



Christ United Methodist Church
Salt Lake City
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The Connection, May 2024



Important Information
Registration is now open until
June 15th or when spots are filled!



Volunteers are needed!

VBS Training dates

Saturday, May 18th at 10 am in the
chapel

Sunday, June 9th at 11:30 am in the
youth room

Please contact Alicia Griffing or Alicia Simons with
any questions at children@christumcutah.org



Hello Spring!

Come join Children's Ministries for our first Family Spring Event! We will have pots available for painting, seeds and soil if you wish to plant something in your new designed pot!

May 5th in the GYM at 11:30 am
For more information, contact
Alicia Griffing or Alicia Simons at
children@christumcutah.org

2024 GRADUATES!
Submit High School & College graduate
info for recognition Sunday at
christumcutah.org/graduates by May 4th

**ED AND TRUDY DUNCAN
SCHOLARSHIP**

\$1000 SCHOLARSHIP

for post HS education that includes, but not limited to technical colleges, certificate programs, and institutions that offer both undergraduate and post-graduate programs

Apply between April 15th - May 12th
Donate April 22nd - May 6th

APPLICATION AND DONATION INFO

christumcutah.org/DuncanScholarship



Pastor Lisa's Lines

These past two years have gone by so fast. Christ UMC will be a part of me forever. You have shaped me and changed me and I hope I have shaped and changed you. The time we had together was brief, but also a covenant that was deep and abiding. I know this change comes too soon, and I know I am still grieving leaving, but I pray that with the help of one another, you will embrace this change in pastoral leadership and continue to BE the church.

I will lead my last worship with you all Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 26th at 10 a.m. I know this is a holiday weekend, but I hope to see each of you before I depart. While I will still be your pastor through June, I will be on mission trip to Kenya, June 2 – 17, and then attending the Mountain Sky UMC Annual Conference in Casper Wyoming, June 19-24. In order to help with this transition we have lined up several pastors to preach in June and enjoy some fun in worship over the summer. Thank you for your understanding and grace.

In this last note to you as a congregation, I want to share a few important things about moving forward. Some of you are familiar with the United Methodist Church and some of you are not. So, as a refresher or news, here are a few things to keep in mind when it comes to pastoral transitions in the United Methodist Church:

UMC Pastors are appointed and serve at the pleasure of the Bishop on a one-year term.

July 1st is the date that pastors either return to their congregation (as I have done for the past 2 years) or move on to their new congregation. There is no guaranteed time frame for a pastor to serve, except on a year to year basis. As hard as this is, it allows for the congregation to be in community with one another and form lasting bonds with each other. The pastor is just a vessel for guidance and will change over time, but the community is forever!

UMC Pastors are not allowed to reach out to former congregants for one year after they leave an appointment.

As pastors transition out of one church and move to another, they are to follow the guidance of being out of contact with the former congregation for a year. This enables the new pastor to form relationships with the congregation and for the congregation to look to the new pastor for care and leadership. (I will love hearing from you via cards and social media, but I will not reach out to any of you in this first year.) If you come to Southern California, I would love to see you at Escondido First UMC. If you send cards I will be excited to read them. I will carry you all with me into this next chapter even though I will not reach out for a bit.

UMC Pastors bring and take their own traditions with them.

While I have been your pastor, I have brought with me my familial traditions from a life in ministry and it has been my joy to share them with you for a time. It will be up to the new pastor to bring new traditions, and/or keep some I have brought. I brought the ending for our Call to Worship. 90% of Sundays we ended with Psalm 118:24 – “This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!”, and I end each service with a benediction that closes with, “Go and change the world.” I brought the mystery box that a congregant from Montrose UMC made for me. I take it with me all spiffed up by John Jolley, a member here at Christ UMC. I take these traditions with me as familial generational traditions. Your new pastor will have other traditions to bring to you, or they might want to have their own box! Whatever the case, enjoy them for the time they are here!

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UMC Pastors need your prayers and your grace.

As pastors, we are called and set apart to preach and teach, to administer sacraments, and to care for the congregation. As pastors, we are not perfect, we misspeak, misstep and make mistakes. Your prayers and your grace are necessary for the work of the church – not just as it extends to others in the church, but also how it extends to your pastor. I pray that each of you will do all in your power to uphold your next pastor and their family as they make this transition to Christ UMC. I hope you take time to pray for them regularly, and as you get to know them. May you offer your sincere forgiveness and love when they may be hurting, or may unintentionally hurt you. We all fall short of this thing we call glory – and we all need grace-filled words, handshakes and hugs. And for the ways I may have hurt you, I ask for your forgiveness. And should you need mine, please do not let me leave without asking for it. I want to extend it to you.

UMC Pastors love what they do – and love you.

We would not do what we do, if we did not love people – those inside and outside the church. It is our calling and our passion. It has been my privilege to love you and let you love me. It has been a journey that has shaped me and taught me. I will continue to hold you all in prayer after I leave and hope you do the same. As your new pastor arrives you will see people come out of the wood-work to come and 'check out' this person and their preaching. Some of these people will be people you haven't seen sitting in the pews for months or years. Love them. Let them love you. Welcome them with open arms and pretend they never left. The same will be true for people who leave because this new pastor is not their cup of tea. Allow them that decision and continue to love them. As I said in my first sermon with you in July of 2022, "I may be someone that is hard for you to learn how to love, and you may be the same for me, but that is our job – to learn to love one another like Jesus."

Transitions are difficult, but they are also a sign of growth! Grow with your new pastor, grow with one another, and let the Holy Spirit guide you in all that you do as you "serve, love, and care" for the world.

You are Blessed to be a Blessing,

Pastor Lisa
revlisap@gmail.com

INFORMATION ABOUT *the* ONE BOARD

The One Board is comprised of the following ^{Christ UMC} Administrative Committees and positions:

- **Board Chair**
leader of the One Board
- **Lay Leader**
represents the members of the congregation
- **Trustees Representatives**
oversees Christ UMC property & equipment
- **SPR (Staff-Parish Relations) Representatives**
the human resources/personnel committee
- **Finance Representatives**
reviews financial status of Christ UMC

Any committee not listed above is a non-Administrative Committee. These are still functioning, continuing their great work. Look for more info in the June Connection or go to christumcutah.org/one-board.



Thank
YOU

Pastor Lisa for your service to
Christ UMC and the Salt Lake Valley.

Use the QR Code to contribute words of appreciation and/or a monetary gift for Pastor Lisa by **Tuesday, May 21st.**



Pastor Lisa's celebration and last Sunday with us is May 26th.

See page 11 for the list of One Board Members.



Ugh! I was angry! I watched with disappointment and disgust as three individuals pushed rocks off their natural settings down into ravines. They laughed and shouted with joy as large chunks went tumbling down with thunderous crashes. These were individuals who were old enough to know better. Maybe you saw the same thing recently on the evening news. This vandalism took place in Red Rock Canyon National Conservation area west of Las Vegas.

Watching that episode on the evening news reminded me of a passage from Genesis where God tells Adam and Eve to “be fruitful and increase in number, fill the earth and *subdue* it...” (Genesis 1:28). The Good News Bible’s wording is “bring it under control.” The New Living Bible says, “Fill the earth and govern it.” I especially like Eugene Peterson’s The Message where he translates, “Prosper! Reproduce! Fill the earth! Take charge!” Misinterpreting the Hebrew word sometimes translated as *subdue* gives the false impression that we can do what we want with the gifts God has given us. This is false.

A better translation of the Hebrew word in question might be “take charge” with the implication of our being responsible and accountable for managing and caring for this planet. The meaning is for us to be responsible managers who are concerned for the improvement and nurture of creation—our world and environment.

Watching the naïve joy of these young, misguided kids reminds me of our human tendency to think everything we see is for us to use for our pleasure and joy without thought of consequences. To do that is abusive and irresponsible. Yet we do that in so many ways. Especially when we do not consider the impact of our actions. We fail to see the bigger picture. God help us to care past ourselves not only for the sake of our environment, but also for the sake of our children and their children.

Our pursuit of happiness must go beyond the bottom line of money and short-sighted fun. Chasing after short term pleasures without consideration of how that affects our world and future generations is destructive madness.

I am grateful for our Green Team and all those who strive to see the bigger picture and work hard to get us to care. Lord, help us to listen! Help us to care! Help us to be responsible!

Thank you from all of us.

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

IMPORTANT NEWS!

In 2024 Christ UMC will be working on an updated directory in multiple formats. As a part of this update, we are gathering information on your **Skills & Interests**. Please have each person in your household complete the online form or printed form.



christumcutah.org/skills-survey



PICTURE DATES!

Evelyn Kasworm will be taking pictures in the front hallway for the updated directory.

9:30 am - May 5th

9:30 am & after 10:00 am worship

- May 12th, 19th, 26th

Please get updated pictures taken even if you submitted ones before.

More dates to be announced as needed beyond May



Children and Young Family Ministries at Christ United Methodist Church

Spring Family Event

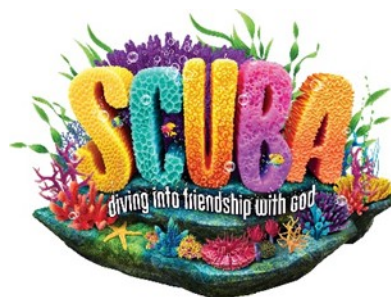
Join us May 5th in the gym after church to paint flowerpots to celebrate spring! We will also have soil and seeds available if your child would like to plant something in their newly decorated pot. We hope to see you there!

Vacation Bible School: Scuba – Diving into Friendship with God

June 25th-28th, 9:00am to Noon

Registration Information

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



Volunteers Needed!!

We are looking for adults and youth to help with VBS! We need volunteers to lead activity stations, be crew leaders, and help with preschool. Contact Alicia Simons and Alicia Griffing at children@christumcutah.org to sign up to help or for more information.

Bible Bucks Store

Our Bible Bucks Store will be open Sunday, May 19th from 9:30-10:00am and 11:00-11:20am upstairs in Room 208. Please stop by with your child so they have a chance to shop. Lots of fun items will be available! Children can earn Bible Bucks by attending Sunday School, bringing their Bible, bringing a friend, and for good behavior.

Mother's Day

There will be no Sunday School on May 12th. The Sunday School Singers and our youth bell choirs will perform in worship.

Sunday School Singers going on now!

Sunday School Singers meets after Sunday School (11:00 am) in Room 201 upstairs from now until Mother's Day!

Spend 10 - 15 minutes learning our fun filled song that we will share in worship on Mother's Day!



Contact Info

Alicia Griffing and
Alicia Simons

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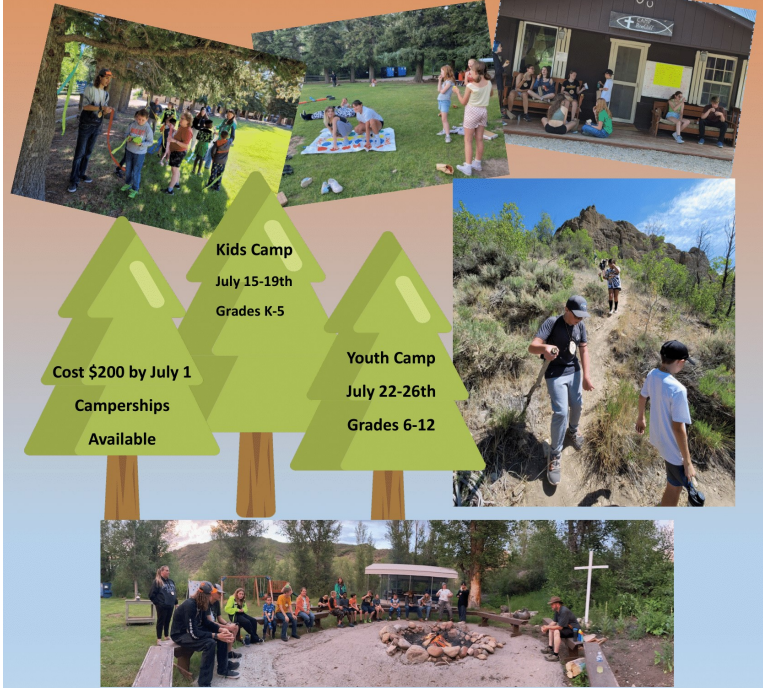
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801-486-5473 ext. 113



**Pinecliff Camp
Clean-Up Weekend
Friday, May 24 ~ Monday, May 27**

Volunteers are needed to help with clean-up.
Come for the day or stay overnight.
Free camping is available in cabins and RV sites.
For more information or to make a reservation email:
www.pinecliffcamputah@gmail.com

Summer Camps Pinecliff Camp and Retreat Center



Kids Camp
July 15-19th
Grades K-5

Youth Camp
July 22-26th
Grades 6-12

Cost \$200 by July 1
Camperships Available

Registration forms available at pinecliffcamputah.org
Camp is located at 4142 E Chalk Creek Rd. in Coalville, UT 84017

May Youth Events

@MountainVista UMC

Sunday 5/5 Bible Study

Classroom & Activity. Bring your Bible

@ 12:30pm

Saturday 5/11 LDS Temple tour

2603 W. 4700 S. SLC, Ut 84118 @ 9:30am

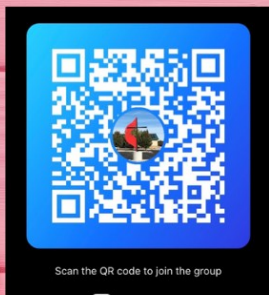
Sunday 5/19

At MTNVista - Lei's and Card/Posters making for promotions and Graduations @ 12:30 - 2:00

Sunday 5/26

Volunteering @ Crossroads Urban Center

347 So 400 E SLC Ut, 84111 @ 12:30 - 2:30



Scan the QR code to join the group



The Wesley Bell Ringers

REUNION WEEKEND

60
YEARS

Contact
wbralumni@gmail.com
with questions or to RSVP.
If you know anyone who
was involved with The
Wesley Bell Ringers over
the years, please share this
information with them.

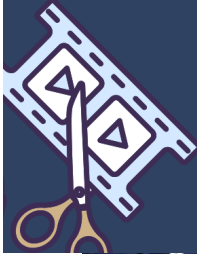
JUNE 28 - 30

VIDEO EDITOR NEEDED!

The reunion planning committee needs a volunteer to update our 50th reunion video with an addendum of the past 10 years.

Please contact wbralumni@gmail.com ASAP!

Final Project Deadline:
June 1, 2024




**Christ UMC's office
will be closed on
Monday, May 27th &
Tuesday, May 28th**

MEMORIAL DAY
★ ★ ★ ★ REMEMBER AND HONOR

The Wesley Bell Ringers RUMMAGE SALE

TOUR FUNDRAISER




5/10 FRIDAY 8AM - 7PM
5/11 SATURDAY 8AM - 2PM
CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2375 EAST 3300 SOUTH



Mother's Day

MAY 12TH
10 AM WORSHIP

FEATURING
THE WESLEY BELL RINGERS,
ASBURY BELL CHOIR,
SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGERS



Spring Concert

Sunday, May 19
2:00pm

Adult Small Group Opportunities

Sunday Morning Adult Sunday School, 9:00am in the Chapel

Classes meet through May, and will resume in the fall. Come for discussion and fellowship.

Wednesday Morning Study, 10:00am, Parlor. The study for May will be ***The Faith of a Mockingbird: A Small Group Study Connecting Christ and Culture (Pop in Culture)*** by Matt

Rawle. Pastor and author Matt Rawle is on a mission. He sees Christ all around him—in books, movies, TV shows, rock music—and he wants to share what he sees. As Matt says, "God offers the raw ingredients, and 'culture' is whatever we cook up." In *The Faith of a Mockingbird*, based on Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*, pastor and author Matt Rawle uses Lee's beloved characters to explore Christian faith, theology, and ethics. Join Scout, Atticus Finch, Boo Radley, and Tom Robinson in this four-week study considering God's world and what it all means. The group will watch the movie *To Kill A Mockingbird* on April 24th and begin the 4 week study on May 1st. For information contact Evelyn Kasworm at 801-942-1383 or 801-712-0236.



Men's Breakfast Group, Thursdays, 8:00am This group is open to all men. For more information talk to Dale McCormick or Larry McGill. Call the church office for contact info. 801-486-5473

The Witty Knitters meet from 1:30 - 3:00pm on the second Monday and at 7:30pm the second Wednesday of every month in the Parlor. We enjoy fellowship while working on our projects for the CUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry. If you are a beginning knitter, we can teach you basic knitting stitches. We have yarn and needles available. Crocheters are welcome too! **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. Questions may be directed to Bev Mittelstadt at bevjm4287@yahoo.com or 801-755-4115.

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

- May 20th – ***Saving Us*** by Katharine Hayhoe
- Jun 24th – ***The Monkey Wrench Gang*** by Edward Abbey

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

Church Women United's Friendship Day is May 3rd from 9:30am to 1:00pm at Cathedral Church of St. Mark, 231 East First South. The Keynote Speaker will be Shannon Burke, Chaplain and Coordinator to Ministries at The Point. Make your lunch reservation by calling Mary Ann Allison at 801-278-9223 by Monday, April 29th.

Witty Knitters Prayer Shawl Mission

Wednesday, May 8th Monday, May 13th
7:30 - 9:00 pm, Parlor 1:30 - 3:00 pm, Parlor



WITTY KNITTERS AT NIGHT

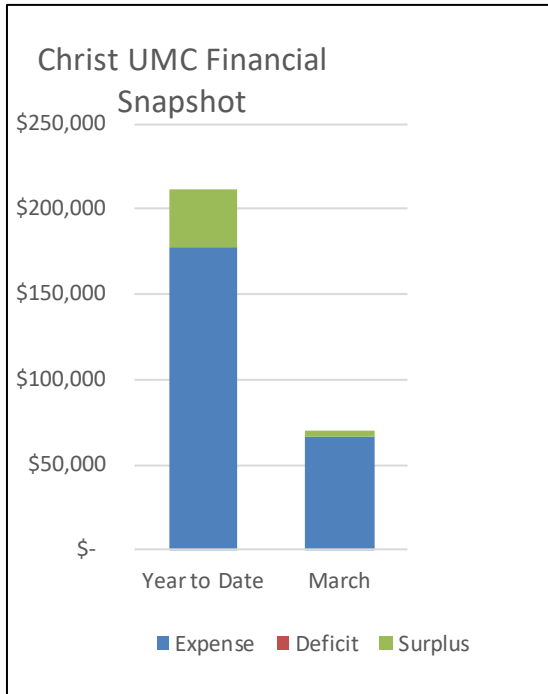
The evening knitting group will meet on the **second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Parlor.**

Contact Pat Linnebur or the Church Office for more info.

Newcomers
and crocheters
welcomed!



CUMC Financial Page



In Graph Information:	
YTD Expenses	\$ (177,600)
YTD Pledges & Other Receipts	\$ 195,400
YTD Investment Gain	\$ 16,600
YTD Actual Surplus	\$ 34,400
March Expenses	\$ (66,500)
March Pledges & Other Receipts	\$ 61,600
Actual Month Investment Gain	\$ 8,000
Actual Month Surplus	\$ 3,100
Other Information:	
YTD Budgeted (Deficit)/Surplus	\$ (5,300)
Prior Yr Receipts in 2024	\$ -



Did you know that you could donate stock that has appreciated in value to Christ United Methodist Church and avoid paying taxes on any capital gains? The Endowment Fund Committee can provide information on how you can do this. Contact Doug Hattery at douglashattery2937@comcast.net or (801) 268-9251 to find out more.

There will be a new lecture series to be held in the Chapel beginning September 11, 2024 and continuing every Wednesday night from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM until October 23rd (except for Oct 2nd).

The series is entitled **Future Values and Studies, Geopolitical Shifts, and Changing Technology--from Global Chaos to Personal Clarity**. Such topics as relations with Russia and China, implications of new ways to create new drugs, and dealing with artificial intelligence are covered along with many other interesting current events. The course is taught by Faye Lincoln, who has done a lot of research for this series. It promises to be fascinating.

For planning purposes, please let Dale McCormick know if you are interested in attending. Please spread the word and invite your friends and neighbors.



PALMER COURT

DONATE ITEMS BY MAY 12TH TO BE RE-BAGGED:

- DRY DOG FOOD
- DRY CAT FOOD
- CAT TREATS

DELIVERY FRIDAY, MAY 24TH

VOLUNTEERS ARE GREATLY NEEDED TO RE-BAG PET FOOD MAY 12TH - MAY 23RD.

CONTACT PATSY SIMONS FOR MORE INFORMATION

This is a church-wide project.
Everyone is encouraged to participate!

Christ UMC Helps

Rides to/from church
Rides to/from appointments
Meals after medical procedures

christumcutah.org/christumchelps

CUMC Helps is looking for someone in the West Jordan area to give a gentleman rides to & from church. If you can help, contact Patsy Simons at help@christumcutah.org

YOUTH RESOURCE CENTER (YRC)

WISH LIST

The list of needs can be found on the church website, in the weekly emails and by the collection bin by the church kitchen.

YRC is a safe place for homeless and at-risk youth (ages 15-22) to shower, eat, and do laundry. Counseling, education assistance and job training are available.

www.christumcutah.org



Thank you to everyone who has donated food and clothing to help us meet the increased need in our community.

We hope you plan to participate in Crossroads Urban Center's July food drive, the [Golden Celery Competition](#). We are preparing a packet for this year's Golden Celery Competition to highlight the role emergency food assistance can play in preventing homelessness. To get more information about this food drive please contact Bill Tibbitts via email at bill@crossroadsurbancenter.org

Foods of the Month

Mac & Cheese, Pasta & Rice

Learn about other top donation needs at our emergency food pantries on our website: www.crossroadsurbancenter.org/topneeds

Green Team Corner – May 2024

Actions You Can Take for the Great Salt Lake and Mother Earth

SIGN - The proposed Weber County Inland Port will harm over 8000 acres of wetlands.
<https://www.stopthepollutingport.org>

Utah residents please sign the petition to the Utah Inland Port Authority Board calling on them to say NO to the Weber County Inland Port proposals:

<https://tinyurl.com/4snv8ke5>

WRITE - **Utah's Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources, Joel Ferry**, was recently appointed to the board of the **Utah Inland Port Authority**. As a new board member, public servant and a steward of Utah's precious natural resources, it's time to make the public's concerns extremely clear to him. <https://www.uphe.org>

Reach out to Mr. Ferry and express your concerns over the Utah Inland Port at:
<mailto:joelferry@utah.gov> or 801-538-7201.

Find more information and links here! – <https://tinyurl.com/ESA-TalkingPoints>

MEDITATE

Daily Meditation on Behalf of Imperiled Waters - Join us for morning meditation dedicated to Great Salt Lake and her tributaries as well as imperiled water bodies across the planet, especially inland seas. Come from wherever you are! You will receive the Zoom link after you sign up.

We sit in silence together Monday through Friday after brief dedication, from 7:00- 7:25am MST via Zoom. The door closes at 7:05 MST to support practicing with presence. You can join belatedly by sitting in loving-silence knowing that others are sitting with you in community.

REGISTER: <https://riverwriting.com/events/daily-meditation-for-the-life-of-great-salt-lake>

GET INVOLVED - The *Grow The Flow Calendar* is the your go to source for all activities and events happening in Utah centered.

To view the calendar go to <https://growtheflowutah.org/calendar>

LEARN MORE - Creation Justice Bulletin Board - Remember to drop by our Bulletin Board in the Hallway by the Gym. You can find out about upcoming events, sign up to join our Green Team, find out how to take action by joining other groups in Utah to help save The Great Salt Lake and other important natural environment causes, or just read some information and interesting facts.

MEET *the* ONE BOARD

Christ UMC



Rev. Lisa Petty
Pastor



Jackie Hibbard
Board Chair



Terry Waite
Lay Leader



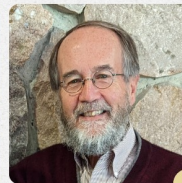
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Secretary



Steve Wood
Trustees Chair



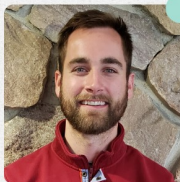
Gina Williams
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Jim Allred
Finance Chair



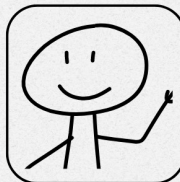
Lucy Waite
Member-at-Large



Jason Grooms
Member-at-Large



Ron Werzinski
Member-at-Large



Keith Osonjik
Trustees Vice Chair



Jay Vestal
SPR Vice Chair



Kathy Konishi
Former Finance Chair



NextGen & Inclusiveness Ministries
Presents

Bystander Intervention to Support the LGBTQIA+ Community

A 90-minute interactive training that will teach you
the 5Ds of bystander intervention to support the
LGBTQIA+ Community.

Online via Zoom.

facilitated by Ariel-Nachmen Kent
from Right to Be

📅 THURSDAY, MAY 9TH
🕒 6:00PM-7:30PM MDT

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TO
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HILLTOP GOSPEL CHOIR 2024
ROBERTA SHIMENSKY • DIRECTOR

FOR HIS GLORY

SPECIAL GUEST
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR
DETOREA RHODES • DIRECTOR

SUNDAY, MAY 5 • 7:00 PM
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH • 8575 S 700 E IN SANDY

FRIDAY, MAY 17 • 7:00 PM
PARK CITY COMMUNITY CHURCH • 4501 UT-224 IN PARK CITY

SUNDAY, MAY 19 • 6:00 PM
HILLTOP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • 985 E 10600 S IN SANDY

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DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 801.571.5777 OR HILLTOPGOSPELCHOIR.ORG

FAURÉ *REQUIEM*

FREE EVENT

8 SATURDAY
JUNE 7:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church
South Temple & C Street

Featuring the Chancel Choirs of
Christ UMC
Wasatch Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church

