

# Christ United Methodist Church Salt Lake City

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The Connection, June 2024



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# To the members and friends of Christ United Methodist Church:

Greetings in the name of the one who invites and encourages us to love one another!

I am writing to share with you that, after consultation with the Mountain Sky Conference Cabinet and members of the Staff Parish Relations Committee of your congregation, Bishop Karen Oliveto intends to appoint Reverend Dale Fredrickson as the next pastor of Christ UMC in SLC, Utah effective July 1, 2024.

Please pray for God to bless the welcoming of Reverend Dale and his family and that this time of transition bring gifts of grace to all involved.

It has been a great blessing to work with your church leadership committee members throughout this sacred endeavor. I pray God's blessings on your congregation and on Reverend Dale in this time of transition. As we embark on a new season of pastoral leadership in the life of your church, I encourage you all to find ways to welcome Rev. Dale into your community. Let us also give continued thanks and deep appreciation to Rev. Lisa for her leadership over the last couple years and continue to pray for her during this time of transition to her new appointment!

May the Holy Spirit enliven you all in your growth as disciples of Jesus Christ through a deepened faith, enhanced congregational vitality, and missional presence in your community.

You are free to announce this to the congregation beginning this Sunday, May 26, 2024.

Blessings,

Rev. Llewellyn "Lou" Ward District Superintendent Utah Western Colorado District Mtnsky Conference, UMC

# Pastor Lisa's Lines



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the warm and wonderful send off, Sunday May 26th. I am so very thankful for your love, support and care these past two years. I am forever changed by the lessons I've learned here, the love you've shared with me, and the beloved community you've created here. Thank you.

I want to leave you with a few reminders as you prepare your hearts and hands to welcome Pastor Dale.

- 1. Give yourself time for this transition. Even if this transition is hard, give yourself time. Continue to participate and worship and allow your heart the time to learn to love him as you have loved me.
- 2. Wear your name tags around the building to help him learn your name. Remember he has lots of names to learn. You only have one. Use other people's names in conversations he is participating in; it will help immensely.
- 3. Remember he is human, and he will fail your expectations at times. Share your grace with him. He will never intentionally hurt or harm you. Help him learn, as you did me.

Lastly, extend grace to the Christ UMC staff during this transition. They are all working hard and doing their best.

Thank you for continuing to love like Jesus.

Blessings friends,

Pastor Lisa

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Christ UMC is preparing to make an updated directory in 2024. Please go to <a href="christumcutah.org/skills-survey">christumcutah.org/skills-survey</a> fill out the survey, this will also ensure we have the most up-to-date information for you. We are adding in individual pictures, as well as family photos. Evelyn Kasworm is available to take your picture before and after the 10:00 am worship services on June 9th, 16th, and 23rd.

## **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.





White Egrets, Trumpeter Swan, Great White Pelican, Yellow Headed Blackbirds, Canadian Goose families with young goslings, and a wide variety of other birds that I lost count of.

I had driven north to Brigham City and was at the Bear River Bird Refuge. There were also hundreds of hungry mosquitos that swarmed the windows of my car. Yes, I kept my car windows closed! It was a beautiful day. I did the nature walk at the Visitors Center and the twelve mile auto tour. An incredible day!

Our created world—the world of nature—magnificently displays God's handiwork—God's imaginative, creative power. I was filled with wonder. I am thankful for people and organizations that help protect and preserve our vast environment. I am grateful to all who recognize how connected we are with each other and with nature...and encourage us to care!

"This is My Father's World" was written by Rev. Maltbie Davenport Babcock and published in 1901. He and his wife lived in Lockport, New York, where he would often go for long walks enjoying the scenery and beauty of upstate New York and Lake Ontario. He would tell his wife he was "going out to see the Father's world." Pastor Babcock died at the age of 42. His wife published his writings after his death in a book entitled, *Thoughts for Daily Living,* which included the poem that became the hymn we know by that title. It had sixteen verses originally and was put to music by Franklin Sheppard in 1915. It is in our United Methodist Hymnal, #144.

I like to couple it with a reading of Psalm 19 which begins with "The heavens declare the glory of God (verse 1), and continues with "there is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard, yet their voice goes out through all the earth..." (verses 3 & 4). Learn to listen to silent voice of nature.

Take time this summer to soak in the wonder of God's creation. Be filled with awe. Also take time to help us care for our incredible home called earth!

God bless,

Rev. Bruce Kolasch
Pastor of Congregational Care
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<u>Deepest Condolences</u> to Lori Wingeleth and family on the death of her mother, Evelyn Boven on May 12th. There will be a service at Christ UMC June 22nd at 11:00am.

<u>Deepest Condolences</u> to Darlene and Bruce Pulver and family on the death of Bruce's brother, John, on April 26th.













# SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENT

SUPPORTING OUR LGBTQ± COMMUNITY YEAR ROUND

SUNDAY, JUNE 30TH 11:30 AM Youth Room (Upstairs)

# The Wesley Bell Ringers SUMMER TOUR 2024



UT • NV • CA • AZ • NM • CO • MT • ID • WA • OR

### Saturday, June 8th, 6:00pm

First Baptist Church 830 E. Hafen Lane Mesquite, NV 89027

### Sunday, June 9th, 7:30pm

Community United Methodist Church 6652 Heil Avenue Huntington Beach, CA 92647

### Monday, June 10th, 7:00pm

St. Andrew's By-the-Sea 2001 Calle Frontera San Clemente, CA 92673

### Tuesday, June 11th, 7:30pm

Prescott United Methodist Church 505 W. Gurley Street Prescott, AZ 86301

### Wednesday, June 12th, 7:30pm

Flagstaff Federated Community Church 400 W. Aspen Ave. Flagstaff, AZ 86001

### Friday, June 14th, 7:30pm

First United Methodist Church 515 N. Park Street Cortez, CO 81321

#### Sunday, June 16th, 7:30pm

Bozeman United Methodist Church 121 S. Wilson Street Bozeman, MT 59715

### Monday, June 17th, 7:30pm

Epworth United Methodist Church 329 2nd Avenue East Kalispell, MT 59901

### Tuesday, June 18th, 7:30pm

First Presbyterian Church 417 N. 4th Avenue Sandpoint, ID 83864

### Thursday, June 20th, 7:30pm

Audubon UMC 3908 N. Driscoll Blvd Spokane, WA 99205

### Friday, June 21st, 7:30pm

First Presbyterian Church 201 SW Dorion Avenue Pendleton, OR 97801

### Saturday, June 22nd, 7:30pm

Boise First UCC 2201 Woodlawn Avenue Boise, ID 83702

# The Wesley Bell Ringers SUMMER TOUR 2024



### TWO NIGHTS IN SLC:

### Saturday, June 15th, 7:30pm

FEATURED YOUTH PERFORMERS
Handbell Musicians of America
Area 11 Festival Concert
Hilton Salt Lake City
255 S. West Temple Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

### Sunday, June 23rd, 7:30pm

HOMECOMING CONCERT

Christ United Methodist Church
2375 East 3300 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84109





### One Board Briefing

The One Board began our work with our first meeting in February. We are going from a reporting council to a "leading" board hoping to free up time and efforts spent in meetings and to allow committee chairs and outreach folks to do God's work in ministry, outreach and mission of the church.

Committees and Outreach are still functioning and continuing in their great works. The One Board is learning how to navigate this new leadership model one day at a time. Change is always a little challenging, so we are trying to figure out how the new model will work best for our church. We look forward to helping lead the church into functioning more efficiently and effectively. All are welcomed to attend our meetings, which are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm in the Chapel and on Zoom.

Please note all of the Committee Chairs and Outreach Chairs who tirelessly lead the heart and soul of our work and ministry here at the church and into our communities. So many individuals not pictured work quietly behind the scenes, doing God's work ministering to so many individuals needing help, love and compassion. Thank you to all who are God's hands and feet working hard to do good.

Onward and Upward!





# Children and Young Family Ministries at Christ United Methodist Church

### **News and Notes**

There is no summer Sunday School during June, July, and August

Vacation Bible School: Scuba - Diving into Friendship with God

**Registration Information** 

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

Ages 3 years (child must have turned 3 by January 1, 2024 & be potty trained) through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Cost is \$35 per child and must be paid with their registration. Registration closes June 15th and we're filling up fast! Visit our website to register online. <a href="https://www.christumcutah.org/vbs">www.christumcutah.org/vbs</a>

### **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 <a href="mailto:children@christumcutah.org">children@christumcutah.org</a> to sign up to help or for more information.

### Scuba Supplies Needed!!

We are gathering gear for our underwater journey! Stop by the Scuba VBS bulletin board during coffee hour and pick up a scuba diver or two with items we need. Please purchase the requested item(s) and return them to the bins located by the Scuba VBS bulletin board by June 9<sup>th</sup>. Cash donations are welcome too! Thank you for your wonderful generosity!

# **Upcoming Events**

June 9<sup>th</sup> – VBS Volunteer Training

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

June 30th — VBS Sunday, 10:00am worship

### **Contact Info**

Alicia Griffing and Alicia Simons Serving • Loving • Laring children@christumcutah.org, 801-486-5473 ext. 113

## **Adult Small Group Opportunities**

Sunday Morning Adult Sunday School will resume in the Fall.

**Wednesday Morning Study, 10:00am, Parlor.** This group will meet the 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays of June, July and August. Various topics will be discussed by a variety of leaders. For information, contact Evelyn Kasworm at 801-942-1383 or 801-712-0236.





Men's Breakfast Group, Thursdays, 8:00am at Anna's Restaurant, (4770 S 900 E)

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

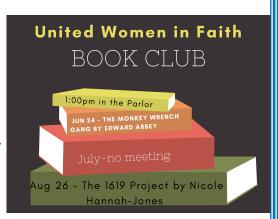
The Witty Knitters meet from 1:30 - 3:00pm on the second Monday and from 6:30 - 8:00pm on the second Wednesday of every month in the Parlor. We enjoy fellowship while working on our projects for the Christ UMC Prayer Shawl Ministry. If you are a beginning knitter, we can teach you basic knitting stitches. We have yarn and needles available. Crocheters are welcome too! Questions may be directed to Pat Linnebur at 385-237-9476.



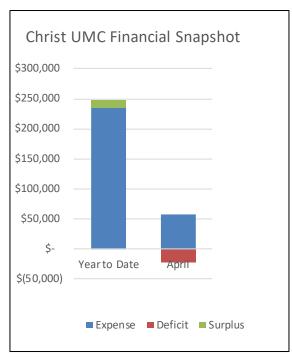
**Deborah Circle** meets the third Thursday of every month at 10:00am in the Parlor. Questions may be directed to Bev Mittelstadt at bevjm4287@yahoo.com or 801-755-4115.

**United Women in Faith Book Club** meets at 1:00pm in the Parlor . For more information please contact Bev Mittelstadt at bevjm4287@yahoo.com or 801-755-4115.

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



# **CUMC Financial Page**



In Graph Information:	
YTD Expenses	\$ (235,700)
YTD Pledges & Other Receipts	\$ 238,900
YTD Investment Gain	\$ 8,800
YTD Actual Surplus	\$ 12,000
April Expenses	\$ (58,000)
April Pledges & Other Receipts	\$ 43,500
	\$
Actual Month Investment Loss	(7,700)
Actual Month Deficit	\$ (22,200)
Other Information:	
YTD Budgeted (Deficit)/Surplus Prior Yr Receipts in 2024	\$ (7,100) \$ -













### **Green Team Corner – June 2024**

<u>GET INVOLVED</u> - The *Grow The Flow Calendar* is your go to source for all activities and events happening in Utah. To view the calendar go to <a href="https://growtheflowutah.org/calendar">https://growtheflowutah.org/calendar</a>

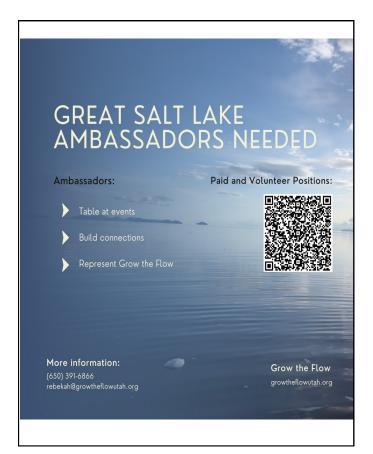
We will also be posting upcoming events on the Creation Justice Bulletin Board by the Gym, listing some of them in the e-mail blasts, and in the worship inserts.

THANK YOU - Lance from Friends of Pando wants to his extend his thanks for the hospitality and the great crowd that came out for his talk on April 28<sup>th</sup>. He hopes you enjoyed learning about the Tree and what we can do to take care of it. Lance shared with us that he was inspired by the groups enthusiasm and wanted to re-iterate that it is a watershed moment in the study and care of Pando. He welcomes everyone's feedback and ideas about other ways we might care for this Utah wonder.

**LEARN MORE about PANDO** - For those who want to learn about Pando and meet others, you can Join Friends of Pando's Facebook page, keywords "Friends of Pando Facebook".

<u>DONATE TO FRIENDS OF PANDO</u> - 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), which can pay for one day of fieldwork to study and protect the tree.

<u>VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT PANDO</u> - 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).



### SIGN OR SEND LETTERS TO YOUR

<u>LEGISLATORS</u> - The proposed Weber County Inland Port will harm over 8000 acres of wetlands. <a href="https://www.stopthepollutingport.org">https://www.stopthepollutingport.org</a>

Utah residents, please sign the petition or send a letter to your legislators and/or to the Utah Inland Port Authority Board calling on them to say NO to the Weber County as well as other Inland Port proposals.

**WRITE** – If you didn't get a chance or forgot to send in your Repeal The Port Postcard it is not too late. You can still do so or simply write an e-mail or both. For more information and to see the Postcard Writing Guide, go to <a href="https://www.uphe.org/priority-issues/inland-port/">https://www.uphe.org/priority-issues/inland-port/</a>

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 801-538-7201.



### SATURDAY, JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> 2024

### FROM 1-4 PM

Many people are in possession of unwanted firearms and have no trusted place to discard them without turning them back out into the market. It may be a gun that you've inherited or one used in a suicide. It may be a gun where children, grandchildren or vulnerable elderly people are in the home.

These guns can be the cause of unintentional shootings or suicide. They can also be stolen and used to hurt others. Dismantling your unwanted gun is the only way to be sure it will not be used for harm.

Bring your unloaded firearm(s) stored in the trunk/back of your vehicle to:

First Baptist Church of Salt Lake City 777 South 1300 East Salt Lake City, UT 84102

A volunteer will remove the gun for dismantling.

The gun parts will be sent to RawTools in Colorado to be made into garden tools.

"...and they will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore." -Isaiah 2:4





