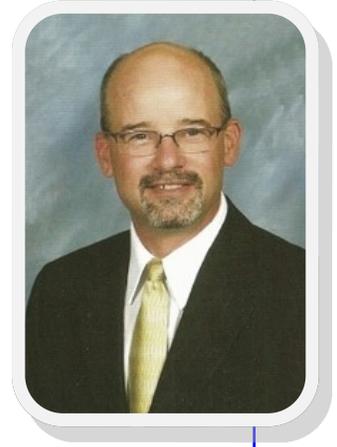


RUSTY'S REFLECTIONS

Jeanmarie Shingleton is retiring! Jeanmarie has worked for 22 years in the position of Church Secretary/Office Administrator for CUMC. She Started in 1999 with Rev. Ron Hodges and has trained numerous pastors during her two decade stint. Jeanmarie has been an invaluable source of knowledge to all those pastors who came before and especially to me over the past four years. Her skill at juggling the various groups and their needs has been particularly valuable as CUMC became a "community center" type of facility over the past few years.



Jeanmarie's last day of work will be June 25th. We'll recognize and honor her on Sunday, June 27th with a retirement party after church during Fellowship Time. I hope that you will come and let her know how much she has meant to you and the church through the years.

If you would like to contribute to a retirement gift for Jeanmarie, please send a check with a note or you can contribute online through the website.

Thank you Jeanmarie for all you have done for CUMC!

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (personnel committee) is currently reviewing resumes for the Church Secretary position and hopes to hire someone in the next few weeks.

Coffee Fellowship Time is back! Last week we had the first coffee fellowship time since March of last year. About thirty people stopped in to have coffee and a doughnut and a chance to talk with church friends. It was good to be with folks! I am convinced that people need the support and caring of a community of people around them and one of the important things that church brings is a sense of community. I look forward to seeing you there!

Rev. Rusty

Got Mail?

Mail call! Mail call!

Back in my Navy days that announcement got our pulse going. It sent us running to see whether we received a hoped-for letter or package. Marines, airmen, soldiers, and sailors still like getting mail. My guess is that even college students who text and do social media every day still like getting “snail mail.” Snail mail is mail that comes the slow way through the postal service. Prisoners cannot communicate through modern technology, so snail mail is very important to them.



Do you still get snail mail? Most of us get junk mail—advertisements and catalogues. We get bills. A letter or post card addressed to us is still special. There is something about getting a letter written specifically to us that warms the heart. They make us smile. Correspondence received that “old fashioned” way can help us feel valued because someone took the time, energy, and expense to write. Social media is fast and easy. Sending emails or text messages is convenient and easy. Taking the time to write a note is almost a lost art.

Here is a summertime challenge: write a letter to someone. Consider writing to five people you haven’t communicated with for a while. Write a quick note, it doesn’t have to be long. Even sending a postcard can be significant.

Write to someone you have lost touch with. Write to someone you have had an argument with. Has God put a person on your heart? You have been thinking about them? Write them. It will warm their hearts and make them smile. You will feel good about doing it. And, it will help our struggling postal service!

“The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, and good news refreshes the soul.”

Proverbs 15:30

“Like cold water to a thirsty soul is good news from a far country.”

Proverbs 25:25

Serving and caring together!

Bruce Kolasch
Pastor of congregational care

Children, Youth and Families

"Rocky Railway" VBS



"Rocky Railway" VBS will be held online for FREE from June 28th – July 1st for children 3 years old through entering 6th grade. Children can watch the videos any-time during the day that works the best in your schedule and we will have a daily Zoom time. If your family will be gone during VBS, the videos will remain online for a few weeks. All families have the option of receiving a free music CD or digital download. Registration and information can be found at

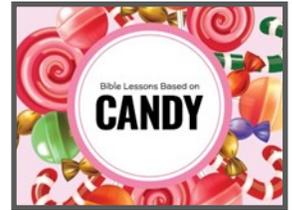
<http://www.christumcutah.org/vbs.html>.

Contact Kelly Carpenter at children.and.family@christumcutah.org

or 801-486-5473 ext 113 with any questions.

Virtual Sunday School

Our June Sunday School series will be ***Bible Lesson Based on Candy***. A video of the Bible Story reading along with a fun quick question session where children can earn Bible Bucks for participating can be found at <https://www.christumcutah.org/virtualsundayschool.html>.



Father's Day

Wishing all the men at CUMC a Happy Father's Day on Sunday, June 20th!

Congratulations CUMC High School and College Graduates!

HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE	
Grace Fearnley	Andy Adamson	Cullen Mittelstadt
Julia Hibbard	Logan Bingham	Christopher Montgomery
Smith Hoffman	Shelby Fisher	Leslie Montgomery
Max Johnson	Anna Hibbard	Anna Nelson
Ella Mittelstadt	Erin Jenson	Bryce Pulver
	Helen Lea	Holden Regnier
	Shannon Meyer	Alicia Simons



A Celebration of Life will be held for Eleanor Anderson on June 12th at 4:pm at CUMC.

Deepest condolences to Mardell Fayer on the death of her son Rob on April 18th.

Deepest Condolences to the friends of Pauline Brown, a previous member of Christ UMC, who passed away Tuesday, May 25th in Texas.



2021 SPRING WISHLIST FOR THE YOUTH RESOURCE CENTER FOR HOMELESS & AT-RISK YOUTH IN THE SALT LAKE CITY AREA

Clothing Needs (new or gently used)

- Men's Boxer Briefs (must be new) sizes S, M, LG, XL, XXL 30 - 42
Athletic Shorts (men; basketball style), sizes S, M, LG, XL, XXL
Men's Jeans (teen styles) sizes 30 - 38 sizes S, M, L, XL
Men's belts sizes 30 - 40
Men's T-Shirts in assorted colors, sizes M, L, XL, XXL
Men's Closed Toe Walking Shoes sizes 9 - 13
Women's Underwear (must be new; teen styles) sizes
Women's Capris (teen styles) sizes 5 - 16
Women's tops, long and short sleeves (teen styles)
Women's Leggings
Women's Closed Toe Walking shoes sizes 7 - 10
Men and Women Hoodies/Sweatshirts sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL
Sweat Pants, male & female sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL

Hygiene Needs

- Large Wide-Tooth Combs Hairbrushes Lotion (travel size) Chapstick

Miscellaneous Needs

- Ready-to-go Meals with Pull Tops (able) Single Serving Snack Packs Bottled Water Water Bottles (new, reusable) Sleeping Bags Tarps

Gift Card Needs

\$5 & \$10 gift cards to the following:

- Smith's (for miscellaneous items and prescription co-pays)
Walmart (for miscellaneous items and prescription co-pays)
Target (for miscellaneous items and prescription co-pays)

Homeless and at-risk youth are offered much-needed services at VOA's Youth Resource Center in Salt Lake City. At first, individuals may come to the YRC for a shower, to do laundry or get some food. But once trust is built, the Center is able to serve them in more meaningful ways, breaking down barriers that led to homelessness and allowing teens to transform their lives. Each year the YRC serves about 800 homeless/at-risk teens. They offer emergency shelter beds, 24/7 assistance, three meals a day and free legal services through their Homeless Youth Legal Clinic, programming dedicated to education assistance, job training, counseling, and other programs.

Thank you for your donations! They DO make a difference in someone's life.

Top donation requests for our food pantry this month:

- Snacks (ex. granola bars)
 - Saltines/crackers
 - Bottled water

Donations can be dropped off at our downtown Food Pantry (347 S 400 East) without appointment, Monday - Friday 9am-5pm. You may also leave your donations in the CUMC collection bins by the west door Thank you for your support!

Extended Hours

Thanks to an incredible team of staff and volunteers, we've been able to keep our Pantry doors open through the entirety of the pandemic. With the expansion of vaccines and the caution of those working in our direct service sites, we are now able to open to our full time hours. COVID-19 precautions are still in place, but we are excited to be able to return to our previous levels of accessibility for the community!



Downtown Food Pantry: 347 S 400 East: Monday - Friday, 9AM-5PM
Westside Food Pantry 1358 W. Indiana Ave.: Monday - Friday (closed Wednesday) 9AM-5PM
Thrift Store 1385 W. Indiana Ave.: Tuesday - Friday, 9AM-6PM, Saturday, 10AM-5PM



Golden Celery Competition

The Golden Celery Competition 2021 is ON! This July, we will be asking your congregations to engage in friendly competition to see who can donate the most pounds of food!

Since the onset of the pandemic, donations have drastically decreased. We need you now more than ever. Watch for an email with more details in coming weeks.

Party Updates

Normally this time of year, we'd be gathering together for our annual Beer, Blues, & Brats Benefit Party. Out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to postpone this bash for one more year. We miss you and hope to see you (maybe in person) at a Fall 2021 event!



United Methodist Women's Book Club is meeting via Zoom at 1:00pm. The book for June 28th is **Worth Their Salt Too** by Coleen Whitley.

There will be no meeting in July. Meetings will be in person in the CUMC Parlor August through November. Watch for more details on a December Christmas Party.

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

UMW INVITES ALL CUMC WOMEN TO OUR ANNUAL PICNIC
Thursday, June 3, 2021 - 12 Noon
Evergreen Park, 2200 E Evergreen Avenue (about 3500 S)

Everyone is excited to be able to plan group events again, especially with the recent hints of sunny, warm days ahead. UMW members are overjoyed to be able to schedule our annual picnic this year. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE, THURSDAY, JUNE 3, INVITE A FRIEND AND JOIN US IN EVERGREEN PARK AT NOON.

Because some precautions are still needed, we ask everyone to bring her personal lunch and beverage. The good news is that we will be able to enjoy our lunches and beverages TOGETHER! There will be time for catch-up on how and what we all are doing – past successes, challenges survived, and even future hopes and plans. Paper products will be available for all at the picnic.

Having missed our usual gatherings for over a year, some traditional mission efforts have not been well communicated. The first of those is your opportunity to pledge your support to our UMW unit's mission work. THE PICNIC WILL PROVIDE AN IN-PERSON OPPORTUNITY TO FILL OUT A PLEDGE CARD AND PROVIDE THAT MUCH-APPRECIATED FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

A Call to Prayer & Self-Denial
Llamado a la Oración y el Sacrificio
기도와 절제의 날 **2021**

SHE LEADS
EMPOWERING WOMEN TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

As women created in God's image and rooted in God's power, we open our hearts, extend our hands and give of ourselves and our offerings prayerfully and generously. May we deny our own way to make room for God's way, empowered to bring home community transformation. Through Christ who calls us. Amen.

THE SECOND IS THE ANNUAL CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL. If you are able to contribute to that program, we encourage you to do so. That offering will be collected at the picnic.

Your pledge can be given on any time schedule you wish – all at once, monthly, quarterly.

Consider How You Can Support the Church's Programs Now and In The Future

Almost 30 years ago, Christ United Methodist Church established a Permanent Endowment Fund to provide a way for Church members to make gifts to the Church through their wills and estates or throughout their life as they are able. Since the Fund maintains the original principal donated and only spends any income generated, donating to the Fund is a way to provide ongoing support to the Church's missions.

The Endowment Fund Committee of the Church makes money available annually to support projects of the Church Trustees and outreach projects of the Missions Committee. Among the projects supported by the Endowment Fund are the purchase of a van for Family Promise, support for our Youth Mission Trips, and the purchase of Sunday School Classroom furniture and hearing assistance devices for the Sanctuary. Our Committee would be glad to discuss with you the many ways you can contribute. Please feel free to contact Doug Hattery, the Committee's Chair, at (801) 268-9251 or douglashattery2937@comcast.net, if you are interested.

Thank you as always for your continued support of the church. You may mail a check to the church, give through the [CUMC website](#), or text to give at 801-317-8833.

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On June 3-4 our Church parking lot will be repaved. Here are the plans for each of those days and which area you can park at and doors to come into the building.

June 3rd, (Thursday) please access the building through the WEST (office) or NORTH (elevator) doors. You can park anywhere there is no yellow tape or cones. (West parking).

June 4th, (Friday) please access the building through the EAST (music room) door, and park on the East lot. Again, cones and yellow tape will be put up around this area.

Thank you!