



Christ United Methodist Church  
 Salt Lake City  
*Serving · Loving · Caring*

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 801-486-5473 • christumcutah.org



The Connection, April 2024

**OUT OF OFFICE**

We have an appointment  
 with chocolate

**Monday, April 1st**

**Tuesday, April 2nd**

**Wednesday, April 3rd**

HAPPY  
*Easter*  
 Love, The Office



Christ UMC Concert Series Presents

*Rooted in Music*

**Sunday, April 21st**

**4:00 pm**

**Christ UMC Sanctuary**

featuring Kelly McConkie Stewart, cello  
 and  
 Jenny Richards, piano



A free will offering will be taken for our organ restoration fund.  
[christumcutah.org/concert-series](http://christumcutah.org/concert-series)

**IMPORTANT NEWS!**

In 2024 Christ UMC will be working on an updated directory in multiple formats. As a part of this update, we are gathering information on your **Skills & Interests**.

Please have each person in your household complete the online form or printed form.



[christumcutah.org/skills-survey](http://christumcutah.org/skills-survey)



**PICTURE DATES!**

Evelyn Kasworm will be taking pictures in the front hallway for the updated directory.

**April 7th - 9:30 am**

**April 14th, 21st, 28th - 9:30 am &  
 after 10:00 am worship**

Please get updated pictures taken even if you submitted ones before.

**More dates to be announced  
 for May & beyond**



WE'VE BEEN IN DENIAL ABOUT  
 SOME BELOVED TEACHERS  
 RETIRING SOON.

ITS TIME TO FACE THE MUSIC..

**WE'RE HIRING!**

**ONLY THE BEST PRESCHOOL  
 TEACHERS NEED APPLY**

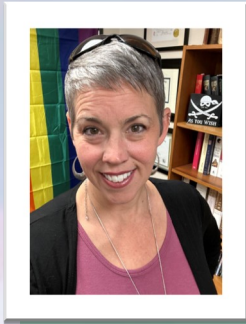
must love kids  
 must be fun  
 must love learning  
 must be able to sing wheels  
 on the bus 100x and stay sane



CONTACT CORNEL  
[EXPLORERPRESCHOOL@CHRISTUMCUTAH.ORG](mailto:EXPLORERPRESCHOOL@CHRISTUMCUTAH.ORG)



## Pastor Lisa's Lines



It is hard to write about resurrection and new life, when some days it feels like we are still sitting in the darkness of the tomb.

As I read the headlines of the news articles lately I am more dismayed at the lengths in which people will go to hide from the truth, spin a situation to look more favorable, and flat out ignore the needs of others in the world for their own gain.

Friends, we are witnessing genocide in our lifetime, but because it is not here in the continental U.S., we get to more easily turn our gaze to the kinder and more gentle things of this world. This past week I read more than 4 stories about the impending famine in Gaza. This is not an "IF", it is "when". Even the "when" isn't entirely accurate because it really is "now". People are starving to death and it is 2024. My heart aches, tears fall, and I feel lost and in death's tomb when it comes to knowing how to help. My pleas and prayers for the Almighty feel futile.

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Christ, it is only by the work of our hands and hearts that others across the globe will come to know the Good News. The reign of a Risen Christ isn't good news for the people of Gaza if their stomachs are so loud with hunger pains they cannot hear. The goodness of God is for naught if the people next door only know the abuse at the hands of their spouse, and know nothing of the hands that seek to hold and hug. The love of Jesus cannot be heard if the gunfire is so loud that it echoes in the ears of those who live in violence, too afraid to speak or share because of the sounds that may interrupt and harm.

As we have been working at 'getting up to something good' this Lent, my hope and deep prayer are that you can find just one thing to do each day that will let someone else outside your household know of God's love...not with words, but with food, hugs, and kind and listening ears; with donations to food banks, with donations to international aid funds, and with the greatest love in your heart...the love of a resurrected Christ.

See you in worship,  
Pastor Lisa  
revlisap@christumcutah.org



Christ UMC will recognize our high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 19th during the 10:00 am worship service. Submit your graduate's info at [christumcutah.org/graduates](https://christumcutah.org/graduates) by **May 4th**. Contact Kelly Carpenter if you have any questions.

Submissions received after May 4th may not make the celebration worship service on May 19.



## This Too Shall Pass

Trouble. We all experience distress and times of trouble. The Book of Job in the Old Testament tells us we are born for trouble “just as sparks fly upward” (Job 5:7). Yet even in the middle of times of trial we can turn our gaze upwards and find hope.

“This too shall pass” is an old phrase that reminds us to “keep on keeping on” even when things get rough. It reminds us that bad times are temporary, that times of stress and distress might seem to be the norm for the day—but

bad times do not last.

One of my many favorite Blue Grass gospel songs is “Keep on the Sunny Side of Life.” The lyrics are worth reading (and singing).

There’s a dark and a stormy side of life;  
There’s a bright and a sunny side too;  
Tho’ we meet with the darkness and strife,  
The sunny side we also may view.

*Chorus (after each verse)*

*Keep on the sunny side, always on the sunny side,  
Keep on the sunny side of life;  
It will help us every day, it will brighten all the way,  
If we keep on the sunny side of life.*

Tho’ the storm in its fury break today,  
Crushing hopes that we cherished so dear,  
Storm and cloud will in time pass away,  
The sun again will shine bright and clear.

Let us greet with a song of hope each day,  
Tho’ the moments be cloudy or fair;  
Let us trust in our Savior always,  
Who’s keeping everyone in His care.

It is spring. Breathe. Take a deep breath and expel it whispering a prayer of gratitude and thanksgiving. Do not let the bad things grab your focus and attention. Seek intentionally for God’s presence and blessings. Our world is still filled with wonder. Express your thanksgiving and have another cup of coffee.

Rev. Bruce Kolasch, Pastor of Congregational Care  
[pastorbruce@christumcutah.org](mailto:pastorbruce@christumcutah.org), 406-891-0434



**Deepest Condolences** to Clarissa West on the death of her grandmother in March.



# Children and Young Family Ministries at Christ United Methodist Church

## News and Notes

### Vacation Bible School: Scuba – Diving into Friendship with God

#### Registration Information

June 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am to Noon

Registration opens April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Cost is \$35 per child.

[www.christumcutah.org/vbs](http://www.christumcutah.org/vbs)

#### **Volunteers Needed!!**

We are looking for adults and youth to help with VBS! We need volunteers to lead activity stations, be crew leaders, and help with preschool. Contact Alicia Simons and Alicia Griffing at [children@christumcutah.org](mailto:children@christumcutah.org) to sign up to help or for more information.



### Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Events

In order to make our children's ministry program as fun and successful as possible, we need help from parent and member volunteers. Volunteers are essential for every single event inside and outside the classroom. We have many fun activities and events planned for the end of spring and going into summer, but we will need the help of volunteers to make these events successful for the children! If you are available and willing to volunteer for any of the events listed in the upcoming events section below, or just want to know more, please contact Alicia Simons. We truly appreciate everyone who has made our events a success in the past, and with your help we will continue to create a fun and welcoming environment for the youngest in our church family.

### Upcoming Events

April 12<sup>th</sup> – VBS Registration opens

April 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School Singer Rehearsals start – meet in Room 201 after Sunday School. We will be learning the song This is the Day.

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Spring Family Event

May 12<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day – No Sunday School, Sunday School Singers Perform

June 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> – Scuba VBS

### **Contact Info**

Alicia Griffing and Alicia Simons *Serving • Loving • Caring*  
[children@christumcutah.org](mailto:children@christumcutah.org), 801-486-5473 ext. 113

## Adult Small Group Opportunities

**Sunday Morning Adult Sunday School, 9:00am in the Chapel**

**Wednesday Morning Study, 10:00am, Parlor.** For information contact Evelyn Kasworm at 801-942-1383 or 801-712-0236.

**Men's Breakfast Group, Thursdays, 8:00am** This group is open to all men. For more information talk to Dale McCormick or Larry McGill. Call the church office for contact info. 801-486-5473

**The Witty Knitters** meet from 1:30 - 3:00pm on the second Monday of every month in the Parlor. We enjoy fellowship while working on our projects for the CUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry. Newcomers are welcome!!! There have been a few requests about starting an Evening Knitting Group, but we need a little more interest before we start one. Both women and men are welcome. If you are a beginning knitter, we can teach you basic knitting stitches. We have yarn and needles available for those who aren't sure if this is for them.

We will hold our first evening knitting class on the Second Wednesday of the month starting April 10th in the Parlor.

For more information, contact Pat Linnebur or the church office at 801-486-5473.

P.S. Crocheters are welcome too.

**Deborah Circle** meets the third Thursday of every month at 10:00am in the Parlor. Questions may be directed to Bev Mittelstadt at bevjm4287@yahoo.com or 801-755-4115.

**United Women in Faith Book Club** meets April 22 at 1:00pm in the Parlor. The book for April is *The Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff. For more information please contact Bev Mittelstadt at bevjm4287@yahoo.com or 801-755-4115.

**Church Women United's Friendship Day** is May 3rd from 9:30am to 1:00pm at Cathedral Church of St. Mark, 231 East first South. The Keynote Speaker will be Shannon Burke, Chaplain and Coordinator to Ministries at The Point. Make your lunch reservation by calling Mary Ann Allison at 801-278-9223 by Monday, April 29th.

**Young Adults** Our Young Adults participate in every aspect of the church. Twice a month there is a book discussion. Contact Dana at dana5320@gmail.com or ya@christumcutah.org for information.

### WITTY KNITTERS AT NIGHT

The first meeting of an evening knitting group will be **Wednesday, April 10th at 7:30 pm in the Parlor.**

Contact Pat Linnebur or the Church Office for more info.

Newcomers  
and crocheters  
welcomed!



There will be a new lecture series to be held in the Chapel beginning September 11, 2024 and continuing every Wednesday night from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM until October 23rd (except for Oct 2nd).

The series is entitled **Future Values and studies Geopolitical Shifts and Changing Technology--from Global Chaos to Personal Clarity.** Such topics as relations with Russia and China, implications of new ways to create new drugs, and dealing with artificial intelligence are covered along with many other interesting current events. The course is taught by Faye Lincoln, who has done a lot of research for this series. It promises to be fascinating

For planning purposes, please let Dale McCormick know if you are interested in attending. Please spread the word and invite your friends and neighbors.

# The Wesley Bell Ringers

DRIVE-UP  
RUMMAGE  
DONATIONS



NORTH ENTRANCE  
FROM 9A - 11A

SCHEDULED  
DONATION  
PICK-UPS



CALL 801.598.6482  
TO SCHEDULE



## The Wesley Bell Ringers

CELEBRATING



60TH REUNION

June 28 - 30

RSVP at wbralumni@gmail.com

## Hosts Needed

The Wesley Bell Ringers have been invited to perform as the featured youth choir at the Area 11 (AZ,NM,UT,WY,CO) Ringing Up! handbell festival. This year, the festival is being hosted at the downtown Salt Lake Hilton in the middle of our summer tour on Saturday, June 15th. As you can imagine, putting the whole choir up at the Hilton would be prohibitively expensive. It would also disrupt the flow and feeling of tour to go to our own homes for a night. Because of this, we are asking for members of CUMC to host The Wesley Bell Ringers overnight! This is a unique opportunity to see what other congregations experience when they host our choir.

We would invite you to attend our concert at the Hilton (not required) but would ask to be picked up after the concert and then be hosted overnight in your home. We ask for a light, easy breakfast before we would have you drop us off at CUMC Sunday morning. We would load up the bus, and hit the road before the main service starts.

If this is something you are willing to do, please contact Katie at twbr@christumcutah.org

*Hello April Youth Activities*

April 21st @ 12:30pm  
**PICNIC @ SUGARHOUSE PARK**  
*Listen to my Voice - Activity*

April 7th @ 12:30pm - Mountain Vista UMC  
**Unless I See**  
*Class Discussion with Pastor Phil Rogers*

April 14th @ 12:30pm - Christ Church UMC  
**FUNDAY JEOPARDY**  
*Games & Activities*

April 27th @ 9:30am  
**LDS TEMPLE TOUR**  
*An invitation to tour an LDS Temple (Taylorsville, UT.*

UMC Collaborative Youth Group  
Scan the QR code to join the group

## Witty Knitters Prayer Shawl Mission

Monday, April 8th      Wednesday, April 10th  
1:30 - 3:00 pm, Parlor      7:30 - 9:00 pm, Parlor



Newcomers Welcome!

On Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> Christ United Methodist Church presented Bob Pearce (posthumously) and Dorothy Pearce our 2024 Quiet Disciple Award. Below is the invitation to nominate that we received from the Annual Conference, and in italics, the nomination CUMC submitted.

From: Stephen Macauley, Utah Lay Leader,

Dear Local Church Lay Leader and/or Clergy:

This is an invitation for you to nominate someone from your church as a Quiet Disciple. In the organized church, people often get caught up in titles, training, formal recognition, and other forms of “officialdom,” but a Quiet Disciple is not that. This person is one who goes about their business in ministry or service to their church or community without fanfare or necessarily filling a specific position. A Quiet Disciple is likely to be self-starting and self-directed in filling unmet needs. Frequently this person seeks no limelight or recognition but works tirelessly in the background when no one else is around. Quiet Disciples are the foundation of laity in ministry. Age should not be a factor, although this is generally considered to be a lifetime achievement award.

*In recognition of exemplary service to our local congregation, we wish to nominate the following individuals for selection as the District/Subdistrict Recipient of the Quiet Disciple Award.*

***Dorothy and Bob Pearce (members since 1964)***

*Bob, who passed away in 2022, served as Scoutmaster of Troop 410 and organized countless backpacking and snowshoe adventures for scout, UMYF, and adult groups. He was a board member at Crossroads Urban Center and a Volunteer of the Year at Crossroads. He served on every committee at CUMC and was instrumental in getting solar panels on the church roof.*

*Dorothy has taught Sunday school to generations of children and directed a boatload of Christmas pageants. She was a Cub Scout den leader. Dorothy’s visits to her new neighbors brought an unknown number of families to CUMC who themselves became lifelong members. Dorothy also received the Volunteer of the Year Award from Crossroads Urban Center.*

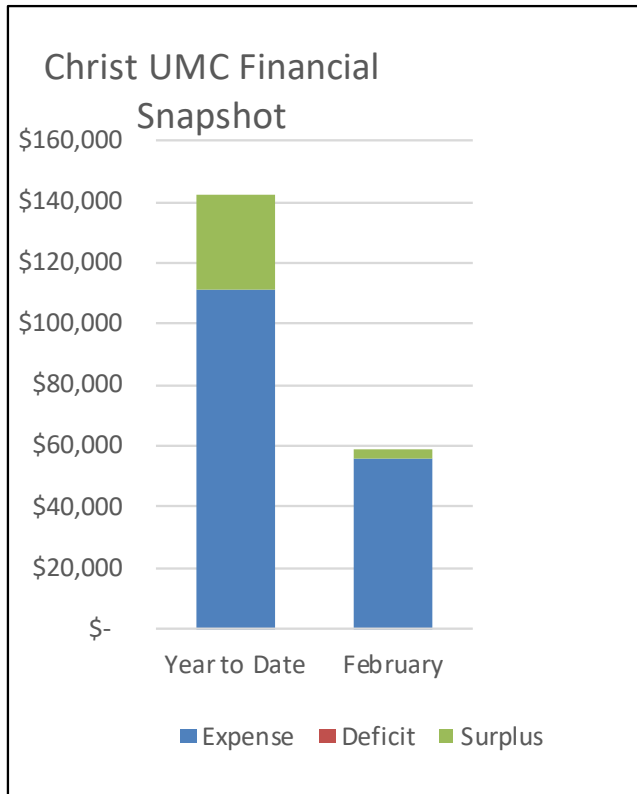
*For 20+ years Bob and Dorothy served hot cocoa to people in line for Crossroad Urban Center’s Thanksgiving and Christmas food distributions, also distributing hats and scarves they had collected. Together, they taught a sex education class for the UMYF in the early 1970’s. Both served as Stephen Ministers. They “adopted” several homeless individuals and a single mother over the years, offering transportation and providing basic needs. They also regularly volunteered, with Family Promise.*

That ends the “official” nomination CUMC submitted to the conference. Most of the information in the nomination came from Dorothy, their daughter Kathy, and their sons Steve and Dave. However, it only scratches the surface of their influence on this congregation. Every person who had the privilege of knowing Bob has a story to tell. Every person who has ever encountered Dorothy’s always joyful and selfless giving has another story to add. Dorothy says that it all happened because they liked being busy and there were things that needed doing. It is a gift that the Quiet Disciple Award offers us a chance to reflect on how much we miss Bob and how much we love and appreciate Dorothy.





## CUMC Financial Page



In Graph Information:	
YTD Expenses	\$ (111,100)
YTD Pledges & Other Receipts	\$ 133,800
YTD Investment Gain	\$ 8,500
<b>YTD Actual Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 31,200</b>
February Expenses	\$ (55,600)
February Pledges & Other Receipts	\$ 52,000
Actual Month Investment Gain	\$ 7,200
<b>Actual Month Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 3,600</b>
Other Information:	
YTD Budgeted (Deficit)/Surplus	\$ (3,600)
Prior Yr Receipts in 2024	\$ -



Did you know that you could donate to the Church or other charities the required minimum distributions (RMDs) from your IRA up to \$100,000 tax-free? The Endowment Fund Committee can provide information on how you can do this. Contact Doug Hattery at [douglashattery2937@comcast.net](mailto:douglashattery2937@comcast.net) or (801) 268-9251 to find out more.






**Volunteers Needed for  
Hosting Families**

  
Salt Lake

*CHRIST UMC IS COORDINATING VOLUNTEERS THE WEEK OF  
APRIL 14-21ST  
AT CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH*

*SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN-UP AND FOR MORE INFO.*





**THANK YOU**

**THANK YOU** to all who have been donating Wish List items for the Youth Resource Center.

These donations are on-going, very much needed, and greatly appreciated. There is now a new **Wish List for the months of March - June**. It can be found in this Newsletter, on the church website, and in a holder sitting on top of the Youth Resource Center donation bin here at church. This donation bin is in the hallway between the kitchen & the multipurpose room.

**Blessings to you for your generosity as you share with those in need. --- Coni Hampton**

## YOUTH RESOURCE CENTER (YRC) WISH LIST

The list of needs can be found on the church website, in the weekly emails and by the collection bin by the church kitchen.

YRC is a safe place for homeless and at-risk youth (ages 15-22) to shower, eat, and do laundry. Counseling, education assistance and job training are available.



[www.christumcutah.org](http://www.christumcutah.org)

**Sat, Apr 27 - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**AED  
FIRST AID &  
CPR TRAINING**

*Get Certified in First Aid & CPR*


*Get Trained on using the AED*

**COST IS \$13**

To Sign-Up Contact:  
Church Office at 801-486-5473  
Pat Hopkins at 801-943-2719

**Open to all, call to register.**

**Christ UMC Helps**



Rides to/from church  
Rides to/from appointments  
Meals after medical procedures

[christumcutah.org/christumchelps](http://christumcutah.org/christumchelps)



Palmer Court Pet Food

## HELP PET OWNERS IN NEED

Collecting donations to help purchase:

- Dog & Cat food
- Dog & Cat treats
- Dog & Cat supplies
- Other pet items



[www.christumcutah.org/inthecommunity](http://www.christumcutah.org/inthecommunity)

## Churchwide Palmer Court Service Project

The next delivery date to Palmer Court is Friday May 24th. Please bring your food donations by May 12th so it can be re-bagged. We need both dog and cat food and cat treats. Contact Patsy Simons 801-808-6641 or [psimons1@live.com](mailto:psimons1@live.com) to arrange for donation drop off or donations can be placed in first bin by the kitchen door at church.

Volunteers are needed to re-bag the pet food.



## Pulled Pork BBQ And Raffle!

Dine in or take out

CUMC Gym - 2375 E 3300 S

Meal: \$10 child & \$15 adult

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 4-7pm



[www.troops410and8410.org](http://www.troops410and8410.org)

Boy Scout Troop 410 and Girls Troop 8410

Sponsored by VFW "Ben Russo" Post 3586



**SOUP AND SOCIAL JUSTICE LUNCHEON**

GUEST SPEAKER:  
LANCE ODITT,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF FRIENDS OF PANDO

Come and learn about the world's largest tree and what is being done to care for it.




PANDO LIVES IN THE FISHLAKE NATIONAL FOREST, WEIGHS 13.2 MILLION POUNDS AND HAS OVER 40,000 BRANCHES!

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH  
11:30 AM, GYM**

YOUTH COALITION FOR GREAT SALT LAKE PRESENTS:

**SALINE SYMPOSIUM AND CELEBRATION  
APRIL 20, 2024**

FREE EVENT & SNACKS



1:00 - 4:30 P.M.  
SALT LAKE CENTER FOR SCIENCE EDUCATION  
1400 GOODWIN AVE, SLC

- HELP SAVE GREAT SALT LAKE!
- MUSIC, DANCE, POETRY PERFORMANCES & FIEM
- YOUTH SPEAKERS
- GREAT SALT LAKE COMMISSIONER STEED
- @YOUTHCOALITIONGSL

TO REGISTER GO TO:

<https://tinyurl.com/YCGSL-SalineSymposium>

**April 2024 Green Team Corner**

There is a lot of event going on in the month of April. This month is the perfect opportunity to get involved in our efforts to help save the Great Salt Lake.

**WHERE CAN YOU FIND OUT HOW TO GET INVOLVED?** – The Grow The Flow Calendar is your go to source for all activities and events happening in Utah centered around the Great Salt Lake.

To view the calendar go to <https://growtheflowutah.org/calendar>.

**Sign the Inland Port Petitions** – For all updates go to - <https://www.stopthepollutingport.org/weber-county>.

The LATEST Proposed Inland Port in Weber County will harm over 8,000 acre of wetlands. We need to get more signatures for the petition opposing the implementation of the Weber County Inland Port. As well as asking the Utah Inland Port Authority to reexamine their actions and stop their plans to expand the building of warehouses throughout the state. Many like the planned expansion in Weber, Tooele and Bear River are near the Great Salt Lake and the ports will have harmful impacts on nearby bird populations as well as the human population. Look for more information on our Bulletin Board, at the Welcome Center in the Narthex, and in upcoming e-mails and bulletins.

**Youth Coalition for Great Salt Lake Saline Symposium and Celebration** – April 20, 2024 at 1:00-4:30 p.m. - Everyone is invited! This event is free with registration at <https://tinyurl.com/YCGSL-SalineSymposium>. Check out detailed flyer as well.

**Latter-day Saint Creation Care Coalition: Interfaith Panel Discussion on Sustainability** - April 20<sup>th</sup> – 6-7 p.m. – Panel Participants - Kol Ami, St. Marks Episcopal, Utah Muslim Civic League, LDS Sustainability) For more information please view the calendar on [growtheflowutah.org](https://growtheflowutah.org).

**Trash Cleanup at GSL – Hosted by LDS Stewardship Group** – Tentative date is April 27<sup>th</sup>. More information to come. So keep an eye out for posting of more details on the Bulletin Board, e-mails, and/or bulletins

**Creation Justice Bulletin Board** - Remember to drop by our Bulletin Board in the Hallway by the Gym. You can find out about upcoming events, sign up to join our Green Team, find out how to take action by joining other groups in Utah to help save The Great Salt Lake and other important natural environment causes, or just read some information and interesting facts.



**Ages 21+ Only**

*You're invited to*

## BITES & BREWS AT THE BaYOU

**SUNDAY APRIL 21ST, 2024 1PM-4PM**  
**645 S STATE ST. SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84111**

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT CROSSROADS URBAN CENTER, A NONPROFIT THAT HAS BEEN FEEDING AND CLOTHING UTAHNS FOR OVER 58 YEARS!

TICKETS INCLUDE EVENT ENTRY COMPLETE WITH LOCALLY CRAFTED BEER/BEVERAGES, FOOD, LIVE MUSIC, AND ACCESS TO SILENT AUCTION.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.CROSSROADSURBANCENTER.ORG](http://WWW.CROSSROADSURBANCENTER.ORG)

**\$45 IN ADVANCE \$50 AT THE DOOR**

**RESERVE A TABLE (INCLUDES 6 CHAIRS AND 6 ADMISSIONS): \$300**





## URGENT NEED!!

The pantry is running **VERY LOW** on food.

Crossroads is serving twice as many people than a year ago.

**LEAVE YOUR DONATIONS IN THE BINS BY THE WEST DOOR**

### Foods of the Month

### Canned fruit, vegetables & soup

Learn about other top donation needs at our emergency food pantries on our website: [www.crossroadsurbancenter.org/topneeds](http://www.crossroadsurbancenter.org/topneeds)




March 1st, 2024

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Dear Friends,

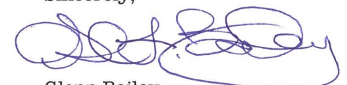
We very much appreciate your recent donation to Crossroads Urban Center! Your gifts help us serve thousands of Utahns in need every year.

We received your tax-deductible donation of \$3,080 in support of Crossroads Urban Center on February 28th, 2024. No goods or services were given to you by Crossroads in exchange for this gift.

Crossroads has been feeding and providing clothes, blankets, and other essential resources to people in need since 1966. We operate two emergency food pantries and a free/low-cost thrift store in Salt Lake City. We also advocate for positive change on issues that matter most to the people we serve, such as homelessness, affordable housing, and access to childcare.

Thanks again for your help. We are as busy as we've ever been meeting the needs in our community and we couldn't do it without friends like you.

Sincerely,



Glenn Bailey  
 Executive Director

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