



CENTRAL CORNER

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Some of us were able to participate in the Movie Nights at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral and the First Methodist Church where 87 homeless people were able to come in out of the cold on "Code Blue" nights when the temperatures were below 15 degrees for two or more hours overnight, have dinner, watch movies with snacks, and have a safe and warm night together with breakfast in the morning before returning to the streets. This was a chance to serve in an impactful way for those really needing it. Unsheltered Utah is a part of the 2nd and 2nd Coalition which runs the code blue nights. A family provided dinner.



**MOVIE
NIGHT**

**8 PM Sat
Feb 15
CLOSE 7AM**

**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
231 E. 100 S., SLC**



Doyle Wilde





Doyle Wilde, Rick Hall, Doyle's Sister



Doyle Wilde, Sue & Rick Hall





St. Mark's Episcopal Church



A SLC conference was held on Saturday March 1. Steve and Polly Peterson of My Hometown spoke as well as Cathy and Carlton Christensen, then we broke up into groups and had some great discussions. We put bowls with easy treats for everyone to enjoy in the foyers since we were not able to use the cultural hall, and the Christensens gave everyone some great keychains with some chocolates inside a little organza bag. We thought it was hysterical when Carlton told us Cathy had given him the job of tying up the bags. Since his fingers are pretty big to do such a small and specific thing, he decided to use his knowledge of tools and problem solving and tied them all tightly up with zip ties! Now they will NOT come undone before we need them to!



Trinity Church room renovation 3-5-25



BEFORE



AFTER



Scott Whipperman, Clem Jackson, Stan Clapham, and Brian Andersen worked to repair a room in the Trinity Church that was cracking and in great need of a facelift. The walls were made of “cellulose” which was what was used between plaster and sheet rock. Together they spent about 50 hours working on the repairs, and now the room looks like new thanx to these dedicated missionaries! We have really enjoyed working to help Pastor Darryell Jackson and his great congregation.

We started a Help Center in the three SLC areas of My Hometown, and people would come in to get help with many different things. This was focused on non-members. We all did it for a few months, but it seemed that our missionaries as well as those from the Wasatch Front Mission were sitting around most of the time with nothing to do. So it was finally decided to close the Help Centers after a good try. It was interesting that at our CRC we were having a LOT of success, so we decided to keep our Help Center open, but we have renamed it the Columbus Resource Center, and it is open every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon. Because of the students in our CRC we seem to have a lot of traffic, and we have had many people take advantage of the resources available to them.

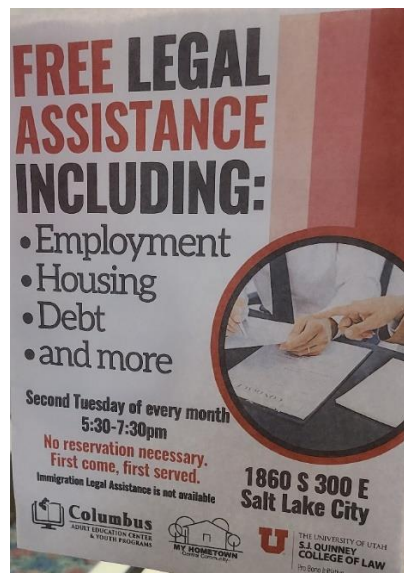
Our MHT Devotional was held on Sunday, March 23. The girls got to speak this time while the boys did refreshments! Bonnie talked about our projects and reminded everyone to watch for them, and Angie gave a wonderful message. Sue then spoke about miracles and gave some more examples of so many we have been seeing in our work in My Hometown. Then she gave out this Missionary Vitamin to help us all remember to “seek and expect miracles in our lives” as President Nelson told us. We then had some great ice cream sundaes and cookies for refreshments. Great job guys!

THERE ARE ONLY
~~two~~ ways to
live your life.
one is as though
nothing is a miracle.
The other is as though
everything is a
MIRACLE
--Albert Einstein

Seek & expect miracles in your life.
~ Russell M. Nelson ~

We held missionary interviews during February and March. We were impressed by the level of commitment all of you have and your willingness to work hard to make the wards in Liberty Stake and the Central area of the SLC area better. Your support and encouragement to those in the wards where you serve is greatly appreciated. Our missionaries teaching classes in the CRC are doing a wonderful job and seeing a lot of success with their students. Most of our missionaries are extending their missionary service for another year, and we are SO proud of them for that! We will sadly be bidding farewell to Erney and Laurie Markisich, and they will be greatly missed.

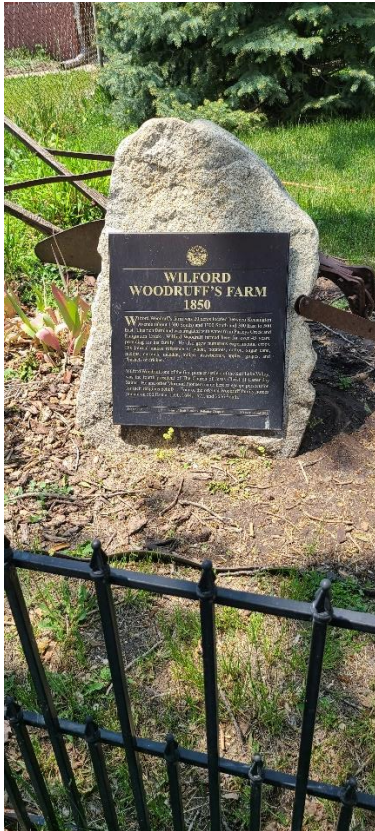
Classes at the CRC are going great. English, piano, and sewing are especially seeing great results. Legal help from the Quinney Law School continues the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.



Every week groups come in to use the building. The South Sudanese youth practice basketball twice a week, and the Ukrainian and Bhutanese dance groups meet every Saturday. The Kingdom Church of God in Christ (COGIC) which is a Pentecostal Christian denomination meets every Sunday in our building. Last year we painted all their window areas and created a new sign for them. Since there is no ramp out their back door and people could fall to the ground, they are meeting in our building until the ramp can be constructed, and it will be a safer place for them to meet.

Scott Whipperman repaired a wall behind the washer and dryer in the Wilford Woodruff Farmhouse for Marilyn Oblad. She was SO concerned, because mice were getting inside the house through the hole. He did a wonderful job, and Marilyn is very grateful for his great help.





On March 25 Rick and I attended a luncheon of the Salt Lake Rotary Club at the Alta Club where a presentation on My Hometown was given by our City Chair, Carlton Christensen, who is a member of the club. Everyone seemed very interested in who we are and what we do, and we hope to have some support from them in the future. It was great for us to visit with some Rotarians we have known for years from our time in the South Salt Lake Rotary Club.

