

From Pastor Tom's Desk

Words of Wisdom

I like word search puzzles. Some puzzles challenge the puzzler to find a mystery within a mystery.

One perk solving word search puzzles includes learning new words, like "jackdaw." I had no idea there was such a term. So, I looked it up, discovering that it's a bird that crows and fond of stealing shiny objects, mostly from Continental Europeans and citizens of the United Kingdom, where jackdaws live. It must be a bird akin to the raven, who dotes on theft. Then, I needed to look up another word I never heard of - "oscine." An oscine is a type of bird belonging to the large subgroup of passerine birds, which includes most song-birds. Did we ever know how oscines brought joy to our lives? But, not knowing what the term "passerine" meant, I found myself on another journey to find its definition. And this is what I discovered:

"Passerine" is a category of bird belonging to the passerine order." ("Gee whiz. Why didn't I think of that?")

Well... Not all word searches prove exhilarating or helpful.

There are terms we all know, like "salt" and "peace." What is salt? We all know about salt: It's that white stuff in the salt shaker that our doctors won't allow us to eat. No problem there. What is peace? We can find the definition of "peace" on a lot of bumper stickers that tell us: "Honk if you love peace and quiet." Simple. And, in Mark's Gospel "salt" and "peace" turn up in one of Jesus' teachings, like in the lesson below, when he used "salt" and "peace" in the same sentence:

"Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."
(Mark 9:50)

If we saw them alone, "salt" and "peace" pose no puzzlement. We'd know exactly what they meant. But, in Christ's teaching, when they're paired together, their meanings change; and, for the life of me, I struggled for years over how "salt" and "peace" go together.

Happily this morning, as I drove into church for our Wednesday Men's Group, it hit me that at some point in many of our lives, we arrive at a sense of peace: We find ourselves satisfied with who we are; and, our worth no longer depends upon completing one more successful project or solving one more conflict. At that moment, we whisper to ourselves those words that Jesus spoke just before "giving up the ghost": "Lord, into your hands I commit my spirit." (Luke 43:26) Whatever pain we suffered from the cross, whatever struggles we endured, and whatever battle with life we fought ended. Peace.

Our need or desire for battle to win our worth comes to an end. It's no longer essential and not even pleasing anymore to wage war to build belief in ourselves. We find ourselves actually made in God's image, understanding that, "I am who I am. (And, that's just fine.)"

What does that have to do with salt?

Like salt, we accept being who we are. We finally realize once and for all time that we truly belong in creation, just like salt belongs. We embrace our nature. We see the truth that our unique essence possesses it's own worth the way salt possesses its own value. And after journeying through this epiphanic rite of passage, peace emerges. Kind of like the peace described by the poet T. S. Eliot:

We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time.

Like I stated, I like word puzzles. Some puzzles challenge the puzzler to find a mystery within a mystery.

We Christians like to do that, too.

Hmm... I wonder what the term paraskevidekatriaphobia means?

Tom the Puzzler



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JUNE 5, 2011, 4:00 TO 6:30

**SERMON ON
THE MOUNT SEMINAR
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INDIAN FOOD!

General Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 3

Time: Noon

Cost: \$3.50

Program:

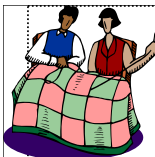
Update on Sudanese in Utah

Hostess: Deborah

Greeter: Ruth

Executive Committee

Thursday, March 24 10am



Dorcas Circle
March 1 - 9:30 am
Quilting in the Gym



Did you know that the United Methodist Women

have a reading program? The Reading Program encourages members to think critically about current issues through an annual selection of member-reviewed books. It offers an excellent opportunity to deepen your spirituality and to broaden your understanding of our mission work. Each year, books are recommended by the Women's Division of the United Methodist Church, and fall into one of five categories: Education for Mission, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, Spiritual Growth and Leadership Development.

Our UMW unit has a library full of books from the reading program. Special thanks to Brenda Moland for donating 6 books from the 2011 reading list to our UMW library, located in the church parlor. Each year, if you read at least four books (one from each of four out of the five categories), you qualify for a UMW Reading Award. The UMW Book Club, which meets once a month, reads four books from the reading program list each year.

Contact Sue Nissen, 801-484-4015, if you are interested in learning more about the Reading Program. Contact Gina Kiechle, 801-583-7644, with questions about the UMW Book Club.

The Women's Book Club



1:00 pm in the Parlor on Mar 21 .We are discussing *Whistling Season* by Ivan Doig

Deborah Circle

Thursday, March 17 at 9:30 in the Parlor. The program will be on Racism.

Lydia Circle

Sat. March 12 at 10 AM.

Martha Circle

March 8th at 7:00pm in the church parlor. Dorothy Dean and Bette Clayton are hostesses for the meeting. Cathy Perryman will present a program entitled The Future of UMW.

Ruth Circle

Thursday, March 10th at 11:00 am – Bring a sack Lunch

Witty Knitters

Monday, March 14 at 1:30pm in the Parlor. Call Ginny Duncan, 801-265-0936, with questions.



The Evening Knitting Circle

Wednesday, March 16th at 7pm

Brenda Moland Selected to Receive Human Rights Award

The Metropolitan Salt Lake and Bountiful Area Unit of Church Women United selected Brenda Moland to receive the 2011 Human Rights Award. The award will be presented to Brenda on March 11, 2011 at the CWU Human Rights Celebration at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8575 South 7th East, Sandy, UT. We hope you will plan to attend. See registration information in the CWU announcement on this page.

Claire Circle

March 15 7 pm in the Parlor. Childcare provided. Agenda includes planning for soap making on April 12. *Please register your spot to make soap by March 15th.* Cost is \$8/personal loaf; \$6 per donated loaf. Space is limited so contact Danette Luthi: dbottum@hotmail.com or call (605)261-9056 to register.

Church Women United

A multi faith gathering of Christian Women Mark your calendar and plan to attend CWU's Human Rights Celebration 2011

When: Friday, March 11, 2011

Time: 9:30 a.m. Registration \$1.00

10:00 - 1:00 Program & Lunch \$4.00

Where: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8575 South 700 East, Sandy

Theme: "Living Our Legacy, Driving the Movement"

Award Recipient: Brenda Moland

Guest Speaker: Carla Kelley, Executive Director & Founder of The Human Rights Education Center of Utah (HREC)

Community Outreach: Please BRING reams of white and/or colored copy paper OR wrapped candy to be donated to The Human Rights Education Center of Utah OR make checks payable to "Church Women United" and note HREC"

Offering: Used for CWU National Programs: Checks need to be made payable to: "Church Women United"

Lunch RSVP: To Barbara Stone, 801-262-1109 or Sue Nissen, 801-484-4015 by Monday, March 7

This is a wonderful ecumenical gathering and an opportunity to learn and grow spiritually and personally. Hope to see you there.

Safe Sanctuaries Training Upcoming Dates

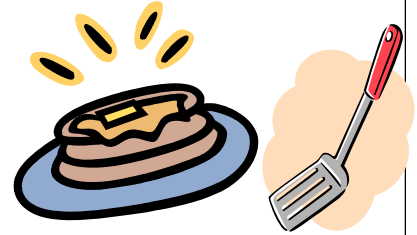
If you currently work with children &/or youth here at Christ UMC, or would like to start, you will need to attend one of these training sessions on our Safe Sanctuaries policy. These informative meetings help us all protect our children, youth and ourselves from abuse. Please choose one and RSVP to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

Sunday, March 20th at 2:00 pm – Room 101

Thursday, May 12th at 6:30 pm – Room 101

Annual Pax Cakes Event – Tuesday, March 8th – 6:00 pm

Please join us to start your Lenten season with your church family and enjoy learning more about why we celebrate Lent. Dinner includes pancakes and sausage and we'll follow that with Bingo and of course, those fun pancake races! Please bring your own spatulas for the races. We are asking everyone to bring some canned food for the Crossroads Food Pantry as your "entry fee". Thanks!



Lent ~ March 9 – April 23

Want to make your Lenten season more meaningful this year? Feel like doing more than just giving up chocolate? Our Education Committee will have some great devotional booklets and activities available in the church office and at the Welcome Center in the narthex beginning **March 6th**. We have two different activities for children & families – **Jonah, this Lent?!** – a daily devotion/sticker activity; and – **My ABC Journey Through Lent** – a fun devotion/craft activity.

For adults we have either **What's Next, God?** – These insightful, contemporary devotions help us contemplate how we have used (or misused) our time in the past and how we can maximize our time in the present and future to be Christ-centered people;..... or **I Have Heard the Cries of My People** – Seminary professor and biblical scholar Dr. Reed Lessing invites readers to walk through the pages of the Old Testament Book of Exodus with him to see the parallels between the Exodus of the Israelites out of Egypt and the journey of Christ to the cross for us.

Our Annual Easter Eggstravaganza is back!

The Education committee 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 for your children to gather eggs in and a dish to share at the potluck. Invite your neighbors and friends!



Easter Egg Help Needed

We are in need of plastic eggs, individual wrapped candy and small toys, stickers, etc. to fill 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!!

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!*** Please mark your calendars now! 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.**

We are putting together a team of leaders to help coordinate Children's Church. Please contact Vanitta Conrad, DCE if you're interested in helping. All curriculum and supplies will be provided.

Spring Children & Youth Sunday School Classes & Teachers

9:00 am

- Rm 103 – Pre-Kindergarten – Margret Boes-Ingraham & _____
- Rm 202 – Kindergarten & 1st Graders – Heidi Walter, Marcy Rigstad & Paula Vernon
- Rm 203 – 2nd & 3rd Graders – Colleen Werzinski
- Rm 208 – 4th - 6th Graders – Mandy Loveday & Kitty Borrowman
- Rm 201 – Confirmation (7th Grade +) – Rev. Tom Towns & Team
- Rm 209 – 8th & 9th Grades – Jon Jolley, Karen Berner & Patsy Simons
- Rm 207 – 10th – 12th Grades – Kurt Zimmerman & Paul Conrad

10:30 am

- Rm 103 – Pre-Kindergarten – Diane Minerich & Danette Luthi
- Rm 202 – Kindergarten & 1st Graders – Kim Johnson & Alicia Simons
- Rm 203 – 2nd & 3rd Graders – Tammy Haynes & _____

Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment Opportunities

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

The Spirits and Spirituality Class
 This study-discussion class for men meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month from 8 – 9 pm at McCool’s Irish Pub and Restaurant in Foothill Village Contact Chuck Williams for more information, 801-588-0466, marathonchuck@comcast.net.

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CALL OUR CHURCH OFFICE to GET STARTED: 801-486-5473, Extension 14

Parents’ Day Out has Big News!

We are excited to announce that Parents’ Day Out is opening a new class! This means we will be able to accept 15-20 new students, depending on the days they attend. We have hired two new teachers and we are outfitting a classroom. The new class will give us the opportunity to separate the young-

est class into two groups; 18 months-24 months old and 24 months-3 years old. The teachers for the current toddler class will each be working with one of the new teachers to provide continuity for the children. **The new class will start March 1; now is the time to sign up!** If you, your friends, or



neighbors have children 18 months-Pre-Kindergarten, contact us as soon as possible for a space. Parents’ Day Out meets Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:30-12:30 or 9:30-3:30. You may sign up for any or all days, full or part time. Cost is \$18 per half day, \$31.50 per full day. Please contact PDO Director, Marcy Rigstad, to sign up or for more information: 801-277-0761, 801-486-5473 ext. 20, or mrigstad@xmission.com. We look forward to welcoming more children to our program!

Ministry and Missions

FINDING YOUR FIT In the Body of Christ – Last month Rev Marti challenged us to share our spiritual gifts by giving 2 hours a month to the church and 2 hours a month beyond the church. Need help finding your fit?

Volunteers needed

Easter (April 24) Ushers and parking lot helpers. Help our church have open doors. Needed gifts: hospitality and helps. Contact Mack Lovvorn – 303-725-1930.

Vacation Bible School July 11-15 -Teachers, set up crew, clean-up crew. Needed gifts: teaching, shepherding, administration and helps. Contact Vanitta Conrad 801-486-5473 ext. 12.

Summer Sunday School - 9 AM only beginning Memorial Day weekend- Needed gifts: teaching, shepherding, administration and helps. Contact Vanitta Conrad 801-486-5473 ext. 12.

Family Promise Inn April 3-10- use your gifts of helps to sleep over one night, cook a meal, spend an evening with short-term homeless. Set up crews needed on April 2 and take down on April 24th. Contact Sandy Towns.

Running for Relief –April 9- annual CUMC 5 K raising missions funds. Gifts needed volunteers to set up, clean up, and more. Contact Gina Williams, 801-588-0466

Beyond our Church

Crossroads Urban Center- The Thrift Store, 1385 West Indiana Avenue (840 south)

Contact KC Ownes at (801)359-8837. Crossroads depends on volunteers for all aspects of its operation including transporting and sorting donations, stocking the store, housekeeping and manning the till. **The Pantry at 347 South 400 East** uses volunteers extensively, including transporting, accepting, sorting, storing, stocking food and assembling food orders. The crucial intake work which involves meeting people and assessing their needs is often assisted by volunteer help. Contact: Linda Hilton, Volunteer & Resource Coordinator (801) 364-7765.

Salt Lake Homeless Youth Center - Each weekday, youth outreach workers seek out homeless street youth in Salt Lake County. By providing basic need items and establishing trust, outreach workers seek to encourage youth to follow-up for services at the Drop-In Center or to seek other services available in the community. Contact Coni Hampton at 801-272-5988 or mwhcjh@comcast.net

United Methodist Committee on Relief Depot (1479 South 700 West) - Volunteers are needed most week days, to help sort, pack, and ship health, school & birthing kits to disaster zones. Contact: Rev. Brian Diggs, Director, phone (801)973-7250

CrossRoads

Food of the month - We need EVERYTHING right now. Please consider making a special food offering for Fat Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, or Lent.

Thrift store items: pots, pans and silverware - new or used

Misc item of the month: reusable tote bags for food orders

Russian Partnership update

Pastor Igor of our sister church in Voronezh Russia will be visiting Salt Lake in late April, during Holy Week. He will share stories about their ministry and meet with the 7 confirmed CUMC participants headed to St. Peter's and St. Paul's church in early June. You can support our VIM volunteer in ministry work with a donation that will help buy supplies for repair work on their church camp and other projects. Make checks out to CUMC, and mark Russia trip.

Haiti Health Kits Update: Recently Diane Minerich took her 99 year old mother to the podiatrist. Her doctor is a commander in the Navy and had been assigned to an emergency response team in Haiti. He told a bit about his experience there as a member of the medical community providing assistance following the quake. He said that one of the most moving experiences to him was when he stepped out of his tent one morning and saw a group of about 100 youngsters sitting cross-legged in the dirt being instructed by nurses on tooth brushing. He marveled that they had just received hygiene kits which had been collected by church groups all across the country who had seen a need and filled it. She, being the political animal she is, educated him about UMCOR and the project at Christ Church. So now we have the churches, the Navy and the Marines all supporting the needs of the children of Haiti. Thanks to all who need to know that even a toothbrush is a sign of hope and caring. There will always be needs we can fill. Diane was excited that someone she knew was able to see the good that these small gestures can make, and that he too was moved by the experience. Pass it on.

Homeless Youth Resource & Outreach Center WISH LIST March 2011

***Financial Donations are the current 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
- +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)



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 REGISTRAITON

(Postmarked by Monday, 4/5)

___ Adult 5k Walk/Run: \$15.00

___ Adult Arm Chair:

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.

___ 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 ___

WEEK/DAY OF REGISTRATION

(April 6 – April 9)

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

___ Child (10 and under): \$15.00

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:** _____

Joys, Concerns and Thanks



Deepest Condolences to Mickey Wells and her family on the death of her father, Friday, Jan. 21st.
Deepest Condolences to the family and friends of Andy Hodson who died Saturday, January 22nd.
Deepest Condolences to the family and friends of Betty Crocker who passed away in February.
Deepest Condolences to the family and friends of Ralph Wadley who passed away Thursday Feb. 10th. Services were held Friday, Feb. 18th.


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

Congratulations to John and Mickey Wells on the birth of their grandson, Connor, born February 8th, 7 lbs. 7 ozz, 19.5 inches, in Florida. Parents are Thomas and Karina Wells.

Thank you to every one who supported the Wesley Bell Ringer Valentine Dinner/ Dance! A great time was had by all. And thank you to all the helpers that made the event such a success.

Andrea Hodson's family would like to thank CUMC for all the love and support they have given them during this difficult time. Special thanks to the Wesley Bell Ringers, Barb McClellan, and the youth group. Your compassion was deeply felt.

Stephen Ministry Prayer Corner
"We must move from asking God take care of the things that are breaking our hearts to praying about the things that are breaking God's heart."
**Margaret Gibb*
Gracious God, Give me a heart as broad as your own so that I might see You in everyone, everywhere and respond with love and service.




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BOOK OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH:
"THREE SIMPLE RULES:
 A WESLEYAN WAY OF LIVING"
 BY RUEBEN P. JOB
 "WHAT THEN IS THE MARK? WHO IS A METHOD-IST, ACCORDING TO YOUR OWN ACCOUNT?"
 JOHN WESLEY
 "THERE ARE THREE SIMPLE RULES THAT HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE THE WORLD."
 RUEBEN P. JOB
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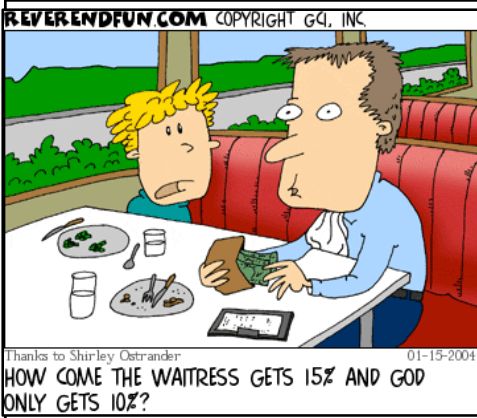
Congratulations to Ed Duncan for receiving a 2010 U.S. Presidential Teacher Recognitions Award. It was presented to him by U.S. Presidential Scholar, Uyen-Phuong Nguyen of Cottonwood High School. This prestigious award was added to the United States Presidential Scholars Program in 1983. The intent of the award is to reward good teachers for knowledge, skill and performance. The program itself was established by Executive Order of the President in 1964 to recognize and celebrate outstanding graduating seniors. The hope is that the recipients of these awards will help to instill in following generations a commitment to excellence, high ideals and a devotion to service. When asked to reflect on teaching, Ed was quoted as saying "After 40 years I still cannot hide my enthusiasm for teaching! When a former student stretches for a new goal I rejoice. When a student in my class has an "Aha" and says " I get it! That's so cool," I can't help but cheer also."

If anyone wishes to contact Bob and Betty Ely, they are in Cedar Park, Texas. Bob is 90 and is blind, Betty is 86, and well, cheerful as ever. The Pointe at Cedar Park, 450 Discovery Blvd, Cedar Park Texas 78613



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK
 WWW.RMNETWORK.ORG

As we move forward to the vote on becoming a Reconciling congregation, another event has been scheduled to help us understand the experiences of our gay brothers and sisters in our church. We will be screening a documentary entitled " Incompatible with Christian Teachings in April. The film is a moving documentary that explores the LGBT struggle for equality and affirmation in the United Methodist Church. We hope you can join us on April 10th from 12:30 to 3:30 at Christ United Methodist Church as we view the film and participate in discussion afterwards.



Stewardship Corner

The Bible calls us to be “faithful stewards of God’s Grace ” (1 Peter 4:10).

What does that mean? Does it just mean dig deeper into your pockets and write a bigger check? Stewardship does mean giving, and yes, we will soon be asking you to dig deeper to support the Church’s operations, ministries, outreach and missions. But stewardship means more than this.

The word “steward” originally meant “the keeper of the sty”. Given our large congregation, with people of differing ages, interests and goals, and the even larger number of people who use our building on a regular basis (about 7,400 per month!), the old definition of a steward as the keeper of the sty seems perfectly appropriate.

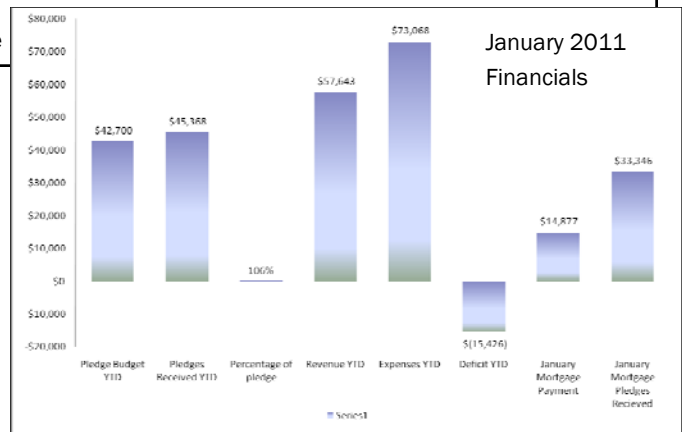
“Steward” had a larger meaning, however. The Steward oversaw the smooth operations of the entire household and its related enterprises. The Steward made sure that the animals, the servants, the owners and the guests all got fed and sheltered appropriately. Imagine the satisfaction the Steward felt at the end of the day, knowing that all was well, everything and everyone was comfortable, well fed and safely at rest.

Each of you is a Steward of this Church, and the Church, in turn, is a Steward of your gifts. Together we care for this marvelous building, our community and the earth. We give of our time and talents to ensure that the Church can continue to offer teaching, outreach, fellowship and mission services.

More than ever this year, we need to consider the meaning of stewardship, because this year we will have a second stewardship campaign. Last year, the Church Council decided to change the Church’s fiscal year from the calendar year to a year that runs from July 1 - June 30. This means that very soon we will be asking you to reconsider your pledges from last fall, and extend or increase them for the new year that will begin on July 1.

Through a short Connection article each month and video presentations throughout the year, the Stewardship Committee will show you some of the many ways C.U.M.C. uses your gifts. We hope that you will enjoy the feelings of satisfaction, joy and delight that come from knowing that you are a part of this Church, and that your gifts of time, talent and money makes a huge impact on the lives of people in our congregation, in our community, and around the world.

Thank you from The Stewardship Committee

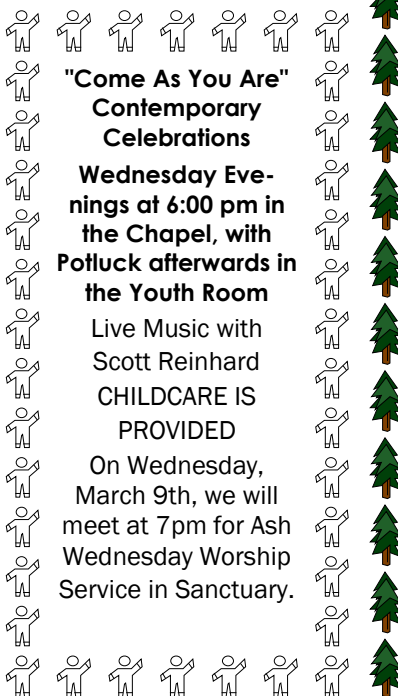


Spring Clean-Up at Christ Church

It has seemed like a long, cold winter, but with the past few unusually warm days it has given us hope that spring might be just around the corner! With spring comes thoughts of spring cleaning and the Trustees will be sponsoring a yard clean-up at church on **Saturday, April 16th** (weather permitting) starting at 9:00 a.m.. My grandmother always said, “Many hands make light work” so we are hoping for a nice turn out to pick up, rake up and sweep up the yard and parking areas around our church. Then when we drive into church on Sunday morning we can say, “Wow, what a difference”. Bring your garden gloves, rakes, brooms, clippers, etc. and let’s have a good time together and make a difference. Any questions call Nona Bressler 801-261-1561



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.



"Come As You Are" Contemporary Celebrations

Wednesday Evenings at 6:00 pm in the Chapel, with Potluck afterwards in the Youth Room

Live Music with Scott Reinhard
CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED

On Wednesday, March 9th, we will meet at 7pm for Ash Wednesday Worship Service in Sanctuary.

CUMC Camping News – Update

While it may be too cold to even think about camping, the CUMC Camping Group has its summer plans into 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 rv's, 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.



Hi CUMC Church Family!

What an interesting 2011 it's been so far. (perhaps "interesting" isn't the best word to describe January and February for many of our youth, their parents and grandparents.) We are grateful for all your prayers and support. As our CUMC Care Team reminded me from Matthew 11:28 NIV - "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."

In February our youth had an amazing Winter Retreat up at Big Canyon Ranch. It was a good "get-away" from the city and time for relaxation and to be reminded of the treasures God gives us here on earth (our family and friends) and treasures awaiting us in heaven. We had our annual Presidents' Day up at Brighton (thanks again to Sarah Malin-Craft & their Ski Patrol!) Then we will do our 30 Hr Famine the last weekend of February, where we will not only fast for 30 hrs (with juice breaks every 2 hrs) but will also learn a lot about Haiti and what it is like to survive after an earthquake. We're still gathering all the monetary donations and will update you next month on our grand total. Our youth will also gather donations of food, water and blankets to share with local homeless people and volunteer at the Utah Food Bank and Crossroads Thrift Store during the weekend. Yes - February is a busy month!

Your servant in Christ,

Barb McClellan, 801 792 7478 cell / barbm40@gmail.com



Youth Winter Retreat Photos. Top: a group photo taken outside the lodge at Big Canyon Ranch. Bottom: a group of youth having fun showing "Joy as Inner Peace Dancing!"



Christ UMC YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Wed 2 MAR 730p - 830p Summer Youth Mission Trip to Sacramento / Youth 2011 Informational Meeting for youth, parents and chaperones (in youth room)

Sun 6 MAR 9a Youth Sunday School / Confirmation
 3p-430p Sr High Youth Group
 5p-7p Jr High Youth Group

Tue 8 MAR 515p Youth Set up for PAXCAKE Supper & Activities (event starts at 6p)

Wed 9 MAR 7a or 7p ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Thu 10 MAR 730p-930p Youth Set Up for Fabulous Dress Resale

Fri 11 MAR 63p-8p & Sat 12 MAR 8a-8p Fabulous Dress Resale

Sat 12 MAR 8p BREAK DOWN Fabulous Dress Resale

Sun 13 MAR 9a Youth Sunday School /Confirmation

1030a Confirmation take Mentors to worship service, all other youth invited to join either the 9a or 1030a worship service this day with your friends and parents. SERMON: 1 of 7 Deadly Sins: LUST

- 1130a Youth Dance Group
- 2p Youth Drama Group
- 3p-430p Sr High Youth Group
- 5p-7p Jr High Youth Group

Sun 20 MAR 9a Youth Sunday School / Confirmation

1030a Youth Summer Mission Fundraising Meeting (both Pinecliff & Sacramento)

1130a Youth Dance Practice

1245p Both Sr & Jr High Youth leave for LaserQuest - sign up ahead of time. Cost is \$25 includes

4 games and pizza/drinks. We'll return by 430p for WBR. Jr High Youth are welcome to hang out and do homework or just chill until Asbury practice at 7p.

Sun 27 MAR 9a Youth Sunday School / Confirmation


- 1030a Youth Dance Group
- 3p-430p Sr High Youth
- 5p-7p Jr High Youth

UPCOMING APRIL EVENTS:

Fri 1 APR 6p - Sat 2 APR 6a SPRING FLING


Sun 3 APR -- Youth Worship Service RESCHEDULED UNTIL SUN 10 APR at 1030a in Chapel

Sun 10 APR - Youth Worship Service at 1030am in Chapel



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.



Wesley Bell Ringers Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, March

6, 2010

Adults: \$7,

Children (10& under): \$4

From 8:30 am to 12 noon (come before or after worship service)



50th Anniversary of the Legendary Buffalo BBQ

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the 50th Buffalo BBQ on April 30, 2011.

Once again there will be convenient take out service from 3:30 to 7:30 pm. Or be seated and served by a scout in the dining hall from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Tickets will be available beginning Sunday, March 27th, before and after church services.



Is singing one of your spiritual gifts? Come check out the fun at Chancel Choir practice! Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Need child care? Contact Candice, 801-548-4429 or candicemarie-cruz@yahoo.com.



“Unity Fiesta” Celebrating 70 Years!”

Church Women United in Utah Biennial State Assembly

Saturday, March 26, 2011

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Christ United Methodist Church

\$15.00 for registration and lunch



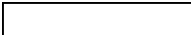
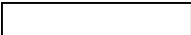
Guest Speaker: Margurite Carter, Church Women United National President
Workshops, Worship, Music, CWU Memorial and Valiant Women Recognitions

For more information :

Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz 801-272-5356

Please use the registration form on pg 12 of The Connection

Church Women United is a racially, culturally theologically inclusive Christian Women’s movement, celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice.



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OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

“Unity Fiesta – Celebrating 70 Years!”

Ephesians 4: 13 “Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

Morning refreshments, Lunch and materials included in the Registration Fee of \$15pp

Registration deadline: **March 18, 2011** - Registrations are transferable but not refundable.

Please print clearly

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

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Home Church _____

Indicate Special Needs: (physical or dietary) _____

Indicate childcare request: **NOTE:** *attendee must provide sack lunch for children*

& ages _____

Registration Fee – \$15 \$ _____

PLEASE make check payable to: “CWU in Utah”

Mail check and form to: Bobbi Spring, 2091 W. 2060 S., Syracuse, UT 84075

