

Christ United Methodist Church  
Salt Lake City  
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*The Connection, June 2022*

## **RUSTY'S REFLECTIONS**

It is finally here, the last newsletter article I'll ever do. I know I'll miss thanking some folks, but know that you have been a part of the stream of my life (some people call it "soul") and I thank you for it.

It has been a privilege to serve at Christ UMC. I remember when I was appointed here in 2017. I met with former pastor Rev. Ron Hodges and his wife, Pat, in Denver. They handed me two huge envelopes stuffed full of things to do and see in Salt Lake City and the surrounding area and we chatted about the church and what a fine church it was and still is! Then I came out and saw my friend Rev. Jean Schwein, who was serving the church, and had a chance to survey just what I was getting into!

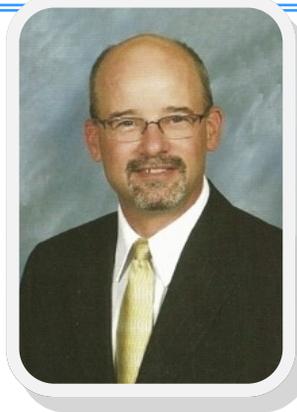
I came out and found that everything they told me was true. The church is active and generous, dedicated and supremely talented. From the planning for the first Fall Festival, through Mission Trips and Bell Choir Concerts, through work with Family Promise and delivering goods to Crossroads, I have enjoyed and been proud of the different ministries that occurs here.

During these last five years, we went through some major staff changes. We said goodbye to long time Music Director Ed Duncan, and Church Administrator Jeanmarie Shingleton, and Children's Director Vanitta Conrad. I appreciated their talent and skill in their various specialties and for helping me along the way.

I'm excited about the new folk who have come on staff during these last few months/years including Shelby Fisher, Kelly Carpenter, Alicia Griffing, Alicia Simons, Logan Bingham, and Preschool Director Cornel Faith. They are so talented, you are fortunate to have them on staff!

I especially thank Rev. Bruce Kolash who visits and makes phone calls, and does so much to help care for the members of the congregation. He, along with Evelyn Kasworm and the Care Team, looks after the church members far more than I could ever do.

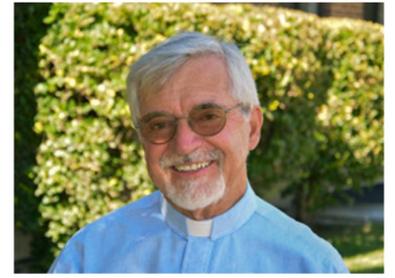
I thank Maxine Jones, who has worked hard to manage our finances and make sure all our bills are paid and all the statements are published, along with Bruce Meyer and Kathy Konishi on the Finance Committee, and Doug Hattery of the Endowment Committee, who work hard to keep the church afloat in perilous times!



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## Great is Thy Faithfulness

Spring and summer are favorite times of the year for many people. June holds the summer solstice—the longest day of the year, June 21st, when the days begin growing shorter again. It is great to celebrate longer days of sunshine and warmer temperatures.



The changing of the seasons reminds me of a favorite hymn, “Great is Thy Faithfulness,” written by Thomas Obediah Chisholm. It was set to music by his friend William Runyan and published in 1923. Through all the seasons of life and the year we learn to trust in God’s goodness and mercy.

Chisholm started teaching school when he was only sixteen. He suffered from poor health and held various jobs through his life including journalism and selling insurance. Like so many of us he struggled with all the ups and downs of life. Yet, through it all he experienced new blessings from God every day. Lamentations 3:22-23 became his go to verse. “*God’s compassions never fail. They are new every morning. Great is Your faithfulness.*” That verse was the impetus for the writing of this hymn.

“It went rather slowly for several years,” Thomas recalled. Then Dr. Will Houghton of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago discovered it and often had them sing it in chapel. They even sang it at Houghton’s funeral. It became well known when George Beverly Shea and the choirs sang it at the Billy Graham Crusades.

Thomas was a life-long Methodist and spent his retirement years in a Methodist Home for the Aged in Ocean Park, New Jersey. He died in Ocean Park in 1960 at the age of 94. During his lifetime he wrote 1,200 poems and hymns.

Take time to celebrate warmer days, sunshine, and summer. Also take time to reflect on God’s faithfulness and love to us. Every day is a new day because of God’s grace!

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**Be sure to attend worship on July 3rd to  
welcome our new pastor, Rev. Lisa Petty!**

I thank Katie Lay and all the young people who have gifted the church with the Bell Choir Ministry. What a stirring and stunning ministry that is! I thank Jon and Sarah Lee for leading the Faith on Fire group pre-pandemic.

I thank Lita and Ve'a Ofa for taking good care of the building so that we look as good as we can to the people who come and visit and make use of our facilities. They took care of so many issues that usually land in the office of the pastor especially those late night calls of vandalism, broken water pipes, toilets, etc.!

I thank Sharon Balch for sending out the email blasts and the newsletters and helping the congregation know what is going on.

Thank you to the staff for putting up with my bad days and my cynicism and for always trying to make sure that people had what they needed!

I thank the ushers and the greeters, the Sunday school teachers and the Vacation Bible School volunteers, the nursery attendants, the many front desk volunteers and all who serve in so many different ways to help the church be the church.

I need to say a special thanks to all of you who served and led the various committees where the real nuts and bolts of ministry get accomplished. I especially want to thank the SPRC Chairs, Scott Barrett, Ruth Henneman-Hunter, Mike Hampton, and Terry Waite for helping me to navigate the changes we went through. Thanks to Eileen Stringer and Jackie Hibbard for leading the Church Council over the past five years.

I thank all the folks who stepped in to preach when I went away on vacation, including Kay Grimme, Jackie Hibbard, Dr. David Robinson, Julie Peck-Dabling, Rachel Palmer, Larry McGill and others!

I thank Chuck Mittelstadt and Bev Mittelstat and Dale McCormick for their tireless work in so many different areas of the church. I'm sure they've put in more hours at church than I have in the past five years.

I know I've missed a few folks but know that you all have a special place in my heart and I will miss you all as I move into the next chapter of my life.

This is a great church with great people destined for great things!

Rev. Rusty

## **Pastor Rusty's Retirement**

**June 12<sup>th</sup> will be Pastor Rusty's last Sunday at Christ UMC.** Join us after worship that day to celebrate Pastor Rusty and his retirement. Thank you, Pastor Rusty, for your many years in the ministry and 5 years at Christ UMC!! If you would like to contribute to a gift for Pastor Rusty you can donate by check to CUMC with **Pastor Rusty** in the memo line or donate online through our website, [www.christumcutah.org/giving](http://www.christumcutah.org/giving).

## 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](http://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.



Enroll now for Summer Camp at [christumcutah.org/explorerpreschool](http://christumcutah.org/explorerpreschool)



### **Children's Programming – Summer 2022**

This summer at Christ UMC we have Children's Church during the 10:30 am worship hour for children ages 3 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Children should accompany their parents to worship, then after children's time they will be escorted upstairs to room 201 for a fun lesson. Activity packets are available in the narthex to help keep your little ones happy during worship.

**Summer Children's Church will run through September 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Children's Church on June 5<sup>th</sup> and July 3<sup>rd</sup> – VBS Sunday.**

### **Summer Children's Church Volunteers Needed!!**

**We need volunteers to be the teacher or helper each week. Sign up is available on the easel in the Narthex.** Please pick a week or two that you can help and list your name and e-mail if you have not helped before. We'll provide easy curriculum and send you a reminder when it's your turn help!



### ***Monumental Vacation Bible School***

***June 27 - 30, 2022***

**Registration is open!!**

At Monumental, kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play team-work-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. VBS will be held Monday - Friday (June 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>) from 9 am to noon each day. Ages 3 years (child must have turned 3 by January 1, 2022 & be potty-trained, please) through 6<sup>th</sup> grade (Fall 2022) are welcome.

The cost is \$15/child and must be paid with their registration. **Registration is open and we're filling up fast!** Visit our website and register on-line at <https://www.christumcutah.org/vbs.html> or stop by the church office.

### **Monumental VBS Volunteers Needed**

In addition to making VBS possible, **we are in need of adult and youth volunteers.** Each crew leader will oversee 5-7 children each day. It's easy, and fun! **We are asking for adults to lead stations for both elementary and preschool.** If you or someone you know would be interested in being part of our great team, please contact Alicia Simons and Alicia Griffing at [children@christumcutah.org](mailto:children@christumcutah.org).

### **Monumental VBS Volunteer Training Night**

Our volunteer training will be Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Chapel. RSVP to the Alicias at [children@christumcutah.org](mailto:children@christumcutah.org).

### **Monumental Supplies will be Needed**

We are also gathering gear for our VBS adventure! Stop by the bulletin board near the kitchen and pick up a sheet or two. Supply lists will be available by June 5<sup>th</sup>. Each sheet will list an item we need to help make our VBS the greatest experience ever! Please purchase the requested item(s) and return them to the church office by June 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your wonderful generosity!

### **Happy Father's Day**

Please join us on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, as we honor our Fathers.



## June 2022 Scout Report

Our Scout Troops survived the COVID pandemic and have been extremely busy during the past few months. We continue to await a decision about the United Methodists continuation of being a chartering organization to BSA, but that hasn't kept the 3 Scouting programs from moving forward and keeping busy.

Following is a summary of some of the things happening with our Scouting programs.

**Cub Scout Pack 3410:** 30 registered Cub Scouts (Lions, Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos) with great parents who support Pack 3410. The Dens meet twice a month with a Pack Meeting every month. This year's Pinewood Derby was amazing as always. The adult leadership is currently undergoing a transition as we celebrate existing leaders and welcome new leaders.



**Troop 8410:** 5 registered girl scouts and **Troop 410:** 28 registered boy scouts with 9 of those being Webelos who crossed over from Cub Scout Pack 3410 in April.

Summer Camp: Scouts will be attending Summer Camp--June 13-18 at Camp Tifie in Sanpete County, Utah. Three girls from 8410 and 19 boys from 410 will be attending along with 6 leaders and numerous parent volunteers.

In addition to Summer Camp, the Troops meet every Monday evening and have one camping or other outing each month.

We have proudly supported the following Scouts this past year in completing the requirements for the Rank of Eagle Scout—we invite you to stop by the Eagle Plaques in the West Hallway to see the new additions:

**Quinn Metcalf:** This Scout's project involved collecting supplies, making 100 blankets, and delivering them to Primary Children's Hospital. (February 2021)

**Delaney Brown:** Our first 8410 Eagle Scout—her project involved collecting supplies and assembling 150 comfort kits for patients at Huntsman Cancer Hospital. The contents of the bags included socks, sleep masks, lotions, crossword puzzles, chapstick, etc. (May 2021)

**Ray Sanchez:** This Scout's project involved organizing a group to do much needed work at the Refugee Garden on 4500 South, including building a Monarch Waystation by planting milkweed and installing walkways to the area. (June 2021)

**Josue Ayaviri:** This Scout's project involved organizing a group to clean out existing garden boxes, rebuild the boxes and re-vitalize the soil for the horticulture class at Granite Park Middle School. (June 2021)

**James Bustin:** This Scout's project removed all existing soil, garden boxes and shrubs in the front and west side of the Family Promise Building on 800 South. The soil was replaced and water wise plants and trees planted (June 2021)

**Andrew Johnson:** This Scout's project involved the removal of non-native invasive plants (including spurge) in the Solitude area of Big Cottonwood Canyon (July 2021)

**Nevyn Brown:** This Scout's project was to collect 40 bicycles that were refurbished into 30 usable bicycles—they were donated to Big Brothers/Big Sisters (August 2021)

**Kaius Horman:** This Scout's project was to work with Utah Santa Flight—he collected school supplies and Christmas gifts for kids and families of Creekview Elementary School in Price, Utah, a Title 1 School (November 2021)

**Louis McCracken:** This Scout's project was cleaning out a strip of land along the frontage road north of Skyline High School. Trees and water conservative plants were planted and a pathway was built through the area (September 2021)

**Owen Francy:** This Scout's project was to remove the existing play structure on the north side of the Family Promise Building on 800 South. He trimmed trees, repaired the fence and raised money to purchase and install new LifeTime playground equipment. (April 2022)

**Sophia Ward:** This Scout's project was to collect supplies and assemble 80 hygiene kits for the Road Home—Gail Miller Resource Center. (May 2022)



## MISSION TRIPS

Sr High Mission Trip to Puerto Rico July 10-11

If you have questions on any youth stuff, please contact Patsy Simons [youthdirector@christumcutah.org](mailto:youthdirector@christumcutah.org) 801-808-6641

### Palmer Court Service Project Update for May

Youth and Parents re-bagged pet food in Patsy's garage on Sunday, May 15th during Youth Group time. On May 20th, Mike Hampton, Scott and Barrett Carpenter, and Patsy delivered 44 bags of dry dog food, 72 cans of dog food, 30 bags of dog treats, 42 bags of dry cat food, 56 cans of cat food, 50 bags of cat treats, 30 jugs of cat litter, bird food and millet, lots of cat and dog toys, collars, leashes, sweaters, bowls, 2 beds, 3 carriers, car seat, pet food and water stand, water jug, and pee pad holders.

Thank you to everyone who donated, re-bagged food, loaded and unloaded vehicles, drove, or helped in any way! Our next delivery is August 12th. All donations, especially food and treats for both dogs and cats, are greatly needed.

Contact Patsy Simons 801-808-6641 or [psimons1@live.com](mailto:psimons1@live.com) to arrange for donation drop off.

### Congratulations Graduates!

#### **High School Graduates**

Rachel Arlen

Theo Dabling

Fiona Kelsey

Louis McCracken

Megan Palmer

Coltin Smith

Zoe Tiede

Barrett Carpenter

Aidan Hemingway

Conner Manning-Duncan

Alexandra Miller

Carter Rutherford

Andi Strong



#### **College Graduates**

Emma Allison

Colton Pulver

Caroline Nielsen

## Adult Small Group Opportunities

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

**June 5th Pride Parade – Join Us Downtown**

**The CUMC Social Justice Committee invites you to join with the Interfaith Pride Coalition to March in the Pride Parade on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.** Volunteers are needed to represent Christ UMC and march with the Interfaith Pride Coalition as they carry the giant rainbow Pride Flag.

If you are interested or would like to volunteer, please contact Lynne Barrett at [lynneabarrett@gmail.com](mailto:lynneabarrett@gmail.com).

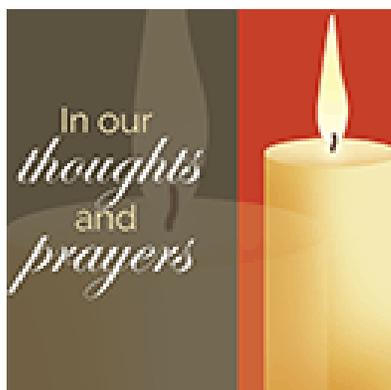
**June 12th will be the last class in the Social Justice Series.** It will be on the Climate and will talk about **Everyday Things We Can Do to Help** led by Julie Peck-Dabling and Nikki Moon and **UMC's Creation Justice and the Net Zero 2050 Project** led by Terry Haven.

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

This group is open to all men. For more information talk to Dale McCormick or Larry McGill.

**Wednesday Morning Study, 10:00am, Parlor**

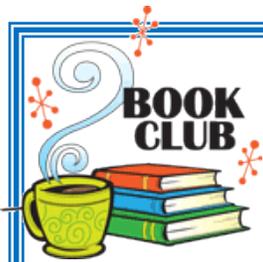
For more information, contact Evelyn Kasworm at 801-942-1383(h) or 801-712-0236.



**Deepest Condolences** to Jon Jolley on the death of his brother, Gordon, May 18, 2022.

**Deepest Condolences** to Dorothy Pearce on the death of her husband, Bob Pearce, Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. A Celebration of Life was held Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

**Deepest Condolences** to the family of Lincoln Trujillo, a friend of Anne Carr, who passed away recently.



### United Methodist Women's Book Club

Monday, June 27th, 1:00pm in the Parlor.

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](mailto:bevjm4287@yahoo.com) or 801-272-7137 or 801-755-4115.



### Deborah Circle will meet in the Parlor

Thursday, June 16th at 10:00am.

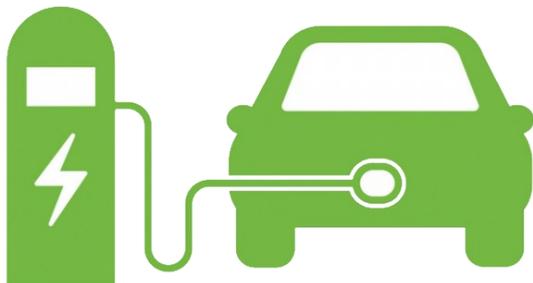
All Church women are welcome!

Questions may be directed to Bev Mittelstadt at [bevjm4287@yahoo.com](mailto: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.



### EV Chargers

Christ UMC now has 2 EV Chargers on the east side of the building. The parking spaces are noted with EV charging signs.



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."*

# Clothing Fundraiser for Scout Troops 410 & 8410 through June 20th.

Thank you to everyone who donated clothing for the clothing drive in March. We collected over 1800 pounds of clothes and we had so much fun that we are doing it again. Your donations help raise money for the troops to pay for camping trips, merit badges, troop meetings and other outings.

Gather clothes and textiles in a bag; items must be clean and in sellable condition.

**Clothes:** men's, women's, and children's clothes; coats; shoes; scarves; handbags; wallets; fashion accessories; ties; belts; backpacks; etc.

**Household Textiles:** bedding; comforters; blankets; sheets; towels; linen tablecloths; curtains; pillows; etc.

A donation bin is located by the West door of the CUMC or for donation pickup, contact Dianne Stewart at 801-231-3964 or [lmontgom@aol.com](mailto:lmontgom@aol.com).

## Health and Welfare

Blood Pressure Readings will be offered on June 12th 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](mailto: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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Our children Thank you for your wonderful generosity!