

FROM REVS. STEVE AND BEV GOODIER (2003-2009)

April 23, 2017

Dear friends,

What a fantastic celebration - 125 years in ministry in Salt Lake City.

I recall doing research and learning that the Methodist Church in Utah has a long and vital history. And Christ United Methodist has experienced three Centuries in your 125 years of existence.

Christ UMC has served Utah well. The church was instrumental in starting Crossroads Urban Center and Hilltop UMC. It has been a voice of advocacy for social change in Utah. It has reached out to other churches in the spirit of ecumenism for Christ's sake. You can and should be proud of your legacy over the years.

But a celebration like this is not a place to rest. It's fine, in fact it's wonderful, to look back, but let the past point you to the future. What will the next 125 years hold for Christ UMC? What new ministries does God have in store?

I believe that the best is yet to come and that God sees a future for the church that is only beginning to unfold.

Bev and I will forever cherish our memories of the years we had with you. We love you and appreciate you. As we look back on our many years of ministry, our time spent with Christ UMC is some of the very best. We'll be forever grateful for your love.

We wish we could be with you today, but we are holding you in our hearts. Much love to you all.

Steve and Bev Goodier

FROM REV. GORDON KNUCKEY (1970-1975)

Pastor Jean

I'm sorry this response is coming to you so late, but Karen and I had hoped circumstances would have allowed us travel to SLC for the big event. Unfortunately, because of family obligations we are unable to attend.

I have fond memories of my five years at Christ Church, oh, so many years ago, now. Forty-seven years have past, I make it, since I moved into the parsonage that was in the middle of the parking lot. Thanks to Sam Skaggs who funded my position, I was the first associate pastor at Christ. It was there I met my wife, Karen, whom I persuaded to help with the middle school youth group. Several years later we married.

We send all those at Christ church with long memories our best wishes, as well as those who haven't the slightest idea who we are.

Sincerely,
Gordon and Karen Knuckey

FROM REV. PAT LEWIS 2012-2015



Rev. Patrick Lewis, Fruita & Palisade United Methodist Churches, Colorado

Christ United Methodist Church,

Greetings in the name of the risen Christ! Hello my friends. I have missed you greatly over the past few years but hear of your doings and wonderful accomplishments as you have journeyed. I am overjoyed to hear of the growth and continued renewal of spirit among the congregation and have been inspired by much of the new commitments to continued growth and sustainability of the church and the missional work you are all doing. What a blessing!

As I reflect on my time there, I must say it was genuinely one of the best times of my life. Oh, I am sure there are stories of some of the things I may have done while serving there, but my greatest memories are of the people that inspired me and gave me the guidance to grow into my calling. It was my honor to work with Ed and have his dry but joy filled direction on music as well as Katie, Justin and Terry and the Wesley Bell Choir. So much joy around the music and music programs sprouted Faith on Fire while I was there and the Lea's and the One Voice Choir took our community into new places we never imagined! Also when we all began those vacation bible school changes and Vanitta, Kelly, Jeanmarie and the whole team changing that experience from 25 students to over 125 joyous children over the summer! Yes, ministry grows there at Christ, and you all continue to be a major part of the wonderful outreach of Christ's ministry to all of the communities you serve.

The parts of Christ that I miss and cherish the most though are the people. From the first day meeting Larry McGill, to the wonderful friendships we forged with people in the Men's groups, the staff, those who studied with us and those who loved us and shared their friendships. I won't name names, because really it was all of you. I loved the times we shared when making pastoral calls and the moments we worked the special events, and even those sacred moments in prayer on many, many Sunday mornings. To the youth, the parents, those who are the long time members and those who are brand new, You are a very special place and I pray that you continue to enjoy hundreds more anniversaries.

You are the strength of this church. Wonderful pastors such as Jean and those who have been there before us can infuse some emotion and drive, but you are the ones that grow and make a church a home and the body of Christ. You have built a powerful legacy in a place that needs leadership and wonderful people like you. I pray for my friend Pastor Jean as she grows into her new ministry; for Reverend "Rusty" as he begins a new era; for your ministry teams; and for all who enter this wonderful place called Christ United Methodist Church. May you stand as a beacon on a hill now and always filled to overflowing with the love of Christ, so you may move to embrace those you find along the journey and become the hands and feet of Christ among all people. God bless you, my friends and may God's fire of grace and mercy burn within you! Happy birthday!

Peace,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rev. Pat Lewis", written over a light-colored rectangular background.

Pastor Pat Lewis

FROM CONGREGATION KOL AMI

Dear Pastor Jean and the membership of Christ United Methodist Church:

When Congregation Kol Ami moved into the neighborhood in 1976, you were there to welcome us. Over the years we have worked together doing many acts of lovingkindness such as our partnership on Family Promise. Now we salute you as you celebrate your 125th anniversary. We trust we will grow even closer over many years, blessing our community together.

Mazal tov and Shalom,

John Cuomo, President
Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman

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FROM REV. BRUCE MAXWELL (1980-1982)

Jean,

The celebration of 125 years in ministry in SLC sounds like a lot of fun. But, you're a long way from the "Pacific NorthWet." My ministry at SLC in 1980 was my first appointment in the RMC after ten years in New Mexico. Yes, it was probably too short; but I remember it with fond memories that seem to be centered around living on the back lot of the church's campus and helping the Wesley Bell Ringers.

Have a great celebration!

grace and peace,

The Rev. Dr. Bruce Maxwell

FROM REV. RON AND NORMA HAMILTON (1975-1980)

To the members and friends of Christ United Methodist Church:

Norma and I want to add our congratulations and best wishes to the many others you have received as you celebrate 125 years of very significant ministry in the Salt Lake City environs.

We were privileged to share in five of those years, and the memories of the events and the people of that period constitute a very bright spot in our family's history.

It would be a delight to be present at your celebration, but unfortunately, health issues presently restrict our travel and forbid that we be there except in spirit. Nonetheless, be assured that we celebrate with you and rejoice in your excellent work and outreach.

May God continue to bless you as you embark upon your second 125 years.

Sincerely and fondly,

Ron and Norma Hamilton