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The Connection, May 2022

RUSTY'S REFLECTIONS

As I wind down the number of sermons (7!) and newsletter articles (2!) that are left, I have to share that I'm especially grateful for Sharon Balch's great patience with me! Sharon prepares the Newsletter and she was always waiting until I got my article done before she could complete the preparations. I was always procrastinating! What subject should I write about, what do people need to hear about what's going on at church? Hopefully your new pastor is much more proficient at getting those things ready and completed!



I have been in the process of cleaning out files and disposing of old sermons, reviewing my shelves of books to see which ones I should keep and which to give away to lighten the load in the moving process (I'll be putting some books on tables in the hallways if you'd like a few). It's hard to throw away some of those old sermons though as I remember in the first part of my career sometimes sitting up until 2 am on Saturday night trying to put them together. It seemed like it never came easy for me... blood, sweat and tears! I suppose that's alright... maybe it's not supposed to be easy!

As we move forward into the next chapter of CUMC, I need to let you know that every time a United Methodist pastor moves to a new church or retires, we sign a covenant with the next pastor and the conference which promises we won't interfere in the ministry of the new pastor. That means that I am prohibited from coming back to do funerals, weddings, baptisms, etc. It's a good policy because there is always the pull of the old church and old friendships. But if the previous pastor is always getting called back to do those things, the new pastor has a difficult time establishing themselves as the new leader. Your new pastor, Rev. Lisa Petty will sign the same kind of agreement with the new pastor at Montrose UMC.

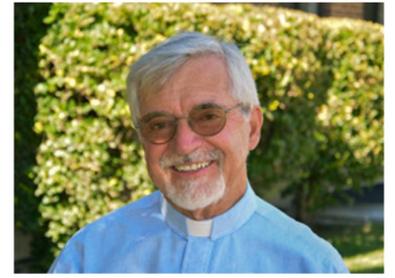
Change is certainly not easy and I know how it is to get used to one person and then have to get ready for a whole new thing... but it is an exciting time for CUMC as you ready yourself for a whole new chapter in ministry.

I look forward to seeing what happens at CUMC!

Rusty

Eyes Wide Open!

A favorite old hymn is **Open My Eyes, That I May See** by Clara H. Scott, in 1895 (TUMH, #454). Below is verse one and the chorus.



Open my eyes that I may see
Glimpses of truth You have for me
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free

*Silently now I wait for Thee
Ready my God Your will to see
Open my eyes illumine me
Spirit divine*



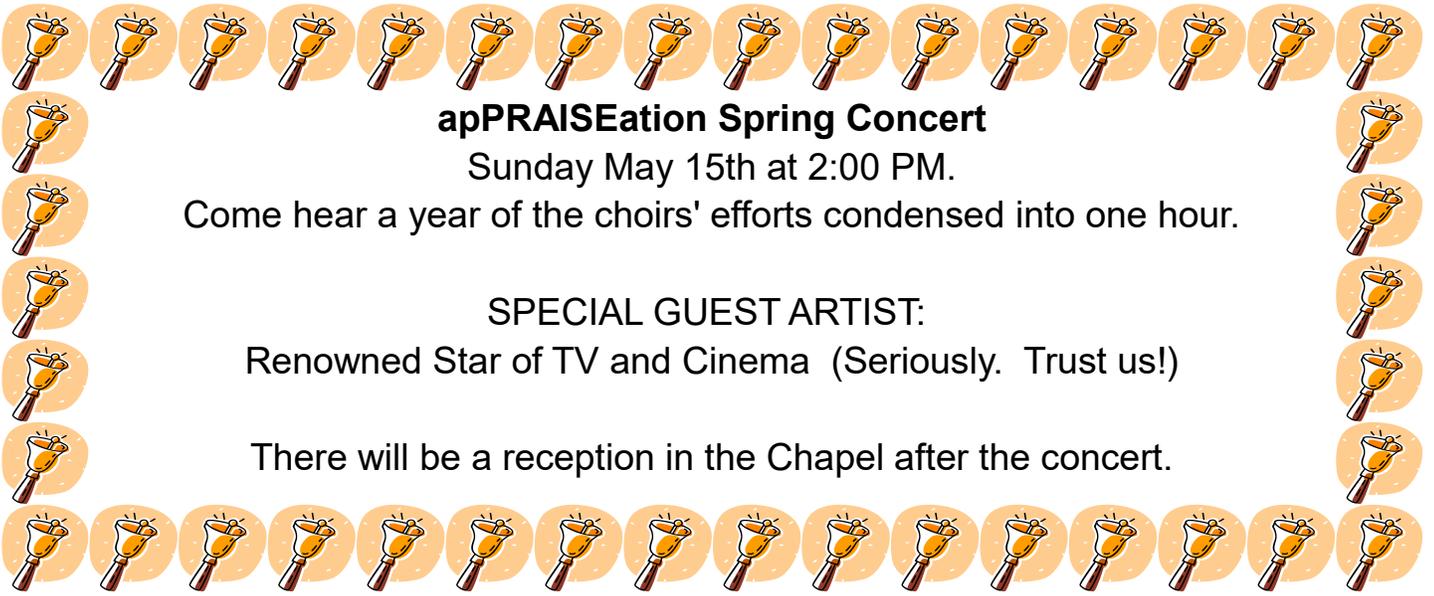
Hope and new life. Springtime is about new growth, and new discoveries. The above picture is a finch nest (House Finch) made inside a spring wreath on our front door. It is fairly-well hidden (we discovered it by mistake) and safe from weather and predators. We are curious how we and mama finch will do when the eggs hatch. Discoveries surprise and delight us. It is good to keep our eyes and ears open. It is good to keep our hearts and souls open that are just outside our view.

We are not always open or ready for new discoveries. Loss and grief can close us up. Bad news can crowd out hope. The temptation is to cave in on ourselves.

How can we be open to the wonders that surround us? Be honest about what you are going through. Give voice to your struggles but set a time limit. Practice being aware. Work at taking note of what is around you. Paying attention is hard work for most of us. Ask God for help. Cultivate an attitude of saying thank you. Be grateful for the little things. Maybe even keep a journal of the things you are grateful for.

Open our eyes, Lord. Help us to pay attention to the voices and intrigues of nature that surround us this time of year.

Rev. Bruce Kolasch
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apPRAISEation Spring Concert

Sunday May 15th at 2:00 PM.

Come hear a year of the choirs' efforts condensed into one hour.

SPECIAL GUEST ARTIST:

Renowned Star of TV and Cinema (Seriously. Trust us!)

There will be a reception in the Chapel after the concert.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

What is Social Justice? What Are the Social Justice Principles?

CUMC's Social Justice Committee will be hosting a Social Justice Series during Adult Sunday School from 9:00 am – 10:00 am in the Chapel (Room 100)

- April 24th** **Peace**
Led by Margret Boes-Ingram and Barbara Paoli
- May 1st** **Poverty**
Led by Robin Hough, Wendy Garvin, and Unsheltered Utah
- May 8th** **Mother's Day – No Class**
- May 15th** **Health**
Led by Terry Haven
- May 22nd** **Civil and Human Rights**
Led by Robin Hough
- May 29th** **Memorial Day – No Class**
- June 5th** **Pride Parade – Join Us Downtown**
- June 12th** **Climate**
Everyday Things We Can Do to Help
Led by Julie Peck-Dabling and Nikki Moon
UMC's Creation Justice and the Net Zero 2050 Project
Led by Terry Haven

Ukraine Assistance

CUMC is collecting donations to help the people of Ukraine by directly supporting members of the dance troupe from Ukraine that performed at CUMC, most recently in 2019, and through humanitarian assistance through UMCOR.

Go to christumcutah.org/Ukraine to find out more information and to donate. You can also donate by check to CUMC with **Ukraine Dancer Assistance** in the memo line or **Ukraine UMCOR Assistance** in the memo line.



Do you know that bouncy feeling you have after getting a new haircut and you can't wait to show it off? It's still you, but different and 'new'.

That is exactly what our Preschool feels like. Our staff voted unanimously for changing our name, because another school in the area had a very similar name. After narrowing it down to our favorite two options, we put the vote to the parents.

Our beloved Discovery Place Preschool is now changing over to Explorer Preschool.

Same loving staff, same exciting curriculum, new name.

Here's to Spring and new(er) beginnings.

Cornel Faith, preschool director



May Bible Bucks Store



May 15th our Bible Bucks Store will be open from 10:00—10:30 am and 11:30 am—Noon in room 208. Please stop by with your child so they have a chance to shop. There will be lots of fun items and mission opportunities for the Heifer Project available.

New toys, games or other children's items can be donated at the church office by May 10th.

Vacation Bible School

This year's VBS theme is *Monumental – Celebrating God's Greatness*. VBS will be held June 27th – 30th. **Registration is open!** The cost is \$15 per child. Register at www.christumcutah.org/vbs. **Volunteers are needed for VBS**, both adult and youth volunteers. Contact Alicia at children@christumcutah.org to sign up.



May Sunday School Theme



Our Bible Story theme continues with "*I believe in Jesus.*" Both virtual and in-person Sunday School will have access to watch the Deep Blue Kids video of the weekly Bible Story through Amplify Media. Contact Alicia to set up your free Amplify Media account. Virtual Sunday School is at <https://www.christumcutah.org/virtualsundayschool>.

Acolyte Information

Children in 3rd grade or older can serve as Acolytes during our worship services. This is a great opportunity for kids to participate in the Worship Service and training is quick. 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 up front for Children's Time early in the worship service. Children can then attend their Sunday School class.



Tykes Peak Sunday School for ages 3 & 4 years

Miracle Mountain Sunday School for ages Kindergarten – 6th grade

Nursery care is available for ages 0-2+ years from 10:30 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 Alicia Griffing or Alicia Simons, Co-Children's Education Directors at Children@christumcutah.org or 801-486-5473 ext. 113.

Pinecliff Camp & Retreat Center
Clean-up Day & Open House
Saturday, May 14th
10:00am—3:30pm



Bring a sack lunch and come help us prepare for the Summer 2022 Camping Season. This is a great opportunity to come and see what Pinecliff has to offer.

Question may be emailed to
pinecliffcamputah@gmail.com

Four years ago, Pinecliff Camp and Retreat Center's Board of Directors and Site Committee decided to build an Americans with Disabilities ACT (ADA) compliant bathhouse. Plans were drawn up by an Architect Engineer, an engineering report was prepared by an Engineering firm, and a building permit was issued by Summit County, Utah. The project site was cleared, and a sewer line was installed. The project was placed on hold in 2019 due to the lack of funding; the following year the Covid-19 pandemic hit and this project has been on hold ever since.

With a grant made possible by the Association of UMC Camping Retreat Ministries (UMCRM), we now have the opportunity to complete this project. We are requesting volunteers for certain portions of the construction. It is expected that site preparation work and pour of the foundation will be performed by a general contractor (TBD); rough plumbing, electrical and HVAC work will be performed by licensed professionals (TBD); however, the balance of the construction will be performed by various volunteer organizations (Oklahoma Mission, NOMADS, and UTAH UMC groups). Board members will oversee the project throughout its construction.

Those who have construction experience and want to help build it are requested to visit Pinecliff's website for more information. There you will find a Questionnaire. The downloadable form can be emailed back. The address is at the bottom of the form. The pdf form can be filled out on a computer then emailed, or it can be printed out and filled in by hand, then scanned and emailed back. Not all jobs are construction oriented. Site support such as cooking, food prep, cleaning is also needed.

<https://www.pinecliffcamputah.org/volunteer.html>

Many years ago a committee was formed to replace the windows in the Narthex. The present stained glass with the quote from Isaiah replaced triangles of red, green, and blue like in the sanctuary.

We had plans at the time to replace the sanctuary windows and have finally begun that process.

The 8 panels on the east side will be replaced first. The design is an outline of the Wasatch Front as seen from the church roof, north to south. The sky will be clear glass and the mountains a mix of textured and sand-blasted glass. Since there is no color, much more light will come through to the sanctuary.

There will be an opportunity to purchase panels as a memorial to loved ones. As the process gets underway we will share more information.

Eileen Vestal



YOUTH NEWS!!! FOR MAY 2022

Sunday, May 1st Guest Speaker, Bruce Meyer,
Discussing Personal Finance

Sunday May 8th. No Youth Group - Be Nice to Your Mother!

MISSION PROJECT – Make a difference for pets and their owners who are living at Palmer Court Transitional Housing! (Folks working hard to not be homeless again)

Palmer Court Pet Food & Supplies Service Project

Show Your Love for Animals AND Humans!!!

Pet Food Rebagging during Youth Group May 15th

Volunteers needed. The more the merrier!

Friday, May 20 – 4:30pm - 2958 S. Ida Circle (1970E) Pet Food & Supplies Delivery
Adult Drivers needed!

Sunday, May 22nd, Senior Recognition Sunday
Pastor Rusty will be joining us for Youth Group.
Bring any questions you may have!

Sunday, May 29th, Picnic & Games at Evergreen Park

MISSION TRIPS

Sr High Mission Trip to Puerto Rico July 10-11

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE INFORMATIONAL & ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS!!!

(June 12th at 11:30am)

We'll fill out health forms & permission forms, share details about the trips and team building.

If you have questions on any youth stuff, please contact
Patsy Simons youthdirector@christumcutah.org 801-808-6641

Ed and Trudy Duncan Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the Ed and Trudy Duncan Scholarship. The scholarship is available for qualified applicants, to be used for the purpose of funding any non-for-profit post-secondary education (this includes but is not limited to technical colleges, certificate programs, and institutions that offer both undergraduate and post-graduate programs). Applications are due by May 10, 2022 to Gina Williams (chuckgina1@comcast.net) or in the front office at CUMC. A committee will review the applications and the award winner will be announced on May 15.

The links for the Scholarship Application and the Letter for Ed and Trudy Duncan Scholarship can be found on the home page of the church website, <https://www.christumcutah.org/>

Adult Small Group Opportunities

Adult Sunday School, Sunday Mornings, 9:00-10:00am, Chapel

The Social Justice Committee is going to do a series of Social Justice Sunday Schools, April 24th through May 21st. There will be guest speakers and lots of discussion about UMC's Social Principles. See page 3 of this newsletter for details.

Men's Breakfast Group (Bagel Boys), Thursdays, 8:00am, Chapel

This group is open to all men. For more information talk to Dale McCormick, Larry McGill or Rev. Rusty. pastorrusty@christumcutah.org

Wednesday Morning Study, 10:00am, Parlor

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

The next study is *The Gift: 12 Lessons to Save Your Life* by Edith Egge.

This practical and inspirational guide to healing from the award-winning, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Choice* shows us how to stop destructive patterns and imprisoning thoughts to find freedom and enjoy life. Filled with empathy, insight, and humor, *The Gift* captures the vulnerability and common challenges we all face and provides encouragement and advice for breaking out of our personal prisons to find healing and enjoy life.



Deepest Condolences to the family and friends of Jean Rengers, who died April 12th.

Deepest Condolences to the family and friends of Donna Adams, who died April 15th.



"A very special expression of gratitude to Judy Maryon for the altar decorations for Easter worship.

Also thanks to Lynne Barrett for continuing to enhance worship through altar decorations along with Sarah Anderson. Thanks!" Worship Team

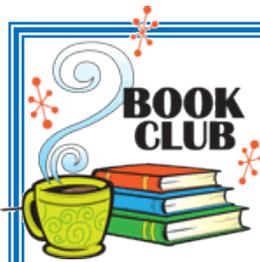
Attention Families of High School and College Graduates

CUMC will recognize our graduates on Sunday, May 22nd during worship service. Please email the following information by **May 3rd** to Kelly Carpenter at officemanager@christumcutah.org.



High School Graduates: High school, future/college/ career plans, early childhood picture, and senior picture.

College Graduates: College graduating from and degree, future plans, and current picture.



United Methodist Women's Book Club

Monday, May 25th, 1:00pm in the Parlor.

The book for May is *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich. The books for June are *She Persisted* by Chelsea Clinton, and/or *Small Great Things* by Jodie Piccolt.

For more information about the book club please contact Bev Mittelstadt at bevjm4287@yahoo.com or 801-272-7137 or 801-755-4115.



Deborah Circle will meet in the Parlor

Thursday, May 19th at 10:00am.

All Church women are welcome!

Questions may be directed to Bev Mittelstadt at bevjm4287@yahoo.com or 801-272-7137 or 801-755-4115.

The Witty Knitters meet from 1:30 - 3:00pm on the second Monday of every month in the Parlor. We enjoy fellowship while working on our projects for the CUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry. Everyone is welcome and members would be happy to teach knitting or crocheting if someone wants to learn and join us.



If you have questions - please call Pat Linnebur at 385-237-9476.

Please consider joining this fun, productive and caring group.

Church Women United May Friendship Day Celebration 2022

- When: **Friday, May 6, 2022 (1st Friday)**
- Time: 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Where: **Calvary Baptist Church, 1090 S. State (SLC)**
- Theme: **"It's Up To You in 2022 – A Call to Serve"**



A Tribute to Esther Williams

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 2

This is a wonderful ecumenical gathering and an opportunity to learn and grow spiritually and personally. Hope to see you there.



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.

YOUTH RESOURCE CENTER (YRC) WISH LIST

All items can be gently used, except underwear, which must be new.

URGENT NEEDS (For youth ages 15 -22)

Male Jeans sizes 32 - 36

Male Boxer Briefs sizes M, L, XL (must be new)

Men's Belts sizes 33 - 42

Female Leggings sizes M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL (style worn as pants)

Male & Female Hoodies sizes M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

OTHER IMPORTANT NEEDS (For youth ages 15 - 22)

Male T-Shirts, assorted colors, sizes M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

Male Basketball Shorts sizes M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

Male Casual Shoes (tennis shoe type) sizes 9-13

Male Socks, light weight

Female Casual Tops/Shirts

Female Underwear sizes S, M, L (must be new)

Bras sizes 34 - 40 (must be new)

Female casual shoes (tennis shoe type) sizes 7-10

Female Socks, light weight

Male & Female Flip-Flops

Male and Female Hoodies

Throw size blankets, 50" X 60

Small Hair Brushes

Lip Balm/Chapstick

Travel-Size Toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, soap)

Playing Cards

Colored Pencils

Hand Warmers

DONATION DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

***CUMC (2375 East 3300 South), large designated bin near the kitchen, any time.

***Youth Resource Center (888 South 400 West), by appointment only: <https://www.voaut.org/drop-off>



Hebrews 13:16



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



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Owen Francy, of Boy Scout Troop 410, gathers his friends, family, and fellow scouts to help renovate the Family Promise Salt Lake playground.

Thank you, Owen!



Workers with D-7 Roofing, in partnership with HomeAid-Utah, work to replace the aging roof at the Family Promise Salt Lake offices and Day Center. Wow what a difference this will make!



BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



It is with delight and sadness that this month's board member highlight focuses on Rev. Russell Butler, or better known as Pastor Rusty.

Rev. Butler is the pastor at Christ United Methodist Church in Salt Lake City. He began serving on the board in 2018. Throughout his tenure, Pastor Rusty has been an invaluable voice of reason participating in programming



growth and helping navigate turbulent times during the Covid-19 pandemic. Most notably, Pastor Rusty's work housing Family Promise Salt Lake guests at his church during the pandemic won him the "Mazda Hero Award" in 2020 from D. Dahle Mazda.

Said Pastor Rusty, "Serving alongside dedicated volunteers like the ones at the church I pastor, and all the churches involved in the Family Promise network, is the motivating factor in all I do. It has been an honor to be a part of such an impactful organization."

Sadly, Pastor Rusty is retiring from full-time ministry after 28 years of service and is relocating this summer. The staff and board of directors will miss his presence and passion but wish him well on the golf course.

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Health and Welfare

Blood Pressure Readings will be offered on May 15th during coffee time.

Trip to the Holy Land with the Utah Clergy

January 10-20, 2023 will be a trip with the Utah Clergy to the Holy Land. If you are interested, contact Pastor AJ Bush at pastorajbush@gmail.com.



Top Donation Needs

Food Pantry Canned fruit, pasta, & individual snacks
Donations accepted Mon-Fri 9am-5pm 347 S 400 East 84111

Thrift Store Men's clothes, dishes, & pots and pans
Donations accepted Tues-Sat 10am-6pm 1385 W. Indiana Ave. 84104

Interested in hosting a food drive? Contact Jess Roadman (801) 364-7765 x.110



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Come and Shop The Wesley Bell Ringers' Spring Rummage Sale

- ◆ Friday, May 6th - 8 am - 7 pm
- ◆ Saturday, May 7th - 8 am - 2 pm

You are welcome to drop off your donations May 4th and 5th between 5:30 and 7:30pm. The ringers will come to your vehicle and help unload.

We are unable to accept donations of the following:

Sleeper Sofas, Recliner Sofas, Extra Long Couches, Tube TVs or Computer Monitors, Entertainment Centers, Mattresses, Clothing, Shoes, Large Appliances, Large Exercise Equipment, Pianos.

Car Wash



Date: 5/14/21

Time: 9am-1pm

**Youth Trip
Fundraiser!**

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**Youth Mission
Fundraiser**

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