

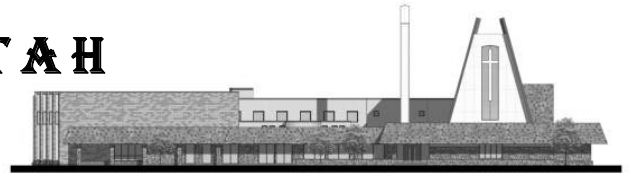


THE CONNECTION APRIL 2011

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.



Marti's Reflections

My dog whines to get me out of bed and out the door. I'm not a great morning person, but by the time I return home, I'm so grateful for his prodding. The birds sing early and the early spring flowers are getting ready to bloom. The mountains are amazing with the sun coming up. And

I'm grateful for the simple gifts God provides to the earth and its creatures.

How are your Lenten disciplines coming along? I've both struggled with and enjoyed, reading and working on the 7 Deadly Sins sermons. It turns out that lust was harder to preach about than money. I feel like I'm on a roller-coaster between pride, lust, sloth and greed. I've been surprised that these old issues still face me and our culture like they faced the early Christians. Speaking of spiritual disciplines, John Wesley, our Methodist founder, fasted twice a week. I find fasting for Monday's dinner has also been tough. I really admire all our youth who fasted for 30 hours. They were so focused on those they were helping.

I am glad to have a focus for my fasting. The money I raise will go to UMCOR -Japan recovery relief. Knowing that we have a fault line down 13th East, I'm aware that such an earthquake could happen to us. I realize I don't have the water I need. Seeing the photos of Haiti, Chile and now Japan, water seems to be what ought to be available in my garage in case of emergency. I'm grateful that UMCOR is working in Christ's name, and on our behalf, to help rebuild lives. If you have been touched by the stories and photos, please make a check out to CUMC and put Japan in the memo. We will also take a UMCOR special offering on April 3rd to help cover the administrative costs of the depot, Rev. Brian Diggs' salary and more. I pray you will be generous. New life will come out of death and destruction.

That's what Easter is about, new life out of death. Are there dead places in your emotional or spiritual life? I'd like to yap you up and out walking, to hear the birds and see the flowers, and remember, God seeks new life for you too.

Blessings,
Rev Marti

PS RECONCILING MINISTRIES

In May, our church will be voting at a Charge Conference whether to become a Reconciling Congregation, opening our doors and hearts and minds more formally to the gay and lesbian community. Our Church and Society Team have scheduled a movie about the issue for Sunday, April 10th at 12:30 with discussion to follow. Last January a guest speaker helped us to understand what being a Reconciling Congregation means. Now it is time to listen and talk to each other. Please join us. MZ



Worship Schedule and Sermon Topics

- April 3** "Envy" - One Great Hour of Sharing offering, Communion
- April 10** "But I Want That: The Deadly Sin of Gluttony" - Youth worship at 10:30 in Chapel
- April 17 Palm Sunday** -
"When Anger Gets Control of You"
Russian Pastor Igor and Alexander visit
- April 21 Maundy/Holy Thursday**
Remembering the Last Supper 7PM
- April 22 Good Friday**
Service at 7:30 PM
- April 24 EASTER CELEBRATION**
7:30, 9:00, and 10:30AM
Wesley Bells and Chancel Choir
Wear your Easter bonnet



EASTER

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From Pastor Tom's Desk

Reflections on Lent

Every Lenten season my parents made the same resolution: They would quit smoking.

Their pledge lasted until after their second or third marital spat. When they decided that they'd rather keep their marriage together than go through nicotine fits, trying irritably to give up smoking, they would make up (which, I discovered at a young age, is always fun for fussy married people). My mother would say, "Bob, let's go cash a check," which was their secret code, meaning, "Bob, let's go out, leave Tom at home, and have a good time like we used to." I knew that they'd buy a pack of cigarettes, stop arguing (at least for a little while), and allow my life to go back to normal. After they enjoyed their "good time," they'd come home with smiles on their faces; and, my take-away message concerning Lent then became, "Nice try, but life must go on despite all good intentions."

Knowing now their Lenten resolution, can you guess what their New Year's resolution was too? You're right: They would quit smoking... again. And, guess how long that lasted. You're correct again: Not very long. As I grew older, I decided that my parents only came up with Lenten and New Year's resolutions so they could get fussy, spat with one another, and then enjoy making up.

Fortunately, both my parents eventually quit smoking. I'd like to say that they quit because of Lent or even because of New Year's. Yet, they quit just because it made common sense. So now, what's my newer take-away message concerning Lent?

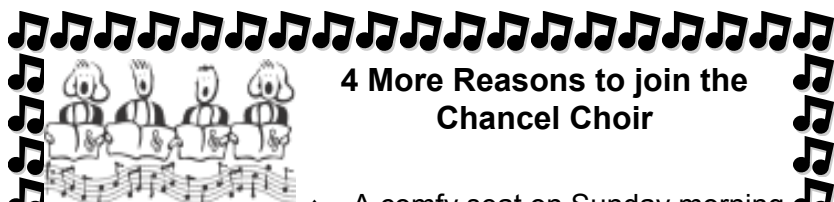
Maybe Lent serves as a time to begin using the kind of common sense we need to use the rest of our life. It's a time to test out what makes enough sense to maintain every day of the year. Does it make common sense to exercise routinely? Does it make common sense to find at least one or two new, simple, inexpensive, quick and healthy recipes to cook in a few minutes (instead of relying on fast food) when our schedules get overwhelming?

Big Picture-wise, does it make common sense to eat, drink, enjoy our toil, have at least one good friend, and love our soul mate? The author of Ecclesiastes thought so. Or does it make sense to seek wisdom in order to live "The Good Life"? The author of Proverbs thought so. What about doing unto others as you would have them do unto you? Jesus thought so.

Perhaps, then, a good resolution to make during this Lenten season would be, "I'm going to begin using some common sense during Lent that I can use the entire year - maybe that I can use the rest of my life."

What makes sense to you?

Pastor Tom



4 More Reasons to join the Chancel Choir

- ◆ A comfy seat on Sunday morning
- ◆ Free voice lessons every Wednesday, 7:30PM
- ◆ Fun, laughter and the chance to make a joyful noise
- ◆ Those beautiful choir robes

Child care is available

We are in need of additional childcare workers for our Nursery ASAP. We have so many events here at Christ UMC which need childcare - what a great thing! If you would be available weekday evenings and are interested in this paid position, please contact Candice Alba, Childcare Coordinator, at [801-548-4429](tel:801-548-4429).



Are You 18 - 35 years old?
Do you have 2 - 10 hours a month you could volunteer?
If so - we are looking for YOU to help work with the teenagers from our church.
Training is provided -- it's NOT scary - in fact - it's VERY REWARDING!

Our youth need good role models, in addition to their parents, with whom to talk and hang out.
If you don't have time on a regular basis, then what about helping with a one-time project?? Please contact Barb at 801 792 7478 or barbmc40@gmail.com



Please know that ministry time for us is every hour of every day. If you have a need, desire prayer, or wish to speak to one of our leaders, just give us a call, an email, or write a note on your pink card Sunday morning.

**General Meeting
APRIL 2011**
Date: April 3 (SUNDAY)
Time: 11:30 am
Cost: \$3.50
Program: Making Peace with
Mother Earth
Coordinator: Pat Linnebur
Hostess and Greeter: Claire/Lydia
Executive Committee
Thursday, April 28 at 10am



Dorcas Circle
(Craft Group)
Tuesday, April 5th,
9:30am. Quilting in the
Gym

**The
Women's
Book Club**



**(Education, Discussion and Fel-
lowship**
Monday, April 18th, 1:00pm, Parlor
*The Third Jesus: The Christ We
Cannot Ignore* by Deepak Chopra

Deborah Circle
(Stages of Womanhood)
9:30 Thursday, April 21, in the Par-
lor and chapel. Kitty Borrowman will
complete the program on Turkey.

Ruth Circle (Friendship)
Thursday, April 14th at 11:00am in
the Parlor. Bring a sack lunch.

Witty Knitters
The next meeting is Monday, April
11 at 1:30pm. We will meet at the
home of Betty Hockin, 4526 S Lake
Springs Lane, 801-
272-3338.



**The Evening
Knitting Circle**
Wednesday, April 20th, 7:00pm
in the Parlor.

Join us for our April
UMW General Meeting on
Sunday, April 3rd at 11:30am
in the gym. We will enjoy a
delicious brunch followed by a
program "Environmental Is-
sues" with Jay Vestal. We will
also be honoring our past
UMW presidents. Everyone is
invited! Childcare is available.
Please RSVP to Pam Allison
(582-4812,
p.h.allison@att.net).

The United Methodist
Women host a general meet-
ing each month from Septem-
ber through June. The meet-
ings include a program and a
meal. Programs include the
Christmas Tea (December),
the Mother, Daughter, Friend
Banquet (May) along with a
variety of programs focusing
on social issues, and issues
and missions dealing with
women and children. All are
invited to attend, and childcare
is available.

Claire Circle (Women Together)

April 12th, starting in Room 101 at
6:30 p.m. with a business meeting,
followed by soap making in the
kitchen.
*Please note time change & room
change

Lydia Circle
(Sharing and Caring)
Saturday April 9 at 10 AM

Martha Circle
(Evening Fellowship)
Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00pm
In the Parlor
Meeting hostess:
Mary Ann Allison

Save this Date!

Friday May 13, 2011 6:30PM at Christ United Methodist Church
Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet

Please join us for dinner and an entertaining musical evening presented
by Nicole Thorpe, our Chancel Choir Director's talented wife, and some
of her equally talented family members. They will be singing oldies and new songs, show
tunes and others. Nicole says her Mother has a SHOW STOPPER!!!! You don't want to miss
this event! The Wesley Bell Ringers will be preparing and serving dinner.
Tickets will be on sale on Palm Sunday and the First Two Sundays in May between church
services, or you may purchase them from a circle leader. Everyone is invited.

Children's Ministries

Palm Sunday – April 17th

We invite all our children to join Rev. Marti in the narthex before either the 9:00 or 10:30 am service to help begin our Palm Sunday worship. The children will process in waving the traditional palms. Come join the fun and be a part of worship!



Our Annual Easter Eggstravaganza is back!

Children's Ministries will be sponsoring the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch this spring. It will be held **Saturday, April 23rd at 10:00 am.**

We'll have Easter Egg hunts for ages 1 yr olds – 6th grade at 10:00 am, followed by a potluck brunch and fun activities. Please bring a basket in which your children can gather eggs, and a dish to share at the potluck. Invite your neighbors and friends!



Easter Egg Help Needed



We are in need of plastic eggs, individually wrapped candy and small toys, stickers, etc. for our Easter Egg hunt. If you would like to donate any of these items, please drop them by the church office by April 12th. We'll be filling the eggs later that week. If you would like to help fill eggs, please contact Vanitta Conrad, DCE at 801-486-5473 ext. 12. Thank you so much!!



Easter Sunday – Sunday School

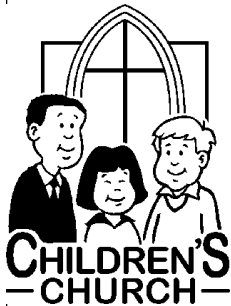
On Easter Sunday, April 24th we will have our regular Sunday School classes at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Please join Rev. Marti for children's time in the Sanctuary, and then the children will be escorted to Sunday School. Come worship and learn on this most Holy Day!

Vacation Bible School 2011



Our fun annual Vacation Bible School will be held **July 11 – 15th 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! Registration forms will be available beginning April 15th at www.ChristUMCUtah.net or in the church office. There will be a nominal registration fee to help with costs. Our VBS is open to all children ages 3 years through 6th grade (as of Fall 2011). We

would love to have you join us! If you're interested in helping, please let Vanitta Conrad know at 801-486-5473 ext. 12 or vconrad@mindspring.com.



Children's Church – Summer 2011

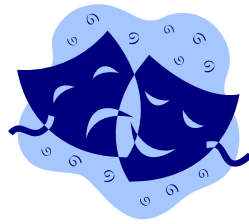
This summer at Christ UMC we will once again be offering Children's Church during the 9:00 am worship hour for children ages 3 years through 6th grade. Children should accompany their parents to the 9:00 am worship, then after children's time they will be escorted upstairs to Room 201 for a worship service 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. **Children's Church will run from May 29th – September 4th.**

Safe Sanctuaries Training Upcoming Date: Thursday, May 12th at 6:30 pm – Room 101

If you currently work with children &/or youth here at Christ UMC, or would like to start, you will need to attend a training session on our Safe Sanctuaries policy. These informative meetings help us protect our children, youth and ourselves from abuse. Please RSVP to Vanitta Conrad, DCE at vconrad@mindspring.com.

Exciting Changes Coming in Fall 2011 for Children's Programming

Children's Ministries (formerly the Education committee) is pleased to announce some exciting changes to our Sunday morning programming coming this Fall (for ages Kindergarten – 6th Grade). We will be transitioning from our traditional Sunday School format to a Workshop Rotation Model. We will offer Children's Church during one worship service and the Workshop Rotation Format during the other service. In this new format the same Bible story or theme is taught for 4 – 5 weeks. Each week, learners rotate to a different station (i.e. Crafts, Drama, Video, Science, etc.). The story remains the same, but children encounter it in different ways at each station. This format will allow us to utilize the many gifts of our congregation and make Sunday School more exciting for our children and volunteers. Watch for more information as we transform our programs. We hope you'll be part of these fun changes!



Thank You for Supporting Parents' Day Out! From Marcy Rigstad, PDO Director

We have many different ministries and missions in the life of CUMC. If you were to visit the north hallways of our building on a weekday morning, you would experience one of our very important ministries, the Parents' Day Out preschool program for children ages 18 months through Pre-Kindergarten. As we face a troubled economic time in our country, one of the first things on the chopping block of tight government budgets tends to be education and early childhood programs like Head Start and full-day Kindergarten. Our program provides an affordable, high-quality option for families of all faiths and socio-economic backgrounds, and we are proud to be able to share our gifts with the children who so deserve it. Studies have shown that children who attend a high-quality preschool program not only do better in school by getting higher test scores and having less special education and grade-repetition, but they also benefit society by having higher college graduation rates, higher average wages, and lower divorce rates overall. Long-term studies also show that children who attend preschool have advanced skills in problem solving, following directions, joining activities, and other positive social behaviors, all of which allow them to thrive in a classroom environment and later on in society. Having recently added a fourth class to our program, we are now serving approximately 45 students with 8 teachers, and we have room to grow. What a blessing!

During our recent Pampered Chef fundraiser, we raised \$250 with the help of the CUMC congregation and PDO families. We are thrilled with this outcome and plan to spend the money on new toys and games. Thank you for your support.

We have openings in all our classes Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 9:30-12:30 or 9:30-3:30. Please contact me for more information: 801-486-5473, 801-277-0761, or mrigstad@xmission.com

Again, we are so grateful for the support of this congregation. We depend on you not only for help with concrete things like fundraisers, but also for the knowledge that we are a church that believes in wrapping "the least of these" in the loving arms of Jesus, and through these children we show God's love.

Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment Opportunities



Knowledge to Action Tour

Rajima, a teacher from India, has been on the spiritual path of life since childhood. She has been a teacher of the Art of Living since 1996 and has brought joy to individuals who simply "breathed" out their stress and worries.

June 5, 2011, 4:00 to 6:30

Christ United Methodist Church

Sermon on the Mount Seminar

Indian Food

Mark your calendars!

The Wesleyan Class meets at 9 a.m. Sunday mornings in the Parlor. All are welcome.

Spirits and Spirituality Class

The Spirits and Spirituality Class has outgrown McCools. Come join this men's group that meets tonight at 7pm at the Canyon Inn, located at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon and Fort Union Blvd. (between the 7-11 and Porcupine Grill). We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays to discuss current events and religion, among other topics. Contact Chuck Williams for details (marathonchuck@comcast.net, 801-661-3523).

Ministry and Missions

UMCOR Relief for Japan

Following Japan's huge earthquake & subsequent tsunami, that nation & the world are mourning lost lives, hoping for those still missing & reaching out to those who survived. Please help **UMCOR** aid those survivors in affected areas recover & rebuild their daily existence during a sad & scary time. The UMCOR Advance **#3021317** in the memo section of your check will direct donations to recovery in the disaster's aftermath & rebuilding basic infrastructure in order to provide shelter, drinking water & food for those affected by this Pacific emergency.

A Mission Moment: A Place to Call Home

During the 1980s, Juma Gul and his family fled to Pakistan from Afghanistan, hoping to escape violence and war. When the family returned to their village in Kabul province, they found their home had been destroyed, as had local water sources for agriculture and livestock. Gul took his wife and children to live with his relatives. "We faced many problems upon our return," Gul explains. "Although we had land, and water to irrigate it, all the streams and the canal had dried up because of the surrounding destruction. We were unable to rehabilitate them." It was like having no water at all.

The leadership council for Surobi District, where Gul's village is located, called together the community's elders and informed them they had been invited to discuss their needs with representatives of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Similar consultations occurred in Paghman and Khaki Jabbar districts, in Kabul province, where other Afghan returnees faced similar problems.

In the three districts, the most immediate needs included the restoration of damaged streams, rebuilding of homes, and provision of medical care. By the end of 2010, the UMCOR program benefited some 44,000 Afghans by rehabilitating more than five miles of streams, 50 karizes (an underground irrigation system), and 30 reservoirs. The field office also oversaw the construction of a clinic, trained 198 community health workers, distributed livestock or fruit tree seedlings to 1,250 households, and helped 250 families rebuild their homes.

Funding was provided by the US State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration. Your support for Afghanistan Emergency, UMCOR Advance #602225, helps communities like these rebuild and recover from years of war and conflict. To support UMCOR's work where it is needed most around the world, please give to UMCOR Undesignated, UMCOR Advance #999895.

CROSSROADS

April

*food of the month is canned beans (like refried and black) and pork and beans.

*thrift store items - anything for the kitchen, pots and pans especially

Lenten Food Drive - 40 for 40

Crossroads Food Pantry needs EVERYTHING - the shelves are bare. The Church and Society Committee challenges each family to donate 40 items to Crossroads Food Pantry during Lent - one item for each day of Lent. Give a box of pasta (40 pieces of pasta) or 40 cans of beans, 40 dimes or \$40 - whatever you can share. Place non-perishable food items in the black bins with the Cross and Flame Logo. For monetary donations, make your check payable to CUMC and put "Food Pantry" in the memo line. The Food Pantry welcomes your donation - no matter how small or large. Thank you for your generosity.





Russian Sister Church update

Pastor Igor and Dr. Alexander of Voronezh, Russia will visit Christ Church from April 14-20. Activities include their speaking briefly in worship, and an all church potluck and program after worship on Palm Sunday. Igor and Alexander will also meet with our 8 member team headed to Voronezh in early June to answer questions and help them prepare for their Volunteer In Mission trip. Other events are being planned so you can learn more about our sister church. Watch the bulletin.

UMCOR West Visit

On February 23, 2011, five members of the mission committee, Diane Minerich, Kurt Zimmerman, Trudy Duncan, Julia Lester and myself, Pat Linnebur, visited the UMCOR West Depot, to take a tour and see what has been happening. Brian Diggs, Director, now has a full time paid employee, Maika Tukuafu. Maika is the Materials Manager. One of the projects Maika has been working on, is a worship and rest area near the work tables. Because there are now two full time employees, it's easier for them to schedule evening and weekend work times for volunteers. Groups from all of the western states, with the exception of Hawaii, have come to volunteer. Summer months are almost booked solid, so our local churches should take advantage of the slower winter months. While we were there they had a completed pallet ready for shipment that we blessed by reciting in unison, a prayer written by Pete Smith from Golden UMC, Golden, CO. We saw all the new warehouse shelving; storing many pallets ready for shipment. Brian has been pursuing some workable arrangements with the LDS disaster aid and relief program that is advantageous to UMCOR regarding shipping costs.

Now that the Food Co-op has moved, additional space has been opened up, including a designated future sewing room to make baby layette items and book bags. We are currently looking for donations of working condition sewing machines, sergers, scissors, thread (both spools and cones) pins, tape measures, fabrics, like flannel and fleece for the layette items, and durable fabric for school bags. Monetary donations are always welcome. We also need some lumber supplies, and knowledgeable carpenters who could build some basic long tables and put up shelving. If you have donations or would like to help with this project, please call: Diane Minerich 801 272-4012, dianeminerich@comcast.net or Pat Linnebur 801 486-6170, linneburpt@msn.com. Small donations can be left in the UMCOR box near the church kitchen. Blessings to Brian, Maika and all the volunteers!

UTAH FOOD BANK CHALLENGE

All donations made directly to Utah Food Bank (UFB) between **March 1-April 30, 2011**, will be supplemented with additional funds from a \$1 million Feinstein Foundation Challenge grant. The more donations earmarked for the Mar/Apr "**Feinstein Challenge**" the more of that \$1 million will be received by UFB. Send a check with a note in memo section to 3150 South 900 West, SLC 84119 or include mention of Feinstein Challenge if donating online at www.utahfoodbank.org. Questions? Call [801-978-2452](tel:801-978-2452) or 2-1-1.

UTAH SUB-DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Sub-District Conference for Utah will be held on Saturday, April 2nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hilltop UMC. All church leaders are strongly encouraged to attend.

Schedule of Events

- 10:00 - 10:30 Agenda and Worship
- 10:30 - 11:30 South Jordan presentation
- 11:30 - 12:30 Lunch and Displays
- 12:30 - 2:00 Elect Equalization Lay Members, Reports

And an UMCOR presentation by Brian Diggs

There will be a special presentation by Carol Loftin and the team working on a new church start in South Jordan. A special offering will be taken for the new church start in South Jordan.

A \$5.00 donation will be taken for lunch.

Hilltop is located at 985 East 10600 South in Sandy.

The church phone number is 801-571-5777.



Homeless Youth Resource & Outreach Center

***Financial Donations are the greatest need.**

Online at www.voaut.org or **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 needs are:

- +Canned meals (Spaghetti-o, Chef Boyardee, thick and chunky soups & stews, etc.)
- +Canned tuna
- +Men's boxers (Sizes: **MEDIUM, LARGE, XLARGE**)
- +Deodorant (men's)
- +Baby wipes AND Diapers (Sizes: 4, 5 and 6)
- +Batteries (AAA, AA, C, D)
- +Lighters (preferably Bics) and matches
- +Thermal underwear (men and women, all sizes)
- +Work/Interview clothes (Adult sizes, esp. XL)
- +Waterproof hiking boots (male or female, any adult size)
- +Postage stamps
- +Bus tokens
- +Gift Certificates (increments of \$10) to Smith's, Payless Shoes, Wal-Mart, Burger King, etc. (If you don't want to leave these in the donation bin, you can safely give them to Coni Hampton)
- +Tents (new or used)

Joys, Concerns and Thanks



Welcome Home to our service personnel in the Middle East: Jon Klentzman, son of Pat and Doug Klentzman and Ron Mawson, son of Kathie Mawson.

Deepest Condolences to the family and friends of Ralph Wadley who passed away February 10th.

Deepest Condolences to the friends of William (Bill) Coleman who passed away February 15th in Tampa, Florida. Services were held February 27th. Cards may be sent to Rick and Shelley Coleman, 5005 Garrick Court, Tampa, FL 33624. Donations may be made to the Humane Society.

Deepest Condolences to Cari and Lydia Wallace on the death of their father Dave Wallace, Monday, February 28th. The Memorial service was held Saturday, March 12th at Christ Church.

Deepest Condolences to the friends and family of Kenneth J. Jorgensen who passed away February 23rd in Salt Lake City. Services were held March 5th in Alpine, Wyoming.

Deepest Condolences to the family and friends of Jeanne Sherwood who passed away Tuesday, March 15th in Arizona. Services were held at Christ UMC on Saturday, March 26th.

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Big Fabulous Dress Resale Event! We appreciate all the contributions made by our donors, the shoppers at our sale and the many volunteers who made the event a reality. A special thanks to John Kiechle for "re-designing" our look and creating our sale flyers. Thank you to Ron Werzinski for providing the outdoor banner which brought in many shoppers on the sale day. We are working on our numbers to figure out exactly how much money was raised for UMW and Youth Missions. We look forward to the 3rd Big Fabulous Dress Resale Event!

Dear My Church Family,
Thank you so so much for the outpouring of love and support me and my family have received over the past few months. You have made things for us so much easier. Words cannot even begin to express how thankful we truly are.
All the meals have been wonderful, and the shawl so warming. Thank you so much! I love you all!
Heidi Walter and family, Rob, Emilia and Sophia

Dear Christ United Methodist Congregation:
On behalf of the Alberta Henry Education Foundation, I wish to thank you for your continued support. The foundation board has asked me to express its sincere gratitude for not just the generous donation, but also for allowing it to hold its board meetings in your wonderful church. Your support of the foundation goes back to the very beginning of the foundation, and is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Harvey Boyd
Treasurer/Secretary

Dear Christ United Methodist Church,
Thank you so much for letting our group stay in your beautiful church this week. We were touched by your warm welcome and so pleased with the facilities. We had an amazing time here, cooking dinner together and reflecting on each day of service as a group. This week was an eye-opening experience that none of us will ever forget. We greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity that made it possible.
Thank you from members of the Alternative Spring Break Work Team of Rice University, Houston, Texas.

Stephen Ministry Prayer Corner

*Tender God,
who embraces us with love,
through the ages
you have told us,
"Fear Not."
Whisper it again in our ears,
Write it on our hearts.*

Amen.

Thank you to everyone that gave to the 2010 ENCHANTED TREE. We appreciate your HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS.

Choose Your Master

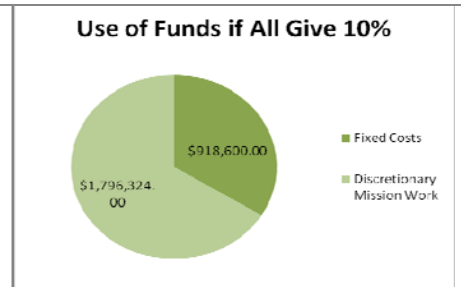
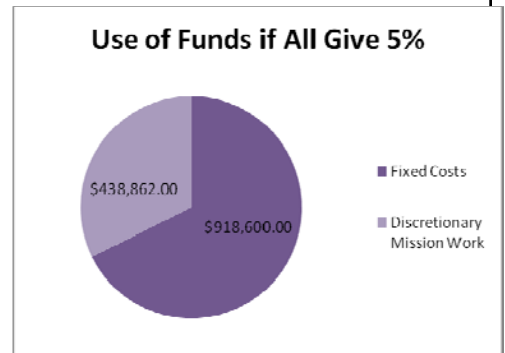
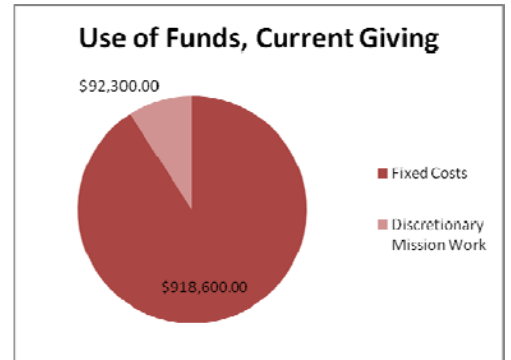
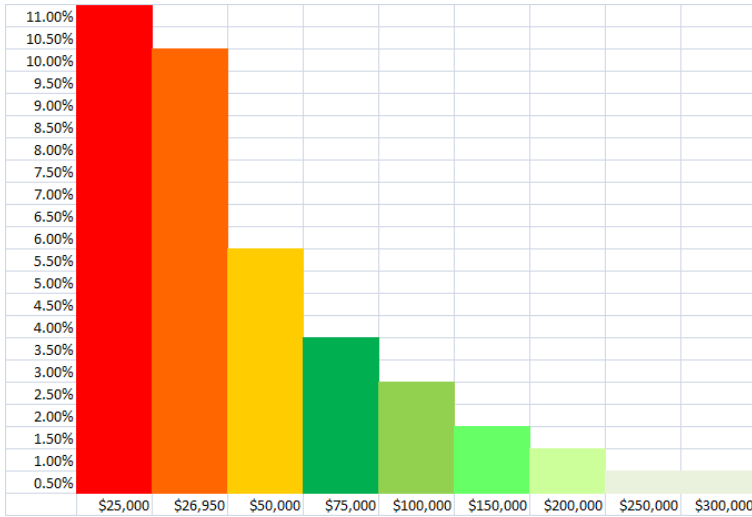
"No one can serve two masters. ... You cannot serve both God and money." Matthew 6:24

Another Stewardship Campaign? During Lent? Actually, no better time exists to focus on your Christian giving. Lent provides us a perfect opportunity to think about our giving back to God.

It takes a lot of money to run this church! We need about a million dollars a year to operate the church and fulfill our current level of missions work. Our building provides us many opportunities for mission. We host over 200 groups – about 7,400 people – each month! But we need to keep the lights and heat on, the floors cleaned, and the parking lot clear of snow. All that takes money. Our church has programs for all ages in our buildings. Our pastors and staff members provide us with extraordinary teaching, counseling, and spiritual care.

To meet our current needs, we need \$225 from every current giving unit in the church each month. This is more than some people can afford, but only a small gift for others.

\$225 per month as a % of annual income



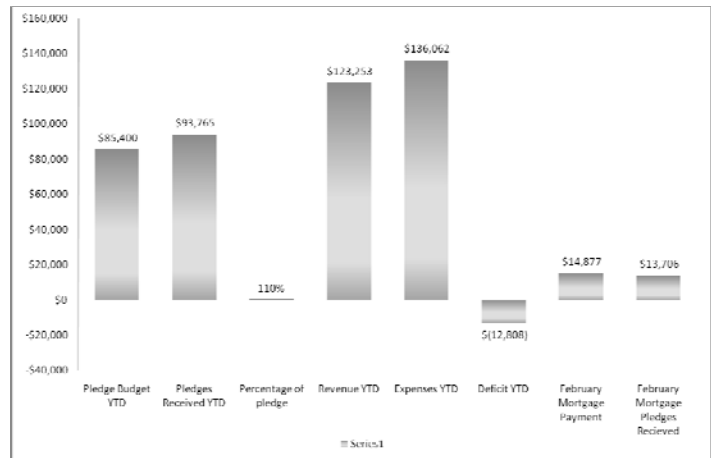
Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2011-2012 during this Lenten period. Every dollar you add to your giving means another dollar the Church can spend on others. If you aren't already giving 5% or more, please consider the impact an increase in your giving would have. The Charts show that if every giving unit gave 5% of their income each year, we could *quadruple* the amount we have available for missions and outreach. If each giving unit gave 10%, we could change the world! Please give generously of what you have. *For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.* 2 Corinthians 8:12.

(Charts assume that income of CUMC congregation matches Salt Lake County income levels and distribution.)

During the Spiritual Gifts Fair in February, we learned that you have many reasons for giving, including the outreach and missions of our Church, and the fun and joy you get from being a member. Whatever your reason for giving, please accept our grateful thanks.

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February Financials



Dear CUMC Family,

Our total is in - we raised \$8,203 for World Vision through our 30 Hr Famine!!! That's a record for us. This year the amount was 6-folded by a government grant, so we actually raised \$49,218, or in other words we raised enough money to feed close to 135 children this year!!

2011 has been a difficult year so far for us. This past month we learned that happiness comes and goes depending on our moods, the weather, how others treat us, death or illness of a loved one - lots of things. But when we follow Jesus' teaching, joy lives in us and cannot be removed. Our theme for our spring Youth Service on Sunday, April 10th at 1030am in the chapel will be: JOY IS INNER PEACE DANCING. We've been working on this theme and are excited to share it with our church family. You'll hear our Youth Praise Band, watch our Youth Dance Troop and experience our Youth Drama Group.

April 29th, our youth workers and student leaders will be meeting with others from United Methodist Church Youth Groups along with Loren Boyce and Becky Clark from the Rocky Mountain Conference to discuss ways we can work closer together with the other churches and perhaps organize a large Utah Youth Event for United Methodist Youth.

I want to personally thank all of you for your prayers these past few months and ask for continued prayers for our youth, their parents and for our church.

"Even the strongest of us have moments when the burdens of life seem too great. It's then that the Lord whispers to our hearts.....COME TO ME all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28 NIV

Barb McClellan - Director of Youth Ministries, 801 792 7478 cell

Christ UMC YOUTH HAPPENINGS

APRIL YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Fri 1 APR SPRING FLING (leave CUMC at 545p) return Sat 2 APR 6am. This is a Utah Christian Youth LOCK-IN starting at the Salt Palace and ending at the West Valley Fitness Center

Sun 3 APR NO EVENING YOUTH GROUP

Sat 9 APR 5p Youth Worship Service Final Rehearsal

Sun 10 APR 1030a YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE, "Joy Is Inner Peace Dancing" in the chapel

1130a CHURCH WIDE POTLUCK IN GYM

1230p Free Screening of Film, "Incompatible with Christian Teaching"

NO EVENING YOUTH GROUP

Sun 17 APR

1130a CHURCH WIDE POTLUCK IN GYM - meet Pastor Igor from Russia

Sr High 2p / Jr High 430p Come watch the movie "The Passion of Christ" - parents are welcome to join you, if they cannot come, please bring a permission slip signed by your parent.

Thur 21 APR 7p Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Fri 22 APR 730p Good Friday Worship Service


Sun 24 APR EASTER No Evening Youth Group


Fri 29 APR 530p Youth Volunteers and Student Leader meet with other Utah UMC youth-works and youth - dinner provided in youth room




Help enhance the Sunday morning worship experience!

Do you have a glider that you would like to donate to the church? We would like to set up a comfortable place for parents of babies to rock their little ones in the Narthex, so they can still enjoy worship on Sunday morning. Please call the church office if you can help.






The Second Annual **Growing Hope Plant Sale** will take place Saturday May 14th. We have even more options in store for you this year, so plan on garden shopping with us that Saturday. All proceeds support CUMC Youth Missions.

Save the date - Details to follow in the May newsletter! 



Spring Clean-Up at Christ Church

Don't forget the **clean-up day at the church** scheduled for **Saturday, April 16th** starting at 9:00 a.m. (coffee and donuts provided). We look forward to working together to make our church yard and parking lot look fresh and clean. Bring your gloves, hats, rakes, brooms and clippers, etc. and let's work together and have some fun while we get a lot accomplished. Winter always leaves a lot of debris from trees and bushes and the wind and a little work can make a big difference. Call Nona Bressler with questions [801-261-1561](tel:801-261-1561)



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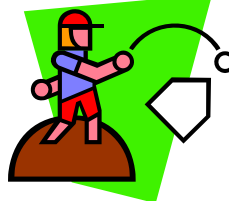
BOOK OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL
"THE FIVE PEOPLE YOU MEET IN HEAVEN"

BY MITCH ALBOM

"A moving flight of fantasy come to teach us that Heaven is where we finally learn what our life was about." Harold S. Kushner

CUMC LIBRARY CALL # 813.6 Alb
Happy reading, The Librarians.

Softball anyone?? If you are interest in playing on a CUMC Softball team, please contact James Hunter's as quickly as possible at [801 910 6179](tel:801-910-6179) or ikhunter@mail.com





"Come As You Are"


Contemporary Worship Service

Wednesday Evenings at 6pm in the Chapel with a potluck afterwards. Different speakers each week, live music, childcare provided.

April 6th - meet in youth room
April 20th - showing of "Passion of the Christ"

All other Wednesdays we meet in the chapel - bring your friends!





CUMC Camping News – Update


The CUMC Camping Group has its summer plans in full swing. The camping group is made up of all types of campers. We have young and old, people who camp in tents, tent trailers, and rvs, some even just come for the day. So come and join the fun! Here is a current list of our 2011 outings:

May 27 – 30: Goblin Valley State Park. We have the group site reserved. Currently we are full, but a wait list has been started.

July 8-10: All Church Camp at Pinecliff Camp (outside Coalville, UT). Registration for this fun-filled weekend will open in May. Enjoy the beautiful mountains, cabins, hot water, food, and fellowship!

August 26-28: Redman Campground (Big Cottonwood Canyon). We have the group site reserved. Contact Gina Williams (chuckgina1@comcast.net) to reserve your spot.

We also have applied through the lottery to camp at the group site at Capital Reef in the late summer/fall. We'll keep you posted of our luck! Contact Gina Williams (chuckgina1@comcast.net) or Pam Allison (p.h.allison@att.net) if you have any questions.



Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour Hosts, mark your calendars!

APRIL

3- Church Council

10- Health and Welfare

17- Life & Times Sunday School Class

24- **Easter**

MAY

1- Bethel 7

8- **Mother's Day** – Men of the Camping

Group

15- Deborah Circle

22- **Memorial Day** – Permanent Endowment & Memorials

29- Mission Committee



**50th Anniversary of the
Legendary Boy Scout Buffalo BBQ**

Join us on April 30th, and help us celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Buffalo BBQ. Tickets are \$11 for adults, \$12 at the door. Tickets for children 10 years and under are \$6 and \$7 at the door. Dine in from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Take out from 3:30 to 7:30 pm. You can purchase your tickets on Sunday mornings or during the week in the church office. For more information go to www.troop410.com or call 801-486-5473, ext 21 and leave a message.

Wesley Bell Ringer Rummage Sale May 6th and 7th.

Send announcements for the weekly
bulletin by Wednesday of each week

to:

christumc.secretary@gmail.com

Send articles for The Connection by
the 15th of each month to:

news.cumc@gmail.com



Remember how much fun we had last year at the 5th Annual Running for Relief? Sign up now for this year's race. See the next page for the sign-up form.



Second Annual

Easter Bonnet Sunday

We had so much fun last Easter, let's do it again! Wear your Easter Bonnet in continued support of Marti's winning the war on cancer. Wear your mother's hat, your brother's hat, or one you make yourself.



UMCOR is extremely low on CLEAN BIRTHING KITS and SCHOOL KITS. See the church office for a list of the items needed for these kits.



6th Annual Running for Relief

5K Run/Walk and Kid's Fun Run (1K)

Saturday, April 9, 2011

5K - 9 AM *** Kid's Run - 8:30 AM

2375 East 3300 South

801-486-5473, ext. 24

www.signmeup.com/73761

THE CAUSE: Over the past five years, over \$13,500 has been donated to various relief efforts. This year the proceeds from the race will be divided between continuing relief efforts in Haiti (through UMCOR – United Methodist Committee on Relief) and the Utah/Southern Idaho Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

THE COURSE: The 5k course winds through the Millcreek neighborhood around CUMC. It is a USATF certified 5k course. There will be water along the course with goodies at the finish. The Kid's 1K fun run will begin at 8:30 am and will be on the church property. The 5k Run/Walk starts at 9am.

Age-group awards will be presented. There will be door prizes awarded after the race. There will also be complimentary on-site childcare. **Register by April 1 to be guaranteed a race t-shirt!**

THE 2011 CLERGY CUP WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE FASTEST CLERGY!

---6TH ANNUAL RUNNING FOR RELIEF REGISTRATION FORM

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Male ___ Female ___ Clergy ___

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Birthdate ____/____/____ Email _____

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATON

(Postmarked by Monday, 4/5)

___ Adult 5k Walk/Run: \$15.00

___ Adult Arm Chair:

WEEK/DAY OF REGISTRATION

(April 6 – April 9)

___ Adult 5k Walk/Run/Armchair: \$20.00

By signing up for the Arm Chair Division, you will be eligible for door prize drawings and get the best seat in the house at the finish line.

___ Child (10 and under): \$15.00

___ 1K Kid's Fun Run (10 and under) \$10.00

___ I can't be there, but would like to donate to the causes.

T-shirt Size: Child S ___ Child M ___ Child L ___

Adult S ___ Adult M ___ Adult L ___ Adult XL ___ Adult 2XL ___ Adult 3XL ___

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Entry fees are non refundable

Make checks payable to Christ United Methodist Church and mail to CUMC, 2375 East 3300 South, SLC, UT 84109.

WAIVER (must be signed): I hereby release (for myself and for my heirs, successors and assigns) Christ United Methodist Church, all sponsors and contributors, all race staff, officials and volunteers, from any injuries or damages I may receive while participating in the race/walk or activities associated with the event. I am in good physical condition and I am able to compete in this event.

Signature of Participant: _____ **Date:** _____

IF ATHLETE IS UNDER 18: I am the legal parent or guardian of the participant registering hereby, and said participant has my permission to participate in the CUMC Running for Relief 5K. I hereby release (for the minor hereby registered, and for my and/or his/her heirs, successors and assigns) Christ United Methodist Church, all sponsors and contributors, all race staff, officials and volunteers, from any injuries or damages he/she may receive while participating in the race/walk or activities associated with this event, and grant permission for race officials to authorize emergency treatment.

Signature of Parent _____ **Date:** _____