

The Connection, April 2023

Holy Week



PALM SUNDAY

April 2nd

8:00 am Service

10:00 am Service
Procession of the Palms

Maundy
Thursday
Service

Thursday, April 6th
7:30 pm in the Chapel

Good Friday Service

"Requiem" by John Rutter
Presented by Chancel Choirs of Christ UMC and Wasatch Presbyterian Church

Bell Music
Presented by the Reunion Bell Choir

April 7 - 7:30 pm

SATURDAY
APRIL 8TH
10:00 AM

Easter EGG HUNT

- MEET IN THE GYM
- BRING YOUR OWN BASKET
- CRAFTS AND TREATS AFTER EASTER EGG HUNT

VOLUNTEER USING THE QR CODE

EASTER SUNDAY

- 8:30 AM: Worship in Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM: Easter Egg Hunt
- 9:30 AM: Fellowship Time
- 10:00 AM: Worship in Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM: Fellowship Time

Lisa's Lines

As I write this, the calendar says, "Spring Equinox", meaning the first day of Spring! However, as I look outside, it is snowing. Sometimes our expectations are met with results that are less than hoped for: sometimes great and sometimes not so great. Examples might include: snow on the first day of spring; rain on an important day planned outdoors; a twenty dollar bill in a pair of pants pulled from the dryer. Often it takes time to see the good things come forth from the disappointing and hard things.

Sometimes, our expectations are shattered entirely because what we get is far greater than what we anticipated. For the groups of women who go with spices to the burial site, this is the case: an empty tomb where a body is supposed to be.

The month of March is Women's History Month and holds International Women's Day on the eighth. As it comes to a close and we near Holy week in April, I am reminded of the people God shows up for first after resurrection. Jesus is not dead in a tomb wrapped in cloth, but rather a gardener tending to plants outside of it.

The women, friends of Jesus and his family and his disciples, are there to care for Jesus...or at least his body. They expect to find a lifeless form they will put oil and spices on to cover the smell of rot and death. Instead, their wildest expectations are shattered when they recognize the stranger as Christ. The spirit of the living God is once again in flesh - standing, living, breathing - before them. What a wonderful surprise, even if it took a few days to happen...and another few minutes to understand!

For those of us who are tired of the snow, especially on the first day of Spring, perhaps we need to be reminded that with time, we might be surprised by what emerges: bulbs, buds and water.

But they do not happen overnight, they take a little bit of time. Just wait, beauty and good can emerge...and it may be even better than we'd hoped for...maybe life will emerge where death once was.

"Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?" - 1 Corinthians 15:55

See you in worship,

Pastor Lisa,
801-486-5473 x 115 office, 385-202-3669 cell,
revlisap@christumcutah.org

Christ UMC Helps

Rides to/from church
Rides to/from appointments
Meals after medical procedures
christumcutah.org/christumchelps

The graphic features an illustration of a diverse group of people, including a man in a wheelchair, a woman with a cane, and others, standing together. A heart icon with hands is also present.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP

UT/WESTERN CO DISTRICT GATHERING

Sat, April 1st 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Christ UMC

REGISTER BY FRI, MARCH 24th

The graphic includes a large red and brown geometric logo on the left and right sides.



The Wesley Bell Ringers
RUMMAGE DROP OFF

SAT 4/15

10A - 12P
 DRIVE UP DONATIONS
 NORTH SIDE OF CHURCH
 2375 EAST 3300 SOUTH

Sat, Apr 15 - 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

**AED
 FIRST AID &
 CPR TRAINING**

*Get Certified in
 First Aid & CPR*

*Get Trained on
 using the AED*

NO COST TO ATTEND

To Sign-Up Contact:
 Church Office at 801-486-5473
 Pat Hopkins at 801-943-2719

Limited Spaces Available

Adult Small Group Opportunities

Wednesday Morning Study, 10:00am, Parlor.

The study for April will be Amy-Jill Levine's study of the Sermon on the Mount. In *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine introduces the major topics in the Sermon on the Mount, explains historical and theological contexts, and shows how the words of Jesus echo his Jewish tradition and speak forward to reach hearts and minds today.

For information contact Evelyn Kasworm at 801-942-1383(h) or 801-712-0236(c).

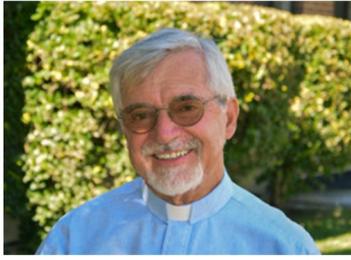
Men's Breakfast Group, Thursdays, 8:00am

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 April 10th. We enjoy fellowship while working on our projects for the CUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry. **Newcomers are 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 April 20th. Questions may be directed to Bev Mittelstadt at bevjm4287@yahoo.com.

United Women in Faith Book Club meets Monday, April 24th at 1:00pm in the Parlor. The book for April is *Anxious People* by Fredrick Backman. For more information please contact Bev Mittelstadt at bevjm4287@yahoo.com or 801-272-7137 or 801-755-4115.



“Death has been swallowed up in victory...” 1 Corinthians 15:54)

For those of us who live in the northern hemisphere April is a time of rejuvenation, spring, new life and hope. Winter gives way as days grow longer and the sun shines more directly and intently on the warming soil.

Growing up we lived out on a farm on the Dakota prairie. The bus ride home from school took about an hour. We were at the end of the route. The last children dropped off. To make the bus ride shorter I would get off early in the route.

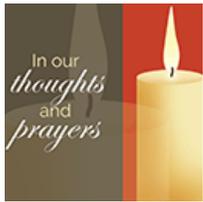
While still on the highway, early on in the route the driver would let me off. It was a two-track dirt lane between fields and marshy sloughs caused by melting snow and spring rains. It was about a two to three mile walk to home. I loved the walk. I would watch and listen to the frolic of spring birds—especially the red-wing blackbirds. They would sing and talk to each other with their ratcheting calls. Warmer temperatures were chasing the cold away. Winter was yielding to spring. Ah, springtime! It was good!

Easter is like that. Good Friday is behind us. The cross may be bloody, but it is empty. And so is the grave! Death is defeated. Hope and life spring anew.

As I write this Putin’s war continues in Ukraine; shootings continue; financial institutions are struggling; political chaos continues; we still have personal issues; family and friends are still going through times of pain, change, crisis, and adjustment...but—and this is an important but—God is still on the move. Jesus is risen from the dead. Hope and love are stronger than despair and evil. Good things are still happening.

Look for the good. See the good. Do the good. Be the good. We are after all, Easter people; people of the resurrection. Hope, good will and love still define and empower us. We step up and reach forward. Every day is a new day.

Pastor Bruce Kolasch
Pastor of Congregational Care
406-891-0434, pastorburce@christumcutah.org



Deepest Condolences to Norm Hall on the death of his son, Jeff Hall in mid February.

Deepest Condolences to Scott Carpenter and family on the death of Scott's uncle, Richard Reeves, February 22nd.

Deepest condolences to the family and friends of Chuck Carscallen, who passed away March 16th. Chuck and Virginia were members of CUMC for many years until they moved to Lakewood, CO.

Long time Pinecliff board member & Family Camp organizer Lloyd Stinger passed away on March 5th. Please keep his family in prayer.

A celebration of life for Lloyd will be held at Trinity UMC on Saturday, April 1st at 11:00am, with a potluck lunch after Lloyd's service. Trinity UMC, 3610 S 4400 W in West Valley City

THE MORE YOU KNOW by Terry Waite

Christ United Methodist Church has so much going on! There are committees and groups doing amazing work that needs to be given more attention. There are so many people who have quietly done important volunteer work for years whose stories should be told. There are many opportunities for “changing the world”. The more you know, the more likely you are to find your place to serve, participate and grow.

THE QUIET DISCIPLE AWARD is the Mountain Sky Conference’s annual opportunity to recognize a person(s) who provides ministry or service to their church or community, without fanfare or necessarily filling a specific position. A Quiet Disciple is likely to be self-starting and self-directed in filling unmet needs. Frequently they seek no limelight or recognition but work tirelessly in the background when no one else is around. Quiet Disciples are the foundation of laity in ministry.

Each local church can nominate someone for the award. Recipients will be given a certificate during their District Conference and will be acknowledged at the laity session of Annual Conference.

So, **who did CUMC nominate?** That question will be answered at the District Conference on April 1st and again during worship on April 2nd. I’ll include the full nomination verbiage in the May Connection.

The “REQUIEM” by John Rutter will be performed by the combined chancel choirs of CUMC and Wasatch Presbyterian Church on **April 7th, 7:30 PM at CUMC** during our Good Friday Service. The Crucifixion story will be told using scripture passages between movements of the Requiem.

The two choirs have rehearsed together since October, preparing this very beautiful piece. They performed it on March 12th at Wasatch Presbyterian to a very appreciative audience, many of whom described the experience as **spiritual and deeply moving.**

The Requiem is accompanied by organ, harp, oboe, flute and cello. Logan Bingham is the director, with special thanks to Shelby Fisher (CUMC Director of Music and Organist) and Kenneth Udy (Wasatch Presbyterian Director of Music and Organist) for their invaluable assistance.

A Requiem is a musical composition in honor of the dead, based on the opening words of The Roman Catholic Mass for the Dead, “Grant them rest eternal, Lord our God, we pray thee; and light perpetual shine on them forever”.



NEXT MONTH:

Have you noticed the explosion of young adults attending Sunday Worship together? We’ll learn more about them and the reinvention of The Young Adult Group (historically called Holy Grounds).

Easter Eggstravaganza

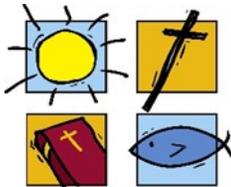
The Children's Ministries committee is sponsoring our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th at 10:00am. Join us in the gym for a fun opening, then we will have Easter Egg Hunts for ages 1 year old through 6th grade, followed by baked goods and activities in the gym. Please bring a basket for your children to gather eggs in and a baked good to share. Invite your neighbors and friends!

If you would like to help with the hunts or brunch, you can sign up at the link below or contact Alicia Griffing and Alicia Simons at children@christumcutah.org.

Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ADA72FA3F8C25-easter>

There will also be an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning at 9:30am for the children of the church to participate in.

Sunday School Teachers Needed!



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. You can sign up in the Narthex before or after service or contact the Alicias for more information.

children@christumcutah.org

Vacation Bible School

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Stellar—Shine Jesus' Light July 25th—28th, 9am to Noon

Registration opens April 15th at 9:00 am. Cost is \$35 per child.

www.christumcutah.org/vbs

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Adult and Youth volunteers are needed to be Station Crew Leaders for VBS. Adults are also needed to lead the activity stations. Contact the Alicias to sign up to help.

children@christumcutah.org

Explorer Preschool is looking for a cassette player!

Explorer Preschool is looking for a cassette tape player so they can use a generous donation of stories on tape. If you or anyone you know is looking to rehome a gently used, working cassette player, the Explorer Preschool would be willing to take it off your hands.

explorerpreschool@christumcutah.org

Upcoming Events

Apr. 8th – Community Easter Eggstravaganza

Apr. 9th – Church Easter Egg hunt

Apr. 15th – VBS Registration Opens

Apr. 23rd – Sunday School Singers Perform



EXPLORER PRESCHOOL
learn play grow

Playground Update

start the countdown



What to expect:

Starting **Monday, March 27th:**

- *Playground equipment delivery
- *Removing asphalt & prepping the surface
- *Installation of playground equipment

Waiting *patiently* for warmer weather to finally pour the rubber surfacing

Duration: 4 weeks (if the weather plays along)

About the playground

It is designed specifically for 2-5 year olds

It will meet all Childcare Licensing Rules for safety

Our KOMPAN playground components are made from ocean waste, textile waste, post-consumer recycled plastics, and even medical waste

LET'S CREATE HEALTHIER & HAPPIER COMMUNITIES... IN A SUSTAINABLE WAY

Full-circle Solutions

Recycled components for products are made from 20% post-consumer ocean recycled waste

All Rubbers and pine wood sourced from sustainable forestry.

All catalogs and brochures are printed on sustainable, FSC®-certified paper.

All platform floors for Monkey® & Camel® are 25% recycled ocean waste.

MADE GREEN

ECOCORE™ PANELS
ECOCORE™ panels are made from 100% post-consumer materials from food packaging waste.

EXTRUDED ALUMINUM
Posts and stringers are made using low-carbon processes.

TEXMADE™
Plastic are made from 100% post-consumer recycled textile and plastic waste.

OCEAN GREEN
Dark base layers are made from 100% post-consumer ocean recycled waste.



FALL 2023
OPEN ENROLLMENT
JANUARY 27, 2023
2,3 AND 5 DAY OPTIONS



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explorerpreschool@christumcutah.org



Churchwide Palmer Court Service Project

The next delivery date to Palmer Court is Friday, May 26th. Please bring your food donations by May 14th so it can be re-bagged. We need both dog and cat food and cat treats.

Contact Patsy Simons at 801-808-6641 or psimons1@live.com to arrange for a donation drop off or donations can be placed in first bin by the kitchen door at church.

ATTENTION!

**Volunteers needed for
Christ UMC's host weeks**

FamilyPromise
Salt Lake

March 26th - April 9th



Scan this code to sign-up



VOA's Youth Resource Center is a safe place where homeless and at-risk youth (ages 15-22) can go to shower, eat, and do laundry. Over time, they also have opportunities to seek counseling for life events that led them into homelessness. When they are ready, the Youth Resource Center will assist these youth to receive help dedicated to education assistance, job training, and other helpful programs that will guide them to transform their lives.

The latest YOUTH RESOURCE CENTER (YRC) WISH LIST can be found on the home page of the church website, in the weekly emails by the collection bin by the kitchen.

<https://www.christumcutah.org>

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."



2023 GRADUATES!
Submit High School & College graduate
info for recognition Sunday at
christumcutah.org/graduates by May 4th

Christ UMC will recognize our high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 21st during the 10:00 am worship service. Submit your graduate's info at christumcutah.org/graduates **by May 4th**. Contact Kelly Carpenter if you have any questions.

Submissions received after May 4th may not make the celebration worship service on May 21



25th Annual
Spring Concert
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023
2:00PM



Church Women United

A multi faith gathering of Christian Women

Church Women United May Friendship Day Celebration 2023

When: **Friday, May 5, 2023 (1st Friday)**

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Where: **Hilltop United Methodist Church**, 985 East 10600 South (Sandy)

Theme: **“Living a Legacy of Love: Doing God’s Work – Labor with Love – A Heart to Care”**

Keynote Speaker: TBA

Registration: \$1 Lunch: \$5.00

Annual FLC: Fellowship of the Least Coin Collection / Dedication

Potential Speakers: Esther Williams Scholarship Fund Recipients

Community Outreach: **The CWU Esther Williams Scholarship Fund**

Make checks payable to “Church Women United” and note “Scholarship Fund”

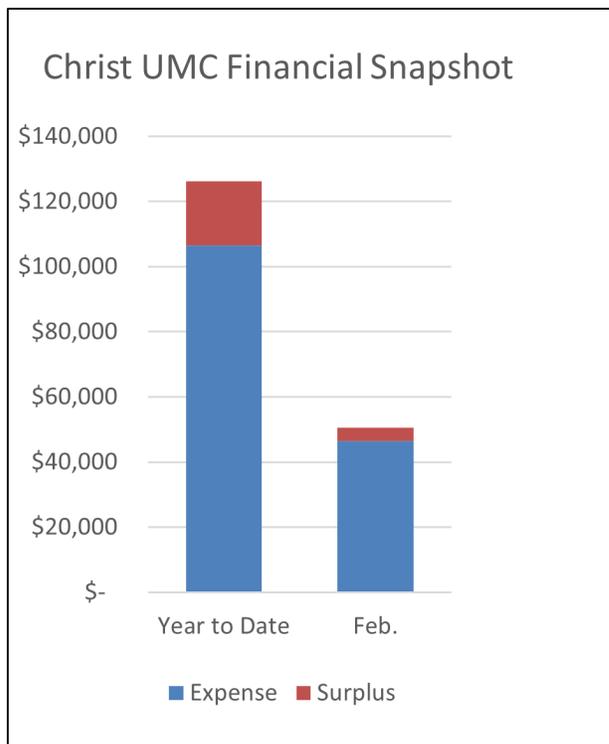
Offering: Used for CWU State and Local Programs: Checks need to be made payable to:

“Church Women United”

Lunch RSVP: To Mary Ann Allison at 801-278-9223 by Monday, May 1st

This is a wonderful ecumenical gathering and an opportunity to learn and grow spiritually and personally.

Hope to see you there.



In Graph Information:

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| YTD Expenses | \$ 106,600 |
| YTD Pledges & Other Receipts | \$ 126,200 |
| Feb. Expenses | \$ 46,500 |
| Feb. Pledges & Other Receipts | \$ 50,700 |
| Feb. (Deficit)/Surplus | \$ 4,100 |

Other Information:

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| YTD Actual Deficit/Surplus | \$ 19,600 |
| YTD Budgeted (Deficit)/Surplus | \$ (5,800) |
| Prior Yr Receipts in 2023 | \$ - |
| YTD Investment Gain | \$ 5,400 |
| YTD Budgeted Investment Income | \$ - |

Social Justice News

Social Justice Committee Loves our Adult Sunday School!

On March 12th, as part of the social justice series, Rep. Sahara Hayes (State House District 32) shared a 2023 Legislative update on the "Winners & Losers" with the Adult Sunday School group of CUMC. Here's a brief sample of her take on what happened:

Some of the losers were:

- ◆ Public Education with the passage of a bill that would fund private school vouchers.
- ◆ LGBTQ+ Rights with a moratorium on gender affirming healthcare and other limiting laws
- ◆ Women's reproductive rights with the closure of abortion clinics
- ◆ Great Salt Lake, when legislators failed to set a target goal for lake elevation

Winners included:

- ◆ All day kindergarten statewide passed
- ◆ Transportation, with the expansion of commuter rail and additional funds for infrastructure
- ◆ Expansion of the child tax credit, allowing more state agencies to create on-site childcare centers
- ◆ Housing, with an increase in funding for affordable housing

This presentation was the final installment of the Social Justice Committee's Winter/Spring program at Adult Sunday School. Although we know our work is certainly not done! We will continue with on-going engagement for our congregation, so watch for more opportunities. It's important to the foundation of CUMC that our voices are heard on social justice issues.



February 10th, 2023

Christ United Methodist Church
2375 East 3300 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84109-2796

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for donating to Crossroads Urban Center! Gifts such as yours make it possible to help thousands of Utahns in need each year.

We received your tax-deductible donation of \$5,900 in support of Crossroads Urban Center on February 9th, 2023. No goods or services were given to you by Crossroads in exchange for this gift.

Crossroads operates two emergency food pantries and a free/low-cost thrift store. People in need can get help with food, clothing, baby formula, diapers, prescriptions, transportation, utility shut-offs, and more. We also speak out about the issues that make these services so essential in our community, such as the crisis in low-income housing and the need for more shelter beds for people experiencing homelessness.

Thanks again for being there for the people we serve.

Sincerely,

Glenn Bailey
Executive Director

Food of the Month

Peanut Butter

Kids love it but we keep running out. Learn about other top donation needs for our food pantries and thrift store at our website:

www.crossroadsurbancenter.org/topneeds



Comfort Zone Camp serves children who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling, primary caregiver, or friend. All programs are offered at no cost to families. CZC provides a safe, nurturing environment where kids can have traditional camp fun, while at the same time acquiring tools to help them cope with their loss.

Since 1999, CZC has helped 21,000+ children.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

August 11-13, 2023
WEEKEND CAMP AT CAMP KOSTOPULOS

August 18-20, 2023
WEEKEND CAMP AT BIG CANYON

- Sleepover camps
- Kids & teens program ages 7-17
- Fun, healing camp setting

CAMP ACTIVITIES THE IMPACT

Activities include games, swimming, arts and crafts, and Healing Circles led by mental health professionals.

Campers leave the camp "bubble" transformed with a community, coping skills and new friends who "get it".



Nick G. Camper Parent

“ Every time they have attended Comfort Zone Camp, they have come home having gained a new level of healing and with new lifelong friends. ”





CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
METROPOLITAN SALT LAKE/BOUNTIFUL UNIT

c/o Calvary Baptist Church
1090 South State Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

ESTHER WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP
\$400.00

Scholarship ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION Requirements
2023 – 2024

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| Eligibility | Female High School and College Students |
| GPA | 2.3 at the time of application |
| Residency | Salt Lake/Bountiful Utah Area |
| Christian Church Member | Involvement in Church Activities |
| Personal Statement | <u>2-Page maximum</u> to include: Statement of need (describe financial situation) <u>Mission projects or community service</u> <u>Church activities</u> Career goals and future plans |
| <u>2 Letters of Support</u> | One letter from your Pastor or Church Leader, and One letter from a teacher or college faculty member |
| Scholarship Amount | \$400.00 |
| Due Date | <u>Sunday May 1, 2023</u> , the Application Form is on Page 13 of this newsletter |
| Scholarships Released: | Fall 2023 |

Donations to support the Esther Williams Memorial Scholarship fund are welcomed. Please direct questions to: Karen Bradakis, karenbradakis@gmail.com or [801-554-1174](tel:801-554-1174).



<https://www.facebook.com/CWUUtah/>



Church Women United
ESTHER WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
2023 Application

Please submit a completed Application, a Personal Statement and two (2) Letters of Support to:
Church Women United - Esther Williams Memorial Scholarship, c/o Calvary Baptist Church, 1090 South State
Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, or email to karenbradakis@gmail.com by May 1, 2023. Applications WILL NOT be
accepted after May 1st. (Please print)

Name _____
 Address _____

Email address _____
 Age _____
 Phone: Cell _____ Other _____

Church _____
 High School _____ Graduation Date _____

High School GPA _____ College GPA (if applicable) _____

List High School Interests and Activities _____

If you are a current college student, list Interests and Activities _____

Describe Community/Volunteer Activities _____

What College do you plan to attend? _____

Have you been notified of acceptance? _____ Did you apply for financial aid? _____

Degree planned or current college major: _____

Current college students – list name of college/university: _____

Circle one: College Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please attach the following documents to this Application:
Personal Statement: 2-Page, double-spaced, typed statement in which you address your career goals, statement of need,
Christian/Church activities and community involvement.
Two (2) letters of support or recommendation. One (1) from a Church Leader or Pastor and one
from a High School Teacher/Counselor or from a College/University Faculty Member.

Note: Scholarship recipients must provide proof of College enrollment before scholarship funds are released.