

## Ron's Reflections

There are few things scarier than that which is unknown. I've been known to get truly anxious over things that I have worried might happen, only to find that either they didn't occur or they were no big deal. I am willing to guess that might have happened to you as well.



A New Year carries with it lots of challenges. What will it bring? How will the passing of time play out? What will be the same and what will be different a year from now?

An extremely wise man once said, "I know not what the future holds but I know who holds the future." As Christians we are committed to live in the reality of those words. God is with us! Emmanuel has come. And because we know that God is the God of love, we know that the mistakes of the past can be forgiven. Because God is the God of hope, we know that we are created to face all of the possibilities of the future.

When Pat and I came among you in September, we already knew what great people you are and what a fantastic Church this is. We knew that you were grieving over Marti's illness and subsequent death. And we also knew that you were committed to be a church that welcomed everyone, that reached out in love to those in need in our community and around the world, and that took your own spiritual growth seriously.

Our task, as Interim Pastor and wife, was to give you time to grieve, time to refocus, and time to discover again what amazing strengths lie in the human relationships you hold within the family of Christ Church. We have heard such wonderful, affirming words spoken to us and about us but what we really believe has happened is the rediscovery of what it means to be the body of Christ, and that is something in which all of you have had a significant role.

Into your midst will now come another Interim. That person will be bringing new and exciting gifts of ministry and love. They will have rich experiences in ministry that they will be eager to share. They will not be tied to the past but will be eager to move into a new and thrilling future, and they will be inviting you to join them on this adventure.

I urge you to greet them with love. Open your hearts to them. Do all in your power to get to know them on a personal level, to understand their strengths, and to be willing to forgive their shortcomings in the same measure you have forgiven mine. They have been called by God and appointed by the Bishop, and we United Methodists know that is an amazingly powerful combination.

You have a fantastic Staff in place! And, those among you who have volunteered and been elected to serve on the Church Committees and work areas are gifted beyond measure! And God is with you, now and always.

We leave indebted to you for your love, your support and your commitment to Christ and the Church. And we take with us enough treasured memories and affirmations to last a lifetime.

***Grace and Peace,***

***Ron and Pat***

### Advertising Help Wanted

The Public Relations Committee is looking for a few computer literate folks to help keep the Community Calendars updated. There are several, and each one is different, so it is too big a job for one person. If we have 10 people that can help, it would take each one just a few minutes to keep the activities of Christ Church current on each of these calendars. You will be trained, and given the necessary information on a regular basis.

To volunteer or get more information, please contact:  
Dianne Stewart Montgomery at Lmontgom@aol.com or  
Sharon Balch at news.cumc@gmail.com .

### The Media Team Needs You

The media team needs additional volunteers. Technical knowledge is not necessary, just a desire to serve. Contact Frank Lengyel at 801-466-8534.



### THE LIBRARY CORNER



BOOK FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

PUTTING THE PAST BEHIND:

Biblical Solutions to Your Unmet Needs

by Dr. Les Carter.

"Don't let your doubts and fears keep you from becoming closer to God and the people you love."

This book can help you start out the new year with a clean slate and set you on a road to a meaningful New Year's resolution.

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Happy New Year reading,  
The Librarians.



Save the date! The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Running for Relief 5K and Kid's 1K will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2012. Now's the time to start working on your New Year's resolution to get in shape. Not only will you get healthy, you'll help to continue the ongoing support of UMCOR projects and local charities.

Details and sign-up information will follow in the February Connection.

### A CELEBRATION OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

JANUARY 8TH WILL BE OUR LAST SUNDAY WITH RON AND PAT HODGES. LET US JOIN TOGETHER IN CELEBRATION OF THEIR TIME WITH US WITH A POTLUCK MEAL AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE. BRING A DISH OF YOUR CHOICE TO SHARE.

### Deadlines

- ★ Sunday bulletin announcements– Wednesday Noon of each week to: christumc.secretary@gmail.com
- ★ Weekly email items-Tuesday Noon of each week to: news.cumc@gmail.com
- ★ Newsletter articles-the 15th of each month to: news.cumc@gmail.com

## **GENERAL MEETING**

A potluck, Thursday January 5th, at Noon in the chapel. \$1.50 Program:- Memorial Service and Installation of new officers

## **DEBORAH**

### **(Stages of Womanhood)**

9:30am, January 19<sup>th</sup> in the parlor. We will plan for the new year. Bring leftover holiday treats to share. (Suggestion: if you have extra factory wrapped treats, give them to Crossroads. Extra homemade treats would be lovely for us to share.)

## **CLAIRE**

### **(Women Together)**

January 17, 2011 7pm  
Annual Planning Meeting  
All Women Welcome  
Childcare provided

## **HANNAH SEWING**

### **CIRCLE**

Meets the first Saturday of the month at UMCOR at 9am. You don't need to know how to sew to be helpful. All ages are welcome. For more info contact Dianne Minerich 801-272-4012or Pat Linnebur 801-486-6170.

## **MARTHA**

### **(Evening Fellowship)**

Tuesday, January 10th,  
7:00 pm  
Planning program.

## **RUTH**

### **(Friendship)**

January 13th at 11:00am in the parlor. Planning for the future.

## **WITTY KNITTERS**

Monday, January 9 at 1:30pm at Jackie Longmore's home at 4875 S. Andlor Street in Holaday. 801-440-6500. Join us in knitting and crocheting prayer

## **EVENING KNITTING CIRCLE**

Meets the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30 - 8pm, in the Parlor. We have knitting and crocheting lessons from 6:30 - 7PM. Please join us and bring a friend. Call Donna Thomas at 801-466-6243 if you have any questions.

## **THE WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

(Education, Discussion and Fellowship)

The Women's Book Club meets at 1:00 pm in the parlor at church to discuss the book: of the month. All women are welcome.

Jan. 23rd: **Bamboo People** a novel by Mitali Perkins (This is a UMW Reading Program book)

## **LYDIA**

### **(Sharing & Caring)**

Saturday, January 14th at 10:00 AM in the Parlor. Shannon Allsop will do the devotion. All are welcome.

## **UMW Executive Committee**

January 26th at 10am

## **2012 UMW Reading Program Books**

Available in the SLC Library system

### **Leadership Development**

**The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope**

by William Kamkwamba

**Women lead the Way** by Linda Tarr-Whelan

### **Nurturing for Community**

**I Am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced** by Nujood Ali

**The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks** by Rebecca Skloot

### **Spiritual Growth**

**Outlive Your Life: You Were Made to Make a Difference** by Max Lucado

### **Education For Mission**

**Bamboo People: A Novel**

by Mitali Perkins (JF Perkins)

**Beaded Hope** by Cathy Liggett

### **Social Action**

**The Slave Next Door: Human Trafficking and Slavery in America Today** by Kevin Bales

**The Bite of the Mango** by Mariatu Kamara (Y966.404 Kam)

**The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness** by Michelle Alexander

**Rediscovering values: On Wall Street, Main Street and Your Street**

**Youth Social Action** (counts for levels I to IV)

**Branded** by Eric Walters

**Going Blue: A Teen Guide to Saving Our Oceans, Lakes, Rivers and Wetlands** by Cathryn Kaye

**Sold** by Patricia McCormick

**Large Print** (counts for any category)

**Why Women Should Rule the World**

by Dee Dee Meyers

**Creative Aging: Retink Retirement and Non-retirement in a Changing World**

by Marjory Bankson

**Children** (Counts for Level III & IV)

**14 Cows for America** by Carmen Deedy

**Faith** by Maya Ajmera

**Amazing Faces** by Lee Hoplins

**What Will You Be Sara Mee?** by Kate Avraham

**Seeds of Change: Planting a Path to Peace**

by Jen Johnson

**The Beatitudes: From Slavery to Civil Rights**

by Carole Weatherford



## Children's Ministries

### Thank You!

A great big Thank You to all the teachers, parents and volunteers who helped make our annual Children's Christmas Pageant and Advent Event such a success. On Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> we had 44 children present "The Night the Animals Sang". A special thank you to the children who had speaking parts. They (and their parents) worked really hard to learn their parts. We had 150+ enjoy the potluck afterwards with a wonderful carol sing and visit from that jolly, bearded fellow! May God bless you all in the coming New Year.



### January 1, 2012

As a reminder there will be no Children's programming on January 1<sup>st</sup>. We will have our 3 regular worship services (8:00, 9:00, and 10:30 am). Your children and youth are always welcome to join you as you worship. Activity bags for young children are available in the narthex. We will resume our regular programming on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Have a happy and blessed New Year!

### Praise Mountain Worship Leaders Still Needed



As part of our children's programming we offer Children's Church at 9:00 am for ages 3 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This is a worship service with music, learning and prayer designed for kids. ***We are in need of 3-4 leaders who will rotate leading this service each week.*** We have some great curriculum called Kid's Own Worship that provides great lessons and music. ***It's easy and fun!!*** If you would be interested in leading or helping with this program, please contact Vanitta Conrad, DCE at 801-486-5473 ext. 12 or at [vconrad@mindspring.com](mailto:vconrad@mindspring.com).

### Children's Programming at CUMC – Come Join the Fun!!

**9:00 AM**

#### ***Praise Mountain!***

Children's Church for all children ages 3 years – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Room 201

**10:30 AM**

#### ***Buzz Sunday School***

Ages 3 & 4 years – Room 103

#### ***Miracle Mountain!***

Fun rotation format Sunday School for

Ages Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Begins in Room 201



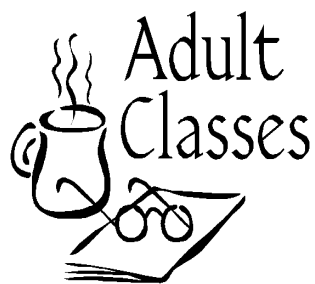
*Join our minister for Children's Time at the beginning of the 9:00 or 10:30 am worship service then you'll be escorted to your programs!*

### Safe Sanctuaries Training – January 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7 pm

If you work with children &/or youth here at Christ UMC we ask that you attend this required training. It provides valuable information about working with our children and youth. If you have any questions, please contact Vanitta Conrad, DCE at 801-486-5473 ext. 12 or Barb McLellan, Youth Director at ext. 16.

### Mark your calendars for 2012

- ◆ Annual Pax Cakes Dinner and pancake races – Tuesday, February 21, 2012
- ◆ Easter Eggstravaganza (Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch) – Saturday, April 7, 2012



### Wesleyan Class, Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the Parlor

Engage weekly in book studies, including a wide range of topics. Come find out what contemporary authors say about this world in which we live.

**Contacts:** Dianne Stewart (801-231-3964; 801-485-7584) or Jay Vestal (801-277-1156)

### Life and Times Class, Sunday mornings at 9:00am in Room 101

Lively discussion and lectures about powerful contemporary issues.

Contact: Dave Hoepfner. 801-583-5088 or [dhoepfner@comcast.net](mailto:dhoepfner@comcast.net)

### Men's Groups

**Spirits and Spirituality**, meets once a month on Sunday evenings. For more information contact Chuck Williams 801-588-0466, [marathonchuck@comcast.net](mailto:marathonchuck@comcast.net)

**Wednesday morning Men's Group, The Bagel Boys**, meets at 7:30am in the Parlor.

### Yoga



Starting on January 12, 2012, the Christ University Project will offer another session of "Yoga For the Rest Of Us." Regardless of your level of physical fitness, flexibility or strength, you will enjoy our gentle work out. Yoga provides a great way for you to stretch and strengthen your mind as well as your body. Join us in developing our strength, balance and flexibility to help us meet the challenges of life. All you need is a yoga mat (a camping pad or beach towel will also work), clothing you can stretch in, and a positive attitude. Please join us on Thursdays at 4:30 in Room 101, beginning on January 12.

### Marriage "Tune-Up"

To keep your good marriage GOOD, whether you've been together for 1 year or 50 years.

Sunday, January 22nd from 10:15-12:00 in Room 101. (Across the hall from the nursery)

Your Sunday School age children will have loving care in the nursery from 11:30-12:00.

This is NOT marriage counseling for troubled marriages! It's fine-tuning to make a good marriage better.

Questions? Bev Goodier 801-486-6469 [Bev@LifeSupportSystem.com](mailto:Bev@LifeSupportSystem.com)

### Families Anonymous,

This is a support group for those who have a friend or family member who suffers from substance abuse or related emotional problems. It meets at CUMC every Wednesday at 7 pm in room 209. FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call Bonnie at 801 581-0180 or 801 664- 1020 or at [rock@economics.utah.edu](mailto:rock@economics.utah.edu)

### SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS

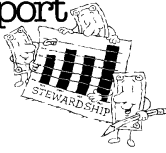
Are you a Caregiver for your loved one with any kind of dementia?

The Mount Olympus Senior Center offers an excellent, free, support group led by Christine Cramer (Sunrise Senior Living). Christine is a treasure chest of information, support, and gentle hugs. We meet the third Thursday of every month at 9:30 A.M. for an hour. The program is a combination of sharing issues, practical suggestions/resources, and/or a speaker from the professional areas of medical aspects, behavioral management, and finances. The atmosphere is one of understanding, empathy, and humor when we can dust it off.

Contact Helen Nix, 801-649-6007, for more information.

# Church and Community

## Stewardship Report



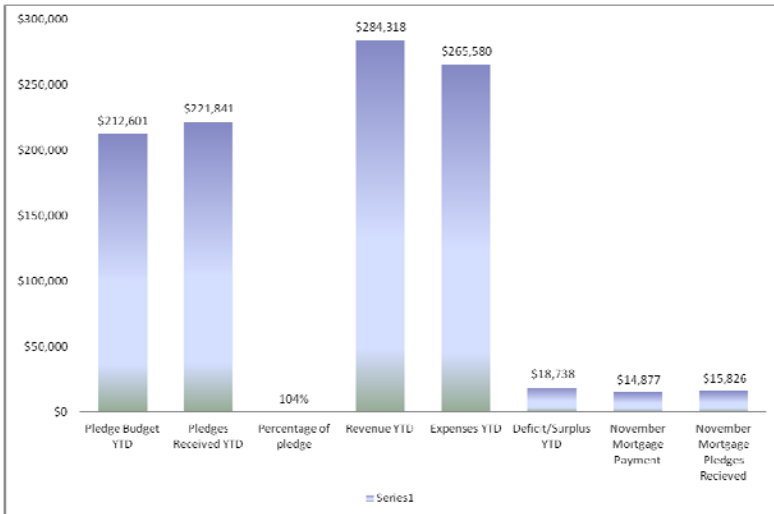
## Stewardship Minute

Happy New Year to all, and **thank you** for your generous gifts during 2011. This was a difficult year in so many ways for our church; we are all looking forward to better things in 2012. Your stewardship team wants to help make 2012 an exciting year of spiritual growth and development. To that end, we have hired Tom English, who was the pastor here from 1986 to 1992, to help us develop our year-round giving ministry. Tom reminds us that “money talk is ‘holy talk,’ deeply theological and as sacred as prayer.” Jesus spoke more about money than prayer or faith. He knew how easy it is for us to care more about our relationship with money than our relationship with God. Tom will help us put these relationships in balance. We look forward to the many personal blessings this will bring for all of us, and welcome you along on the journey.

Pledge Budget YTD	\$	212,601
Pledges Received YTD	\$	221,841
Percentage of pledge		104%
Revenue YTD	\$	284,318
Expenses YTD	\$	265,580
Deficit/Surplus YTD	\$	18,738
November Mortgage Payment	\$	14,877
November Mortgage Pledges Received	\$	15,826



Join members from your community group for coffee and treats on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the gym. Everyone is part of a community group. Come meet your church neighbors, enjoy time together, and find out the purpose of a community group.



**Crossroads Urban Center**  
January foods of the month are cereal and peanut butter

January thrift store needs are bedding, blankets and sleeping bags

### Another opportunity to Give through the Crossroads Food Coop.

This is the time of year when many people give back to the community. People in need feel the pinch much more strongly during this season and many of us rise to the occasion to help. To simplify your charitable giving, we're offering a new item: the Donation Share, which is a selection of produce similar to the Produce Share that everyone knows and loves. Donation Share produce will be donated to Crossroads Urban Center's Food Pantry, which provides emergency food boxes and other services to more than 75,000 people per year. Donation Shares are \$10.00 each, the same cost as a Produce Share.

To donate food to a neighbor in need or to another organization, consider purchasing extra produce shares that you pick up and give to them personally.

## Ministry and Missions

### VOLUNTEER AT THE DEPOT

When Ron and I retired we resolved that we would participate in at least one mission event each year. That started out to be trips to the UMCOR Depot in Baldwin, LA where we discovered the fun of packing boxes of mission supplies headed wherever needs arose. When the second Depot opened in Salt Lake City, in 2009 we added it to our destinations and in the past two years we have led groups of workers from Colorado to come fill mission boxes

We were thrilled to discover that many of you have been down to the Depot to work in the sewing room (the Hannah Sewing Circle) or work a day now and then, but we were surprised that a Team had not been organized to spend a week filling boxes with school, birth, health or the other kinds of kits sent out on your behalf to meet the needs of the world. In response, we want to invite you to join a Volunteer in Mission Team for **UMCOR Depot West** this next May.

The dates will be May 7-11. The cost is \$20.00 per worker. The hours are 9:00 am to around 4:00 or 4:30, Monday through Friday. Since the Depot is right on your back door-step you'll be able to carry on a nearly normal life, except every day will be spent at the Depot that week. The work involves a lot of repetitive activity that can be done seated on stools around large tables. A small amount of lifting may be required of some.

We are sharing the week with a Team from Oregon so we only have room for 10 volunteers. We invite you to contact us at [Ronhodes@comcast.net](mailto:Ronhodes@comcast.net) to indicate your desire to be a part of the Team.

We have often said, "This isn't rocket science, but it is very important work and if volunteers don't do it, it won't get done." We invite you to join us at The Depot!

Pat Hodges

### Where in the world are UMCOR's two official warehouses?

If you guessed that one of them is in Salt Lake City, Utah, you're right! Just a few short years ago the 2<sup>nd</sup> UMCOR Depot was established in our own Salt Lake City with Reverend Brian Diggs at the helm, assisted by the great Maika Tukuafu.

The UMCOR West Depot, as it is known, is located at 1479 South 700 West. The original UMCOR Sager Brown (East) Depot is located in Baldwin, Louisiana. Six other conference-owned feeder facilities exist - - two each in North Carolina & Pennsylvania, & one each in Georgia & Illinois.

Recently Rev. Brian, Maika & volunteers, including Rev. Ron Hodges, Tom Loken, Sally Loken & Paul Allison, filled three 20-foot containers (924 cubic feet of capacity) with 700 boxes holding combinations of sewing kits, health kits, clean birthing kits, school kits & layette kits. All those kits were bound for the recently-formed nation of South Sudan.

How did these boxes of kits get to South Sudan on the African continent from Salt Lake's UMCOR West? An 8'x8'x20' trailer with the containers was dropped off at the depot & there's usually a 2-3 hour window for loading them. The boxed kits were moved by forklift to the trailer then 2-3 people hand-loaded the boxes into the trailer. After a semi-cab returned to pick up the trailer, the containers traveled by rail to Houston where they were loaded onto a ship. The UMCOR NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) in New York City sets up & guides these container shipments to Africa & other places around the globe.

If you're interested in volunteering as individuals, families &/or groups at UMCOR West, please contact Brian at [www.westdepot@umcor.org](mailto:www.westdepot@umcor.org) or call 801-973-7250. If you'd like to make donations to help buy supplies for the various UMCOR West kits, please write 'Missions/UMCOR West kit supplies' in the memo section of your check made payable to CUMC. Finally, UMCOR West could use a conveyor belt (flat preferred yet slanted ok), such as those used by grocery stores, for moving boxes of kits.

### HOMELESS YOUTH RESOURCE & OUTREACH CENTER

**Thank you for your support of Salt Lake City's homeless youth. All of your donations are greatly needed and appreciated! The CURRENT WISH LIST is available at church and online**

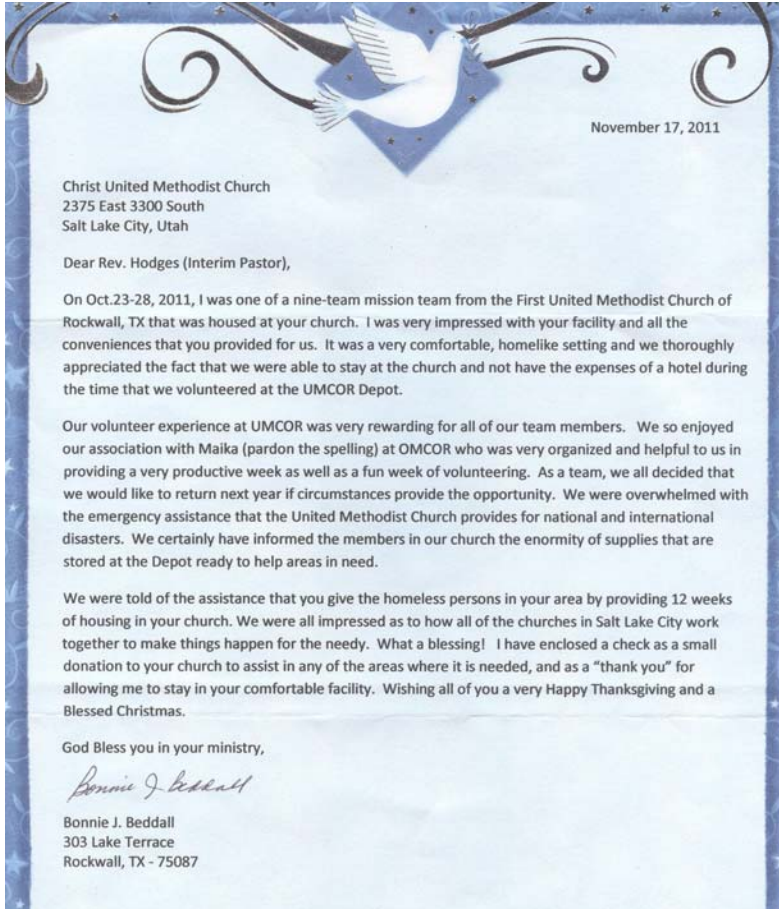
### Opportunities to Serve Persons in Need

Would you like to help serve individuals and families in need? The Church and Society Committee is looking for a few new members to help in its efforts to address community needs regarding education, children and families, and the environment throughout the Salt Lake Area. The Committee provides funding and volunteer support to such programs as the Alberta Henry scholarship, Crossroads Urban Center's Food Pantry and Thrift Store, Family Promise Salt Lake, Meals-on-Wheels, the Road Home, Utah Children, the Ulster Project, And Justice For All, the Utah Interfaith Power & Light environmental cause, Salt Lake Donated Dental, and the Homeless Youth Resource Center. This is an active and exciting Committee to be a part of. For more information on joining the Committee, please contact Cathy Perryman at (801) 272 0853, or Doug Hattery at 268-9251.

# Joys, Concerns and Thanks



Deepest Condolences to Dana Hughes on the death of her husband, John.  
Deepest Condolences to Gayle and Makayla Six on the recent death of their Mother and Grandmother.  
Deepest Condolences to Julie Dabling and her family on the death of her 100 year old Grandmother.  
Deepest Condolences to Jeff and Julie Lu on the recent death of Jeff's father in Seattle.



Dear Kitty,  
 It seems you were present in our lives for many reasons a short time ago. I don't know where to begin thanking you for all the things you made happen so life was easier for Marti, Mack, the girls, Ron and me. You must also be my spokesperson for all the good members of Christ Church who provided whatever we needed. Try as I might, I can't remember all the names of the good people who stopped by with food, encouragement, music, a haircut, prayers, flowers—Stephen Ministers even provided hankies! You all demonstrate what a loving church family is. We will always remember your love and caring.  
 Ron and Trudy Zimmerman

Everyone in this church deserves a big THANK YOU for all the socks, underwear, gloves, scarves, and hats given for those in need. The socks, underwear and coats went to the Crossroads Thrift Store where they were put into use by those in need almost immediately.  
 The gloves, scarves and hats were given to the people who were in line on December 23rd as they waited a turn to get a Christmas box of food. Everyone was so appreciative and their smiles showed it!

Thanks to all who helped with the reception following the memorial service for John W. Hughes.  
 Dana, Asha and Michael Hughes

  
 Gift-4-Gift Update: Your generous donations & matches from the Mission Committee & Harmons made it possible this year for local families to receive over 1,000 Thanksgiving turkeys from the Crossroads Urban Center!

To all my friends at Christ United Methodist Church.  
 Thank you for all your prayers, cards, food and visits.  
 Margot Duncan and family

Thanks to everyone who helped out with the Family Promise hosting in December. A special thanks to the congregation of Kol Ami Synagogue for covering the Inn at Christmas. Our next hosting of the Family Promise families will be April 1-8, 2012.

**The Nominations Committee**

The Lay Leadership Committee is now called Nominations. We changed the name to clarify what it is that we do. We are continually looking for a few good men and women to staff the committees of the church. We try to find a job that a person is interested in, not just fill spots. Our pastor is Chair and I, Cathy Perryman, am the Lay Chair. So if you get a call from Ron, Kitty Borrowman, Mary Ann Allison, Chuck Williams, Robin Hough, Brenda Moland or myself, please consider their requests. If there is a committee on which you wish to serve, just call one of us, or talk to the committee chair.

This is the time of year we switch to new Lay Leaders. Robin Hough and Brenda Moland will be our new Lay Leaders. Ruth Henneman has just completed three years and we thank her for her tactful guidance and her patience. A Lay Leader is a liaison between the laity and the clergy. The Lay Leaders try to answer questions, give suggestions, listen for good ideas and trouble spots, and make sure the laity knows that their concerns will be heard. It is a big job, made easy by enough communication. Questions? Cathy Perryman 801 272 0853



**Stephen Ministry  
Prayer Corner  
Epiphany**

O God,  
you made of one blood all nations,  
and, by a star in the East,  
revealed to all peoples him whose name is Emmanuel.

Enable us who know your presence with us  
so to proclaim his unsearchable riches  
that all may come to his light and bow before  
the brightness of his rising, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever. Amen.

*from the Methodist Hymnal*



**The Wesley Bell  
Ringers  
Valentine Dinner  
Dance  
will be**

**Saturday, February 11, 2012**

Mark your calendar now! Details coming soon.

We are looking for silent auction items. If your business or your hobby produces goods or services that might be donated for the auction contact Dawn Mangelsen at 801-554-6210 or [dmmangelsen@msn.com](mailto:dmmangelsen@msn.com)



**Donations of New  
and Gently Used  
Children's Books  
Needed!**

Our youth are collecting Children's Books to be delivered to Palmer Court (a long-term Homeless Shelter in downtown SLC). Delivery will be made during YLC on Feb 4th. Please drop off the books outside the kitchen. God Bless!





## Youth Calendar

We're excited for our New Year 2012 here we come!!

With the New Year approaching, it's time to reflect on this past year. Our Youth at Christ UMC continued to be Christ's Body in service to others: not because they had to in order to go to heaven, but BECAUSE of their love for Christ, they choose to help others. Here are some of the ways and places our youth volunteered in 2011: Utah Food Bank, Crossroads Thrift store, 30 Hr Famine, sponsored a child from Guatemala through World Vision, helped a boy in Mexico pay for his high school education, UMCOR, Crossroads Urban Center Food Pantry, Pinecliff Camp Mission Trip / Service Project, Sacramento Mission Trip (California Emergency Foodlink, made lunches and fed homeless people in a park, set up for a VBS in a local church), Homeless Youth Resource Center, assisted with various Family Fellowship Events, "Great Days of Service", raked leaves for church family members in need, Annual Turkey Toss/ Food Give-Away the day before Thanksgiving through Crossroads, made sandwiches and delivered them for homeless downtown in SLC, Angel Tree Prison Ministry, Road Home Overflow Shelter (made blankets), Food Give-Away 2 days before Christmas through Crossroads. WOW - what a year!!!

Our youth are ready for a new year and not only learning about ways to be a Disciple of Christ, but actually being a Disciple of Christ in their daily lives!

On Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> our youth will be facilitating all 3 of our worship services. At the 8am service, you'll hear our Praise Band. At the 9:00 and 10:30am services you'll experience our Praise Band, Dance Troop and Drama Group. The theme for these services will be "Making a Difference".

We will be hosting another Utah United Methodist Youth event at Christ UMC Feb 3rd-4th. We will be looking to our church family to once again "STEP UP" and help out at this event. Please contact me soon by phone or email, or stop by the youth table on Sunday and let me know your availability!

In Christ's Love,

Barb McClellan - Director of Youth Ministries  
801 792 7478, barbmc40@gmail.com

**1 JAN - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL / NO YOUTH GROUP**

**Tue 3 JAN -DODGEBALL TEAM REGISTRATIONS DUE**

**Sat 7 JAN --5th Annual Community Youth Dodgeball Tournament**

**Sun 8 JAN 10:30a - 12:30p Youth Group**

12:30p - 1:30p Youth Dance - Rm 201 A

1:30p - 2:30p Youth Drama - Rm 201 A

2:30p - 4:20p Youth Praise Band - Chapel

**Tue 10 JAN Turn in your YLC (Youth Leadership Conference Feb 3-4) Registrations & \$ to Barb today**

**Sat 14 JAN 4p-7p Youth Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary**

5p-7p Final Rehearsal for all youth involved in 15 JAN Worship Services -

**Sun 15 JAN 8a, 9a, 1030am Youth Worship Services**

NO YOUTH GROUP

**Mon 16 JAN Martin Luther King YOUTH DAY at Brighton**

**Sun 22 JAN 9am Confirmation, Youth Sunday School**

10:30a - 12:30p Youth Group

12:30p - 1:30p Hogar de Ninos Sr High Mexico Mission Trip Meeting for participants, parents and chaperones

**Sun 29 JAN 9am Confirmation, Youth Sunday School**

10:30a Youth attend Worship Service

(need Liturgist, greeters)

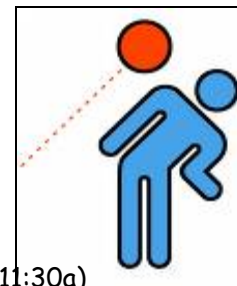
11:30a Youth Group - meet in Youth Room

**Tue 31 JAN -3rd \$100 installment due for Mexico Mission Trip**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Fri 3 FEB 6p - Sat 4 FEB 8p YLC (Youth Leadership Conference) hosted by CUMC -We need youth to be "hosts", leading youth from other churches to their sleeping areas. Adults are needed for various volunteer roles.**

**You are Invited!**  
**To the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Community  
Dodgeball Tournaments  
Saturday, January 7th  
At Christ United Methodist Church**



12 pm: Jr High (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) Tournament (registration opens at 11:30a)

3pm: Sr High (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Tournament (registration opens at 2:30p)

Teams consist of 6 members of the same age group (either Sr High or Jr High)

There must be at least 1 girl on each team.

For more information and to download registration forms / release forms go to:

<http://www.youthdodgeball.blogspot.com> or <http://www.christumcutah.net/YouthSpecialEvents>

Deadline for signing up teams is January 3rd

You must sign up via email: [youthdodgeball@gmail.com](mailto:youthdodgeball@gmail.com)

Send us your team name, team captain and all team member names,

where you are from and how you learned about the tournament.

Cost is \$5 per participant to be paid on the day of the event - all team members must bring signed registration forms (including release forms signed by parents) and pay fees before your team can play.

Brackets for each tournament will be available on the day of the tournament.

Trophies awarded for top 3 teams of each tournament!

**Questions?**

**Please contact Barb McClellan 801 792 7478 or Dianne Stewart-Montgomery 801 231 3964**



This photo was taken from our Dec "Rite 12" gathering. Rite 12 is for our high school seniors to help equip them for adulthood, physically, emotionally and spiritually. This past month the seniors went on a field trip to Randall's Body Shop where they learned how to change oil in their cars. (L-R Ian, Jon, Bryce and Boaz)

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**Coffee Hour Hosts, mark your calendars!**

**JANUARY**

- 1 - PR Committee
- 8 - Trustees
- 15 - Stephen Ministers
- 22 - Family Promise Committee
- 29 - Membership & Nurture

**FEBRUARY**

- 5 - Venture Crew 9410
- 12 - **Scout** Sunday - Boy Scouts
- 19 - Cub Scout Pack 3410
- 26 - Boy Scout Troop 410



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**Tween Flicks**

Tween Flicks will meet on Sunday, January 8th from 5 to 7pm in room 201. All 5th and 6th graders and their friends are invited to this fun time of movies, popcorn and pizza. While an RSVP is not necessary, it helps in planning to make sure we have enough food. RSVP to Jon Jolley (801-557-6075). If one or two parents could stay and help out, that would be great! Start the new year off right with Tween Flicks!