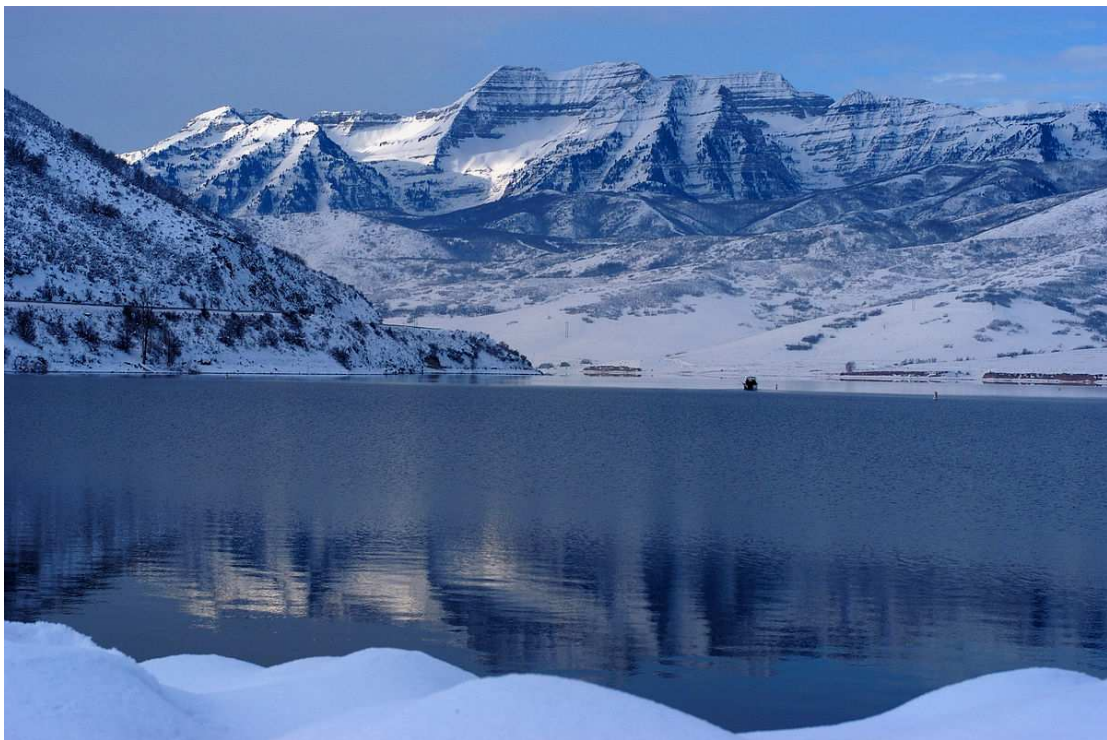


CONGREGATIONAL CLARION

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WINTER WONDERLAND IN UTAH

First Congregational Church

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Office Hours:

Tuesday – Thursday: 8:30am – 3:00pm

Friday: 8:00am – Noon

Sunday Worship Services:

Worship Hour at 10:30am

Nursery Provided

Interim Minister: Rev. Alan Hammond

Moderator: Wendy Haupt

1st Assoc. Moderator: Kevin Haupt

2nd Assoc. Moderator: Carla McIntire

Treasurer: Paul Kelley

Financial Secretary: Mike McIntire

Church Clerk: Ken Rockwell

Board of Trustees: Scott Haupt

Board of Deacons: Phil LeHoux

Outreach Board: Diane Forster-Burke

Christian Education: Patti Garver

Youth Director: Molly Connor

Membership Board:

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

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

By: Wendy Haupt

We just celebrated Advent, a time of great love and celebration, remembering our neighbors, and growing in togetherness. Advent is also a time of waiting, for the future and also of waiting for the coming of Jesus. My hope is that we all took some time to reflect on the meaning of the season in the midst of our busy December holidays. We also need to look toward our future, possibly looking "outside the box" for solutions for our church. Please pray for opportunities and action in 2020 that will help us look outside our "church box" to find a future that works for us.

CLARION DEADLINE



February Clarion Deadline will be January 15th. 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 coordinated 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 luminaries, 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.

Coffee with women in the church Jan 11th at 9:30am



Please join us for coffee, tea, bagels, and conversation on **Jan 11th at 9:30am** at the Einstein's Bagels at 4764 Highland Dr .

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY CELEBRATION JANUARY 19th

Happy Anniversary

Our actual anniversary date is January 22. That is when the first service was held of the group of people who became the First Congregational Church. The Reverend Norman McLeod preached. We will have a special Anniversary Dinner following the service.

January's Outreach the Wounded Warrior Project

Wounded Warrior Project assists veterans who have been wounded as a part of their military service. It is a 501(c)(3) charity founded in 2003 by a group of veterans and friends in order to help the injured service men and women of this generation. Its mission is to "honor and empower Wounded Warriors who incurred a physical or mental injury, illnesses, or wound, co-incident to their military service on or after September 11, 2001." Their purpose is to raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of severely injured service men and women; to help severely injured service members aid and assist each other; and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet the needs of severely injured service members. This organization offers programs aimed at helping such veterans recover mentally and/or physically, and it helps with career and VA benefits counselling. It has an Independence Program designed to help veterans suffering from moderate-to-severe brain injury, spinal cord injury, or neurological conditions, take positive steps towards independent living, and it sponsors 48 peer support groups, which connect wounded veterans and their families to others who know exactly what they are going through. Their website is: woundedwarriorproject.org.





Parish Nurse Health Tip

Make Health Your Resolution for 2020

Find ways to boost your health, fitness, well-being, and be an inspiration to others!

- Make healthy food choices. Grab a healthy snack on the go. Eat more fruits and vegetables. Plan your healthy snacks ahead of time and have them ready. Hungry eating can be a problem.
- Drink water. Drink a lot of water throughout the day. Drink water in place of soda.
- Be active. Take the stairs instead of the elevator. Park farther away and walk.
- Protect yourself from injury and disease. Put on a helmet, sunscreen, and insect repellent.
- Wash your hands (with soap and warm water) for 20 seconds after going to the bathroom (men and women), before preparing food, after working outside, and after playing with the dog and other household pets.
- Manage stress. Don't overschedule or overcommit. Take short breaks throughout the day. On these breaks, remember to breathe and/or take a short walk.
- Make an appointment for a check-up, vaccination, or screenings. You know you have been putting it off.
- Quit smoking. Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW for free counseling on how to quit smoking for good. Don't start vaping as a way of reducing your smoking.
- Watch your alcohol intake. If you walk in the door after a hard day's work or an emotional event and grab a beer and drink it, because you feel you DESERVE IT . . . You might need to have a rethink.

Source: Centers for Disease Control, CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People, January 3, 2017

Did you know Edward Beecher...

Edward Beecher was the son of Rev. Lyman Beecher, brother of Henry

Ward Beecher, Harriet Beecher Stowe and others. With Isabella Porter he had eleven children. After studying at Yale and Andover he became minister of Park Street Church in Boston and, later, President of the newly founded Illinois College.

He was a close friend of Elijah Lovejoy and is said to have been present when the pro-slavery mob rioted and killed Lovejoy and destroyed his anti-slavery press. Beecher's appeal from the pulpit of the First Congregational Church (the Brick Church) in Galesburg, Illinois, inspired Mary Anne Ball Bickerdyke to become Mother Bickerdyke and the Florence Nightingale of America.

...was a Congregationalist?



Did you know Edward Winslow...

Edward Winslow was born in 1595 in Worcestershire. As a young apprentice, he met William Brewster in London; and later, traveling in the Netherlands, he joined the Separatist congregation that Brewster belonged to. In Leiden, he married Elizabeth Barker.

Both Winslow and Brewster were among the passengers on the *Mayflower* in 1620 (although Brewster was in hiding under an assumed name, being wanted by the authorities for his outspoken support for the Puritan cause). Winslow was one of the men who signed the Mayflower Compact while still on board the ship. Elizabeth, his wife, would die during the colony's first hard winter.

Edward Winslow was a skillful diplomat who maintained a lifelong friendship with Massasoit, chief of the Wampanoag tribe. He was instrumental in maintaining the peace treaty with those Native Americans. In addition to being an ambassador to the Indians, he also served as the colony's envoy to England.

Winslow became a very important citizen of Plymouth. He had a large estate, with a huge library by Colonial standards. His house served as the colony's first school and as the meetinghouse for the church, until a schoolhouse and a church building were constructed. He also succeeded Miles Standish as military leader of the colony, and he served as assistant governor once and as governor three times.

Called by the Congregationalist Oliver Cromwell to a place in his government, Edward Winslow went to London. He never again returned to America after 1646, dying at sea in 1655.

...was a **Congregationalist?**

Did you know Lloyd C. Douglas...

Lloyd C. Douglas was a Congregationalist pastor who became one of America's most successful novelists in the 1930's and '40's. He grew up in Indiana, the son of a Lutheran pastor. He followed his father's career path in the Lutheran Church until 1915 when he became a Congregationalist, pastoring churches in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Akron, Ohio, and Los Angeles.

In his spare time he wrote a novel that was published in 1929 under the title, *Magnificent Obsession*. It sold millions of copies and was made into a movie in 1935. It is the story of a hedonistic young man whose life is saved after an accident, but causes the death of an eminent doctor. The young man then determines to become a doctor. He dedicates his life to

serving others, and in the process, becomes a Christian. With this initial success Douglas resigned from the ministry to write full time. He enjoyed tremendous success as a novelist. Most of his novels became best sellers and several became popular films. All of his novels had moral and religious undertones. Two of his most popular works were set in the time of Christ.

The Robe, published in 1942, is the story of the Roman soldier present at the crucifixion of Jesus who wins the condemned man's robe in a dice game. It takes him on a journey to discover who Jesus really was and to join the Christian movement. *The Big Fisherman* is about the apostle Peter. Both novels were made into very successful movies.

...was a **Congregationalist?**

Did you know Washington Gladden...

Washington Gladden was a Congregationalist minister who penned hundreds of articles and authored nearly forty books. He also wrote the popular hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee." However, he is best known as the father of the Social Gospel Movement which gave the gospel a social conscience.

Gladden believed in the redemption of individuals and social institutions. His Social Gospel perspective challenged local churches to take up issues of social justice by standing with prisoners, the oppressed and the sick, as Jesus did. He was an advocate for labor rights, a living wage, racial justice and world peace. He warned that widespread poverty and the concentration of vast wealth in the hands of a few was subversive to the very fabric of American society. He called for the application of the "Golden Rule" to all economic, business, political, and international relationships. Teddy Roosevelt was a friend of Gladden and a promoter of the Social Gospel. In the early 20th century Social Gospel proponents campaigned to enact a whole host of progressive reform measures to empower the common people against corporate monopolies and monied interests. Their political success in this brief period is remarkable.

Between 1913 and 1920 four amendments to the Constitution were adopted to establish a more just and equitable society. In his final years Gladden opposed American participation in World War I. His last book, *The Forks of the Road*, was an indictment of the growing spirit of militarism in America and the church.

...was a **Congregationalist?**

January Calendar

January 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2	3	4
5 Communion Camp Sunday Worship 10:30am Rev. Joanna Hart, Preaching Taking Down the Greens Trustees Meeting Following Worship in Board Room	6 AA Group Meeting Fireside Room 6:30pm	7 Deacons Meeting 7pm	8 Men's Breakfast @7am Council Meeting 6:30pm	9 Funeral Service for Bettie Clark	10	11 Women's Coffee at 9:30am Einstein's
12 Worship 10:30am Youth Ice Skating Outreach Meeting Following Worship	13 AA Group Meeting Fireside Room 6:30pm	14	15 Clarion Deadline	16	17	18
19 ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY Worship 10:30am Anniversary Luncheon Following Worship	20 AA Group Meeting Fireside Room 6:30pm	21	22	23	24	25
26 Worship 10:30am	27 AA Group Meeting Fireside Room 6:30pm	28	29	30	31	

February Calendar

February 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion Camp Sunday Worship Service 10:30am Trustees Meeting Following Worship in Board Room	3 AA group Meeting @6:30 Fireside Room	4 Deacons Meeting 7pm	5 Men's Breakfast 7am	6	7	8 PEO – Building Rental in the Kitchen and Fireside Room 11am – 3pm
9 Worship Service 10:30am	10 AA group Meeting @6:30 Fireside Room	11	12 Council Meeting 6:30pm	13 PEO Group (Alice Stephenson) Kitchen/Fireside Room 9:30am - Noon	14	15
16 Worship Service 10:30am	17 President's Day AA group Meeting @6:30 Fireside Room	18	19 Clarion Deadline	20	21	22
23 Worship Service 10:30am Congregational Meeting Following Worship	24 AA group Meeting @6:30 Fireside Room	25 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	26	27	28	29

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Period Ending November 30, 2019

CHURCH GENERAL FUND	Fiscal Year-to-	
	November	Date
Unrestricted Contributions	\$7,266.00	\$52,617.12
+ Other Unrestricted Revenue	\$5,613.06	\$61,253.93
+ Transferred to General Fund from Designated Accounts, Memorial Fund & FCC Trust	\$38.00	\$3,550.02
= Total Income	\$12,917.06	\$117,421.07
Total Expenses	-\$26,450.54	-\$129,820.13
= <i>Net General Fund Surplus (-Deficit)</i>	-\$13,533.48	-\$12,399.06

Data for comparison

YTD Budgeted Unrestricted Contributions	\$59,162.00
YTD Budgeted Total Income	\$90,092.00
YTD Budgeted Total Expenses	-\$106,981.00
Amt YTD Surplus is ahead of (+) or behind (-) Budget	\$4,489.94

DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS

Designated Contributions	Fiscal Year-to-	
	November	Date
All Outreach Contributions	\$415.00	\$2,725.17
Other Designated Contributions	\$135.17	\$38.00
- <i>Total Designated Contributions</i>	\$550.17	\$2,763.17

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