



Christ United Methodist Church  
 Salt Lake City  
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*The Connection, July 2024*

Dear Christ UMC,

I'm always a jumble of fear and excitement before a sermon, meeting someone new, or even a men's league basketball game.

In just a few short weeks, my family and I will join your vibrant church family.

I've been thinking about Moses lately and how his life in Midian was pretty good. But then, God spoke through a bush that was endlessly aflame. What could God be saying through this ancient story?

On **Sunday, July 14**, I will preach my first sermon at Christ UMC. I am excited to meet you, your family, and to begin getting to know you.

There is something about the unknowns and possibilities of new beginnings that is at the heart of a faith journey.

Maybe that jumble of fear and excitement and faith is really wonder.

Isn't it astonishing to be part of a community that calls us to compassion, justice, and radical love?

Pastor Dale



*Welcome!*

Rev. Dale  
 Fredrickson

Come hear his first sermon with us on Sunday, July 14th.

There will be a potluck reception in the gym following the 10:00 am service.

Help fill a Welcome Basket for Pastor Dale and his family with Utah items.

For suggested items and information, go to [christumcutah.org/welcome-pastor-dale](http://christumcutah.org/welcome-pastor-dale).

Please give your Welcome Basket item to Lucy Waite by Sunday, July 7th.





## Summertime Thoughts

July 2024

Joy. Sadness. Grief. Saying goodbye. Afraid. Nervous. Anticipation. New beginnings. Old memories. Chaotic feelings, thoughts, and relationships. Trying to let go. Welcoming the new. Clinging to broken fragments of hopes and dreams of the past. Seeking relief. Being positive. Having an open heart and mind. Not giving up or giving in. Trying not to be negative. Leaning into new adventures and possibilities. Anticipation. Withdrawing. Fearing change. Not wanting change. Wanting change. Anxious. Nervous. Open to wonder. Amazed.

Summer can be all of these things and more.

Life is full. In the midst of all that is happening, take time to breathe. Pay attention to the wonderful world of nature. Nurture your relationships with family and friends. Take time to listen. Take time to worship and refresh your soul.

*“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. his steadfast love endures forever.” (Psalm 136:1 NRSV)*

God bless,

Rev. Bruce Kolasch

Pastor of Congregational Care

Christ United Methodist Church

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**Deepest Condolences** to Peachy and Sandy Neeld on the death of their father and husband, Scott on June 2nd. A memorial service will be held Sunday, July 14th at 2:00pm at the American Legion Building in Duchesne. The family will begin greeting guests at 1:00pm. Condolences may be sent to PO Box 911, Duchesne, UT. 84021.

**Deepest Condolences** to Jim Allred and family on the death of his wife, Jennifer, on Friday, May 31st. Condolences may be sent to 3310 S Oakwood St, Salt Lake City, UT 84109.

**WELCOME!**

Sunday Morning Volunteers are needed to be Greeters at the doors and Welcome Desk.



Scan the QR code to sign up. Contact Lysander Hamilton for more information.

**HELLO!**  
MY NAME IS

Please be sure to wear your name tag to help our new pastor and members.

Contact Kelly Carpenter if you need a name tag, 801-486-5473 ext. 111 or [officemanager@christumcutah.org](mailto:officemanager@christumcutah.org).



# Children and Young Family Ministries at Christ United Methodist Church

## News and Notes

There is no summer Sunday School during July and August. Sunday School will resume on September 8th.

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

We had a wonderful week at SCUBA VBS! The children learned all about diving into friendship with God with the help of all of our fun underwater Bible Buddies. A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped make SCUBA VBS a success this year! All of your time volunteering and donations made this a fun week for the kids!



## Sunday School Teachers Needed for Fall!

We are already looking for people to volunteer for Sunday School in the fall! Volunteers are needed to help teach and aid children during Sunday School for the preschool and elementary classes. All materials will be provided. Prayerfully consider your availability, even on an occasional basis, to help with the youngest in our church family. If you are interested or have any questions, please email Alicia Simons and Alicia Griffing at [children@christumcutah.org](mailto:children@christumcutah.org).

## Acolyte Openings

Your older elementary child(ren) in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> can serve as Acolytes. This is a great opportunity for your kids to participate in the Worship Services and the training is quick. If you have any questions or to sign up, please contact Kathy Konishi at [kkonishi25@gmail.com](mailto:kkonishi25@gmail.com).

## Contact Info

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

### 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.

**July 14th**

**9:30 am & after 10:00 am worship**

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

**More dates to be announced as needed for beyond June**



## Adult Small Group Opportunities

**Sunday Morning Adult Sunday School, will resume in the fall.**

**Wednesday Morning Study, 10:00am, Parlor.** The Wednesday morning class is meeting on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays of July and August, at 10:00am for 2 hours in the parlor. Our summer tradition has been to choose videos to watch and discuss rather than delve into a book study.

This summer's class will be using a set of documentaries titled *The Story Of God With Morgan Freeman*. This National Geographic series was nominated for a Primetime Emmy. Morgan Freeman explores how different religions of past and present answer questions about: *Beyond Death, Apocalypse, Who is God, Creation, Why Does Evil Exist* and *The Power of Miracles*. 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 and at 6:30pm the second Wednesday of every month in the Parlor. We enjoy fellowship while working on our projects for the CUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry. If you are a beginning knitter, we can teach you basic knitting stitches. We have yarn and needles available. Crocheters are welcome too! **Newcomers are welcome!!!** Questions may be directed to Pat Linnebur at 385-237-9476.

**Deborah Circle** is not meeting in July. Watch for information about the August picnic in the August Connection. Questions may be directed to Bev Mittelstadt at bevjm4287@yahoo.com or 801-755-4115.

**United Women in Faith Book Club** meets at 1:00pm in the Parlor. There will be no meeting in July. The book for August is **The 1619 Project** by Nicole Hannah-Jones For more information please contact Bev Mittelstadt at bevjm4287@yahoo.com or 801-755-4115.

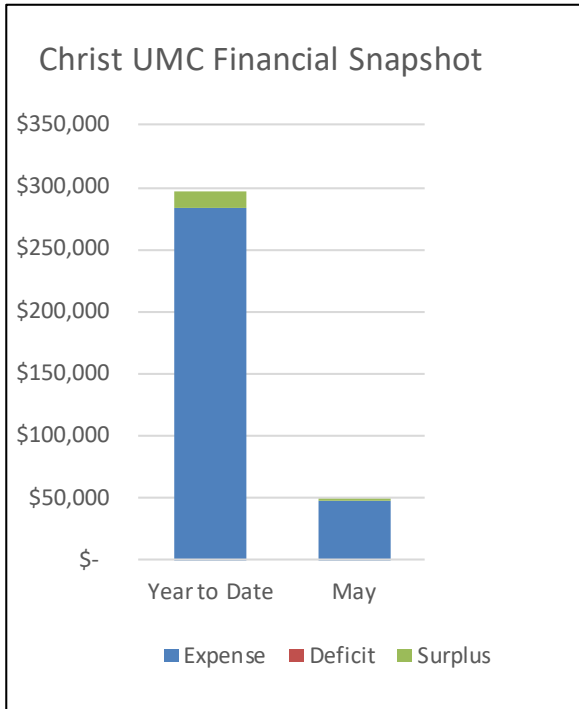
### **Christ UMC Young Adults Community**

**WhatsApp Group Text:** If you are interested in participating in the Young Adult summer activities you may join via the link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/H89CUge2rrH7zjT9tH0dvg>.

Once you are part of the WhatsApp community, you can join the "Summer Events Group" to get reminders and be a part of the group chats for summer events. For app issues or other questions you may contact the group at ya@christumcutah.org.

Our group is scheduled to participate in the Sandwich Service Project 7/13 from 2:00-4:00pm. Please let us know if you can participate.

# Christ UMC Financial Info



### In Graph Information:

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| YTD Expenses                 | \$ (283,500)     |
| YTD Pledges & Other Receipts | \$ 277,500       |
| YTD Investment Gain          | \$ 19,300        |
| <b>YTD Actual Surplus</b>    | <b>\$ 13,300</b> |
| May Expenses                 | \$ (47,800)      |
| May Pledges & Other Receipts | \$ 38,600        |
| Actual Month Investment Gain | \$ 10,500        |
| <b>Actual Month Surplus</b>  | <b>\$ 1,300</b>  |

### Other Information:

|                                |            |
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| YTD Budgeted (Deficit)/Surplus | \$ (8,900) |
| Prior Yr Receipts in 2024      | \$ -       |



June 7th, 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 \$8,179 in support of Crossroads Urban Center on June 6th, 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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Greetings Church Family & Friends,  
 First and foremost, *thank you* for your continued support of the Youth Resource Center. Your faithful donations of much needed items for the homeless & at-risk youth (ages 15 - 25) is to be commended. Bless you! While delivering some donations recently, I was asked if it would be possible for me to send out an **SOS** for some *desperately needed* items. I said, "of course!" Here is the list of *desperately needed items*. Donations can be left at CUMC in the Youth Resource Center donation bin near the multipurpose room. (Note: Men's underwear should be teenage style boxer shorts.)

Again, thank you for your donations!  
 Coni Hampton



## May Palmer Court Service Project

Re-bagging was done by Brenda Barta and the Timm family. The May 24th delivery was done by Mike Hampton, Joni Furlong and her son, John Adamson, and Patsy. They delivered 39 bags of dog food, 81 cans of dog food, 33 bags of dog treats, 47 bags of cat food, 51 cans of cat food, 42 bags of cat treats, and 33 jugs of cat litter as well as harnesses, collars and leashes, food dishes, 1 scratching post, 2 car seat covers, 20 cat toys, and 9 dog toys.

Thank you to everyone who donated, re-bagged food, loaded and unloaded vehicles, drove, or helped in any way!

**The next delivery date is August 16th.** All donations except canned dog and cat food are greatly needed. The pet food donations are needed by August 4<sup>th</sup> so they can be re-bagged. 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 to re-bag the food are needed.**



Christ UMC Helps is looking for someone to give a gentleman residing at Highland Cove rides to & from church.

If you can help, contact Patsy Simons 801-808-6641 or [help@christumcutah.org](mailto:help@christumcutah.org).



## Green Team Corner – July

Here are some reminders of different ways to continue to take action on behalf of the GSL as well as Pando

**GET INVOLVED** - The *Grow The Flow Calendar* is your go to source for all activities and events happening in Utah centered around saving the GSL.

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

We will continue to post upcoming events on the Creation Justice Bulletin Board, located in the hallway by the Gym, listing some of them in the e-mail blasts, and in the worship inserts.

**JOIN UTAH PHYSICIANS FOR A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT** – See all the ways you can help this organization with their mission of clean air, clean energy, clean future. Go to <https://www.uphe.org/great-salt-lake-2/> find out more about the law suit against the State of Utah on behalf of the Great Salt Lake and much more! **SIGN THE PETITION TO TELL LAWMAKERS RESIDENTS ARE SERIOUS ABOUT PROTECTING GREAT SALT LAKE.** Stand with UPHE in demanding real solutions.



Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment  
CLEAN AIR, CLEAN ENERGY, CLEAN FUTURE

**DONATE TO FRIENDS OF PANDO** - *If you have not already done so, Lance, as well as The Green Team, encourages you to consider donating to help with the important work being done on behalf of the tree. This could be a one time donation or if you would like to make a lasting impact you can make a donation in the form of setting up a monthly recurring donation of \$14 a month via the Friends of Pando Donate Page ([friendsofpando.org/donate](http://friendsofpando.org/donate)), which can pay for one day of fieldwork to study and protect the tree.*

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT PANDO** - *Friends of Pando is also organizing a work week in the tree in late August, so those who want to get their hands dirty helping remove juniper and clearing the forest floor are encouraged to sign up via Friends of Pando's volunteer page ([friendsofpando.org/volunteer](http://friendsofpando.org/volunteer)).*

**WRITE** – **Utah's Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources, Joel Ferry**, was recently appointed to the board of the **Utah Inland Port Authority**. As a new board member, public servant and a steward of Utah's precious natural resources, it's time to make the public's concerns extremely clear to him. Reach out to Mr. Ferry and express your concerns over the Utah Inland Port at: <mailto:joelferry@utah.gov> or call 801-538-7201.

**SIGN OR SEND LETTERS TO YOUR LEGISLATORS** - The proposed Weber County Inland Port will harm over 8000 acres of wetlands. Use the link <https://www.stopthepollutingport.org> to sign the petition, send letters to your legislators, or call the Utah Inland Port Authority Board to say NO to the Weber County Inland Port, as well as other Inland Port proposals.

# 2024 Golden Celery

Christ UMC is participating in the Golden Celery Competition  
the entire month of July!

Hunger does not take a break during the summer and so every year Crossroads Urban Center organizes a food drive in July to help serve families who show up at their two food pantries during the summer. Churches and other faith communities help make this food drive successful by competing to see which congregation can donate the most food per-person that month. The winning congregation gets to keep the coveted Golden Celery Trophy until the next competition begins.

## Top Donation needs for this year's Food Drive

- Peanut butter
- Cereal
- Canned fruit/fruit cups
- Individual snacks (granola bars, etc.)
- Ramen
- Crackers
- Canned Tomatoes/tomato product
- Canned soup

Learn more:  
[www.crossroadsurbancenter.org/julyfooddrive](http://www.crossroadsurbancenter.org/julyfooddrive)

## WAYS TO DONATE:

- Place donations in bins at Christ UMC's West doors.
- Monetary donations will be accepted **July 1st through July 18th**, this allows Christ UMC time to purchase the food. Use the QR code to contribute electronically.
- Drop off donations directly to the Pantry, **be sure to mention you are there for Christ UMC.**

Downtown Pantry: 347 S 400 E, Salt Lake City

Westside Pantry: 1358 W Indiana Ave, Salt Lake City



To make a monetary donation go to <https://www.christumcutah.org/goldencelery>

## You are invited to Crossroads Urban Center's Annual **Meet the Candidates Barbecue**



**July 10, 2024**  
**Liberty Park**  
**6-8 PM**

Every year Crossroads Urban Center organizes a free barbecue at the park for our clients, volunteers, supporters and friends. We invite candidates for state and local office to attend so they can talk to people involved with our services and learn about their concerns. More information about this event can be found on our website: [www.crossroadsurbancenter.org/barbecue](http://www.crossroadsurbancenter.org/barbecue)



*This year's barbecue is made possible by generous support from Molina Healthcare*

