.00
= <i>Total Designated Contributions</i>	<i>\$417.58</i>	<i>\$2,414.28</i>

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