

The Connection, December 2022

Holiday Events in December

December 4, 11 & 18 – Sundays in Advent—Worship at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. each week

December 4 – Children’s Christmas Pageant during 10:00 a.m. Worship

Social Justice Lunch “Making A Difference” UMC Social Principles, 11:30 a.m., Chapel

Wesley Bell Ringers Holiday Concert

6:00 p.m. at Clearfield Community Church, 525 E 200 S, Clearfield

December 8 – Explorer Preschool Christmas Program

11:15 a.m. Christ UMC, Sanctuary

December 10 – Youth Holiday Game Night

5:00 p.m. Hilltop United Methodist Church, 985 E 10600 S, Sandy

December 11 – Wesley Bell Ringers Holiday Concert

6:30 p.m. Holladay United Church of Christ, 2631 Murray Holladay Rd.

December 14 – Caroling at Highland Cove

4:30 p.m. Highland Cove, 3750 Highland Drive. See Page 2 for details

December 15 - Blue Christmas Worship

7:00 p.m. Christ UMC, Sanctuary

December 16 – Wesley Bell Ringers Holiday Concert

7:00 p.m. with Kensington Symphony Orchestra, 11709 Vadiana Dr., South Jordan/Daybreak

December 17 – Wesley Bell Ringers Holiday Concert

7:00 p.m. St. Paul United Methodist Church, 8601 Hillcrest St., Bingham Canyon/ Copperton

December 18 – Wesley Bell Ringers Home Holiday Concerts

4:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Christ UMC, Sanctuary

December 23 – Wesley Bell Ringers Alumni Holiday Concert & Reception

7:30 p.m. Christ UMC, Sanctuary

December 24 – Christmas Eve Worship

3:00 p.m. – Children’s Interactive worship & Sunday School Singers

5:00 p.m. – Worship with Lessons, Carols, Storytime and Chimes & Asbury Bell Ringers

9:00 p.m. – Lessons, Carols, apPRAISEation Bell & Chancel Choirs

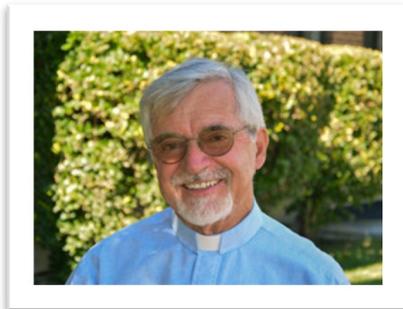
11:00 p.m. – Lessons, Carols & The Wesley Bell Ringers

December 25 – Cinnamon Roll Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary – *Wear your Christmas pajamas and we will sing Christmas Carols, followed by cinnamon rolls in the gym!*

I came across a great quote this past month: The only emotion stronger than fear is hope. I do not remember where it came from. I believe it is true and that it is worth sharing!

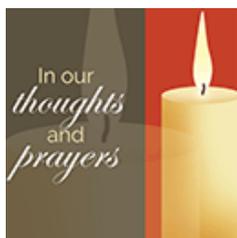
As we enter the season of Advent the first Candle of the Advent Wreath is hope. Jesus is our hope and our anchor in this present world. It is good to come together in worship and service as we remember and celebrate the hope joins us together.



This year we plan on caroling **at Highland Cove on Wednesday, December 14th**. Caroling will start at 4:30 p.m. at the hotel cafeteria (Northside of the Highland Cove Complex). We will then move to the terrace side cafeteria. We can carpool from Christ UMC or meet at the hotel side. If you would like to carpool, be in the front hallway of the church by 4:15pm.

A sign-up sheet will be available. Come and help us spread Christmas hope and joy!

Pastor Bruce Kolasch, Pastor of congregational care
406-891-0434, pastorbruce@christumcutah.org



Deepest Condolences to Margret Boes-Ingraham on the death of her sister, Mary Cavasos, on Monday, November 21st.

Deepest Condolences to Fay Losser and her family on the death of her father-in-law, Walt Ness, on Monday, November 14th.

Deepest Condolences to Doug Hattery on the death of his mother, Marian Delia Spotts Hattery, on Saturday, November 12th.

Deepest Condolences to Valya Melnyk and family on the death of her grandmother in Ukraine.

Deepest Condolences to Debbie Goodrich on the death of her father, Joseph Matson, November 13th.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS - 2022

Donna Adams
Thomas Breitling
Caroll Gabert
Maxine Garwood
Susan Griffing
Dave Hoepfner

Doug Ingraham
Ardis Jacobson
Olive Metz
Donna Mitchell
Bob Pearce

Ken Prater
Jean Rengers
Ron Solstad

Important Year End Giving Deadlines:

Online Giving (including texting): **December 29th**

Mailing a check: **Postmarked by December 24th**

Dropping a check at church: **Noon, December 29th**

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.

Pastor Lisa's Lines – December 2022

The Holiday bonanza of activities has begun. We are decking the halls and putting up lights. Bell concerts are scheduled and Worship is planned. We are playing Christmas music on repeat and we are seeing red and green whenever we walk into a store.

With the arrival of the busy season comes a lack of sleep, and feelings of not enough time, and wishes we could visit holidays past with people we love and miss, or hopes we can create a magical and memorable holiday this year wherever we are.

This year, like each year, I am holding my grief from years past ... but I'm working on holding my gratitude higher. I am recognizing when I need to shed a tear and when I need to sing a Christmas carol. Years past I have been a stickler for traditions of Advent and the time of waiting. Yet I find myself being impatient with waiting and just wanting the joy around the season sooner. Therefore I'm searching for it.

I've already put up the Christmas lights (more than years past) and started playing the carols. I've started reading my favorite Christmas books and I'm even thinking of decorating my office this year! Joy is too often passed by because we are *too busy, too tired or too worried*. The past few years have been hard enough, and I cannot think of any better way to celebrate the life-giving and life-saving love of Jesus, than to start the celebration before the waiting is over. So I invite you to wait AND celebrate the waiting!

As we wait for the *full* celebration of the birth of Christ, I hope you'll celebrate God's love in the waiting time. If you find yourself in grief, or sorrow – acknowledge it and give it space, but then keep going, seek the joy. May we find gratitude often, smile so big that people know it from across a parking lot. May the world be brighter, better and more joyful because we've started the celebration a little early!

It is my joy to be here at Christ UMC with each of you, growing and living together. I love you and I'm thankful to be able to celebrate with you all, any way we can! "Joy to the World, the Lord has come!"

You are Blessed to be a Blessing!
See you in Worship, Pastor Lisa

Warm Clothing Drive

New or gently used coats, mittens, gloves, hats and scarves are needed, along with new long underwear and socks. Look for the snowmen marking the collection point by the west door.



Advent Devotional

Kate Bowler, author and Duke Divinity Professor, has written a devotion for anyone to access online and download. If you are looking for a daily reading that allows you to dig deeper into your faith and the season of Advent, this is it. katebowler.com/advent2022

Children's Christmas Pageant

Rehearsal Information

The only rehearsal for all children will be Saturday, December 3rd from 10:00am to noon. Volunteers are needed on Saturday to help children with their costumes and to help shepherd the children during rehearsal. Lunch will be provided for the children. Please contact Alicia Griffing and Alicia Simons for more information.



Pageant Information

Our annual Children's Christmas Pageant will be Sunday, December 4th at the 10:00am worship service. This fun-filled program will include all of our children ages 3 years through 6th grade. Volunteers are needed on Sunday to help children with their costumes and shepherd the children. Cookies and refreshments will be served in the front hall after the service. Please contact the Alicias at children@christumcutah.org for more info or to help.

Thank you to our volunteers!!

We would like to say thank you to everyone who has volunteered with us this year. You have helped us make this year a fun, successful, and joyful experience. This community has made taking on this role for us much easier and we appreciate all the hard work and time you have put in to help us bring the love of Jesus to the children of this church.



Alicia Griffing and Alicia Simons



Fall preschool is underway and there are a few openings!

For more information contact Cornel Faith at ExplorerPreschool@christumcutah.org.
christumcutah.org/explorerpreschool



Volunteer Family Promise Coordinator Needed

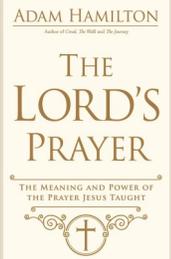
The Coordinator's job is to help organize nightly meals for a week through an electronic sign up, make sure there are one or two volunteers that stay overnight with the families and/or work with the children after Supper, and work with Brian and his staff to make sure the families are taken care of.

It is an important job! If you are interested in taking this on and working with many of our members and Brian, please let Pastor Lisa or Lita Ofa know as soon as possible. revlisap@christumcutah.org or Facility@christumcutah.org

Adult Small Group Opportunities

Wednesday Morning Study, 10:00am, Parlor.

The group will finish the study on *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught* by Adam Hamilton. They will move on to a documentary of someone in Adam Hamilton's congregation who has gone from a life of addiction to giving those in similar situations a place to live and get back on their feet. For information contact Evelyn Kasworm at 801-942-1383(h) or 801-712-0236(c).



Men's Breakfast Group, Thursdays, 8:00am This group is open to all men. For more information talk to Dale McCormick or Larry McGill.

The Witty Knitters meet from 1:30 - 3:00pm on the second Monday of every month in the Parlor. The next meeting is December 12th. We enjoy fellowship while working on our projects for the CUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry. Newcomers welcome!!! 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**. The next meeting is December 15th. Questions may be directed to Bev Mittelstadt at bevjm4287@yahoo.com.

United Women in Faith Book Club meets Monday, December 19th, 1:00pm in the Parlor. The book for December is *Beautiful Country* by Qian Julie Wang. For more information please contact Bev Mittelstadt at bevjm4287@yahoo.com or 801-272-7137 or 801-755-4115.



The annual meeting of the church will be held on Saturday, December 10th at 9 a.m. in the Chapel with our District Superintendent, Rev. Elizabeth McVicker presiding.

Everyone is welcome as we celebrate the mission and ministry of the church the past year and look toward new exciting things in 2023.

Bring a breakfast snack (pastry or goody). Coffee will be provided.



CWU's Advent Service and Tea,
Friday, December 2nd,
1:00 p.m. at
Centenary United Methodist Church,
1740 South 500 East (SLC).

Worship will be lead by Pastor A J Bush

The Community Outreach recipient will be **The Ronald McDonald House** .



Music at Christ UMC

Musical Group Rehearsal Times

apPRAISEation: Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm

Chancel Choir: Sundays 8:30-9:45am & 7pm the second Wednesday of the month

Chimes/Asburys: Sundays 12-2pm

Sloe Jam: Mondays, 7-9:30pm

The Wesley Bell Ringers: Tuesdays 7:30-9:00pm,
Sundays 5:00-7:30pm

New members are welcome in all of our musical groups!


The Chancel Choir is joining with the choir and orchestra from Wasatch Presbyterian Church to perform *Rutter's Requiem* in March! We will have special rehearsals in the Music Room at CUMC the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm.
 The next rehearsal is Wednesday, December 14th at 7pm. Come join us!
 Questions may be sent to Logan Bingham at chancelchoir@christumcutah.org or
 Shelby Fisher at musicdirector@christumcutah.org .

Sloe Jam, Bluegrass Group

This group meets every Monday evening at 7:00pm, usually in the Music room, and performs in worship several times a year.

Drop-ins for the Monday night jam are welcome! Beginners through professionals are encouraged!

Contact Fred Balch, Jon Jolley or Shelby Fisher with questions.
musicdirector@christumcutah.org



The Wesley Bell Ringers 2022 Holiday Concerts



4^{DEC}
6:00PM

CLEARFIELD COMMUNITY CHURCH
525 EAST 200 SOUTH
(CLEARFIELD)

11^{DEC}
6:30PM

HOLLADAY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
2631 E MURRAY HOLLADAY RD
(HOLLADAY)

16^{DEC}
7:00PM

KENSINGTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
11709 VADANIA DR, SOUTH JORDAN
(DAYBREAK)

17^{DEC}
7:00PM

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
8601 HILLCREST ST, BINGHAM CANYON
(COPPERTON)

18^{DEC}
4:00PM
7:30PM

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2375 EAST 3300 SOUTH
(HOME CONCERTS)

23^{DEC}
7:30PM

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2375 EAST 3300 SOUTH
(ALUMNI CONCERT & RECEPTION)



The second new sanctuary window, dedicated by the McGill family in memory of loved ones, has been installed. All of the windows for the East wall of the Sanctuary have been purchased. Thank you to everyone who has donated! We eagerly await the installation of the remaining windows.

Palmer Court Service Project in November

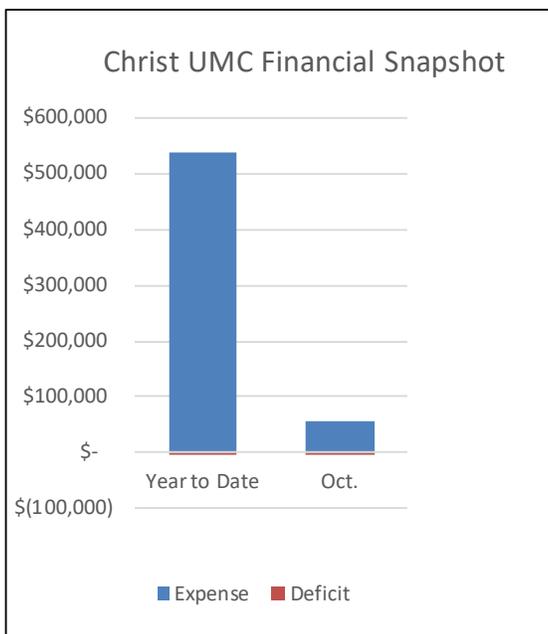
Thank you to everyone who donated, re-bagged food, loaded and unloaded vehicles, drove, or helped in any way!

On November 11th, Mike Hampton, Scott Carpenter, Robin Hough and her granddaughter, and Patsy delivered bird food and millet, 60 bags of dog food, 44 cans of dog food, 50 bags of dog treats, 100 bags of cat food, 168 cans of cat food, 26 bags of cat treats, and 32 jugs of cat litter, as well as scratching posts, harnesses, leashes, collars, coats, bowls pet loo, carriers, pooper scoopers, liter pans, pee pads and gates. Case workers distributed your generous donations to the residents.

The next delivery will be February 10th.

All donations, especially food and treats, are greatly needed. Donations may be placed in first bin by the kitchen door at church, or Contact Patsy Simons to arrange for donation drop off. 801-808-6641 or psimons1@live.com

Christ UMC Financial Picture through October



In Graph Information:

YTD Expenses	\$ 539,000
YTD Pledges & Other Receipts	\$ 533,900
Oct. Expenses	\$ 55,900
Oct. Pledges & Other Receipts	\$ 55,600
Oct. (Deficit)/Surplus	\$ (300)

Other Information:

YTD Actual Deficit/Surplus	\$ (5,000)
YTD Budgeted (Deficit)/Surplus	\$ (26,900)
YTD Unrealized Investment Loss	\$ (37,100)
YTD Budgeted Investment Income	\$ 4,200

Rowland Hall 27th Christmas Dinner Giveaway: Friday, December 23rd



Volunteers are needed at Rowland Hall's Christmas Dinner Giveaway on Friday, December 23rd from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm to help needy families have a Christmas Dinner. With continued COVID-19 safety protocols in place, the families will receive the ingredients necessary for a dinner during a drive-through giveaway.

This is open to ANYONE who wants to help. Contact Patsy at 801-808-6641 or psimons1@live.com for more information. Use the QR code or the link below to see available shifts and to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A9AA2DABF9C52-rowland>

Nov 10, 2022
Rev. Lisa Petty + Christ UMC,
Thank you for your hospitality last week for the Western Jurisdictional Conference. Your care made a big difference for many, including our family. We wanted to let you know that your electric car chargers were especially appreciated. They allowed us to be present to the events. And, they allowed us to get right on the road on Saturday (instead of having to find a charger and sit).
Thank you!
Elizabeth
Margaret Boes

Thank you to all CUMC friends for their support and caring at Doug's passing. I don't know what people do without a strong support group from family and friends. The many cards, calls, visits, food and prayers were greatly appreciated by myself and the Boes and Ingraham families.

Blessings, Margret Boes-Ingraham

Over 3000 turkey dinners were handed out at the Turkey Toss this year!. Thank you to all that donated or volunteered.

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The Social Justice committee is holding a meeting titled

"UMC Social Justice Intro & 2023 Goals"

on Sunday, December 4th from
11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the Chapel.

All are welcome and encouraged to
attend.