



The Chimes

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH



Summer 2017

Dear First Presbyterian Members & Friends,

Dear 1st Presbyterian members and friends,

May, June, July 2017

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” But, how can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone telling them? Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.”
(Romans 10:13-17).

Mr. K had an important influence in my life. He was my high school choral director. Through his encouragement I learned to sing and conduct, tried out for state and regional honor choruses, experienced great choral works and the travel and friendships that came with it. Mr. K was a terrific teacher and mentor.

As a freshman in college, I had just become a believer and wanted to share my joy with him. But it wasn't until I visited his classroom while on spring break that I found out that he was a Christian. Yes, he was a public school teacher, but on occasion he spent time with me away from school. I had to think, “Why didn't Mr. K introduce me to the Jesus Christ he knew and followed?” I also wonder about who and how many people will ask the same of me, even as an ordained pastor?

How about you? As you hear the biblical message of Jesus at First Pres, have you found ways to share with others in your life? Do you have a heart's desire for others to come to a saving, beautiful faith in the Lord? How will they if they have not heard in a genuine, caring way? You may be the only person ever in their life to say something about Jesus (not about church, not about behavior, not about what's new online). Keep it centered on Jesus. Who he is... what he offers... what a difference he has made in your life.

I know it can be awkward, difficult, uncertain. It is for me (really!). But the stakes are too high to ignore the opportunities God gives us. So, go ahead; take the risk; be genuine; be yourself; share your story.

With confidence in God's presence,

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 Meetings

- 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.)

From the Pastoral Associate

I think few of us would argue that American culture promotes and teaches individualism. I know I am a product of this myself. We are taught to be whatever we want to be, do things for ourselves, take control of almost every aspect of our lives from the apps on our smartphones, and as long as you have money to pay the bills you do not have to rely on other people for food, clothes, transportation, water, shelter, or entertainment. And as wonderful as this can be for an introvert like me, it is not how the church was designed to operate. Therefore, I think we individualistic Americans need to consciously seek out the community that was intended.

Even though we can rely on ourselves for almost anything earthly in Western culture, we cannot rely on ourselves for spiritual wellness. Psychologist Martin Seligman wrote the following: "In the past quarter-century," he wrote in his excellent book, *Learned Optimism*, "events occurred that so weakened our commitment to larger entities as to leave us almost naked before the ordinary assaults of life ... Where can one now turn for identity, for purpose, and for hope? When we need spiritual furniture, we look around and see that all the comfortable leather sofas and stuffed chairs have been removed and all that's left to sit on is a small, frail folding chair: the self."

Even this non-religious psychologist recognizes the crisis that comes from not being connected to others and to God. In Paul's letters to Romans and 1 Corinthians he spelled out how the church must be made up of the gifts of all its members and must be a community of faith, not a group of individuals. In Romans 12:4-5 Paul writes this: "For just as each of us has one body with many members,

and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." We are designed to be in community when it comes to our faith, with Christ at the head. This is very different than how our culture operates.

In her book *Truly the Community*, Marva Dawn writes that how different Christian Community is supposed to look may not just be what God intended, but also a chance to share why we are different. "To work and share together more closely as a community is beneficial not merely for its own sake – although that certainly is sufficient reason to advocate it. Beyond that, the results of such sharing would increase the credibility of our message of Christianity...Because the style of community in which all individual members contribute uniquely is so different from the conformity of our culture, the surprise it causes would lead to questions. Consequently, we would have new opportunities to tell others how the love of God draws our diversities into unity."

Are we at First Presbyterian Church at a point where our unity and community define us? I propose that there are signs of it and all the gifts needed are represented in our current congregation. However, I also propose that we are not there yet. A church with people from all over the valley has to work harder at being a community. As Pastor Mike preaches on this in May and June, I invite you to reflect on and pray about how you can use your gifts for ministry and be an active part of the community of faith here.

Blessings, Pastor Chris



Treasurer's Report



Income & Expenses

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Quarterly Income and Expenses <i>Through March 31, 2017</i>		
Estimate of Giving Income	\$ 83,915	\$ 53,378
Total Income	151,070	116,691
Total Expense	151,070	157,758

Please remember FPC in your will, trust, or IRA

This year's per capita gift is **\$38.00** for each active member of First Presbyterian Church. To date, we have received \$980.00 or per capita from 25 of our 325 members. The Session has voted to remit per capita as it is received. Total per capita for our 325 members would be \$12,350, if everyone contributed their per capita share. Please use the blue envelope in your box of envelopes or mark your offering as "per capita."

We have received \$948.00 for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. **Thank you. One half of the offering will go to denominational missions and the other half will be given to Crossroads Urban Center.**

Numbers to Keep in Mind for 2017 at First Presbyterian Church providing a perspective for your giving

\$604,278 annual budget for 2017 (includes \$385,031 for professional staff; \$72,360 for ministry & mission; \$146,887 for building, HVAC, insurance, supplies, communications, etc).

300 families, couples, single members and friends who participate regularly in the life of the church.

\$2,000 is the average needed from each family, couple, or single member/friend (that would

be 10% - a tithe - from those whose annual household income is \$20,000.) Of course, some are able to give less than and many more than the "average."

No matter what, please plan to give. The Lord blesses each gift and giver. Together the church will thrive.

First Presbyterian Church
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VBS Wishlist

Please bring items by
Sunday, July 2nd

- Cardboard (regular and corrugated)
- Cord
- Foil
- Bamboo skewers
- Metallic markers
- Flour
- Salt
- Glow-in-the-dark star shapes
- Star and circle cookie cutters
- Child rolling pins
- Gallon-sized Ziploc bags
- 3in gift boxes
- BBs
- Clear plastic
- Craft foam
- Black card stock
- Black duct tape
- Green tissue paper
- White tissue paper
- Star stickers
- 91-99% isopropyl alcohol
- Eye droppers
- Ribbon
- Star shaped beads
- Clear spray sealer
- Plastic cutting mats
- Water color paint
- 8x10 canvas panels
- Thick Styrofoam
- Soda can tabs
- White finishing nails
- Rubber bands
- Black plastic cups
- Battery operated tea light candles
- Clear 20oz bottles
- Black electrical tape

Children's Ministry



Faith Explorers
FPCSLC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

2017 Easter

The Faith Explorers enjoyed the Lenten season and the many celebrations of Easter Sunday. From our Palm Sunday parade, to our annual Easter Egg hunt, to our special Easter song, celebrating the resurrection of our Lord was a great highlight to our year!

Vacation Bible School

July 10-14, 9:00am-Noon
Ages 4-completed 5th grade

Save the date for this year's Vacation

Bible School. You won't want to miss a fun-packed week of games, crafts, snacks, and Bible stories.

This year, kids will be turned into Galactic Starveyors! As kids focus their telescopes on the marvels painted in the sky by the Creator, they will discover the wonder among all wonders - that the God who created everything there is - the knowable and the unknowable, the visible and the invisible - wants a personal relationship with them!

Register online at fpcslc.org/faith-explorers



Vacation Bible School Volunteers

July 10-14, 9:00am-Noon

Join our VBS team! Helpers are needed in demonstrating crafts, making snacks, leading games, and directing groups of kids to the right rotation. Preparations will begin soon. Are you able to make a shopping trip, cut out templates, or hang decorations? We'd love for you to join in the fun! Contact Christin@fpcslc.org if you are able to work one or any of our VBS days, or if you have some time to commit before VBS begins.

Children's Ministry



Walk Through the Bible

*Saturday, August 19 8:30AM-3:30 PM
In the Sanctuary at First Pres
Grades 1-4*

It's challenging to grasp the big picture of the Bible. Yet this is one of the most important steps to opening up the Word of God to the hearts and minds of children (and adults too)! The *Old Testament LIVE* event has been helping children and adults for more than 30 years unravel the mystery of Scripture and understand the big picture of the Bible.

Throughout the *Kids in the Book* live event, children become actively involved with stories, lessons, games, puzzles, and other interesting activities aimed at teaching Old and New Testament themes. Each activity stimulates imagination, fosters creativity, and enhances group participation.

Conducted by highly skilled instructors, the event reveals the "big picture" of God's story through a unique, fun, kinetic style of learning. Kids gain lifelong benefits from participating in the live event. Not only will they learn the big picture of the Bible, they also learn how to pray, read the Bible effectively, and apply biblical principles to their everyday lives.

Register at fpcls.org/faith-explorers

Early Registration: \$17 before August 4

Late Registration: \$20 after August 4

Day-Of Registration: \$30

Summer Curriculum

After nearly a year in the New Testament, we have seen Jesus do what he came to do: die on the cross for our sins and then be raised to life once again in victory over death! What happened after Jesus came back to life? Did everything forever change? The answer is YES! This summer we will look at the church as it responded to the Holy Spirit and spread like a wildfire across the world. From the Great Commission to the missionary journeys of Paul, God was clearly still with his people, and is still with us today. Take a look at the following stories from the *Jesus Storybook Bible*, by Sally Lloyd-Jones in preparation for our Summer Curriculum: *Going home* (Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 14), *God sends help* (Acts 1-5; John 15), *A new way to see* (Acts 6-9, 12-28; Colossians 2, Romans 8, Ephesians 2)

Christin Abbott, Children's Ministry Director



Group Studies

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, second and fourth Tuesdays 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.

Youth Ministry

This spring and summer is going to be a good time for fellowship and spiritual growth in the lives of the FPCSLC Youth.

May will begin with some practices for **Youth Sunday** (which is on May 14). Tamara Gilbert will be preaching a sermon titled, "Faith like a Rollercoaster."

We will also be continuing our relationship with **Crossroads Urban Center**. There are various projects that we help will out with on the grounds for Summer. We will be working on some spring cleaning chores and food organizing projects.

The month of May will also include projects such as the **25th Annual Stamp Out Hunger Project** at the Post Office in downtown SLC. Events will also include our annual summer super hero movie featuring "**Guardians of the Galaxy 2.**"

The **FPCSLC Basketball Team** will be finishing up the season in June. The team will have played 8 games against various churches in the valley. The games are at Southeast Christian Church.

The High School youth will be travelling down to Glorieta, NM for their annual week long mission trip in the middle of June. The camp theme is titled **Convergence** and is through **Fuge Mission Trips**. They will be among 1,500 students from all over the US that are gathering for a time of worship and service.

We will be also having some events at the **Creekside Frisbee Golf Course** and hike/picnic up **Bells Canyon** during the first part of the summer. There are also many projects/events that pop up so keep an eye out for any changes!!

We meet every Sunday morning at 11am for Jr. and Sr. High Sunday School and once a month for **Bible Study**.

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 M. Parrish,
Youth Director



Community Outreach

Dinner at Ronald McDonald House:

Dates in the column to the right. 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



Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making:

Come help make sandwiches for St. Vincent de Paul. We meet in the downstairs kitchen. Dates are found in the column to the right.

Serving Dinner @ Vinny's: Thursdays, February 9th, March 9th, and April 13th at 4:30 pm. 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

Service Opportunities

May 4th Dinner at Ronald McDonald House (4:30 pm & 6:00 pm)

May 10th Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making (3:30 pm)

May 11th Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making (9:30 am)

Jun 1st Dinner at Ronald McDonald House (4:30 pm & 6:00 pm)

Jun 7th Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making (3:30 pm)

Jun 8th Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making (9:30 am)

Jul 6th Dinner at Ronald McDonald House (4:30 pm & 6:00 pm)

Jul 12 Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making (3:30 pm)

Jul 13 Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making (9:30 am)

Special Events

May 14	Youth Sunday & Mothers' Day
May 29	Memorial Day
June 4	Church Picnic
June 15-19	Youth Mission Trip
June 18	Fathers' Day
June 28	Outdoor Worship
July 4	Independence Day
July 10-14	Vacation Bible School
July 24	Ulster Project Closing Ceremony

Deacon's Corner

When you see the monthly deacon's offering envelope in the bulletin, do you ever wonder, "Who are these deacons, and why should I give them money?"

Deacons are regular church members just like everyone else, and rest assured, you're not giving money to us! The money goes to the Deacons' Fund, which we use to help people both in our congregation and in our wider community. Some examples of ways we use the money:

Donate to service providers such as Pamela's Closet that help those experiencing homelessness

Support members of our congregation who encounter financial problems

Provide Christmas presents and food for those who might not otherwise be able to celebrate the holiday

The Board of Deacons meets monthly to discuss needs in our congregation and the community and determine the best ways to meet those needs. Many of our solutions are non-financial, such as writing letters, delivering flowers, or otherwise reaching out to people who may be lonely or simply need some human contact. But it's nice to have the financial resources to be able to meet other needs as well, which is why we rely on the generosity of First Presbyterian's members and friends to continually replenish the Deacon's Fund.

If you see a need that you think might be appropriate for the Deacon's Fund, please contact Bert Dart at 801-231-4105 or bandddart@netscape.net.

Pamela's Closet

PAMELA'S CLOSET - MAY-JULY 2017

As I passed out new socks and underwear recently, some of my homeless friends gave me hugs and huge smiles – they were most appreciative of your generous donations! Please know that just one pair of socks can make a difference in a child's, man's or woman's life. An 8 year old told me that she felt more normal after being given several pairs of underwear after going without them for several months!

NEEDS FOR THE COMING MONTHS!

**SMALL SIZE DEODORANTS
CONTAINERS OF OFF
(Mosquitoes are coming!)
SMALL SIZE HAND SANITIZERS
MEN'S T-SHIRTS
MEN'S SOCKS
TEENAGERS' JEANS**

To those of you who have donated again and again – many thanks indeed! Your contributions are so very important and your car-

ing enough to give creates HOPE in other people's lives! Let's increase our attitude of gratitude for all the Lord has given us; – because we have been given much, we too must give.

With gratitude to you all,
Pamela

Boy Scout Troop 34



Troop 34 likes to stay busy as well as have some fun. February's campout consisted of Scouts practicing their winter skills while winter camping at Jordan Pines in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Here Scouts built snow caves and then spent the night in them. It was challenging and rewarding when they made it through the night. Besides building snow caves, they sledged and tried to see who could have the most fun in the snow. A big thank you to the parents and leaders who helped provide transportation, supervision and for providing a hot breakfast of biscuits and gravy to warm everyone up.

Scoutmaster Chad Bradford wished that he could convey the satisfaction of that first warm bite of Jim Jette's breakfast, eaten in a parking lot, during a snow storm. It is a moment that he will cherish.

In March the Scouts had two activities: The first was Scouting for Food where Cub Scouts left flyers for the food drive and the Scouts went back the next day picked up any food that was left out for them. This is a great way to help the Food Bank restock some of their shelves.

The March campout was to the San Rafael Swell. Camp was set up in a campground near the Wedge Overlook or "Little Grand Canyon." Upon arrival, the boys immediately set up the entire camp. They then attempted to get to the canyon bottom via the most difficult route possible. We didn't lose anyone and they all worked off some energy from sitting in the car. Dinner was a regular Iron Chef festival which included two different pastas, marinated lamb chops with mashed potatoes, NY strips steaks, a from-scratch shrimp/broccoli with Alfredo sauce with dessert of s'mores. Our Scouts sure know how to eat! After a chilly 28 degree night, they woke up, had breakfast and broke camp. They traveled down through Buckhorn Wash to a tunnel used to test the impacts of Army explosives, stopped at a 2000 year old pictograph panel, and finished with a perfect riverside lunch at the San Rafael River. Again, a big thank you to the adults who make these trips happen. Even a one night trip takes a lot of effort and the adults make it happen. A big shout out to all the adults who support the Troop - - past, present, and future.

Upcoming events include: April – Ding/Dang slot canyon; May – Overnight campout in Southern Utah, flags placed on Veteran's graves for Memorial Day and a Court of Honor; June – Zion National Park backpacking and technical slot canyon; August – Hinckley Scout Summer Camp.

If you have a boy or know someone who would be interested in Scouting, please contact one of the following:

Boys 6 to 10 years old - Cub Master: Susan Bland – 801-484-0251 or sdmbland@yahoo.com

Boys 11 to 18 years old – Scout Master: Chad Bradford -801-403-5613 or chadlbradford@gmail.com

Did You Know?

Per Capita Apportionment is used to maintain the administration of our denomination. Your special gift of \$38.00 per member in your family will help maintain the quality of our extended family and the PCUSA denomination.

Announcements



September 9th, 2017

Join First Pres at this year's Avenues Street Fair on September 9th. The church will have a booth that you are encouraged to sign up to help host. Let Pastor

Outdoor Worship

Outdoor worship will be August 27th at 5PM in Millcreek Canyon. Bring a picnic dinner. There will be s'mores provided!

SUNDAY WORSHIP for Summer 2017

9 am: Praise Band & Songs

11 am: Organ, Hymns, & Choir

May 7 — “Shepherd Keeping Watch”

John 10:1-10; Psalm 23
Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
Women’s Retreat

May 14 — “Youth Sunday”

Our Jr and Sr High students lead worship
Mother’s Day

“Christian Community”

A great gift that Christ has given us is *each other*. Through the church, we can grow in loving and nurturing one another in worship, study, friendship, and serving.

May 21 — “Christian Community: Built to Last”

Ephesians 2:11-22

May 28 — “Christian Community: Everyone’s Invited”

Philemon

June 4 — “Christian Community: They’ll Know”

John 13

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

June 11 — “Christian Community: Everyone’s Involved”

I Corinthians 12

June 18 — Does God really? *Shut doors and open windows?*

Acts 16:6-12

Father’s Day

June 25 — Does God really? *Help those who help themselves?*

Romans 3:9-27

Mission Trip Experience

“The Big Ten”

God’s commandments (boundaries, rules) do more than restrict; they give freedom. Words of prevention and words of protection. The Ten Commandments affirm our dependence on the Lord and on each other.

July 2 — 1 – The Big Ten

I Kings 18:16-39

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

July 9 — 2 – The Big Ten

Exodus 32

July 16 — 3 – The Big Ten

Psalm 96

July 23 — 4 – The Big Ten

Psalm 16

July 30 — 5 – The Big Ten

Ruth 1:1-18

August 6 — 6 – The Big Ten

I Samuel 24

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

August 13 — 7 – The Big Ten

II Samuel 11

August 20 — 8 – The Big Ten

Acts 4:32-5:11

August 27 — 9 – The Big Ten

Proverbs 12

September 3 — 10 – The Big Ten

I Timothy 6:3-10

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Thanks to everyone who contributed their articles to the Spring *Chimes*.

Please note the deadline for Fall’s *Chimes* articles is Friday, July 21st.

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 weekly announcements and our digital version of *The Chimes*, visit www.fpcslc.org/subscribe/.

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