

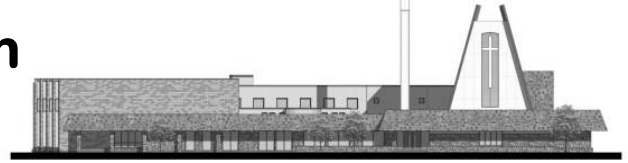


# The CONNECTION July 2011

## Christ United Methodist Church

### Salt Lake City, Utah

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.



#### The Art of Adapting

“Ever has it been that love knows not its own depth until the hour of separation.”  
~Kahlil Gibran

Sandy and I want to thank all of you for our time at Christ United Methodist Church. We plan to move to Cortez, Colorado by July 1<sup>st</sup>, when I begin a new journey as Senior (Lead) Pastor of their 109 year old church, First United Methodist. Our three sons plan to make good their journeys here in Utah, each already living on their own, traveling their expeditions into adult life. Sandy and I once said to each other, “The boys already left us, so now it’s our turn to leave them.”

Having grown up in St. Louis, Missouri and lived in Chicago, Illinois and Baltimore, Maryland, Cortez comes as a rather amiable change – amiable not only in the sense of pleasant, but amiable, also, in the sense humorous, because Sandy grew up in Indiana farm country. She’s familiar with “country-ness.” I’ve always been a city boy; and so, moving down to the Four Corners guarantees some interesting adventures for me.

I’m reminded of Mark Twain’s novel A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court, describing a fellow named Hank Morgan, who finds himself in a world quite different from his own, prompting more than a few exciting quests. Or maybe our redeployment to southern Colorado finds its best description in the novel Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes, whose protagonist, Alonso Quixano, a man in his fifties, travels many roads, engaging in one remarkable undertaking after another. Or perhaps taking on this new role suggests a different novel – one written by Charles Dickens, who described the escapades of Mr. Pickwick in Pickwick Papers – one of the funniest books I ever read. In various ways, Hank, Alonso, and Mr. Pickwick adapted.

And isn’t that what life’s all about... Adapting.

And so, as Lazarus Long once said, “Great is the art of beginning, but greater is the art of ending.” Great was the art you taught me at my beginning here. Let’s pray that greater will be the art of my ending here and beginning there.

“All right Sancho Panza... Let’s get started.”

*Pastor Tom*



#### From Pastor Tom’s Desk

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# Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale

Thursday, July 14  
6pm  
Christ United Methodist Church

Please join us for a wonderful informal concert by the Philadelphia Boys Choir and Chorale. The concert is free and everyone is invited to attend. We are currently looking for homes for the young men to stay in after the concert. Please contact Gina Williams if you can help out ([chuckgina1@comcast.net](mailto:chuckgina1@comcast.net), 801-588-0466). See article on page 6 for more details.

Founded in 1968 and currently under the musical direction of Jeffrey R. Smith, a choir alumnus and assistant conductor for Peter Nero and the Philly POPS, Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale has cultivated a following worldwide as America's Ambassadors of Song.

The Choir's achievements include world tours, performances for heads of state, recordings with internationally renowned orchestras and praise from critics and audiences around the world.

Emphasizing the preservation and promotion of American music, the Choir provides the finest in musical education and training to talented young boys and men, regardless of ethnic, religious or economic backgrounds.

Check out their website: <http://phillyboyschoir.org>



"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

### What is Stephen Ministry?

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips lay people to provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

A Stephen Minister is...

- \*A child of God who walks beside a person who is hurting
- \*A congregation member with gifts for care giving who was carefully selected to serve in this role
- \*A lay person who has received 50 hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care
- \*Someone who will "be there" for his or her care receiver meeting faithfully for about an hour each week, for as long as there's a need.

Why the name Stephen? The name Stephen comes from St. Stephen, who was the first layperson commissioned by the Apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need. (Acts 6)

History: Stephen Ministry began in 1975 when the Rev. Kenneth C. Haugk, PhD., a Lutheran Minister and psychologist, trained 9 lay people to provide Christian care and support to people in the congregation and community who were experiencing life difficulties. Since then more than 10,000 congregations are enrolled in the Stephen Series training program. They represent more than 150 different Christian denominations and come from all 50 states, 10 Canadian provinces and 23 other countries.

Stephen ministers receive 50 hours of training in listening skills, feelings, assertiveness, confidentiality, and ministering to people in specific situations such as divorce, terminal illness, grief and childbirth. Stephen Ministers are also trained to recognize when to refer a care receiver to a professional. Stephen Ministers receive peer supervision for accountability and support, but always maintain confidentiality of their Care Receivers. They also continue to participate in continuing education to improve their care-giving skills.

On July 10th we will be commissioning 5 gifted caregivers who have completed their 50 hours of training.

They are: Colleen Peters, Lucy Waite, Dorothy Larson, Janette Knight, and Dick Eubanks. They will join 18 other Stephen Ministers who are active in our congregation and many more retired Stephen Ministers who have trained since 1998. If you should have a need for care, contact the Pastors or Stephen Ministry Leaders: Maxine Garwood, Evelyn Kasworm, Jerry Sheets, and Kitty Borrowman.

**Claire Circle (Women Together)**

Claire Circle Spa Party  
 The Spa Club in Foothill Village  
 July 19 @ 5:30 for socializing, spa services & fun  
 Bring a beverage and appetizer/munchie to share  
 Contact Theresa Werner: [theresawerner@gmail.com](mailto:theresawerner@gmail.com)  
 or Danette Luthi: (605)261-9056 for more information

**The Women's Book Club**

Aug 22 *Cutting for Stone*

by Abraham Verghese



**UTAH MISSION EVENT**

Event Cosponsored by  
 Rocky Mountain Conference United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women



**JULY 30, 2011 - ONE DAY EVENT**

Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> 8:30AM - 4:00 PM

**Christ United Methodist Church**

2375 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$40.00** (includes Saturday continental breakfast and lunch)  
**TEXTBOOK: \$10.00** (mailed to you if registration is rec'd by July 16<sup>th</sup>)

**2011 STUDIES - Choose one Study**

- Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity - Study Leader: Judy Hill*
- The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice & Reconciliation - Study Leader: Janet Wolfer*
- Haiti: Challenges and Hope - Study Leader: Rev. Jim Gulley*

*Pre-registration is required. Textbook will be mailed to you if you register at least 2 weeks before the event.  
 Cancellation refunds will be made up to one week before the event, except for \$10.00 non-refundable fee.*

**MAIL FORM TO REGISTRAR: BRENDA MOLAND, 1565 S 900 E, Salt Lake City UT 84105 Phone: 801-414-9739**  
 If you have questions, call or email Brenda at [bjm315@comcast.net](mailto:bjm315@comcast.net)



**Utah Mission Event Registration Form - Due on or before July 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 (Please fill out a form for each person attending)

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Church** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Emergency contact/phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Do you need childcare?** \_\_\_\_\_

Please list ages of children  
 Please check all that apply: Clergy Lay UMW District or Conference Officer First time attendee Youth

**CHOOSE ONE STUDY:** Mission in the Age of Global Christianity The Journey: Forgiveness, Justice Haiti

\$40.00 Registration Fee \$10.00 Textbook **AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to "SCHOOL OF MISSIONS" Mail to Brenda Moland, Utah Mission Event, 1565 S 900 E, Salt Lake City UT 84105**

**Rocky Mountain Conference School of Christian Mission  
2011 Theme: "All Things Made New"**

As followers of Christ, we hold fast to God's intention to bring hope and wholeness to the world through Jesus Christ. Grace-filled, we long for a world that moves from brokenness to wholeness, from suffering to healing, from injustice to justice, from scarcity to abundance, from estrangement to reconciliation and from despair to hope. As partners in God's mission, the transformation we seek today is that of taking what is broken and restoring it to fullness in the light of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Faith-filled, we believe that out of the rubble and ashes of devastation will come new life—a life of hope, a life of abundance, a life of joy for the journey.

*"And God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:3b-5a, NRSV)*

The School of Christian Mission and Mission Events provide an opportunity for worship, fellowship and the study of the global mission of the church and the responsibility of Christians within it.

The three studies for 2011 are:

**Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity**

Written by Dana L. Robert, explores the theology of mission and evangelism in the twenty-first century context of Christianity as a world-wide religion. The study invites us to look at why we are involved in mission and how we proclaim the Good News in Jesus Christ. What are the biblical mandates for mission? Does Christ call each of us to be his evangelist? The study sets the biblical and historical context for the reality that Christianity is now the largest world religion and explores the theological foundations for Christian mission, drawing upon the New Testament model of Jesus Christ and on Methodist history as sources for United Methodist understandings of mission and evangelism. Study Leader: Judy Hill

**The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice & Reconciliation**

Written by Stephanie Hixon and Thomas Porter, the spiritual growth study book for 2011, *The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice, and Reconciliation* deals with the theme of how individuals, families, and communities are called to a life-long journey of practicing forgiveness, justice, and reconciliation in our relational lives. In short, the spiritual growth focus is on coming out on the side of grace and restorative justice in rebuilding personal, familial, and communal relationships. Study Leader: Janet Wolfer

**Haiti: Challenges and Hope**

An overview of the cultures that shaped Haiti's past and the ongoing legacy of colonialism, along with glimpses into the heart and soul of Haiti's people through pictures and Creole adages. The mission study also includes the impact of the devastating January 12th earthquake in 2010. The author lays out the need for developing a theology of liberation for Haiti. Central to Rev. Dr. Pierre's thesis is his insistence that mission must be aligned with the concept of partnership, stating, "The primary purpose of this endeavor is to encourage ongoing exchanges of cultural, understanding, mutual respect, and mission partnership between the people of The United Methodist Church and the people of God in Haiti."

Study Leader: James Gulley.

Registrar: Brenda Moland, 1565 S. 900 E., Salt Lake City, UT 84105  
801-414-9739  
bjm315@comcast.net

You are invited to attend the  
Christ United Methodist Church Annual

## All Church Camp

at beautiful Camp Pined Cliff near Coalville, Utah

Friday, July 8 through Sunday, July 10, 2011

Cost: \$25 per person OR  
\$90 per family (for up to 6 immediate family members)

(Includes lodging, all meals on Saturday, and brunch on Sunday)

Bring your own dinner for Friday night. The grill will be hot!

Arrival time on Friday is anytime after 4 p.m. Departure is noon on Sunday.

You can stay in a cabin, or bring your own tent or R.V. Cabins are on a first come, first serve basis and have bunk beds, you will need to bring your own bedding.

Activities: hiking, softball (bring your own mitt), basketball, volleyball, fishing, crafts, campfire, singing, games, and more!

Dogs are welcome, however, must be on a leash AT ALL TIMES and are not allowed in any public buildings.

You will receive confirmation and more information, including a map and directions, once your registration form and payment have been received.

Questions? Call Robin at 801-272-6838 or robin.haugh@yahoo.com Deadline: July 5th!

### FAMILY CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

(Turn into Church office with check made payable to CUMC)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Children attending and ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be staying in a \_\_\_\_\_ cabin, \_\_\_\_\_ tent, or \_\_\_\_\_ R.V.?

Are you willing to share a cabin with another family? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, which family? \_\_\_\_\_

What activities are you willing to help with (crafts, games, campfire, music, Saturday reflection service, etc)?

**Please turn this registration form in to the church office with your check payable to CUMC, by Tuesday, July 5, 2011. Please call Robin Hough if you have any questions, 272-6838**

**We have a limited number of sponsorships available. Please contact Vanitta Conrad at the Church office if this is of interest to you. Also if you would like to contribute to a sponsorship, please include with your registration.**

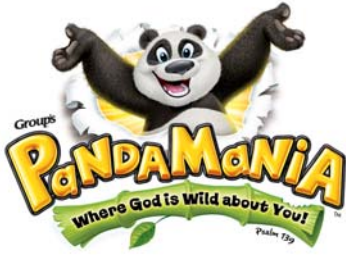
**We look forward to seeing you there! Thank You!**



# Family Camp

**HELP WANTED:** We are in need of a Meal Coordinator for All Church Camp this July. This person would be responsible for planning menus and doing the shopping prior to camp. All the costs are reimbursed by camp funds. While at camp, you just oversee the kitchen; the families do the cooking and cleaning. The same three folks have covered it for the past 10 years and are retiring. Contact Gina ([chuckgina1@comcast.net](mailto:chuckgina1@comcast.net)) or Pam ([p.h.allison@att.net](mailto:p.h.allison@att.net)) if interested. We will train you and it will be fun! :)

# Children's Ministries



## Vacation Bible School 2011

Our fun annual Vacation Bible School will be held **July 11 – 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to Noon**. Our theme this year is: ***Pandamania – Where God is Wild about You!*** Kids will participate in Wild Bible Adventures, Bamboo Blast Games, Crazy Crafts and more! Please mark your calendars now! ***You can register on-line at [www.ChristUMCUtah.net](http://www.ChristUMCUtah.net) or pick up a form in the church office.*** There is a \$7 registration fee/child. (Scholarships are available if needed.) Our VBS is open to all children ages 3 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade (as of

Fall 2011). We would love to have you join us!



## **Vacation Bible School Supplies Needed**

Our Pandamania VBS is set to kick-off on July 11<sup>th</sup>! We are in need of supplies to help it run smoothly. If you would be willing to purchase or loan some supplies, please stop by our bulletin board display by the gym and choose a panda or two. Each panda lists what specific item(s) we need and when/where it should be brought to the church. Thanks for helping us share how God is Wild about the children of our community! If you have any questions, please contact Vanitta at 801-486-5473 ext. 12.

## **Wanted: Vacation Bible School Helpers!**

We are in need of adult and youth volunteers to help staff our Vacation Bible School, July 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to Noon each day. We need a Station Leader for Video and crew leaders for elementary and preschool children that escort a small group to the various stations each day. We will provide training and materials; we just need willing hands and hearts! Please give Vanitta a call and say you'll help! (801)486-5473 ext. 12 or [vconrad@mindspring.com](mailto:vconrad@mindspring.com). **Training for all VBS helpers will be held Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Room 201.**

## **Children's Church – Summer 2011**

This summer at Christ UMC we will once again be offering Children's Church during the 9:00 am worship hour for children ages 3 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Children should accompany their parents to the 9:00 am worship, then after children's time they will be escorted upstairs to Room 201 for a worship service all their own. We will have fun activities along with time for worship. During the 10:30 am worship hour there will be no children's programming, but children are welcome to join their families in worship. Activity packets are available in the narthex to help keep your little ones happy during worship. ***We need parent volunteers to help each Sunday.*** Volunteers will assist the leader with crafts, snacks, etc. No preparation is needed. ***Please sign up on the chart on the bulletin board by the gym.*** **Children's Church will run from May 29<sup>th</sup> – September 4<sup>th</sup>.**



## **THE LIBRARY CORNER**



JULY'S BOOK OF THE MONTH:

Parenting With Love and Logic:  
Teaching Children Responsibility  
By Foster Cline, M.D. and Jim Fay

"I am continually amazed at how well these principles work, not only for children, but with parents and other adults. It's great to get away from punishment and anger and into love and logic."  
Sharon Alexander, Principal

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**Families Anonymous**, a support group for those who have a friend or family member who suffers from substance abuse or related emotional problems, meets at CUMC every Wednesday at 7 pm in room 209. A second FA group meets at Mountain Vista United Methodist Church., Thursdays at 7 pm in the Rainbow Room.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call Bonnie at 801 581-0180 or 801 664- 1020 or at [rock@economics.utah.edu](mailto:rock@economics.utah.edu)



### **Coming Fall 2011 – Miracle Mountain! & Praise Mountain!**

This fall we will be introducing the new format for our Sunday School programs. At **9:00 am** each week we will offer **Praise Mountain** in Room 201. This will be a fun upbeat **worship service for children ages 3 years – 6<sup>th</sup> grade**. It will include music, prayer, activities and worship especially designed for children. We will be recruiting 4 adults/older youth who can rotate and lead this service.

At **10:30 am** each week we will offer **Miracle Mountain**. This will be our new rotational formatted Sunday School for **ages Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade**. The children will begin the hour in Room 201 for a short gathering time. From there the children will be accompanied by a "Shepherd" to various workshops to encounter the Bible story in different and fun ways. Our workshops will include:

**Loaves & Fishes** – cooking; **Creation Station** – arts & crafts; **Let There be Lights, Camera, Action** – video;

**Where in the World is Jonah?** – science; **Walking on Water** – games; **Sermon on the Mount** – storytelling/drama; **The Way** – prayer/meditation; **Miriam's Dance** – music/movement and **Jesus.net** – computers. Each age group will attend one workshop each week, and then go to a different workshop the following week, etc.



We will be working to transform our Sunday School rooms into fun workshop areas that reflect our love of children and create places to experience the Bible in new ways. We will also be recruiting Shepherds and Workshop Leaders to staff the program.

**Shepherds** – are adults/older youth who accompany the children to the workshops each week and make that personal connection with the children. They commit to being there most Sundays for a 4 month period, but don't have to do any preparation.

**Workshop Leaders** – lead a specific workshop for one month, repeating the lesson each week (with slight changes for the ages of kids that are attending that week.) This is a shorter commitment and can lend itself to particular interests/talents you may have. We provide all curriculum for you.



For our **Pre-K children at 10:30** we will offer a traditional Sunday School class with some new, fun curriculum called **Buzz**. This will be a relaxed, safe environment for our youngest to begin their Sunday morning experience

Please prayerfully consider how you can be a part of our children's programming this fall at Christ UMC. If you would be interested in helping update our rooms this summer, please contact Vanitta at 801-486-5473 ext. 12 or [vconrad@mindspring.com](mailto:vconrad@mindspring.com).

Please help us invite all our children to ***Come to the Mountain!***

### **Help us transform our Sunday School Rooms!**

During the month of August we will be working in our upstairs classrooms to transform them into various workshops for our Sunday School program. If you would be interested in helping paint, hang decorations, etc. and contributing great ideas, please call Vanitta Conrad, DCE at 801-486-5473 ext. 12. We will schedule various work days throughout the month. Thank you!!

## **Contemporary Worship Team Forming**

Are you interested in Contemporary Worship experiences? Join us on Monday, July 11 at 7pm in the Parlor to discuss and plan for future contemporary worship services, as well as ways to grow these worship experiences. Please contact the church office at 801 486 5473 to let us know you are interested.

# Ministry and Missions

## 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOLDEN CELERY CHALLENGE July 1- July 31



Food donations to Crossroads Food Pantry decrease during summer, although the need does not. To help alleviate this problem, faith communities in Salt Lake hold a competition to donate the most food during the month of July -- the Golden Celery Challenge. Last year CUMC came in 3<sup>rd</sup>. This year we want to be 1<sup>st</sup>! To help meet this goal, the Church and Society Committee is asking everyone to donate non-perishable food items to Crossroads during the month of July. The items most needed are dry beans, rice, and juice of any size (bottled, canned, little boxes, sports drinks, but NOT bottled water).

There are two ways to donate to the Golden Celery Challenge.

1. Put your donations in one of the black bins labeled with the Flame & Cross logo, and a member of the Church and Society Committee will take it to Crossroads.  
or
2. Take your donations directly to Crossroads Urban Center (347 South, 400 East), 9-4:30 weekdays (except July 4 & July 25). Take your donation to the back of the building, weigh it, and log it on the donation sheet. Indicate clearly that the donation is from CUMC. Donations logged under your own name will not count toward the Challenge.

Donate generously! Help CUMC win this lovely trophy -- and, more importantly, help feed our less fortunate neighbors.

**Crossroads July food of the month** - cereal and milk, dry or canned

**Thrift store need** - new underwear, especially men's

### HOMES NEEDED:

The Philadelphia Boys Choir will be playing at the Grand Teton Music Festival and Logan in July. They are stopping over in Salt Lake City on Thursday evening, July 14. Their original housing fell through and they are looking for beds for 88 boys and young men. One of the directors, Jeff Smith, remembers when our very own Wesley Bell Ringers played at his church in New Jersey when he was a kid and Ed Duncan was the director.

This is a great opportunity for everyone - retired folks, folks with little kids, single folks, everyone! We are finalizing the details of the time that the choir will arrive in Salt Lake. Please contact Gina Williams ([801-230-5388](tel:801-230-5388), [chuckgina1@comcast.net](mailto:chuckgina1@comcast.net)) if you can help.

### Utah Friendship Force

There will be 16 Japanese Visitors from Tokyo coming to our area on July 6, 2011 for a six day visit. The members of the Friendship Force club of Utah will be hosting them in their homes. There will be a Welcome picnic on July 7th and a farewell dinner for these visitors on July 10th.

If you are interested in meeting and visiting with these Japanese visitors and learning something about their county and culture please contact Doug Ingraham and Margret Boes-Ingraham or Don and Nona Bressler at [UtahFriendshipForce@gmail.com](mailto:UtahFriendshipForce@gmail.com) or call 801-424-2850 or 801-261-1561 and leave a message.

Friendship Force International is CHANGING THE WAY YOU SEE THE WORLD. Join us for an adventure that will take you past the monuments into the heart of a country and its people. See [www.thefriendshipforce.org](http://www.thefriendshipforce.org) for information on the International organization.

**Monday Market Sales at Crossroads Community Food Co-op** offer a variety of fresh produce, frozen meat, and other locally produced items that are sold at prices 30-50% lower than the grocery store. Every Monday (except major holidays) from 3:30pm-6:30pm. Open to the public at 1726 S 700 West, SLC Cash, credit, debit & Horizon food stamp cards are accepted.

### July's "Green" Action: Open your refrigerator/freezer doors less often and for shorter times.

The Department of Energy says that in most homes the refrigerator is the second-largest user of electricity (13.7%), right after the air conditioner (16%)

Two behaviors can help save energy: 1.) Establish a specific place for the foods. If you know right where to reach to get something, and right where to put it away, you will spend less time with the door open. 2.) After grocery shopping collect all of the foods that need to go into the refrigerator, open the door once, and quickly put them in their established places. This goes for cooking, too. Open the door once to get everything you will need out, and then open it once to put it all away.

Have a Green Action to suggest? E-mail it to: [ginakiechle@hotmail.com](mailto:ginakiechle@hotmail.com)

## HOMELESS YOUTH GET EXPANDED SERVICES



The bad news is that Salt Lake's homeless youth population continues to grow. On average, 200 youth ages 15 - 22 are seeking services each month. The great news is that some new services have been added to help these youth at risk, including 8 beds at Palmer Court, a supportive services housing facility. More housing is currently being sought out for these youth. A capital fund-raising campaign has begun for desperately needed funding for the expansion in programs that are being offered to Salt Lake's homeless youth.

Street outreach efforts have also been beefed up to encourage homeless youth to come to the Homeless Youth Resource Center (HYRC) during the day where they can obtain basic needs items, take a shower, have a meal, do their laundry, attend life skills classes and obtain much needed case management services. Other offerings at the HYRC include GED classes & a full-time employment specialist for the homeless youth. The number of homeless youth requesting services from the employment specialist has doubled in the last year.

HYRC staff & volunteers are working diligently to help these youth at risk to realize their self-worth, stay safe, and get off the streets. The youth are building their confidence and learning that they are a valued part of their community and that they are employable.

The ultimate goal of the HYRC is to get these young people off the streets and into a life of self-sufficiency. YOU CAN HELP by making a financial contribution or by giving an item donation from the HYRC current Wish List. You can also donate your time at the HYRC in a variety of ways. To make a donation, please see the HYRC Spring - Fall 2011 Wish List. To volunteer at the center, please contact Charis Pankratz at [charispankratz@voaut.org](mailto:charispankratz@voaut.org) or 801-364-0744. For more information, please contact Coni Hampton at [mwhcjh@comcast.net](mailto:mwhcjh@comcast.net).

Thank you for prayerfully considering how YOU CAN SHARE GOD'S LOVE with our homeless youth.

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

Mathew 25: 31 - 46

## HOMELESS YOUTH RESOURCE CENTER WISH LIST SPRING - FALL 2011

YOU CAN HELP by making a financial contribution, by giving an item donation from the HYRC current Wish List, or by volunteering your time at the HYRC in a variety of ways. Contact Coni Hampton at [mwhcjh@comcast.net](mailto:mwhcjh@comcast.net) for more information.

\*Financial Donations are their current greatest need. You can make financial donations in one of the following ways:

- (1) \*\*Online at [www.voaut.org](http://www.voaut.org)
- (2) \*\*Make a check out to Volunteers of America; write "Homeless Youth Resource Center" on the memo line; mail your check to: Volunteers of America, Utah, 511 West 200 South, Suite 160, SLC UT 84101

### Other greatly needed items at this time are:

Men's boxers (medium, large, XL)

Men's deodorant

Batteries (AA, AAA, C)

Non perishable foods- Chef Boyardee, Top Raman, granola bars, tuna, etc.

Sunscreen

Chapstick

Medicine (cough/cold medicine, eye drops, Tylenol, etc.)

Gift Certificates (increments of \$10) to Smith's, Payless Shoes, Wal-Mart) If you don't want to leave these in the donation bin, you can securely give them to Coni Hampton 801-272-5988 for delivery to the Center.

Donations can be left in the clearly marked basket in the hall between the kitchen and the multi-purpose room at Christ Church. Or you may deliver your donations directly to the Homeless Youth Center 655 South State Street, Salt Lake City. Call 801-364-0744 for daily drop-off hours.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE



**ERIK CONRAD**

**ERIK CONRAD** graduates from Skyline High School. Eric is the son of Vanitta and Paul Conrad. Eric enjoys history, music, theater, and multimedia design. He was on the academic honor roll for four years and a member of the National Honor Society. Eric played in the Wind Ensemble and

the Pep Band. He is also a member of the Venture Scouts and the Boy Scouts. Erik participated in the CUMC Youth Council. Erik plans to attend Truman State University, in Missouri and major in Secondary Education.



**MIKE JACOBSEN**

**MIKE JACOBSEN** is graduating from Brighton High School, he is the son of Melody Jacobsen and Tom Jacobsen. Mike likes to Ski. He is a member of the Wesley Beller Ringers. Mike was a State and US competitor in wood shop. He took AP Music Theory. He also plays in the Pep

Band. He has participated in the Youth Mission Trips the past three years. He also enjoys creative writing and attended the youth event "Rejuvenation." Mike plans to attend Salt Lake Community College and the U of U with a major in Electrical or Audio Engineering.



**PHOEBE DRAPER**

**PHOEBE DRAPER** is graduating from Skyline High School. She is the daughter of Mary Draper and Del Draper. Phoebe enjoys tennis and skiing. She plays the piano and the Cello. She is on the High Honor Roll. Phoebe was a Visual Arts Sterling Scholar State Finalist. She earned a letter in Music. She is a member of the National

Honor Society and Academic All State Recipient. She is a student body officer, and a member of the tennis team. She volunteers at the Boys and Girls Clubs, and is an art teacher at the neighborhood house. Phoebe is a member of the CUMC Youth Praise Band. She plans to further her career in Journalism or International Relations.



**SARAH LAURSEN**

**SARAH LAURSEN** is graduating from Skyline High School. Sarah is the daughter of Carolyn and Eric Laursen. Sarah enjoys Tae Kwando, sings in the school choir and was nominated for the Golden Talon Award. She participates in Debate. Sarah has attended the CUMC

youth mission trips. She also has volunteered for the Turkey Toos, the Christmas Food Drive, and the Angel Tree Program. She plans to further her education with a degree in history with plans to pursue a career at a museum.



# CLASS OF 2011



**CHRIS  
MONTGOMERY**

**CHRIS MONTGOMERY** is graduating from Skyline High. His parents are Dianne Stewart and Larry Montgomery. Chris enjoys participating in the CUMC Youth Group. He is a photographer and Tech Support. He has attended the last four

youth mission trips. He also enjoys cars and skiing, and playing in the band. Chris plans to attend the University of Utah.



**CHRIS PRATER**

**CHRIS PRATER** is graduating from Granger High. Chris is the son of Becky and Kenneth Prater. Chris enjoys Ninjas, Swords and Helicopters. He is also fascinated with Dragons and Animals.

He is a member of the Japanese Club, and a member of the Demolay. He also enjoys wrestling. He plans to further his education and pursue a career as a Helicopter Pilot.



**EVANGELINE  
STEELE**

**EVANGELINE STEELE** is graduating from Highland High School. She is the daughter of Robert and Liz Steele. Evangeline is a member of the National Honor Society, is a varsity Cheerleader and sings in the concert choir. She is a member of the Health Occupation Student

Association. She is on the Swim Team, participates in the Children's Dance Theater and is in the CUMC Youth Praise Band. She plans to attend the University of Utah.

*Congratulations to  
the following  
Seniors who did not  
submit photos*

HAYLEY FREDRICKSEN  
CLAIRE LU  
ERIK NIELSON  
MATTHEW PERKINS  
LINDSEY REEMSNYDER  
LEAH SMITH  
McCLANE STENMARK



# Joys, Concerns and Thanks



Deepest Condolences to the friends of Jean Merritt who passed away Thursday, May 26. Condolences may be sent to Prentice Merritt, 103 Falata Circle, Little Rock, AR 72223

Deepest condolences to Don and Nona Bressler and their family at the loss of Don's father, Pete Bressler, who passed away June 9. Services will be held in Denver, Colorado on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.


Good Afternoon!  
 I am a member of First Baptist Church in Morehead City, NC. We were honored to hear the Wesley Bell Ringers last nite at our church. Wow!!! They are BEYOND GREAT! I am a member of our handbell choir (and a lot older than these kids).....they have such great love for their art, the music they played and it was very obvious they love our Lord! Their enthusiasm is awesome. Thank you for sharing them with us!  
 We hope to have them visit us again!

*Glenda Dixon,  
 Morehead City, NC*

*Thank you so much for the generosity you have shown to den 1. We sincerely appreciate being able to use a room for our weekly meetings along with the gym when needed.*  
*Thank you so much*  
*-Kiersten Smith*  
*den 1 leader*  
*Koji NB*  
*Marand*  
*Jack S.*  
*Jake E + Nan.H*

To Friends at CUMC,  
 My family and I are grateful for your prayers, concerns, cards, visits, tasty food, but most of all, thanks to blood donors every where who helped my recovery happen.  
 Thanks be to God,  
 Betty Lou Hocken

Betty's address:  
 Sunrise at Holladay,  
 4650 Highland Drive # 309,  
 SLC, UT 84117. 801-897-2497

 Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for your generous space to sleep, eat and be in fellowship.  
 Julie Wermer, Mission Coordinator,  
 Fort Morgan United Methodist Church Mission Team

Dear CUMC Family,  
 Thank you for the cross. Your support has always helped and of course if always appreciated. I got accepted into the University of Utah and can't wait to get out of High School.  
 Love, Chris Montgomery

May 15, 2011

Dear Friends,

Pat and I thank you for the wonderful welcome you gave us during our recent return to Christ Church and also for the use of the Family Promise rooms. We had planned to use the Family Promise kitchen and gathering area to assemble a Work Team we scheduled at the UMCOR Depot. Little did we know that our RV would stop working while on the way to Utah and we would rely on your hospitality to make the Work Team possible.

We cannot say enough good things about how well arranged and fully supplied the Family Promise area is. Even with the Buffalo Barbeque on our first Saturday there and the Bell Ringer's Rummage Sale the second, we barely knew they were in the building and we had all the privacy we could desire.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your gracious hospitality. Please accept the enclosed check as a small measure of our gratitude.

Grace and Peace,  
*Ron & Pat Hodges*

Congratulations to Eileen Vestal

A painting by Eileen Vestal was chosen as one of 70 art works that were shown in the juried Utah Women Artists' Exhibit of 2011, held at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center from May 5<sup>th</sup> through June 21<sup>st</sup>. Her painting was a watercolor of the "Three Wise Men" formation in Arches National Park. This biennial art competition has been sponsored by the American Association of University Women of Utah since 1983 to encourage and support the many gifted women artists in Utah.





Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your support of prayer and finances for our Jr High Mission Trip / Camp to Pinecliff. This year was no exception to God's power with our Jr High Youth. It's a privilege to watch how our youth bond together, work together and take care of each other and the camp. This year they painted cabins and cleared sage brush that had taken over the upper parking lot. This was hard and difficult work. One of our work teams transplanted some seedling trees in between the two parking lots. One of our devotionals during this trip was to talk about the mission work/service projects in which we, as a youth group and church, are currently involved. We also brainstormed ideas for future projects. Overwhelmingly our youth feel strongly about a project of interviewing homeless people and writing their stories and sharing them with others. Check out our blogsite – go to our Church Youth Page and click on our blog.

(<http://www.christumcutah.net>) A big THANK YOU to all the adults who assisted with this mission trip!!!

AJ and I are currently down at Hogar de Ninos, doing devotionals with the children. We are also planning with the new directors, David and Marianela, future projects in which our Sr High Youth can participate next summer.

July 20th through August 1st will be our trip with our 7th-12th graders to Sacramento. The first half of the trip will be doing mission work (feeding homeless in a local park, helping a local UMC set up for their Vacation Bible School, and working in the California Emergency Foodlink warehouses for 2 days. Then we head over to Youth 2011 (which happens every 4 years bringing UMC youth from around the nation together to worship, learn, and pray together.) Please keep the following participants in your prayers during this trip: (\*denotes chaperone). AJ M, Alicia G, Alicia S,\*Barb M, Bobbie J, \*Bruce M, Chris C, Colton P, CP A, Emily H, \*Fred B, Jake A, Jesse W, Makayla S, \*Mandy, Mary S, \*Patsy S, \*Scott R, Shannon L, Shay C, Tim H-D, and Tristan M.

Thanks again for your support of prayers for our mission work!

In Christ's Love, Barb McClellan - Director of Youth Ministries, [801 792 7478](tel:8017927478) cell [barbmc40@gmail.com](mailto:barbmc40@gmail.com)

**Youth Happening for SUMMER 2011**

**Tue 5 JUL:** 11am leave for SEVEN PEAKS WATER PARK (formerly Raging Waters) - invite your family and friends. We'll return approx 6pm. Discount tickets available - email Barb with the number of people coming with you (barbmc40@gmail.com). Adults also needed to carpool. You MUST sign up ahead of time to get discounted tickets.

**Mon 11 JUL - Fri 15 JUL** Vacation Bible School (help is needed - please contact Vanitta Conrad at 801 486 5473)

**Sun 17 JUL** 9am California Mission Trip Commissioning

**Wed 20 JUL - Mon 1 AUG** Youth Mission Trip to California and Youth 2011

**Sun 13 JUL** 3p Salvation Army Sandwiches

**Tue 16 AUG** 11a - 6p BOONDOCKS



**"ALL AMERICAN CHURCH PICNIC"**

Sunday, August 21, After the one Service at 10:00AM  
Washington Park, Upper Mountain Dell (up Parley's Canyon).  
Look for details in the August Connection and weekly ENews.

Dust off your ice cream makers,  
we will be recruiting folks to make home-made ice cream!





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Thank you for your support and understanding.



### **Wesley Bell Ringer Home Concert**

**Sunday, June 26  
7:30 PM**

**Welcome home the Wesley Bell Ringers from their summer tour!  
Bring your family and friends!**