

THE BRIDGE BUILDER

September 2017

Changing Times, Changing Needs

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Let me say a few things about changes in our city and how they are beginning to affect our church. In the past number of years, we have seen an increase in people and groups requesting space in our building. In fact, we end up with more requests to use the building than we have the time, space, or resources available to support. This is a good thing. Part of the reasoning behind the remodel of our building in 2004 was, in fact, to attract the community to our facility and to better serve the city and, more specifically, the Sugarhouse community.

At the same time, we have also seen an increase in the number of visitors to the church who enter the building without any affiliation and seek food, resources, shelter, etc. Some of these folks, finding access, have made themselves very much at home, at times in remote corners of the building, before we find them. Please know that we don't begrudge the homeless population of Salt Lake anything, and in fact, we seek to serve them. However, the unmonitored presence in our building raises security concerns for all, including worshipers, volunteers, staff, Preschool teachers and children, and community groups who rent our space. Session is concerned for the safety of all of these groups, particularly since we have a school onsite, and because individuals and groups frequently use the building during off hours in the evening and on weekends.

Our custodians do an excellent job watching out for the building, but it is a large building and their workload necessitates them moving around the building, not monitoring a door.

The city is changing. The homeless population that used to be centered in the Rio Grande neighborhood has been dispersed and communities across Salt Lake City are all feeling the effect of those policy changes. As a police representative recently told us, "This is something we all will have to learn how to accept and plan for as a community." How then do we address a tricky situation that is, arguably, "a work in progress", as the city and community groups, ourselves included, work to find adequate resources to support the homeless population?

One suggestion was to lock the church doors at 5pm and schedule everything for daytime hours, but that seems in conflict with our desire to be an active church of "doers", as well as a center for the community. Another was to begin researching options for a new Building Safety plan, including exploring how we might utilize technology to help us fulfill our mission as a church while also being safe. This seems wise and is consistent with policies that churches across the country are having to address in one form or another. That being said, Session believes that we need a plan for the short term that will help ensure the safety of all parties. In this spirit, Session recently approved a short-term plan focused on having the building doors locked for more of the time than they historically have been. A change like this likely gives most of us pause and might cause us to question our values as a church, but as was recently stated by a member of Session, "A locked door isn't in conflict with the ethos of this church." Simply put, a locked door doesn't mean we aren't a welcoming church, committed to serving our community.

In the short term, while we embark on creating a new Building Safety Plan, we will be implementing some modifications to building access. Sunday morning building access will remain as always. Access to the building Monday-Saturday will be encouraged through the Main Entrance doors, and the Fellowship Hall and Narthex doors will remain locked. The Main Entrance doors will be unlocked during office hours—Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm, Mon-Fri 9am-12:30pm, when office staff are present. During other times on those days and on Saturday, the Main Entrance doors will be locked. When the Main Entrance doors are locked, staff, committee chairs, volunteers, etc. are encouraged to continue using the building as before and however desired, simply accessing the building using keys. Anyone interested in having a key is welcomed and encouraged to please contact Allan McInnis or Rebecca Sandulli. Outside groups using the church during non-office hours will be let in by a custodian. When special events are scheduled, building access will be adjusted to support the needs of the event and custodial schedules will be adjusted accordingly.

We ask for your patience, grace, and understanding as we embark on this new endeavor. -Pastor Scott

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Children's Ministry

As the kids of WPC head back to school, I believe they are taking fond memories of summer back with them. Many of our youngest participated in Camp Wasatch in June, where they learned about the parables of Jesus through song, art, and games. Our 3rd-6th graders had the opportunity to experience God in the beauty of the mountains at Camp Tuttle, where they laughed and played in that sacred space. And of course, they spent time vacationing with their families, and I enjoyed hearing of all their adventures across the US! We are blessed as a community to have had so many opportunities to play and worship together this summer. As Sunday School begins in a few weeks, I look forward to a new school year of learning and laughing together on Sunday mornings.



Mark your calendar! Sunday School begins 9/17/17 at 10:10am in the gym, for 4 year olds-6th graders!

- Hilary Lambert, Children's Ministry Director, hlambert@wpcslc.org

Youth Ministry

The Youth wrapped the summer with a fantastic trip in Southern Utah to hike in Arches National Park and raft the Colorado River! It was a wonderful trip filled with beautiful scenery, lots of laughter, exciting rapids, fun games, new friendships, good food, hiking in red rock country, and excellent fellowship. WPC Youth make for seriously good company, be it on the road, in a boat, in a tent, in a restaurant, or while sleeping on a church floor. A special thanks to.....Moab Community Church who let the Youth crash their Fellowship Hall for the night; 'Splore outfitters for taking excellent care of everyone on the river; and Tracie Cooper,

Nathan Florence, Sunya Jones, Ethan Kiburtz, and Rebecca Sandulli for giving their time as chaperones. And kudos to Annalise Ford for putting together and leading such a wonderful trip for our Youth!



We have some fun fellowship and service events planned for the youth of WPC, mark your calendars!

September 10, 10:10am
Family Promise set up, then breakfast in the gym

September 17, 10:10am
First day of Sunday School in the Loft

September 24, 5pm
Swim Night at the Netto's House
RSVP to hlambert@wpcslc.org

October 14, 7pm
Night Games at WPC
RSVP to hlambert@wpcslc.org

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Adult Education

Initial course offerings this fall will help commemorate the 500th anniversary of the tacking of Martin Luther's 95 theses to the cathedral door, which started the Reformation.

Classes include the following (titles are tentative):

"Religious tolerance during the Reformation": teacher: MaryJane Chase: Sept.17 – Oct. 8, inclusive.

"Deacon Activities of the early church of John Calvin": Rev. Scott Dalgarno: Oct. 15-29.

"Civic empowerment for citizens": speakers yet to be determined: Nov 5-19

"Christmas in world literature: readings": Dick Wunder: Dec 3-17

"Two letters to Corinth": Beth Phillips: Jan 7 – Feb. 4

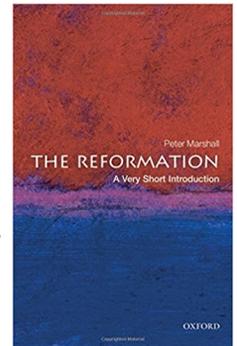
Please join us at 1010 – 1105. The rooms where classes will be held will usually be the admin conference room 116, or the Sunday school rooms near the choir rooms (3rd floor loft level). The library will usually remain open for browsing during this hour because both rooms on 3rd floor will now be used.

-David Harris, Service Committee, delraydog@comcast.net

Pastor's Book Discussion

The Reformation: A Very Short Introduction by Peter Marshall

The Reformation was a seismic event in European history, one which left an indelible mark on the modern world. In this Very Short Introduction, Peter Marshall illuminates the causes and consequences of this pivotal movement in western Christianity. The Reformation began as an argument about what Christians needed to do to be saved, but rapidly engulfed society in a series of fundamental changes.. The complex legacy of the Reformation is assessed. Its religious fervor produced remarkable stories of sanctity and heroism, and some extraordinary artistic achievements. But violence, holy war, and martyrdom were equally its products. A paradox of the Reformation--that it intensified intolerance while establishing pluralism--is one we still wrestle with today.



Discussion on this book will be led by Pastor Scott Tuesday, September 19 at 11:00am and again at 7:00pm in the church Library.

Family Promise Support Needed

Wasatch will be hosting 4 families as part of Family Promise's homeless shelter this **September 10-17**. We always have a great group of volunteers who contribute to a successful week, and there's still time for you to get involved in this session. We now need (2) overnight volunteers each night, so please consider filling one of the overnight slots. The role involves arriving at 8:30pm, saying goodnight to families at the 9pm curfew, and locking the doors/turning off the lights until the morning. You have your own private room in the church office area and even a comfortable new air mattress! The role is done at 7:30am (9am on the weekends).



To sign up or ask questions, please email
Luana (uluave@gmail.com)
Allison (allisonclements@gmail.com).

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Peace and Global Witness Offering

On October 1, as part of Wasatch Presbyterian's celebration of World Communion Sunday, we will be taking a special offering for the Peace and Global Witness Offering of the Presbyterian Church USA. The offering supports the Church's efforts abroad in war-torn areas like South Sudan and also allows the church to support the local peace-making efforts of congregations throughout the United States. Our congregation keeps 25% of the offering, and the service committee has voted to direct that portion to the education fund for our Sudanese Congregation. The education fund can pay for school fees and school supplies and other education-related expenses. In the past, the national church has used the remaining 75% to provide matching funds for local churches in San Francisco that raised money to collect and assemble "welcome kits" with necessities for refugee families, to support work for reconciliation in refugee camps in South Sudan, and to bring international peacemakers to local congregations, inspiring those congregations to undertake new peacemaking work. From September 3 through October 1, the Church will offer a series of daily reflections on the path of peace, available at pcusa.org/subscribe. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Church's Peace and Global Witness Offering on October 1.



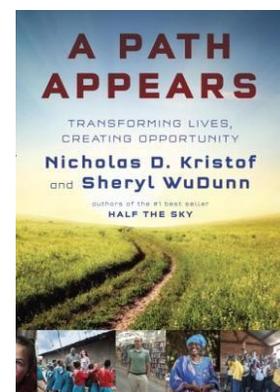
-Bretta Prie-Srivastava, Service Committee, brettaraj@gmail.com

Library Notes

SUNDAY IN THE LIBRARY. Beginning this fall, the library will be open to all during the Sunday education hour. Feel free to drop in, browse the shelves, read a book or periodical, meet a friend. Guido Sandulli, library associate, will be on hand this hour to help you find a book or answer any questions you may have.

The library will continue the usual weekly hours on a self serve basis: after Sunday services, from 1 to 4 pm on Thursdays and Fridays, or by request to the church office staff at other times. Use the check-out form on the library desk to borrow a book and the basket by the desk to return books. Enjoy the library, whether on Sunday or during the week. It's a great place to find a quiet spot to read, or just to rest while waiting for a meeting to start or for a friend to arrive.

A Path Appears: Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunities by **Nicholas Kristof** and **Sheryl WuDunn**. The authors are a husband and wife team who bring both investigative reporting and well-honed writing skills to telling the stories of people who have "made a difference." The book is a feast of stories of inspiring individuals. It is also an inspiration to all of us, so often paralyzed by the immensity of problems we see around us every day. Can my small gift really make a difference? Read chapter two, "A Drop in the Bucket," or "Mrs. Grady and the Boy Who Made Her Cry." This book succeeds in reminding each of us that we all have gifts, different to be sure, but gifts. And gifts, large or small, are better shared. Shared, they can indeed "make a difference."



- Beth Phillips, Librarian, bethphillips416@gmail.com

Sudanese Fundraiser Update

Thank you for making the Sudanese fund raiser a success! We made over \$2,000 for the Sudanese Fellowship. A small portion of the funds will go to the legal fund for Stephen Mouko. A special thank you goes to Allan McInnis for his help over the summer and during the sale. We appreciate your generous donations of money and items. We appreciate the generous donations of time, money, and items. Thanks to the many volunteers who came to help. It would not have been possible without you. The Sudanese families are grateful for your support. Thanks again, Jane Hereim.

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Wasatch Thanks You



Special thanks to Jan Bartlett for scraping, caulking, fixing, and painting the frame around the stained glass window in the Narthex. It took a rented lift and two days' worth of elbow grease, and the window now looks wonderfully updated. Be sure to swing by to take a look!



Special thanks to Heather Reynolds, Stasha Lewis, and Emma Lewis for helping Hilary Lambert with a major organizational overhaul of the Children's Ministry Art Room. Thanks to their long evening of effort, the Art Room is now organized and labeled for easy use by all!

WOW Stitch & Chat

This group gathers once a month in Room #116, the second Thursday of September through May at 12:00noon. We bring items to knit, crochet, stitch, etc. for ourselves and also for philanthropy projects. Baby and youth caps are needed for Primary Childrens' Hospital and Intermountain Medical Center.

Knitted or crocheted 11" squares are needed for making afghans for hospitals for women in Africa.

Bring a sack lunch if you like.

Contact Janet Wortley at 801-733-4490

if you have questions or are interested in joining this group.



SEPTEMBER 7 PW/WOW LUNCHEON

Thursday 11:30am (Fellowship Hall)

Program: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Speaker: Carol Day (Springville Pres. Church)

Donations needed:

- 1 hand towel (aprx. 16x28),
- 1 washcloth, 1 wide-tooth comb, 1 nail clipper,
- 1 bar soap (bath size in wrapper), 1 tooth brush

In original pkg. 6 bandaids

Bring donated items to the luncheon

RSVP: Mary Beth Keidl by Tues. 9/5

marybethkeidl@icloud.com

1-414-550-3295

SEPTEMBER 11 EVENING BOOK CLUB

Monday 6:30pm (away)

Janet Wortley 801-733-4490

SEPTEMBER 14 MARTHA CIRCLE

Thursday 10:00am (Room #116)

PW Horizon Bible Study Lesson #1

Janet Wortley 801-733-4490

(Bring a sack lunch if staying for St. & Ct.)

SEPTEMBER 14 STITCH & CHAT

Thursday 12:00pm (Room #116)

Mary Beth Keidl 1-414-550-3295

(Bring a sack lunch)

SEPTEMBER 15 & 16 PW FALL GATHERING

Community Presbyterian Church

2278 N. Wedgewood Lane

Cedar City, UT

Friday 5 pm to 9 pm

Saturday 8am to 2:30pm

Theme: "FIVE SMOOTH STONES:

ON THE ROAD OF FAITH"

Registration by Thursday, Sept. 7

To Janet Wortley 801-733-4490

Cost \$15.00 (includes materials & meals)

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A Note from Teresa

As Willy Shakespeare said in his famous play “Romeo and Juliet,” “parting is such sweet sorrow.” Except we are not really parting so there’s nothing to be sad about. As you now know, WPC will be getting a new youth director and a new iBelieve director/Congregational care minister all wrapped into one delightful couple, The Fleishman’s. This dynamic duo has everything it takes to work with the youth AND provide direction in worship and congregational care. I feel confident you will grow to love them and their gifts.

As for me, it’s back to chaplaincy I go. Chaplaincy is my calling and is a much needed resource as there just aren’t very many Chaplains out in the world. That’s because not too many people run TOWARD the fire! I will be working at the University of Utah Hospital, Huntsman Cancer Institute, and Lakeview Hospital in Bountiful. I feel blessed and honored to return to a hospital setting as it truly feels like home to me.



As far as my relationship with Wasatch, I am moving my membership to Wasatch and will continue to worship amongst you. I look forward to being mentored by many of you as I go through inquiry of ordination and continue as a seminarian. So many of you have contributed to my study, my growth, and my ministry and for that I am truly grateful and blessed. I look forward to continuing our relationship as fellow congregants, friends, and most importantly, as a family. It is with my blessing that I join you in welcoming the Fleishman’s and the very impressive gifts they bring to Wasatch Presbyterian church.

Office FAQ

If you need to . . .

* *Submit information to be included in the Sunday bulletin, calendar, or announcements, email Blast, website, or Bridge Builder*

Email communications@wpcslc.org

* *Provide new or updated address or member information*

Email reception@wpcslc.org

* *Provide feedback on any general building maintenance concerns*

Email reception@wpcslc.org

* *Get answers to anything else office related?*

Email reception@wpcslc.org

* *Reserve a room or an event in the church?* Email facilities@wpcslc.org

* *Add an off-site event to the church calendar*

Email facilities@wpcslc.org

During the program year
(Labor Day to Memorial Day)
Church office hours
Monday-Thursday = 9:00am-3:00pm
Friday = 9:00am-12:30pm

Need to schedule an activity that requires any set-up (i.e. chairs, tables, etc.) or other custodial support? Reserve room as per above, fill out an Event Planning Sheet (and accompanying room sketch, if needed), and return to the basket in the Supply Room or facilities@wpcslc.org.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Morning	Courtney	Susie	Courtney	Susie	Courtney
Afternoon	Susie	Marian	Susie	Marian	x

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Personnel Update

Thank you to all for your patience and support over the last few months, during which the Personnel Committee conducted two job searches simultaneously – one for a Youth Director and another for a Pastoral Associate. A special thank you to those in the congregation who generously gave their time to help with these searches.

A heartfelt thank you to Annalise Ford for her time with Wasatch as the Interim Youth Director. She was instrumental in leading and growing the Youth program over the last year, culminating with a wildly successful river trip in Moab earlier this month. Following the river trip, Annalise transitioned into a new job outside of Wasatch. But don't worry - you'll still see her around lots, singing in the choir, helping out with Youth, and gracing us with her Southern charm. Following Annalise's departure, Hilary Lambert stepped in to temporarily lead the Youth. Thank you Hilary!

A heartfelt thank you to Teresa Newport for her time with Wasatch as the Interim Pastoral Associate. Teresa brought deep compassion and warmth to the Congregational Care Ministry, artfully led the iBelieve worship through a period of transition, and fed the congregation spiritually in new and creative ways. Teresa will continue at Wasatch for the next month before continuing her studies at ILIF School of Theology, along with returning to her first love, hospital chaplaincy. We will continue to sponsor her in seminary and are thankful that she would like to volunteer with the Congregational Care Ministry at Wasatch going forward.

We are excited to announce that Andrew and Dawn Fleishman will be joining Wasatch as the new Pastoral Associate and Youth Director, respectively. Both have attended seminary and together they have extensive ministry experience in a variety of settings. They will be relocating from Anacortes, Washington with their three children - Owen (11), Lila (7), and Jean (3) - and will be starting at Wasatch on October 1. The chance to fill the two positions with a couple came as a surprise to all, but one that we feel will bring unique and exciting opportunities to Wasatch.

With thanks for our community of faith and fellowship,
Bill Brass, Personnel Committee, bbrassslc@gmail.com

Meet Rebecca Sandulli

One might argue that Rebecca's path to Salt Lake City and Wasatch is a bit circuitous and unplanned. After being raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, she spent a year in Spain as an exchange student before attending Vassar College in New York, and spending more time studying abroad in Chile. Her first job out of college was for an environmental consulting firm located in Boston, where she met her husband Guido. After marrying, they moved to the Bay Area, where Rebecca attended graduate school at UC Berkeley for Public Policy. They intended to stay in the Bay Area for two years, but....two years turned into eleven and three children. While there, Rebecca worked for the U.S. Government Accountability Office, in their Natural Resources and Environment group. In 2012, Rebecca and Guido had plans to move back to the East Coast, but..... instead decided to give a Salt Lake City a chance, following a job opportunity for Guido. Following the move to Salt Lake, Rebecca intended to take a year or so off from work to get the family settled in Utah before returning to her field of natural resource policy but.....ended up taking a detour to work first as Children's Ministry Director and now Executive Director at Wasatch. She loves working at Wasatch because of the opportunity to do meaningful and widely varying work with such an open and spirit-filled community. Despite all the unexpected turns, Rebecca and Guido are thrilled to be able to live in Salt Lake City, where they try to spend as much time as possible enjoying the outdoors. They are also happy to be able to raise their children Alex (12), Elena (10), and Adah (7) —in family-friendly Utah and as a part of the Wasatch community. And Rebecca loves that Wasatch helps her feel connected to her Presbyterian roots in Pittsburgh.





Lost and found is located on the Main Level next to the reception desk. If you have misplaced your glasses, sunglasses, a book, jacket or dish. Please come take a look. Anything left in the office after 30 days will be donated .

- Office Staff

Status of the Operating Fund as on 07/31/2017

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Pledged/Loose Income	271,508	256,517	(14,991)
Other Income	94,386	93,654	(732)
Totals	365,894	350,171	(15,723)
Expenses	403,623	369,898	(33,725)
NET DIFFERENCE	(37,729)	(19,727)	18,002

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Wasatch Presbyterian Church Staff

- Rev. Scott Dalgarno** Pastor/Head of Staff, sdalgarno@wpcslc.org
- Terresa Newport** Interim Pastoral Associate, tnewport@wpcslc.org
- Rebecca Sandulli** Executive Director, rsandulli@wpcslc.org
- Hilary Lambert** Children's Ministry Director, hlambert@wpcslc.org
- Dr. Kenneth Udy** Director of Music, kennethudy@centurylink.net
- Carol Rugg** Financial Secretary, crugg@wpcslc.org
- Todd Wheeler** Director of "i believe" band, Todd_wheeler2560@msn.com
- Allan McInnis** Building Manager/Head Custodian, amcinnis@wpcslc.org
- Susie Brass** Office Assistant, reception@wpcslc.org
- Marian Florence** Office Assistant, communications@wpcslc.org
- Courtney Raines** Office Assistant, facilities@wpcslc.org

Deadline for next Bridge Builder (October) = September 25th

Have something (or someone) you'd like to see in the next Bridge Builder? Send content or suggestions to communications@wpcslc.org

Sunday Schedule

- 10:00 am** **Worship**
- 11:00 am** **Coffee Hour**
- 2:00 pm** **Sudanese Worship**

Office Hours

- Monday-Thursday**
9:00am-3:00pm
- Friday**
9:00am-12:30pm

Communion on the First Sunday of every month in worship service.

Check us out online at www.wpcslc.org