RUSTY’S REFLECTIONS

December is upon us! Can you believe it? In two short weeks we will be full on into the season of Advent. The word “Advent” comes from a Latin word- “adventus” which means “coming.” The United Methodist Book of Worship puts it this way, “Advent is the season of preparation for the comings of Christ.” We celebrate the birth of Jesus the Christ and anticipate the return which can be understood in many different ways.

Now more than ever it seems that our church, our country, our world needs a reset button, a glimpse of something that might bring us together in ways which transcend the divisions we see. I do not know if Christmas can be that, but I pray that it might be. One way we can put our effort behind that is if we invite neighbors and coworkers and even our children to attend one or more of the services/concerts/ or events at church.

I hope that you will participate in many of the activities and services that we have planned for December. Below is the December Schedule.

In addition to our regular Sunday worship at 8:00, 9:00 and 10:30am, our schedule for the next month is:

**Sunday, December 15th**
10:30am- Children’s Christmas Program, Refreshments following in the front hallway

**Wednesday, December 18th**
4:45pm - Meet at church and go Christmas Caroling at Highland Cove and the Wellington

**Thursday, December 19th**
7:00pm - Quiet Christmas Service with special guests
The Make a Difference Band will lead us with un-plugged music

**Sunday, December 22nd**
4:00pm & 7:30pm - The Wesley Bell Ringers concerts

**Monday, December 23rd**
7:30 - The Wesley Bell Ringer Reunion Concert

**Tuesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Services**
Noon—Holy Communion
5:00pm—Children & Family Service
8:00pm—Chancel Choir & apPRAISEation
11:00pm—The Wesley Bell Ringers

**Sunday, December 29th**
10:00 am—One Worship Service only

Rev. Rusty
Christmas Caroling,
Wednesday, December 18th, 5 – 7 p.m.

Christmas is a favorite time of year for many of us. Bright lights, joyful decorations, Christmas trees, holiday décor, parties and festive meals… and caroling! It is more fun to sing Christmas carols with a group then it is to listen to Christmas music. So, plan on joining us this year as we go Christmas caroling. Bring a friend with you!

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 18th. We will meet at the church at 4:45 p.m. and car pool. We will start at Highland Cove going first to the “hotel side” and proceeding to the dining main dining area from there. Then we will go to The Wellington. Our plan is to have all choir members back at the church in time for choir practice.

“Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”

Luke 2:13-14

Pastor Bruce

Christmas Silver Tea
Thursday, December 5,
1-3:00pm in the Chapel
Hosted by the United Methodist Women

All ladies are invited to enjoy Holiday treats and sing Christmas Carols. Bring a guest to share in this start to our Christmas Season.

Important Year End Giving Deadlines:

- **Online Giving (including texting or the Kiosk): December 29th**
- **Mailing a check: Postmarked by December 24th**
- **Dropping a check at church: Noon, Monday, December 30th**
- **Stock Donation:** ASAP

Thank you for your generosity!! If you would like assistance with this or have any questions about contributions, please contact Maxine Jones, Financial Accountant at 801-486-5473 ext. 116 or Bookkeeper@christumcutah.org.
All of your CUMC contacts now have new emails to match the new website, christumcutah.org!

NEW EMAIL LIST
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Tween Flicks  
TweenFlicks@christumcutah.org  
For Child Care  
ChildCare@christumcutah.org

Please note:  
All of our addresses are from “@christumcutah.org”. Our old emails will be forwarding to these addresses for a few months. Please add them to your contacts.

The Wesley Bell Ringers  
Christmas Concerts  

Sunday, December 1, 2:00 p.m.  
Highland Cove Retirement Community  
3801 South Highland Drive

Sunday, December 8, 6:00 p.m.  
Clearfield Community Church  
525 East 200 South, Clearfield,

Saturday, December 14, 7:30pm  
Holladay United Church of Christ  
2631 E Murray Holladay Rd

Sunday, December 15, 7:00 p.m.  
St. Paul United Methodist Church  
8601 West Hillcrest Street,  
Copperton, Utah

Concerts at  
Christ United Methodist Church  

Sunday, December 22,  
4:00 & 7:30 p.m.  
Monday, December 23,  
7:30 p.m. (Alumni Concert)

Christmas Eve Worship Service  
11:00 p.m.

Save the date,  
Sunday June 28, 2020, 7:30pm  
Summer Tour Home Concert
Children’s Christmas Program
Our annual Children’s Christmas Program will be **Sunday, December 15th at the 10:30 am worship service.** This wonderful program will include all of our children ages 3 years through 6th grade. **The only rehearsal for all children will be Saturday, December 14th from 10:00 to Noon.** Volunteers are needed Saturday and Sunday to help the children with their costumes. Also needed are shepherds to guide the children during Saturday’s rehearsal and the program on Sunday.

Please contact Kelly Carpenter at Children.and.Family@christumcutah.org or 801-486-5473 ext. 113 for more information or to help.

Bakers Needed for Treats after our Christmas Program
Cookies, coffee and lemonade will be served in the front hall again this year after the Children’s Christmas Program. If you are able to bake cookies or assist with serving on Sunday, December 15th at approximately 11:20 am, that would be wonderful!!

Please contact Kelly Carpenter at 801-486-5473 ext. 113 or Children.and.Family@christumcutah.org for more information or to help.

Holiday Programming Schedule
There will be no Sunday School for children and youth on December 29th to allow our teachers to enjoy the holidays. Regular programming will resume on Sunday, January 5th. Your children are always welcome to join you in worship.

Building Better Moms (BBM) will meet on Tuesday, December 3rd from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in Room 201 for our Christmas Party. YOU CAN STILL JOIN!! BBM includes moms with children ages newborn through high school. The fee is $30/year and childcare is provided. Register with the QR code or at https://forms.gle/BPJoHH4qviI9fJdv.

For info contact Kelly at 801-486-5473 ext 113 or Children.and.Family@christumcutah.org.

December Sunday School Themes

- **3 & 4 year olds—Kids in the Bible**
- Kindergarten through 4th Grade—Elizabeth and Zechariah
  - Centers: Cooking, Art, Storytelling
- 5th & 6th Grade—Where in the Word is Jesus

Acolytes Needed
If your child is in 3rd grade or above, they can serve as Acolytes during our worship services. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Kathy Konishi at Kkonishi25@gmail.com.
**Sunday Mornings at CUMC for Kids!**

At 10:30 am – All children are invited to join Pastor Rusty up front for Children’s Time early in the worship service. Children can then attend their respective Sunday School classes. (see below)

**Tykes Peak Sunday School** for ages 3 & 4 years in room 103

**Miracle Mountain Sunday School** for ages Kindergarten – 3rd grade that begins in room 201. (This is a rotational format where children experience the Bible story in different stations each week.)

**Tween Peaks Sunday School** for 4th – 6th Graders in room 209

Nursery care is available for ages 0-2+ years in room 102 from 8:45 am to 11:30 am. Please pick up your children promptly after each worship service.

If you would like more information or have any questions, contact Kelly Carpenter, Children and Young Family Ministries Coordinator, at Children.and.Family@christumcutah.org or 801-486-5473 ext. 113.

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**Sunday School Singers**, The children will learn simple songs during the first 5 minutes of Sunday School time with performances a few times throughout the year.

Contact Kelly Carpenter at Children.and.Family@christumcutah.org for information.

Sundays at 10:00 am – Praise Time Choir Chimes for 4th – 6th graders. For more information, contact Desi Jensen at ChimeChoirDirector@christumcutah.org.

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**Tween Flicks**

**December 9th from 5:30 pm—7:30 pm.**

Tween Flicks is for all 4th – 6th graders and their friends. We’ll meet in room 201, watch a movie and eat popcorn and pizza. Please contact Jon Jolley at 801-557-6075 or TweenFlicks@christumcutah.org to RSVP, so that we have enough food! Parents are also needed to help. Tweens must be dropped off and picked up in room 201. Suggested donation of $2 to help cover the cost of the food.

Due to our Safe Sanctuaries policy, we need 2, non-married adults to supervise Tween Flicks. Jon and Barb Jolley will be there, unless otherwise noted, and we need another adult to be the second adult.

Please sign up using the Sign Up Genius link below.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4FAEA728A4F94-20192020
YOUTH NEWS!!!

Saturday, November 30, 9:15am
Help UMW bag Christmas Wreaths
Meet in Church Parking Lot

Sunday, December 1, 11:30am Quick Lunch
Then SHOPPING FOR ANGEL TREE KIDS
Bring your monetary donations and creative ideas for gifts

Sunday December 8, 11:30am
ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS PARTY POTLUCK
Bring food for our Angel Tree Kids and Caregivers and help
them enjoy games, crafts, and a visit with Santa

Saturday December 14, 5:30-10:00pm
Gift Wrap Fundraiser at Barnes & Noble in Sugarhouse

Sunday, December 15 11:30am
YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY and GIFT EX-CHANGE
(Bring a wrapped White Elephant gift, $10 maximum).
Also Ugly Sweater Contest! If time permits, caroling.

Service Saturday, December 23 – Distribute Meals at Rowland Hall. 9am-
11am, 11am-1pm and 1pm-3pm shifts available.
Contact Patsy for Details

NO YOUTH GROUP ON DECEMBER 22 or DECEMBER 29!

Contact Patsy Simons at YouthDirector@christumcutah.org or 801-808-6641 for information
about the Youth Program.
ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES
Sunday Mornings

LIFE AND TIMES – (Room 101- 9:00 a.m.) led by David Hoeppner

The Life and Times class is continuing its study of The History of Christianity by Dr. Molly Worthen. We watch a DVD produced by the Great Courses for about 30 minutes and engage in lively discussion. We study Christian values and how they have evolved in recent history and are still evolving. You are welcome to join us.

WESLEYAN CLASS - (Parlor – 9:00 a.m.) led by Jay Vestal

Join the Wesleyan Class in the Parlor for a “pilgrimage”. Together we will wander the Via Francigena, the pilgrims’ pathway from Canterbury to Rome. Our guide will be the best-selling author Timothy Egan, who’s new book, “A Pilgrimage to Eternity” is generating reviews like the one below. Each week we will cover a couple of chapters in his journey and consider what he writes about in our own pilgrimages of faith. This title is available in bookstores and online.

Tracing an ancient pilgrimage route from Canterbury to Rome, the bestselling and "virtuosic" (The Wall Street Journal) writer explores the past and future of Christianity.

"What a wondrous work! This beautifully written and totally clear-eyed account of his pilgrimage will have you wondering whether we should all embark on such a journey, either of the body, the soul or, as in Egan's case, both." -- Cokie Roberts

Moved by his mother's death and his Irish Catholic family's complicated history with the church, Timothy Egan decided to follow in the footsteps of centuries of seekers to force a reckoning with his own beliefs. He embarked on a thousand-mile pilgrimage through the theological cradle of Christianity, exploring one of the biggest stories of our time: the collapse of religion in the world that it created. Egan sets out along the Via Francigena, once the major medieval trail leading the devout to Rome, and makes his way overland via the alpine peaks and small mountain towns of France, Switzerland and Italy. The goal: walking to St. Peter's Square, in hopes of meeting the galvanizing pope who is struggling to hold together the church through the worst crisis in half a millennium.

Making his way through a landscape laced with some of the most important shrines to the faith, Egan finds a modern Canterbury Tale in the chapel where Queen Bertha introduced Christianity to pagan Britain; parses the supernatural in a French town built on miracles; and journeys to the oldest abbey in the Western world, founded in 515 and home to continuous prayer over the 1,500 years that have followed. He is accompanied by a quirky cast of fellow pilgrims and by some of the towering figures of the faith--Joan of Arc, Henry VIII, Martin Luther.

A thrilling journey, a family story, and a revealing history, A Pilgrimage to Eternity looks for our future in its search for God.

HOLY GROUNDS – Young Adults (20’s-30’s) meets in Room 200 at 10:30 a.m.

This gathering does a variety of book studies and/or group discussions tailored for people in their 20’s and 30’s. They also like to drink coffee and/or tea! In addition to meeting Sunday mornings the group plans other activities. The group may be contacted at HolyGrounds@christumcutah.org

WEEKDAY STUDIES

BAGEL BOYS (Men’s Group) – (Parlor 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 Wednesdays)

All men are welcome!

WEDNESDAY MORNING CLASS –(Parlor 9:30-11:00am) Facilitator: Evelyn Kasworm

The current study for the Wednesday Morning Class and the Bagel Boys is Light of the World by Amy Jill Levine. In Light of the World: A Beginner’s Guide to Advent, author and biblical scholar (Vanderbilt Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies) Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. Join her as she traces the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi. These stories open conversations around connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women in first-century Jewish culture, the importance of Mary’s visitation and the revolutionary implications of Mary’s Magnificat, the census and the stable, and the star of Bethlehem and the flight to Egypt. Here is the link to an introduction video:
https://www.cokesbury.com/p-9781501884399-light-of-the-world-leader-guide-ebook-epub-

YOGA—Join us for an easy yoga workout with video guidance on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 in Room 101.
CUMC-UMW Successfully Hosted
Mountain Sky Conference Annual Gathering
October 25-26, 2019

As the saying goes, “It takes a Village,” and fortunately we have a village able to put together a well coordinated two-day event hosting 95-100 women from the new Mountain Sky Conference United Methodist Women (UMW), which includes Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and Utah.

The event began with mission outreach projects at three locations: Days for Girls Workday in the CUMC gym, shelf stocking at Crossroads Urban Center Pantry, and pallet loading at UM COR West Depot. While they worked, UMW members at each of these Ubuntu opportunities learned from administrators how each organization makes a difference and benefits the populations it serves.

As the gathering continued on Friday, training was available for various UMW unit, district, and conference positions. The afternoon closed with a 2-hour engaging worship through music experience led by The Rev. DeLyn Celec, Dean of Worship Arts Coordinator, Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA. More than 80 voices were raised in celebration with amazing screen assistance facilitated by our own Tech Team of Frank Lengyel and Chuck Mittelstadt.

An elegant Friday dinner was managed by Kimberly Mitchell with support of additional Wesley Bell Ringer (WBR) Parents and help and table service by the Ringers themselves. When the meal was finished, Assistant Director Anna Nelson led the WBR in a performance of “Trumpet Tune.” Anna then gave a brief history of the organization, and four of the Ringers demonstrated Cross-Ringing, showing how many patterns can be played by four ringers with two bells each. All present were amazed at the musicality, dedication, and efficiency of our WBR youth and showed their appreciation with generous contributions to the “Fundraiser” baskets on the dinner tables.

Saturday’s events were in the Sanctuary with meals in the gym. Our CUMC Kitchen Coordinators, led by Kathie Mawson and Bev Mittelstadt, provided lunch both days created by independent caterer, Rick Mawson. Additional lunch help came from CUMC women plus Centenary UMC and Hilltop UMC women.
In the Sanctuary, Conference UMW business was conducted. For the first time, there were several satellite locations in our Conference that received live streaming of Saturday’s program and could participate in voting on the budget and the slate of new officers. Our Tech Team of Frank and Chuck were joined on Saturday by third team member Chris Hansen, who was instrumental in achieving the live streaming. Rev. Celec again provided inspirational music, and Saturday afternoon ended with a communion service led by The Rev. Elizabeth McVicker, of SLC First and Centenary UM Churches.

The Gathering ended with a Reception in the gym in celebration of both the union of the Rocky Mountain and Yellowstone Conferences to become the Mountain Sky Conference and the 150th year of Women’s work as missionaries and/or supporters of missionary work at home and around the world.

Major contributions to the success of the gathering were made by Facilities Coordinator Lita Ofa and Vea Ofa and their team seeing to management of building and grounds, as well as Jeanmarie Singleton’s appropriate break room choices. Out of state guests were both appreciative and complimentary of the spaciousness and comfort of our church. And everyone noticed with pleasure the welcoming page on our brand new monitors (just activated on October 26).

Thanks to all who participated in a very positive representation of the ministry Christ United Methodist Church can provide within the Mountain Sky Conference.

- Sue Nissen, CUMC-UMW President

**Days for Girls** is a non-profit organization that helps girls stay in school and retain dignity, giving back important days of their lives. Most girls in developing countries miss school during their periods; many eventually dropping out. Days for Girls aims to do something about that by empowering girls, women, and communities through providing access to sustainable feminine hygiene, as well as menstrual health management training. Various organizations help the cause by making high-quality, washable, reusable feminine hygiene kits. Volunteers from Christ UMC have been assisting the cause by making cloth drawstring bags for the kits since 2017. This is an assembly line construction method, with jobs for sewers and non-sewers. New volunteers are always welcome! For questions about this mission opportunity, contact Sue Nissen at soozeyq97@gmail.com

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**Planned 2020 Saturday Days for Girls Workdays at CUMC**

- January 25th
- February 22nd
- March 21st
- May 16th
United Methodist Women

DEBORAH CIRCLE: Deborah Circle’s Christmas celebration will be lunch at Summit Vista on December 19th. For those wanting to carpool we will meet at the church at 11:00am. This group usually meets the third Thursday of each month at 9:30am in the Parlor. Contact Bev Mittelstadt, 801-272-7137.

LYDIA CIRCLE: Meet us for Brunch! Saturday, December 14th at 10:30am at Mimi’s Cafe 5223 S State St. Don't forget your donation for the Candy Cane Corner. Please RSVP to Lorraine Lakey, 801-277-5695

MARTHA (Evening Fellowship): Meets on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7:00pm in the Parlor. Contact Mary Ann Allison, 801-278-9223 or allison13@mindspring.com.

WITTY KNITTERS: Meet the second Monday of each month at 1:30pm in the Parlor. For info, contact Pat Linnebur, LINNEBURPT@msn.com.

WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB: All women are invited to join the CUMC Book Club, which meets 1:00pm on the 4th Monday of each month. We read UMW recommended books and suggested books chosen by club members. We would love to have you join! Bev Mittelstadt would be happy to answer any questions! 801-272-7137 The next meeting is Monday, December 16th, an exception to the 4th Monday rule due to Christmas. The book is Educated by Tara Westover.

All Women are invited to Church Women United’s Advent Service and Tea on Friday, December 6th, 1:00pm at Hilltop United Methodist Church. 985 East 10600 South (Sandy)

Worship will be led by Rev. Lynn Miller-Jackson

The Community Outreach will be Camp Hobe, which provides summer camp for children being treated for cancer and other disorders, along with their siblings. Possible donations include: Stuffed Animals, Gatorade/Water, Baseball Caps and/or Floppy Hats, Tissue Packets, Sun Screen, Hand Sanitizers, and Lip Balms.
Congratulations to Anne & Dean Carr in celebration of their 58th Wedding Anniversary.

Deepest Condolences to Howard Peckham and family on the death of his wife, Paula.

Deepest Condolences to Dale and Peggy Cruse and their family on the death of Dale’s sister Freda Wobbe November 7th in Caseyville, Illinois.

Deepest Condolences to Carol, Leah & C.P, Todd, Tina, and Kent Eubanks and family on the loss of husband, father and grandfather, Dick Eubanks on November 22nd.

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YOUTH RESOURCE CENTER FOR HOMELESS AND AT-RISK YOUTH AGES 15 – 22
WISH LIST OCTOBER 2019 – FEBRUARY 2020

Please help our homeless and at-risk youth have a Merry Christmas by donating clothing items from this Youth Resource Center Wish List.

**Please note:** Clothing items are for teens/young adults ages 15 – 22 only. Also, with the exception of t-shirts, no summer clothing can be accepted at this time. Clothing, etc. can be gently used, but no holes or stains please.

- New teen male boxer briefs sizes S-XL (32 – 38)
- New teen female underwear sizes 30 – 42
- Teen female socks sizes 7-10 & leggings sizes S-XL
- Thermal underwear
- Jeans: Teen male sizes 30-38, female sizes 5 – 16
- Teen male short sleeved t-shirts sizes M - XL
- Teen male long sleeved pull over shirts and hoodies sizes M – XL
- Teen female winter shirts & hoodies sizes S - XL
- Teen male & female sweat pants sizes S - XL
- Sturdy winter shoes: Teen male sizes 9 – 13
- Teen female shoes, sizes 7 – 10
- Beanies (hats) that a teenager would wear
- Hotel sized soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion; chapstick
- Hair brushes and hair ties
- Umbrellas
- Tarps
- Rain Ponchos
- Blankets
- Sleeping Bags
- Towels
- Flat sheets, twin size
- $5 & $10 gift cards to Smith’s, Walmart, or Target for miscellaneous items and medication co-pays

**VOLUNTEERS are needed!**
Meals https://www.voaut.org/volunteer-opportunities/provide-a-meal.
The Youth Resource Center also, needs help sorting donations. 801-363-9414

THANK YOU for your donations!
You are making the world a better place, one youth at a time.

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Thank you to everyone who helped with the November Collecting and Delivering of Pet Food and Supplies to the Residents at Palmer Court. Our project helped 36 homeless households care for their 31 dogs, 30 cats, 2 parakeets, and fish. What a difference it makes in the residents’ lives to be able to care for their pets! Since it was close to the holidays, we let them take extra of the specialty items (litter boxes, bowls, scratching posts, toys, collars, and leashes). We were able to leave the extra pet food in their food pantry for those who were unable to come or need more.

Our next delivery date will be January 24th. At this point we need everything including especially cat food, litter boxes, litter scoopers, cat toys and treats, cat scratchers, dog food, dog treats, beds, leashes, collars, harnesses, and food bowls. We accept slightly used items. We do not need canned pet food, the area veterinarians supply plenty of it. Please place your donations in the first bin closest to the kitchen. Any questions, or if you can drive for delivery, please contact Patsy.

YouthDirector@christumcutah.org or 801-808-6641

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Save the Date!
The Wesley Bell Ringers’ Valentine Dinner Dance will be Saturday, February 8 at 6pm.
Back by popular demand is The Ken Foster Trio.
Enjoy an evening of dinner, childcare for your kids, dancing and a great silent auction. Tickets go on sale in January.
Cold weather is here! Warm clothing is needed!

We are collecting gloves, hats and scarves as well as warm coats for those in need.

You may leave your donations with the Snowman by the church office, or put your mittens and gloves on the mitten tree in the Chapel. Thank you!

Troop 8410 Seeking Donations of Camping Gear

Chartered in February 2019 under Scouting BSA, Troop 8410 is Christ United Methodist Church's newest Scouting Program. Troop 8410 is for girls who are interested in the traditional BSA program (but who couldn't join because they were a girl) and is a separate unit from Troop 410. Troop 8410 is moving along to become a very active group and has already been on or are planning camping outings. Because of the newness of the group and limited funds, the Troop is looking for donations of camping gear/equipment. If you have any gear that you would like to donate to a good cause, please contact Dianne Stewart @ 801-231-3964 or Kenton Bustin @ 801-259-3714

Angel Tree Project:
Help provide Christmas for children whose parents are incarcerated, as a way for those parents and kids to stay connected. CUMC Youth Group sponsors several families, providing gifts, gift cards and a Christmas party/potluck. Cash donations are welcome and/or you can help with the party on December 8th. Shopping for Angel Tree kids is December 1st at 11:30am. Contact Patsy to volunteer.

Rowland Hall Christmas Dinner Giveaway:
Volunteers are needed to help needy families carry donated food to their vehicles and other tasks on Monday December 23rd. Contact Patsy to volunteer. All shifts available.

Contact Patsy at YouthDirector@christumcutah.org.

Please note the change of address and contact information for Eleanor Anderson. She would love to hear from you!

Eleanor Anderson
The Wellington
4522 S. 1300 E. Room 245
SLC, UT 84117
801-290-2972
Families Anonymous is a 12-step program for people who are dealing with a family member who has addiction issues. This group is a safe and confidential place to express your emotions, share your story, and discover the support you need to live your life in a healthy way. Everyone is warmly welcomed! Families Anonymous meets on Wednesdays at 7pm in Room 209 (upstairs in the Education Wing).

Contact: Bob Forsey at bob@forseys.com or 801-556-1174.

We will be hosting families from Family Promise December 15-22. There are many ways you can help. Come spend time with our families during evening and overnight hosting, or help make part of a meal. This is a great way to give back and connect with our community and church family.

Contact Ralph McKay with questions (385-246-7262).

https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.manageSignUp#/22796340
www.familypromisesaltlake.org | 801.961.8622

Nativity in the Glen -
This annual community interfaith event will be Thursday December 5th from 5:30 to 9pm at 1035 South 1500 East. Last year members of CUMC helped with the setup of the luminaries and we’d like to invite you to join us as we help with the setup again this year. It is a lot of fun and you get up close view of the nativity animals including a camel!

Contact Gina Williams if you can help (801-230-5388). We will be meeting about 4pm and should be done by 5:30. Donations of canned or dry packaged food or a monetary donation for the Utah Food Bank and the Homeless Youth Resource Center are welcome.

December donation & volunteer needs for Crossroads Urban Center

Food Pantry: We need breakfast cereal and canned chili. We also need volunteer receptionists to talk to people on the phone and in our lobby.

Thrift Store: We are giving away blankets and warm coats faster than usual this year. If you can, please donate either so we can continue to help people get through this winter.

We would like to thank all of the amazing congregations and other community partners who participated in the Diaper Drive for Homeless Children last month. We are still receiving diapers and will be handing them out to families for months. Thank you!

Crossroads Urban Center is a nonprofit, grassroots organization that assists and organizes Utahns with low incomes, those with disabilities, and people of color to meet basic survival needs and to address essential issues affecting quality of life. Established in 1966, Crossroads is a multi-faith, community based project that is in a covenant relationship with the United Methodist Women national office.
If you would like to give a Poinsettia plant in Honor, Memory or Appreciation of a loved one this Christmas Season you may do so for $8 each plant. Please complete this form (please print) and turn it in to the Church office by December 10th to have your name printed in the list published December 22nd. You will also find forms in your Sunday bulletin.

Please include a check or cash with your order.

Presented by

______________________________________________________________________________
(Please clearly print your name as you wish it to appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin)

In Memory of

______________________________________________________________________________

AND/OR

In Honor of

______________________________________________________________________________

AND/OR

In Appreciation of

______________________________________________________________________________

Number of Poinsettias ordered __________ at $8 each. Total enclosed __________

I will pick up my Poinsettia after the Christmas Eve Service.

Yes ______
No _______ please donate my flower

Phone Number ______________________
(If there are questions, we would like to be able to call you.)
The Enchanted Tree - 2019

“A LIGHT shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.”
John 1:5

“if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.” Isaiah 58:10

Since 1989, Christ UMC has decorated an “Enchanted Tree” with gifts of love for Mission and Outreach Projects to support needs in our church, local community, our nation and in our world. During the first week of December, you will receive a letter from Pastor Rusty Butler explaining The Enchanted Tree Program. Enclosed with the letter is a golden colored envelope labeled “Enchanted Tree” and a card listing the outreach projects you can choose your gift to support. You can bring the envelope to Sunday Church Services and drop it in the offering plate or you can mail it in. You can also donated online, just be sure to designate it to go to the Enchanted Tree. Then, be sure to drop by the ugly dead tree near the front entrance of the church. There you will find a basket of ornaments. Take an ornament from the basket and hang it on the tree. Each ornament will represent a gift of support. Our goal is to transform this lifeless tree into a thing of beauty by Christmas Eve showing the gifts of love. Make checks payable to CUMC.

We are supporting the following this year:
♦ Crossroads Urban Center Emergency Fund
♦ •MCOR Emergency Relief Fund for US Disaster Response
♦ United Methodist Church Ministries Project in Nepal
♦ Family Promise Salt Lake

Let us join together in helping transform lives through our heartfelt gifts.
Bakers Needed for our Children’s Christmas Program, Sunday December 15th

If you are able to bake cookies or assist with serving on Sunday, December 15th at approximately 11:20 am, please contact Kelly Carpenter at 801-486-5473 ext. 113 or Children.and.Family@christumcutah.org.

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Christmas Eve Worship at Christ United Methodist Church

Noon: Communion and Candlelight Service
5:00pm: Family and Child Friendly Service
8:00pm: Candlelight with the Chancel Choir and apPRAISEation
11:00pm: Candlelight with The Wesley Bell Ringers

Ushers are needed for the
5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, and 11:00 pm services
If you are interested, please sign the back of your Sunday morning attendance card with your name and preferred time
or contact Phyllis Hunt at stevephyllispat@gmail.com