

Christ United Methodist Church  
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*Serving · Loving · Caring*

## The September 2020 Connection

### RUSTY'S REFLECTIONS

Well, we have reached the almost six month mark of not having in person worship at the church. If you would have told me in February that we would not be meeting at the church for six months I would have thought you were crazy! But here we are. I think that first month I wrote a news article or an email blast and talked about the financial position of the church and I remember one response was something akin to, "we don't need that right now." Which in hindsight was absolutely right.

Some may be concerned about our financial position but as Bruce Meyer, our Finance Chair, mentioned in this week's Church Council meeting...we are actually doing quite well. The mortgage continues to be paid and the revenues for March-July were more than last year by a few thousand dollars. Thank you all for continuing to support the church during this time.

As we discussed the re-opening of the church (in limited form), we decided that we would wait a couple of weeks after the start of the SLC Schools to see how they are doing and then make a decision based somewhat on that. I know that we will need to start very slowly with maybe 40-50 people spread out in the sanctuary, taking reservations to see who will come so we can do contact tracing if needed, asking people to wear masks, doing sanitization of the sanctuary, restrooms, etc. It will be a process.

In a District meeting the other day, of the 25 pastors who were there representing their churches, only 4 of them were having in person worship...the rest were doing something online. Of the four, one said that they were getting about 1/8 to 1/10 of their attendance compared to the numbers that they saw before the pandemic.

So I think this is a time of testing certainly. Also a time for patience, for maturity (which I lack), and for hope. This morning there are reports of terrible hurricane damage in Louisiana and Texas, people displaced by fires in the west, another group of people who have died from the pandemic. These things will not defeat us, people of good will and strong faith will come together like they always have and help each other. We'll make it through.



Peace,  
Rusty

Psalms 116:15

*Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful ones.*



Thank you for the cards, texts and emails I have received in regards to the death of my mother, Dorothy. The name Dorothy is the English version of a compound Greek word, *doron* meaning “gift” and *theos* meaning “God”— thus her name means “gift of God.” Her middle name, Irene, also has Greek origins and means “peace.” Those two names together, “gift of God bearing peace.”

She was living with my youngest brother in Wisconsin at the time of her death. She died peacefully in her sleep at his home. My father died over a decade ago and is buried in Aberdeen, South Dakota. My mother’s remains will be buried alongside my father’s.

My siblings and I—there are eight of us living—have many memories and stories. Sharing those memories and stories brought about laughter and tears. Sharing those also brings about healing and peace. One of those stories for me is about a sandwich. We were poor. Putting food on the table was not easy. Our mother’s daily challenge was what to feed us. One summer day my mother had fixed me an egg salad sandwich for lunch. For reasons I don’t remember I refused to eat it. Stubborn? Maybe! I was about six years old. A battle of the wills ensued. My mother won. I ate the sandwich! And, I like egg salad sandwiches to this day! Many of you know that the passing of a parent is a time of remembering and celebrating the best of those years.

*2 Timothy 1:5, “I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you...”*

My grandmother and mother were huge influences in my life and faith. I am a pastor today because of my mother’s simple and sincere faith. I often shared with my mother that I experienced how to care as a pastor from her.

I suppose most of us can point to someone who has been influential in shaping who we are. Take a moment right now and think about that special individual who molded and inspired you. Offer up a prayer of thanksgiving for him/her and determine how to honor them or their memory by how you live it forward.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Bruce Kolasch  
Pastor of congregational care

Pastor Bruce has office hours at the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9AM to NOON. Please contact him to make an appointment at [pastorbruce@christumcutah.org](mailto:pastorbruce@christumcutah.org) or 406-891-0434 or call the church phone, 801-486-5473, ext. 114.



# Flu Shots

by Community Nursing Services  
At Christ United Methodist Church

Sunday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Because of Covid-19 there will not be a health fair this fall, but  
you can still get your Flu Shots!

Register online after September 20th at  
[ChristUMCUtah.org/FluShots](http://ChristUMCUtah.org/FluShots)  
or call 801-486-5473 ext 111

Please wear a face covering, and enter the building through the west door.

Masks and sanitizer will be available at the door.

**Bring your Insurance or Medical Card**

## CNS Immunization Accepted Insurances 2020

### Adult Medicaid

- Aetna
- All Savers
- Altius
- Ameriben
- Blue Cross Blue Shield  
NOT TEXAS OR ILLINOIS
- Cigna
- Direct Care Administrators
- DMBA (Desert Mutual)
- EMI Health (Educators Mutual)
- Federal Blue Cross Blue Shield
- GEHA/Integrated-UHC Plans
- Health Utah Provider Network
- HealthEZ
- Healthwest Provider Network
- Imagine Health Network
- MailHandlers
- Meritan Health  
Can have AETNA or IASIS logo
- Molina
- Molina Marketplace
- Oxford Health (UHC)
- PEHP
- Select Health
- Tall Tree Administrators
- Town & Country Provider Network
- Tricare
- United Health Care  
NOT MARKETPLACE PLANS:  
(Navigator, Savers Direct)
- U of U Health-NOT Student plans
- UMR(United Medical Resources)
- WISE Network
  - 1st Health
  - 8th District Electrical
  - MotivHealth (HSA Health Plans)
  - Sinclair Health

### MEDICARE

- Aetna Medicare Advantage
- Altius Advantra/Advantra Freedom
- Blue Cross Blue Shield Medicare
- Desert Secure
- Health Choice Generations
- Humana-65 years (seniors only)
- Medicare
- Medicare Complete-AARP
- Medicare Solutions
- Molina Medicare
- Select Health Advantage
- Steward Health Choice Generations
- United Mine Workers of America

### ONLY 18 years and under:

- CHIP (Children's health insurance Program)
- Select Health

### MEDICAID

- Healthy U
- Health Choice Utah
- Molina Medicaid
- Select Health Community Care
- Steward Healthchoice Utah
- Traditional Medicaid-No PCN Plan

Updated 6/25/20



# Children, Youth and Families



## **Children's Sunday School Zoom**

We are starting a monthly Zoom for our Sunday School Children starting on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. These password protected Zoom meetings will be held on the second Sunday of the month. The details will be sent out in the regular Sunday School emails from Kelly Carpenter. If you are not currently receiving the Children's Sunday School emails and want to be part of our Sunday morning monthly Zoom class, sign up at <https://www.christumcutah.org/childrensnewsletter.html> .

## **Building Better Moms**

All Moms are invited to join us our next Zoom meeting on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm. We would love to "see" you, even for a few moments. Log in at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84632283177> .



## **Need a Bible?**

If your family would like to follow along with the *Deep Blue Bibles for Kids* that we are using during this time and you do not have one, contact Kelly at

[children.and.family@christumcutah.org](mailto:children.and.family@christumcutah.org) and we will get a copy to you.



Pray for  
Our  
Schools

## **Praying for our schools**

Join us in praying for the schools, school districts, teachers, parents and students in our area as they are preparing and heading into the coming school year. Sign up at <https://www.christumcutah.org/schoolprayers> . For more information, contact Kelly at [children.and.family@christumcutah.org](mailto:children.and.family@christumcutah.org) or 801-486-5473 ext 113.

## **September Youth News**

### **Palmer Court Service Project Update for August**

Thank you to the Youth and their families for preparing the pet supplies in August. Thank you to Mike Hampton, Scott Carpenter, and Patsy, who delivered 48 Bags of dog food, 36 cans of dog food, 46 bags of dog treats, 53 bags of cat food, 191 cans of cat food, 15 bags of cat treats, and 30 jugs of cat litter to Palmer Court. Case workers distributed them the following week to the residents. Thank you to everyone who donated, re-bagged food, loaded and unloaded vehicles, drove, or helped in any way!

The next delivery is scheduled for **November 13th**. All donations, especially food and treats greatly needed. Contact Patsy Simons 801-808-6641 or [YouthDirector@christumcutah.org](mailto:YouthDirector@christumcutah.org) to arrange for donation drop off.

**At this time Youth Group activities are on hold until a strategic plan can be implemented. Please feel to offer suggestions to Patsy Simons 801-808-6641 or [YouthDirector@christumcutah.org](mailto:YouthDirector@christumcutah.org).**



**Remember in Prayer** Deepest condolences to former Bell Ringer, Rhonda Baskett Clayton, who's husband passed away in August.

Deepest condolences to Troy and Debbie Rohovit and family on the death of Troy's mother, Marah Brown Rohovit on August 14th.

Deepest condolences to Dayna and Tom Beckman on the death of Tom's mother, Norma Beckman.

*Happy Birthday!*

**Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Ted Stathakis**

who turns 99 on September 26th!

His address is: Ted Stathakis  
Salt Lake Veterans Home  
700 Foothill Drive, Rm M01A  
Salt Lake City, UT 84113

**Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Olive Metz, who turns 102 on October 21st!**

Her address is: Olive Metz  
4522 Arcadia Lane, Salt Lake City, UT 84117

**The United Methodist Women's Book Club** is still reading!

The book for September is *Every Note Played* by Lisa Genova.

Please contact Bev Mittelstadt at [bevjm4287@yahoo.com](mailto:bevjm4287@yahoo.com) or 801-272-7137 or 801-755-4115 to learn about the Book Club meeting on September 28th.

**Rummage Sale,  
brought to you by The Wesley Bell Ringers!**

**September 25th and 26th**

Watch for logistic details in upcoming weekly emails.

Please do not bring your donations to CUMC without arranging for a designated drop off date and time. To get a drop off appointment or to ask for a pick up, contact Tiffini Adams at 801-647-5719 or [tiffiniadams@gmail.com](mailto:tiffiniadams@gmail.com).



## Celebrate 25 years with us with a concert on September 25th and a virtual Golf Tournament on September 28th!

Test your skills against some of the best in the west! You'll be golfing alongside NBA, NFL, MLB, PGA pros, and some of the musicians and stars who performed during the virtual concert! Golf your heart out for a chance to win a smattering of prizes, hole in one challenge, and opportunities to golf with some of our best local golfers! Don't win at your favorite hole challenge? You will have an opportunity to hop on over to our online silent auction at [www.biddingowl.com/familypromisesaltlake](http://www.biddingowl.com/familypromisesaltlake) and check out the amazing lineup there! From experiences to trips to fine dining - we've got it all! 100% of the proceeds from the silent auction will help us give every child a home.

The fun begins at 7:30 am with registration and a continental breakfast, we'll tee off at 8:30 a.m. sharp. Lunch will be provided however due COVID-19 restrictions our lunch and awards ceremony will look a lot different than normal! Stay tuned for more details about our virtual components for the golf tournament so that we can ensure a fun, healthy, and safe day for all!

Check out the ever-increasing lineup of musicians and celebrities that will be showing their support for Family Promise Salt Lake's mission, programs, and resources. More event information and how you can donate can be found at [www.familypromisesaltlakegalaandgolf.com](http://www.familypromisesaltlakegalaandgolf.com)

### HOLE IN ONE Competitions

- One Million Dollar Shoot-Out Winner gets \$1,000,000 paid out over 40 years.
- \$100,000 Home Renovation Who doesn't dream of a home remodel package? Offer a hole in one prize of \$100,000 to make the upgrades needed to create a home of anyone's dreams.
- Porsche 911 Turbo 480 Horsepower. Zero to 60 in 3.7 seconds. And sure to turn heads where ever you go...
- Trip to All Four PGA Majors The ultimate reward for the ultimate shot ... round trip airfare, accommodations, and badges for all of the following: PGA Championship, British Open, US Open, and the Masters.

Contact [bill@familypromisesaltlake.org](mailto:bill@familypromisesaltlake.org) for more information on these and other sponsorship opportunities

For more information about Family Promise Salt Lake and our mission to ensure that EVERY CHILD has a home and how your support is crucial to the families we serve, please visit [www.familypromisesaltlake.org](http://www.familypromisesaltlake.org)



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.

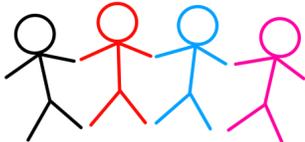
Charitable donations are most welcome during this time. Donate to Crossroads at

<https://donorbox.org/support-crossroads-urban-center>

Donate to Family Promise at

<https://www.fpgives.org/organizations/family-promise-salt-lake>

### VOA Youth Resource Center Wish List

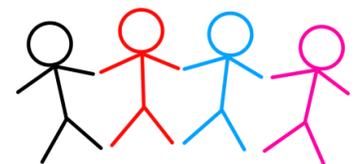


Homeless Youth need our help now more than ever. Due to Covid-19 the Youth Resource Center is not able to accept your in-kind donations until further notice. However, the youth remain in great need of the items normally donated to the Center for them. A wish list has been set up on Amazon of their current most-needed items. Those who wish to help our local homeless youth (ages 15 - 24) can access the Wish List here:

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/26RVC5ZOT5MEC?&sort=default>.

**In these challenging times, it's nice to know we can still reach out and be the answer to someone's prayer.**

**Thank you!**



### **Adult Children of Alcoholics & Dysfunctional Families (ACA)**

This Meeting is a 12-Step Discussion Format and Open to All. The program is about healing from the effects of having been raised in a dysfunctional family environment and how that has manifested into problems in adulthood (addictions, relationship problems, mood disorders, anger issues, physical illness, etc.)

In person meetings are planned to resume at some point. Please watch the calendar on the church website for the dates. Until then the Tuesday meetings are on Zoom . The meeting room opens at 6:00pm, with the actual meeting beginning at 6:30.

The Zoom link is <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/vJUpf-2trD4oStYMtbn6YW6fYfPadjuDQ>

Meeting ID: 114-845-252 Password: millcreek1www.adultchildren.org

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## Pastor Visits

If you would like an outdoor, socially distanced, masked pastor visit from Rev. Rusty or Pastor Bruce, please contact Jeanmarie at office manager@christumcutah.org or call the church office and leave a message.  
801-486-5473, ext 111