

CONGREGATIONAL CLARION

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HAVE A GOOD SUMMER

First Congregational Church

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Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday: 8:30am – 3:00pm

Friday: 8:00am – Noon

Sunday Worship Services:

Online Worship at 10:30am

Follow Us on Facebook for Live Online Sunday Worship

Interim Minister:	Rev. Janie Gebhardt
Moderator:	Wendy Haupt
1st Assoc. Moderator:	
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

Janie's Jottings ~

I've been hearing that some people are wondering about my role here among you, so I want to explain a bit about Interim or Transitional Ministry. It has been known for some time that the time between regular settled ministries is often a rich time for assessing where a church is at and discerning a path forward. But just as I was beginning to get to know you, we were affected by the need to "socially distance" and I have been wondering how best to move ahead. I am so thankful to Cissy both for the "Coffee with the Pastor" times as well as all of her conversations with church members about their thoughts about the future. So, many thanks for all your work Cissy! Many thoughtful comments have been shared and some good questions asked too. I know that sometimes when we feel stuck, we tend to not consider all the options. So there have been some questions I've wanted to ask too – not so much about staying in the building or options for leaving but 'what is most important to you about being part of a church?' Perhaps thinking about what have been the most meaningful events in your faith journey and how are they connected to the church? I know these are questions that may be easier to address when we can be together again, but perhaps you have some time now to contemplate them now. If you are willing to share your thoughts I'd love to hear them.

I know there are some people who want to consider a future faith leader for the church. That is part of the work we need to do during this Interim time. Before you can search for a new pastor there needs to be consideration of where you hope to be going in the future, and not just the "wishlist" of bringing in new young families, etc. Some have expressed skepticism about finding someone who would come to a "smaller" church. I know you may not appeal to a "big name" but I know there are pastors who would welcome the opportunity to come to your church – a church of caring people. I also remember when Keith Lockhart came to

lead the Utah Symphony. I had wondered why he'd come to Utah from Boston, but then heard from him the wonderful things about Salt Lake from his perspective. Maybe some of you are not remembering some of the great things about this place you live?

One final note for today – several people have suggested I lead a Bible Study. Let's start out meeting on Thursday's at 10:00 am via Zoom. I'd like to begin looking at Luke/ Acts. Please let me know if you're interested either by email or contacting Kristi so I can send you a ZOOM link.

Blessings to all of you and above all be safe!

Janie

When will next meet for church?

Council discussed this issue and in our great concern for everyone's safety, we decided to not meet in person for a few more weeks. We are watching the data about reopening the economy, and feel that, given the average age of our members, we must be cautious.

ANNUAL MEETING - The 155th Annual Meeting of First Congregational Church of Salt Lake City will be postponed until we can gather safely. Please watch for information.

SUMMER CLARION



The office will be producing a shortened version of the Clarion during the Summer Months. We will have an updated Calendar for the month and financials and any new events that have come up. Deadline for any new upcoming events needs to be in by the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

CLARION DEADLINE



July Clarion Deadline will be June 17th. You can email your articles to firstcongo@qwestoffice.net

Outreach Recipients for the Summer Months

For the months of June and July, we will be collecting financial donations for the Utah Food Bank. The Food Bank acts as a central distribution point for food pantries across the State serving 150 partner agencies. Founded in 1904, Utah Food Bank has operated under various names, but has always remained true to their mission of *Fighting Hunger Statewide*. In previous times, it is estimated that 382,000 Utahns, which equates to 1 in 8 individuals, are at risk of missing a meal on any given day. Even more alarming is that 1 in 7 Utah kids are unsure where their next meal is coming from. With the pandemic, many people are out of work and rely on the Food Bank and Food Pantries to provide them with needed food for themselves and their families.

With support from the community last year, they distributed 43.3 million pounds of food; the equivalent of 36.1 million meals, to people facing hunger across the state. During the summer months, many school aged children go hungry as they are not in school to receive breakfasts/lunches, and do not have food sent home with them from school based pantries on Fridays that help to feed their families over the weekend.

ZOOM Coffee with the Pastor – Wednesdays at 10:00am.



Please email the church if you are interested in joining in and we will get you the information you need to get online and chat with other members/friends and pastor of FCC.

**FCC Needs YOU
to volunteer, be involved and serve
at this critical time!!**

The Nominating Committee is going ahead with creating a ballot of nominees for 2020-2021 for boards and other positions in the church. We are putting this together for presentation at our Annual Meeting when we are able to meet again.

We have positions available on all boards. Including: CE, Deacons, Outreach, Membership/Stewardship, and Trustees. I am hoping some current members will continue to serve and if you are willing to do that, please call me. I would ask all of you to consider what you can do and get involved.

Please think about this and get in touch with us. Contact the church office if you are interested.

OUTDOOR SERVICE – The Outdoor Service has been cancelled. Please watch for updates for a possible reschedule.

CONGRATS TO OUR GRADUATES

To the class of 2020 – Congratulations! This has been an interesting time to graduate. We are proud of you for pushing through and staying positive. We know you will go on to do great things.



Celebrate Your Commitment to First Congregational Church

We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can commit to First Congregational Church. Please look at the Giving Chart and the Commitment Form that is provided in this Clarion. Decide what your financial commitment will be to this special place and email in your commitment form to the church office or if you prefer you can also mail in your commitment form to the church office.

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You can donate to FCC via PayPal

For those of you who prefer to do all of your financial transactions through credit card, we have now made it possible for you to use your credit card to donate to FCC through PayPal. You simply go to the FCC web site (firstcongregationalslc.org) and find the "Donate" button on the lower left of the first page. If don't have a PayPal account it is easily done the first time you donate. You can use any major credit card (e.g. VISA, Mastercard, American Express and Discover Card) to make your payment.

Experience the Joy of Generosity!

**EXPERIENCE THE JOY THAT COMES FROM
GIVING, SERVING, AND GROWING IN THE LORD!**

To help me grow in the joy of generosity:

My giving will be \$ ____per week or \$ ____per month or \$ ____per year for July 2020-July 2021

To help me grow in the joy of serving and growing in the Lord:

- I commit to grow in the joy of serving by using my time and talents within the church.
- I commit to grow in the joy of knowing Jesus more by reading my Bible daily, attending church regularly and developing an active prayer life.

Name(s) (please print) _____

Please send it to the church office by mail or email

June Calendar

June 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 AA Meeting will be held Virtually until further notice	2 Deacons Meeting	3 Coffee With Pastor via Zoom @10am	4	5 Kristi Out of the Office	6
7	8	9	10 Coffee With Pastor via Zoom @10am Council Zoom Meeting @6:30pm	11	12 Kristi Out of the Office	13
14	15	16 Kristi Out of the Office Through the 23 rd Will be back in the office the 24 th	17 Coffee With Pastor via Zoom @10am Clarion Deadline	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Coffee With Pastor via Zoom @10am	25	26	27
28	29	30 Kristi Out of the Office	Please watch emails for Updates on any cancelled meetings or events. We know this is a trying time and we will work to keep you updated and informed.			

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Period Ending April 30, 2020

CHURCH GENERAL FUND	April	Fiscal Year-to-Date
Unrestricted Contributions	\$6,110.00	\$102,443.90
+ Other Unrestricted Revenue	\$8,821.58	\$178,705.98
+ Transferred to General Fund from Designated Accounts, Memorial Fund & FCC Trust	\$94.84	\$6,107.89
= Total Income	\$15,026.42	\$287,257.77
Total Expenses	-\$15,109.15	-\$214,449.31
= Net General Fund Surplus (-Deficit)	-\$82.73	\$72,808.46

Data for comparison

YTD Budgeted Unrestricted Contributions	\$129,830.00
YTD Budgeted Total Income	\$188,889.00
YTD Budgeted Total Expenses	-\$211,298.50
Amt YTD Surplus is ahead of (+) or behind (-) Budget	\$95,217.96

DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS

Designated Contributions	April	Fiscal Year-to-Date
All Outreach Contributions	\$245.00	\$5,347.17
Other Designated Contributions	\$0.00	\$50.00
= Total Designated Contributions	\$245.00	\$5,397.17

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