

CONGREGATIONAL CLARION

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November 2019

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



First Congregational Church

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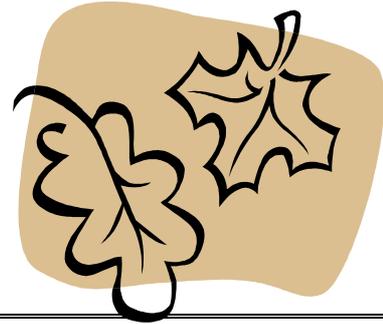
Tuesday – Thursday: 8:30am – 3:00pm

Friday: 8:00am – Noon

Sunday Worship Services:

Traditional Worship 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

TIME CHANGE Remember to move your clocks back (FALL BACK) for Sunday, November 3.

Pot Luck gathering at Cissy and Ron's house - Nov 8th 6pm

Please come to Cissy and Ron's house (2016 Emerson Ave) for a pot luck gathering. Bring a dish to share and BYOB. We will be discussing some questions about our church future. All ideas and opinions are welcome. Please RSVP to Cissy if you are coming (cissywolff@gmail.com or (801)243-5457.

Nov 23 (9am - 4pm) Retreat for Council and any other members who would like to attend

Elizabeth Guss, an experienced church retreat leader, will facilitate a day long retreat at our church. The purpose of the retreat is to draft a vision of who we are and where we want to be in our future. Elizabeth would like to have 10 - 15 participants to get a more broad perspective from our congregation. Council members plan to attend, and we also welcome other members and friends of FCC who would like to attend. Anyone attending the retreat will be provided with 5- 6 questions to answer and bring to the retreat. We also ask that you are able to attend the entire retreat (9am - 4pm) to provide continuity of conversation. Coffee, tea, water and lunch will be provided during the retreat. Please let Wendy Haupt know if you are planning to attend so that we have an accurate count to order food for lunch. wshaupt@gmail.com or (801)755-9758

SHARE THE HARVEST



This year we are beginning our winter food drive; Share the Harvest it will run through the month of November. This will help in a couple of ways. First, and most importantly, we will get a jump on the winter food need at the Utah Food Bank. In addition you will have several Sundays to remember to bring your nonperishable items to church. We will collect donated food items each Sunday during. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

November's Outreach Project



During the month of November, we will collect financial donations for a local project called “Shalom, Salaam, Tikkun-Olam, & Peace: A Christmas Project of Hope and Cheer”. (Tikkun Olam means “helping to repair the world”). This is sponsored by the Council of Jewish Women in coordination with members and friends of Utah’s Jewish and Muslim communities. They collect clothing and food to distribute on Christmas Day while Christians are celebrating the holiday. The recipients of the food and clothing are refugees, homebound seniors, women & children in the domestic violence shelters, and single women headed households in poverty.

In previous years, they provided clothing (new and slightly used) as well as a meal to over 1500 people. Financial contributions will help them to purchase needed items like clothing, diapers, and food that will be prepared as a meal. Volunteers then deliver the items and the meals on Christmas Day.

FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

November is the traditional month when we celebrate our Congregational heritage. The coming year, 2020, will be one big celebration of that heritage, as it marks the 400th anniversary of the founding of Plymouth Colony and the beginnings of the Congregational Church in America. As part of the celebration, the National Association (NACCC) has made available a series of inserts for weekly bulletins and church newsletters, giving brief biographies of over 100 American Congregationalists. The Board of Deacons has agreed to publish a selection of them during the coming year, and the first batch appears in this issue. Because it's November, we begin with some of the early Plymouth Pilgrims, but the list of biographies reaches clear to the 20th century.

We are including some of these inserts in the bulletin this month. Should we continue to include them in the bulletins during the coming year? There was a question of whether they would be a distraction from, say, listening to the sermon (but Rev. Al Hammond says he isn't too worried about that!), so the Deacons would appreciate your feedback on that question.

As you come to know some of the figures in our past who made a difference in our history, we hope it will inspire you to want to add to that heritage in whatever way you can through this community of faith in Salt Lake City. From such a small, fragile beginning in Plymouth in 1620, the Pilgrims became, like Abraham, the founders of a great nation. Now our little congregation may seem just as fragile—but it, too, can have a bright future, depending on our faith that God will lead us in making it so.

--Ken Rockwell for the Board of Deacons

THANKSGIVING DAY



Is there interest in having a Thanksgiving Day potluck at the church this year? A sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex, or you can contact Ken Rockwell to express interest. Email: kwrockwell@yahoo.com, or phone 801-359-1516

If there is enough interest, we will begin at noon in the Fireside Room. Ken will give a history-related message, and we will share a hymn and a prayer before eating.

FROM THE PARISH NURSES

Resources for Home Maintenance

As nurses, we are always looking out for resources to help people to be able to safely stay in their homes if that is medically safe. Keeping one's home safe is a part of Falls Prevention (which was a previous topic from last year). There are some great resources for veterans and for people who struggle with finances who might need help with home maintenance.

In our community of Salt Lake County, there are several resources that can assist:

If one is a veteran, there is a program at the VA medical center here that will send out an Occupational Therapist to evaluate along with the veteran what is needed in the home i.e. a ramp for wheelchair access, grab bars in bathrooms, lower shelves/cupboards, or wider door frames for wheelchair access. Depending on if the veteran has a disability that is service related or non-service related, determines what the VA program will do at what cost. This program involves HISA (home improvement structural alterations). There must be a medical need for the home alteration and the veteran must have a primary care provider who

is a part of the VA system. Call 801-582-1565 x2585 to be connected to this program or go to their websites:

HISA link. www.prosthetics.va.gov/pass/HISA2.as

VBA Home Improvement Programs

www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/adaptedhousing.asp

Then there is Habitat for Humanity. Ed Blake is the contact there. They do more than build new affordable houses. They have the ReStore (1300 S 600 W with a new store to be opened soon at 4500 S and Main St) where you can either donate unused building materials or purchase building materials. They also can help with home maintenance jobs including roofing. The request must come from a home owner, not a renter. They will refer smaller jobs out to the appropriate people and will help with larger home maintenance jobs. Their goal is to create healthy green houses. Contact Ed at ed@habitatsaltlake.com or Kate at kate@habitatsaltlake.com 801-263-0136.

There is also Assist Community Design Center, a very small non-profit that helps with home maintenance and minor repair service, as well as home barrier evaluation. They will do a home evaluation and can provide architectural drawings for improvement. They have a pool of 30 contractors with whom they work. They have a federal grant to work with contractors to fix homes. The person must be the home owner to qualify. <https://assistutah.org>

And there is always 211, an information and referral service funded by United Way. Dial 211 (not 911) and you can speak with a real person who can help you with community resources and information. Or you can go to www.211utah.org.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 17TH

To the members of First Congregational Church, Salt Lake City:
This is a notice of a Special Meeting of the members of the First Congregational Church on November 17th, 2019 immediately following the Service.

The proposal:

"The First Congregational Church will sell 952 sq. ft to the Utah Department of Transportation along with a permanent easement for the line of site and a 2 year construction easement for \$88,700.00, leveling, grading, and rock placement on the surrounding property."

There are three components to this proposal which must be signed by November 24th.

1. Purchase of the property on the southeastern corner of our current property to place a large traffic sign. It is approximately 40% of the non-landscaped property between the sidewalk and parking lot.
2. The line of site easement would be permanent and immediately north of the property to be sold. It is most of the remaining non-landscaped property and landscaping, if desired, can have no plant or structure greater than eight feet in height.
3. A construction easement of the east edge of the parking lot approximately 6 stalls over the next two years. This is to allow for a long boom of a truck that moves equipment can be utilized when they are ready to put the sign in.

The project will take place in two parts. The grading and preparation of the land for a sign, initially, followed, approximately 30-60 days later, the installation of the sign. The remainder if the time is just in case it takes them a long time to get this project done. We can still use the parking lot stalls on Sundays.

Scott Haupt, Board of Trustees.

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EVENTS AND SERVICES

Hanging of the Greens will take place Saturday, November 30th 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.



OUTREACH SHARE THE WARMTH IN DECEMBER

In December, we will have the Share the Warmth tree up in the Narthex. We collect hats, gloves, scarves, socks, coats for people in need. We take the donated clothing to the Fire Department for them to distribute to individuals who are out of their homes and in need.

Advent Worship Schedule

1st Advent – December 1st

2nd Advent – December 8th

3rd Advent – December 15th

4th Advent – December 22nd

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



Did you know John Adams...

Our second president is said in many sources to have been a “Unitarian.” It seems clear that he did side with those who called themselves “rational Christians” and would later be labeled “Unitarians.” However, that label was not in common use until after 1815; so, for most of his life, John Adams would have been considered a Congregationalist.

Congregationalism was a family tradition. The Adams family came to America in the seventeenth century as what David McCullough calls “part of the great Puritan migration.” Adams is often portrayed as somewhat cold, very logical, extremely unemotional. But in some of his writings, he looked like a quite idealistic person, a man of deep feeling: *“It is an idea of the Christian religion, and ever has been of all believers of the immortality of the soul, that the intellectual part of man is capable of progressive improvement forever. This phrase [from St. Paul] ‘rejoice evermore’ shall never be out of my heart, memory or mouth again as long as I live, if I can help it. This is my ‘perfectibility of man.’”*

Thomas Jefferson and John Adams were fierce political rivals in their younger years. Once while they were serving together in the Continental Congress, Adams objected sharply to what he saw as disrespect for Christianity on Jefferson’s part. But later in life, the two old patriots became very dear friends. John died on July 4, 1826, the same day as Thomas Jefferson, on the fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

...was a Congregationalist?

Did you know Walter Judd...

Dr. Walter H. Judd, a physician and missionary, rose to national prominence as a crusader against Chinese Communism and Japanese expansionism in the years before World War II and later became a United States representative.

Dr. Judd went to Nanjing, China, in 1925 as a medical missionary for the Congregational Board of Foreign Missions. A year later, he set out on a 12-day river journey to a mission hospital in Shaowu in Fukien Province and stayed five years before severe malaria forced his return to the States. He went back to China in 1933 as a hospital superintendent in Fenchow, where his mission became a haven for thousands of Chinese fleeing the advancing Japanese armies. He remained in the city for five months after it was captured by Japanese before negotiating his release. He returned to the United States and immediately began a two-year campaign warning of Japan's military expansionism. Before resuming his medical practice in Minneapolis, he spent his savings traveling to 46 states to speak to 1,400 groups.

He was elected to Congress in 1942 after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and became one of the most influential members of the House on foreign policy. After the war, he was credited with playing an important role in American efforts to build stability in Europe through economic relief and development programs.

He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1981 by President Ronald Reagan, who called him "an articulate spokesman for all those who cherish liberty and a model for all Americans who aspire to serve mankind as physicians, spiritual leaders and statesmen."

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Did you know Theodore Parker...

Theodore Parker once described himself as the most hated man in America. He was a firebrand orator, a tireless social reformer and abolitionist. He was also one of the most learned American scholars in biblical studies of his day, a devout follower of Jesus, and an independent thinker, which made him a thorn in the side of Boston's religious establishment. He devoted his energies in advancing temperance, women's suffrage, women's equality, prison reform, and the abolition of slavery. He began his ministry at the Congregational church at Roxbury, near Boston. He was invited by a group of admirers to start a new congregation in Boston where he would gain a wider hearing. He named it the 28th Congregational Society of Boston. His informative and fiery sermons were soon drawing an audience of 2000 every Sunday.

Parker warned against the growing influence of business interests over good government that served the general public. A dozen years before Lincoln, Parker spoke of government "of all the people, for all the people and by all the people." Parker was also an active member of the Transcendental Club where he became friends with Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau. His most important sermon was, *The Transient and Permanent in Christianity*. He was dismayed that no Christian denomination would endorse the abolition of slavery, but he remained an optimist. A century before Martin Luther King Jr., Parker said, "I do not pretend to understand the moral universe, the arc is a long one, but I am sure it bends toward justice."

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Did you know Priscilla Mullins Alden...

Priscilla Mullins became an orphan the first winter in “New” England, but she survived. Priscilla became celebrated in romance and poetry. She was said to be well-born. Her father at his death was called “a man pious and well-deserving endowed with considerable outward estate.”

Priscilla was about twenty years old when she came to Plymouth. She was called handsome, witty, deft and skillful as spinner and cook. John Alden, a cooper (barrel maker), joined the Pilgrims at Southampton. He promised to stay a year in the colony. John brought a Bible, printed in 1620.

The poet Longfellow, a descendant of Priscilla (Mullin) Alden, wrote down the story of Miles Standish's asking John Alden to be his proxy in asking for Priscilla's hand. Priscilla chose Alden instead: “Why don't you speak for yourself, John?” Their daughter Elizabeth, son Jonathan and nine other children were born to Priscilla and John.

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November Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Rev. Alan Hammonds Office Hours: Tuesdays Noon – 3pm Thursdays 9am – 3pm					1	2
3 Communion Camp Sunday Worship @10:30am Trustees Meeting following worship Board Room	4 Election set up in the evening gym and fireside room AA Meeting 6:30pm Heritage Room	5 Elections Gym/fireside room/kitchen ALL DAY Deacons Meeting @7pm Board Room	6 Men's Breakfast @7am PEO Building Rental 11am (Glenda LeHoux) Fireside Room/Kitchen	7 Building Rental PEO 9:30am – Noon Kitchen/Fireside Room (Alice Stephenson) Book Club @2pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	8 Gathering at Ron and Cissy Home @6pm	9 Building Rental Gym/Kitchen/Fireside Room 1pm – 8pm
10 Youth Sabbath Worship @10:30am	11 Building Rental Youth Orchestra Concert 5pm – 9pm (Full Building) AA Meeting @6:30pm Heritage Room	12	13 **Early Clarion Deadline Due to Thanksgiving Holiday PEO Building Rental 1-3pm (Glenda LeHoux) Gym/Fireside Room/Kitchen	14 Book Club @2pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	15 *Possible Building Rental Place Holder for Kitchen/Fireside Room Evening**	16
17 Worship @10:30am Special Meeting following Worship please plan on attending	18 Building Rental Youth Orchestra Concert 5pm – 9pm (Full Building) AA Meeting @6:30pm Heritage Room	19	20 Council Meeting @6:30pm Board Room	21 Kristi Out of Office Book Club @2pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	22 Kristi Out of Office	23 Council Retreat and all those that wish to attend 9am – 4pm See Announcement for details
24 Worship @10:30am Thanksgiving Feast following Worship	25 AA Meeting @6:30pm Fireside/Kitchen	26	27 Rev. Alan Hammond out of Office through December 1	28 Thanksgiving Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30 Hanging of the Greens

December Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Camp Sunday 1st Advent Joanna Hart, Preaching Worship Service 10:30am	2 AA Meeting @6:30pm	3	4 Men's Breakfast @7am	5 Book Group @2pm Choir Rehearsal @7pm	6	7
8 2 nd Advent Worship Service 10:30am Alternative Gift Market and Bead for Life following Worship	9 AA Meeting @6:30pm	10	11 Council Meeting 6:30pm **Due to the Christmas Holiday articles need to be in no later than today. I will be printing on December 17th	12 Book Group @2pm Choir Rehearsal @7pm	13	14 Blood Drive
15 3 rd Advent Worship Service 10:30am	16 AA Meeting @6:30pm	17 Office will be printing 4 th Advent bulletin Today	18 Office will be printing Christmas Eve bulletin Today	19 Office will be printing December 29 th Bulletin Today Book Group @2pm Choir Rehearsal @7pm	20	21
22 4 th Advent Worship Service 10:30am	23 AA Meeting @6:30pm	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @7:30pm Church office closed	25 Christmas Day Church office closed	26 Church office closed	27 Church office closed	28
29 Worship Service 10:30am	30 AA Meeting @6:30pm	31				

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