THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

### Dear First Presbyterian Members & Friends,

What time is it?

Time is a precious commodity! given by God so freely but disappears so quickly.

This stewardship season 1st Pres will focus on time and how time is experienced differently for each of us. And how does God call us to spend our time and give our resources? How will that enhance our lives and help our church?

The wisdom writer of Ecclesiastes 3 says, "There is a time for every purpose under heaven." Here are some additional words expressing "time" for us in this church:

October 9<sup>th</sup> Time to BE GENEROUS and time to GIVE October 16<sup>th</sup> Time to WORSHIP and time to REJOICE October 23<sup>rd</sup> Time to SERVE and time to DISCERN

Each of us (members and friends) are asked to participate in the life of First Presbyterian Church by considering a three-pronged approach to the church's financial needs.

- A one time gift to offset costs of several important <u>building</u> <u>improvements</u> in the last 12 months;
- 2. Current <u>regular giving for 2016</u> to meet actual expenses for our ministry and missions; and
- 3. A giving card (estimate of giving/pledge/commitment) for 2017.

As you know, stewardship is not just one season, but a year round response that recognizes that everything is a gift from God. Stewardship is a response to God's love and faithfulness, not only financially, but in how we spend our time. The Lord calls us to give proportionally in response to God's love, and to know the joy of giving.

Stewardship season officially begins Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and will run through Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. There's great expectation that you will spend the next few weeks caringly and prayerfully determining your financial giving for the church's ministry.

All in the Lord's provision,

Rev. Dr. Michael Imperiale



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# Weekly Meetings

### **Girl Scouts K-3rd**

Monday (6:30 p.m.), bi-weekly

### **Cub Scouts**

• Tuesday (6:30 p.m.)

### **Boy Scouts**

Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)

### **Choir Rehearsal**

Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)

### **AA Meeting**

- Sunday (7:30 p.m.)
- Tuesday (12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)
- · Friday (12:00 p.m.)
- Saturday (5:00 p.m.)

# **Overeaters Anonymous**

Sunday (5:00 p.m.)

# **Workaholics Anonymous**

• Tuesday (7:15 p.m.)

### **Debtors Anonymous**

• Thursday (12:00 p.m.)

# **Under Earners Anonymous**

• Thursday (6:30 p.m.)

### From the Pastoral Associate

Continuing with *Knowing Christ* by Dr. Alister McGrath Chapter 7

One of the challenges we have to live with as human beings is limitation and the doubt that can be brought on by limitations. For example, can we see stars during a sunny day? Aside from the sun of course the answer is no. Our human eyes do not have the ability to see the light from stars light years away when the sky is lit up by the sun. It is only with darkness that we are able to see stars. They are there all the time, but we cannot see them all the time. This is a limitation we have to accept as part of being human.

Our relationship with God is also affected by our human limitations. We tend to understand God only within the parameters of what we know and experience. So when it comes to the love of God, we cannot fully understand how much God loves us because we have limits on how much we can love. I would like to think that my love for significant people in my life such as my husband or parents has no bounds, but it does. My inclinations to be selfish,

impatient, and insecure can get in the way of my love for others. What is hard for us to fathom is that God is NOT limited by such things. God's love goes greater than we will ever experience in this lifetime. And one of the ways we know this is through Jesus' death on the cross.

When we have doubts about God's love for us, and this is a normal part of being human and a journey of faith, it is important to draw closer to the cross. One of the ways in which we do this is the Lord's Supper. Communion is one of the ways we are reminded by tangible substances that God made a great and unsolicited sacrifice to bring us to him. This month we will celebrate World Communion. We will be reminded that God has shown this extravagant love to Christians all around the world. As you are tempted to doubt God in your life, go to the table, "And as you eat and drink the bread and wine, you are being reminded of the enormous cost of your redemption, of how much vou must matter to God is he went to such lengths to find you."

**Blessings, Pastor Chris** 



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# **Treasurer's Report**



Please remember FPC in your will, trust, or IRA

Income & Expenses					
	Budgeted Actual		Percent		
Total Income & Expenses					
As of August 31, 2016					
Pledge Income	\$	229,051	\$	204,526	89.3%
Total Income		355,739		322,932	90.8%
Total Expense		423,168		401,532	94.9%
Monthly Income & Expense					
Pledge Income		\$ 28,631		\$ 26,805	93.6%
Total Income		44,467		34,612	77.8%
Total Expenses		52,896		48,130	91.0%

Due to summer and vacations, we are still experiencing a shortfall in income. If you have enjoyed the ministries of First Presbyterian Church, or been encouraged by this body of believers, Double Up in October to give the ministry of this church a real boost!

Our annual stewardship campaign will begin in October

Nancy Savage, Treasurer.



# **Adult Sunday School**

Desperate for Joy?—Pastor Mike is leading a class continuing through October 23. "Incomparable Joy" - How well do you know Philippians? Meets Sundays in Room 3, 10:10 - 10:50 am

# **Pamela's Closet**

As the cooler weather arrives, we put away our summer clothing and wear warmer clothing. However, what about the people who do not have the warmer articles of clothing, like sweaters, coats, gloves, socks, hats, etc? Many of our homeless, low-income and refugee families and individuals are already starting to look for warmer clothing. Each time I went into Pamela's Closet in the past few months, I am reminded of the nursery rhyme "Old Mother Hubbard" because a number of the shelves are bare! I am prayerfully requesting your

help over the next few months to help stock those shelves with warm clothing as listed below. Many of you have given so generously in the past and adults and children have benefitted greatly from your caring!

### NEEDS FOR OCTOBER

- Warm jackets extra large, large and medium
- Sweaters all sizes
- Gloves particularly extralarge for men

- Dark colored hats for men black, navy blue, dark grey
- Warm scarves
- Jeans and long pants for men
- Small deodorant

I appreciate you helping to care for those with so many needs. As we have been taught, we are the hands of Christ to do His work here on earth; there's no doubt in my mind that your giving is an important part of that work!

> With Gratitude, Pamela



# Women's Bible Study for Mothers

This is a Bible study for mothers. Child care can be made available. We meet twice per month. Contact **Pastor Chris** (801) 363-3889 x 225.

Tuesday Morning Women's Group 6:30 am, June 14th & 28th at the Coffee Garden (878 E 900 S, SLC). Contact Kristin Mullen, kristinharvey82@gmail.com.

### Tuesday Men's Breakfast—

7 a.m.-8:15 a.m.

Men's Breakfast Tuesday mornings at Gourmandise Bakery on 250 South 300 East. Contact **Pastor Mike** (801) 363-3889 x 224.

# Thursday Women's Bible Study—1 p.m.

We meet every Thursday here at First Pres. Contact **JoAnn Armstrong** at 801-521-9271.

# Thursday Evening Men's Group—6:30 p.m.

We meet on Thursday's at 6:30 p.m. in the FPC Library. Contact **Chuck Britter** (801) 295-6640.

# 2016 Sco

Come one, come all! Get your dose of sword dancing, bagpipe playing, and hearty feasting at the First Presbyterian Scottish Festival!



# Friday, Oct 28th

Community Concert by Salt Lake Scots

Concert is free and open to the public.
Light refreshments will be available for purchase.

7:00-8:30 PM

# Saturday, Oct 29th

Highland Dance Competition, Café, Bake Sale, Raffle/Silent Auction, Venders, Kids Korner

11:00 AM-8:00 PM

Pub & Live Music by Red Branch Band & IdleWild

5:00-8:00 PM

# Sunday, Oct 30th

Kirkin o' th' Tartan Worship

The many tartans of the Scottish Clans represented here in Salt Lake will receive a blessing

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

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# ttish Festival

Get ready, the Scottish Festival is coming fast! We still need YOUR help! Please visit the *Countdown to Ceilidh board*, in the fellowship hall area. There are many ways *everyone* can get involved!

### **Advertising & Social Media**

Follow us on Facebook: Scottish Festival at First Presbyterian Church.

Share our page with your friends. Post a comment so we can keep people interested and excited to come. There are postcards and posters available at the church office volunteer desk, feel free to give them out to friends/family or post them (ask first, of course) in your workplace, or community bulletin boards.



### **Auction & Raffle**

We are requesting donations from local businesses, but we need more! Themed baskets like "movie night", "game night", favorite holiday decor/items, art work, event tickets, painting classes, favorite snacks from Trader Joe's, Ice cream theme (fun bowls, spoons, toppings, gift certificate for Ice Cream). Those are just examples. Think about what you would want to bid on or buy tickets for.

### **Decorating**

Saturday, October 15th at 10am-Come decorate the halls and various areas of the church in plaid. Let's make it look festive!

### **Cooking**

Do you enjoy cooking? How about learning to cook "Scottish-themed" food? Great! Our kitchen team needs your skills to prepare for the Pub. Contact Taffy (801-673-0457) for dates and times.

### **Music**

We are excited to announce the return of Red Branch Band to the live Pub stage and also welcome IdleWild. Be sure to tell your friends!



This year we are adding local vendor booths to shop from, as well as a Celtic Cafe for lunch items. The Highland Dance Competition will begin at 10:00am.

If you have any questions or would like to drop-off your donation for the raffle or auction, please contact Jamie Mascarenas (imgirlo4@msn.com) or the church office.

\*With everyone's help and participation, we are anticipating a great festival!!

Jamie Mascarenas Ceilidh Chair

### October Special Events

- 9 C Street ChildDevelopment BookFair
- 28 Salt Lake Scots Concert, 7:00 pm
- 29 Ceilidh Festival, 10:00 am-8:00 pm
- 30 Kirkin' O' th' Tartan Worship 9:00 am & 11:00 am

# October Service Opportunities

- 6 Dinner at Ronald McDonald House
- Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making (3:30 pm)
- Dinner @ Vinny's
  Sandwich Making
  (9:30 am)
  - Serving Dinner @ Vinny's (4:30 pm)
- **16-** Scottish Festival,
- 30 dates vary. See bulletin board in the Fellowship Area.
- 22 10:00—12:00 Fall Church Cleanup Day

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# **Community Outreach**

**October 6th:** Dinner at Ronald McDonald House. Those cooking arrive at 4:30PM and serving arrive at 6PM. Contact Pastor Chris if you would like to help at 801-363-3889 ext. 225

October 12th at 3:30PM Meat and Cheese Sandwich Making and October 13th at 9:30AM PB&J Sandwich Making...come help make sandwiches for St. Vincent De Paul. We meet in the downstairs kitchen.



**October 13th at 4:30PM:** Serve Dinner @ Vinny's. Contact Pamela Atkinson to volunteer.

**Ongoing and Urgent:** Please visit Crossroads' web site at www.crossroadsurbancenter.org for an extensive food pantry need list, as well as new online donation options to help stock the emergency pantry with items of most pressing need for the pantry and thrift store.

Do you have an idea about a place in the community where we could/ should be involved? Please contact Christine Gibbs (801-808-6140) or Melissa Piercey so we can get connected!

**Christine Gibbs, Community Outreach** 

# **Youth Ministry**

Fall is one of the best times of the year for the students of FPCSLC. There are tons of opportunities for events and projects around the city.

Around the middle of the month, we all went to Crossroads Urban center for an afternoon of work projects. We trimmed trees and bushes around the parking lot so that staff would have all parking spots available to them. We also cleaned and resealed the wheelchair ramp that goes into their building. The C.U.C. Volunteer Coordinator stated, "The projects you guys are doing here really help out morale" We had a great time.

After the project, we went the Greek Festival. It was great to see so many people celebrating Greek traditions and food. We took a tour of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral. A leader from their church took the time to speak with our group about the history and symbolism of their



church. We all had a blast.

If you would like to volunteer for any youth events, service projects, or open your house to a Bible Study please don't hesitate to email or give me a call. Our calendar of projects/events can be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

> Many Blessings, Nathan Parrish

# Children's Ministry

# Faith Explorers: 9:00 am and 11:00 am Sundays

### **Fall Festival Ministry Fair**

Thanks to those who stopped by the Children's Ministry table at the Ministry Fair. If you have not yet registered your child for Sunday School for the 2016-2017 school year, please do so online at www.fpcslc.org. It is important we have up-to-date information on all our children in order to best serve them.

### **New Child Check-In Policy**

Beginning this month, a new child check in policy will be in place. All children will need to be checked in and out of Sunday School by parents. Parents/guardians will need to sign in their PreK-5th grade students on the table in the fellowship area before the service. If you are late or forget, another opportunity

will be given when children are dismissed after the Children's Sermon. At the conclusion of the service, all parents/guardians will need to sign out their children from their Sunday School room. Children will not be released without a parent signature. Thank you for helping to ensure the safety of all our children at First Pres.

#### Ceilidh Kid's Korner

Oct 30th, 10am-8pm. Kids, come spend the Ceilidh in the Kid's Korner, with crafts and activities just for you! Get your face painted, trip up the magic guy, and bounce in the bounce house. Parents/guardians can enjoy the Ceilidh while kids have a wild time in the Kids Korner upstairs in the gym on Saturday, October 30th. The cost is \$5 per child and \$10 per family. All children must be picked up by 8:00

pm

Volunteers will be needed in 2 hr shifts. Please contact Christin Christin@fpcslc.org if you are interested in volunteering in the Kids Korner this year.

### **October Curriculum**

In October we continue our journey through the life and teachings of Jesus. We will hear more of Jesus' miracles, and then continue on to many of Jesus' parables. Jesus' miracles demonstrated his power: over creation, over sickness, and even over death. His parables teach us about the Kingdom of God: God's people under their Rightful Ruler, enjoying the benefit of His Perfect Rule.

Christin Abbott, Children's Ministry Director.



# **Fall Church Cleanup Day**

On Saturday, October 22nd from 10:00 am—12:00 pm: Come pitch in to help get the outside of the church ready for the Scottish Festival. We will be working on the landscaping of the building. Please bring work gloves and garden tools labeled with your name. For more information please contact Pastor Mike.

# **Deacons' Corner**

We like to think of the church's Board of Deacons as God's helping hands, doing our best to provide service to our church family and show God's love through that service.

One example of the way deacons reach out is in providing refreshments after a funeral or memorial service. At these tender times, food is a simple yet profound way to support family members and friends who want to gather after the service.

Sharing a meal is an age-old way for people to connect with each other and feel the warmth and comfort that God can provide in times of sorrow. People who may not be a regular part of our church community can see for themselves the love and support within the church's walls.

If you would like to know more about this or any of the services the Board of Deacons can provide, please contact Bert Dart at 801-231-4105 or <a href="mailto:badndddart@netscape.net">badndddart@netscape.net</a>.

# **Birthdays**

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# **Youth Birthdays**

Maar Rout	10/01
Sophia Simpson	10/14
Nyanyik Rambang	10/18
Abraham Masih	10/28
Iris William	10/31
Ruhbam Sadiq	10/31

The Praise Band is looking for a bass player from 8:30 am to 10:00 am on Sundays. If interested, please contact Pastor Mike.

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP in October 2016**

9 am: Praise Band & Songs 11 am: Organ, Hymns, & Choir

October 2

"I AM the Good Shepherd"

John 10:1-21 World Communion Sunday

October 9

"Come and See"

John 1:35-39, 43-37; Psalm 66

October 16

"I AM the Resurrection"

John 11:1-27

October 23

"Filled with Good Things"

Psalm 65

October 30

"I AM the Way"

John 14:1-14 Reformation Sunday Scottish Festival: Kirkin' o' th' Tartan







We had a great time at the Bees Game on September 2nd!

Thanks to everyone who contributed their articles to Septembers' *Chimes*.

Please note the deadline for Winter *Chimes* articles is Tuesday, October 18.

## **Stay In Touch With First Pres.**

Did you know First Pres. has weekly email announcements as well as a monthly newsletter? To sign up for our announcements and our monthly digital version of *The Chimes*, visit <a href="www.fpcslc.org/subscribe/">www.fpcslc.org/subscribe/</a>.

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