I am excited to let you know that through the next few months, CUMC will serve as host to a couple and maybe three nationally recognized speakers/scholars. Utahns for Religious Scholarship has asked us to host an event featuring John Pavlovitz on March 27/28th. John will speak on Friday night and then conduct a workshop on Saturday morning.

John is an author and blogger on various religious topics. Check out his website johnpavlovitz.com for different articles that he has written recently. In the past four years his blog, Stuff That Needs To Be Said, has reached a diverse worldwide audience. A 20-year veteran in the trenches of local church ministry, John is committed to equality, diversity, and justice—both inside and outside faith communities. John is not afraid to take on the tough questions and is outspoken about the state of the church currently and how it needs to change.

The second event will feature Dr. Thomas Jay Oord on April 15. Dr. Oord is a theologian, philosopher, and scholar of multi-disciplinary studies. Oord is a best-selling and award-winning author, having written or edited more than twenty-five books. A twelve-time Faculty Award-winning professor, Oord teaches at institutions around the globe. He is the director of the Center for Open and Relational Theology. Oord is known for his contributions to research on love, open and relational theology, science and religion, and the implications of freedom and relationships for transformation. That event will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15th.

We are currently working to see if Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University can be with us in mid February. The Men’s Study Group and the Wednesday Book Study group studied her recently published book about Advent this past December.

Things are happening! I hope you can attend one or all of the events that will come up in the next few months.

Rev. Rusty
Happy February! The days are getting longer already! Winter will not last! So, hang in there. Joining together for a Valentine’s Sing-A-Long will help give others some joy. Plus, it will help you when you join us to cheer others up with song!

So, cheer up, warm up your voice, bring your smile and join us!

**Sunday, February 2nd at 3 p.m. Valentine’s Sing-A-Long**
Meet at the Wellington, 4522 S. 1300 E.

**Wednesday February 12th Valentine’s Sing-A-Long**
- 4:45 p.m.  Meet at the church’s front hall by the office and carpool to Highland Cove.
- 5:00 p.m.  Sing at the Highland Cove Hotel Dining Room
- 5:30 p.m.  Sing at the Highland Cove Terrace Dining Room

“You Are My Sunshine,” “Daisy, Daisy,” “Let Me Call You Sweetheart,” “Harvest Moon,” plus a couple of Elvis Presley songs, are some of the songs we will sing.

Call or text me at 406-891-0434 or send me an email at PastorBruce@ChristUMCUtah.org to let me know you will come.

Pastor Bruce Kolasch
Pastor of Congregational Care

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**Calling All Chili Chefs!**

The 8th Annual Chili Bowl Cook Off is Super Bowl Sunday February 2nd

Reserve your spot before it’s too late by contacting Patsy Simons youthdirector@christumcutah.org.

Actual prizes this year!

Everyone is invited to come enjoy the chili and vote for your three favorite. There will be a wonderful Silent Auction item that the Youth made during the 30 Hour Famine to bid on, as well as several opportunity baskets. You are encouraged to pre-order your Chili To Go either at the Youth Table during coffee hour or online by January 31st at https://forms.gle/nQp1HYaV421u2JbD7.

**Admission fees:** $10 for adults, $7 for children 4 to 12, 3 and younger get in free.

**Chili To Go:** quarts $10.00. Order for your Super Bowl Parties!

This event is one of the main fundraisers for the Youth Summer Mission Trips. This summer the Sr High will be working in Alamosa, CO and the Jr High may be going to work with Pastor Jean in Cortez, CO.

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**Youth Skiing Days are January 25th and February 22nd.**
You are invited to join us! See Patsy Simons or Scott Carpenter for details.
The Mountain Sky Conference Event

The Mountain Sky Conference is hosting a four-part webinar (or "Zoominar") series focusing on our identity. The first "Zoominar" will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. MDT on Thursday, Jan. 30, 2020. It will be led by Bishop Karen P. Oliveto on the "Values & Vision of the Mountain Sky Conference." Bishop Oliveto said the webinar will help us deepen "who we are as we continue to grow into our new identity." See the flyer on the last page of this newsletter.

All clergy and laity are invited to join! Zoom call-in information will be provided to those who register online: https://mtnsky-reg.brtapp.com/WeAreMtnSkyZoom1.
Volunteers needed for Sunday School
We are in need of multiple volunteers to lead centers during our 10:30 am Sunday School for ages Kindergarten through 3rd grade. You only need to lead one session and you can pick the date. It’s easy & fun and curriculum is provided.

Themes and Centers:
February 9th – 23rd: The Forgiving Father – Missions, Science, Spiritual Practices
March 1st – 22nd: Jesus Heals a Young Woman – Cooking, Art, Science, Storytelling
March 29th – April 19th: The Lord’s Prayer – Cooking, Games, Spiritual Practices
April 26th – May 17th: Hannah, Samuel, and Eli Listen to God – Cooking, Missions, Science, Storytelling

All materials are provided. Please contact Kelly Carpenter at 801-486-5473 ext. 113 or Children.and.Family@Christumcutah.org for more information or to help.

Building Better Moms (BBM) will meet on Tuesday, February 18th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. We are looking to do a paint night event at this meeting. BBM is for all moms with children ages newborn through high school and childcare can be provided. Register at www.christumcutah.org/buildingbettermoms.
For info contact Kelly at 801-486-5473 ext 113 or Children.and.Family@christumcutah.org.

February Sunday School Themes
3 & 4 year olds—Kids in the Bible
Kindergarten through 3rd Grade—The Forgiving Father
Centers: Cooking, Art, Storytelling, Games
5th & 6th Grade—Where in the Word is Jesus

Bible Bucks Store – February 9th
On Sunday morning, February 9th, our Bible Bucks store will be open from 9:45—10:30 am & 11:30 am—12:00 pm in Room 205. Please stop by with your child so they have an opportunity to shop. Lots of items will be available including mission opportunities from Heifer Project. We accept donations of new toys, games or other children’s items for the store. Please bring them to the church office any time before February 6th.
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, Kindergarten – 6th graders, will perform on Sunday, February 2nd during Children’s Time at the 10:30 am Worship Service. The children will learn simple songs during the first 5 minutes of Sunday School time.

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

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**

**February 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 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](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4FAEA728A4F94-20192020)
YOUTH NEWS FEBRUARY 2020!!!
Saturday, February 1 Chili Making & Chili Bowl
Set Up 12-7pm in kitchen & gym

Sunday, February 2 - Chili Bowl
Meet in Gym at 9am to finish set up & decorate & get assignments. Enter the contest (or get your parents/friends to enter). This is the main fundraiser for the Summer Youth Mission Trips: The Senior High trip to Alamosa, CO (July 12-18) or Junior High trip to Cortez, CO ?(TBA). Youth and Parents needed to help with this event even if not going on Mission Trip this year. Remember next year we are hoping to go to Costa Rica or Puerto Rico.

1. Recruit your parents & others to enter the chili-tasting contest
2. Be at church at 9:00am to help set up
3. Make posters & help with publicity
4. Invite family, friends, neighbors—anyone who'll come support us in raising money for our mission trips!

Sunday, February 9 11:30am Sunday Funday Wii Game Day. Invite Friends.

Sunday, February 16 11:30am
Guest Speaker Jessica from Crossroads.

Saturday, February 22nd Ski Day at Brighton

Sunday, February 23rd Youth Planning Session 11:30am.

Friday-Saturday, February 28 & 29th 30 HOUR FAMINE
This VERY fun event raises money for World Vision to fight hunger in the United States and all around the world.
Sign up to participate & get your info packet from Patsy.
Now is the time to get those pledges!

If any questions on any youth stuff, please contact Patsy Simons
youthdirector@christumcutah.org 801-808-6641
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’s new book, "A Pilgrimage to Eternity" Each week we will cover a couple of chapters in his journey and consider what he writes about in our own pilgrimages of faith. Through January we are continuing our study heading towards Switzerland and Italy. This book should continue through February at the pace we are walking. Look for this title in bookstores and online.

HOLY GROUNDS – Young Adults (20’s-30’s)
meets in the Youth Room (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. Join us on Facebook at “CUMC Holy Grounds Coffee Hour” or contact us 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 The Walk, by Adam Hamilton.

How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? Join Adam Hamilton in The Walk and discover five essential spiritual practices rooted in Jesus' own walk with God. In each chapter, Hamilton’s engaging teaching style will help you explore one of these practices—each of which is intended to be a part of our daily walk with Christ—it’s New Testament foundation, and its potential effect on our personal lives and our lives together as the church.

YOGA—
Join us for an easy yoga workout with video guidance on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 in Room 101.
United Methodist Women

DEBORAH CIRCLE: This group 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, February 8th at 10:00am at Corner Bakery, 6226 S State St. Please RSVP to Lorraine Lakey, 801-277-5695

MARTHA CIRCLE: This group has decided to meet during the day instead of evenings. It will now meet on the second Tuesday of each month, at 3:00pm 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, Feb. 24th. The book is Brain on Fire by Susannah Cahalan

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

Planned 2020 Saturday Days for Girls Workdays at CUMC
February 22nd
March 21st
May 2nd
Deepest Condolences to Kathy Self and her family on the death of her son Matthew, January 8th. Services were held Saturday, January 18th at Christ United Methodist Church.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Palmer Court Pet Food and Supplies Service Project. Your help and contributions were greatly appreciated by the homeless residents of Palmer court and their pets. Our next delivery date is March 27th.

**UMW Sponsored All-Church Brunch**
**Sunday, March 22nd**
**11:45 in the Chapel.**

The United Methodist Women invite everyone enjoy Brunch and a Program brought to us by Peter Bromberg, Executive Director of the Salt Lake City Library (downtown). He will acquaint us with the multiplicity of resources now available to the entire County through Salt Lake City's downtown library -- many of them beyond expectation.

Peter Bromberg has served as the Executive Director of the Salt Lake City Public Library since September, 2016. In his first year he was able to pass a 23.3% budget increase, creating $1.5 million in new funding for long-term facilities maintenance, while also eliminating all late fees. Peter has since worked with many libraries across the country, to successfully make the case to go fine-free.

Over his 25 year career, Peter has held numerous leadership roles in regional, state, and national associations, including helping to create, launch, and run ALA’s Emerging Leaders program. As a Board Member of EveryLibrary.org, the first and only national organization dedicated to building voter support for libraries, Peter provides pro bono training and consulting to libraries running ballot measures. Locally, Peter chairs the Utah Library Association Advocacy Committee which led a successful fight against the censorship of Ebsco databases in Utah schools in 2018.
A Great Big Thank You to All who brought in the coats and warm gear!
All of your wonderful donations were given to those in need through Crossroads.

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.voaust.org/volunteer-opportunities/provide-a-meal](https://www.voaust.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.

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
**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.

**Hello campers!**

2020 is upon us and camping season will be here soon. It's time to do some planning!

Join us for a planning meeting in the Parlor at the church on Thursday, January 30th at 7 pm. Please bring your suggestions, maps, ideas, and maybe a snack to share.

We have already reserved the group site at Moon Lake near Duchesne, UT for three nights, the weekend of August 13-16.

A new coordinator/communications person is needed for this group. It only takes a few minutes here and there, sending emails and the like.

Contact:
Erica L Meyer
801.699.1279
or mamaerica@hotmail.com

**Our top donation needs**

**Food Pantry:** Small juice & canned soup

**Thrift Store:** Socks and underwear!

February 2020
www.crossroadsurbancenter.org

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**February 8th**

**First Aid, CPR & AED Class**

CUMC is hosting a First Aid, CPR, & AED class from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday, February 8th in the Parlor. The cost is $40 per person and will be offered by Save a Heart Utah.

Contact the church office at OfficeManager@christumcutah.org or call 801-486-5473 to register.
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Leading
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We Are Mountain Sky Webinars:
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January 30th, 7-8:30pm
Part 1: Bishop Karen Oliveto on Values & Vision of the
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Register online: https://mtnsky-reg.brtapp.com/WeAreMtnSkyZoom1.