



## *Straight Talk*

A newsletter of life and ministries at St. James Episcopal Church

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### **Vestry Corner**

Hello, my name is Tim Burkett - I'm a member of the Vestry and the Junior Warden.

The Vestry has been a very busy committee these past few weeks.

We still have no announcement to make on Search for a new Rector but we've had a lot of discussions and meetings and certainly are

making progress.

We are also working on a fund raiser for the month of August - details to be rolled out very soon.

I hope everyone is keeping as cool as possible with the summer sun so high in the sky.



I personally would like to thank all those who volunteer at the Food Bank on alternating Saturdays and Sundays. It can be quite a workout sometimes but very rewarding.

Thank you!

Tim

A Note about Bishop Michael Curry's upcoming surgery. The prognosis is great but prayers are always needed! [Click here for a link to the letter](#) from Bishop Curry about his diagnosis.



## A Report of the 79th General Convention in Austin

I returned from the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church about 10 days ago. Steve Hutchinson, Sandy Motes, and I (Nancy Tanner) attended the legislative sessions and many of the committee meetings along with worship every day. Preston Motes was a dedicated volunteer.

Following is an excerpt from a writing by Pastor Mary Janda of St Stephens. Her writing sums up my feelings as well.

"I can still feel the presence of all the Episcopalians gathered to do the "business" of the church. At times, there were some heated debates, but mostly we engaged in great dialogue in our attempts to carry out the work of God at this time in our living history. We borrowed from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. the concept of The Beloved Community. With each piece of legislative work, we truly tried to embrace this whether it be in the work of The Book of Common Prayer revision (don't worry, that is going to take years!); Anti-Racism, Dismantling Racism, Healing and Reconciliation; our words about the conflict between the Israelis and the Palestinians; care and stewardship of the earth; gun violence; immigration; among others.

Our Presiding Bishop Michael loves to say that we are the "Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement". We all felt that in the liturgy, the preaching, the music, and the conversations that were shared."

The Diocesan July newsletter has articles from General Convention including Bishop Hayashi elected to Executive council, [Cuba welcomed back](#) into The Episcopal Church as a Diocese (unanimously passed by both House of Deputies and House of Bishops), United Thank Offering awards an \$18,000 grant for a much needed van to the Sudanese congregation at All Saints, Title IV Website (Steve Hutchinson was instrumental in the development), and the Diocese of Utah communication staff produced and directed the streaming of all the daily worship services. If you haven't had a chance to look at the newsletter here is the link [www.episcopal-ut.org](http://www.episcopal-ut.org) then click on Current Newsletter. And finally, The Episcopal News Service has provided a full report of GC79 entitled "General Convention Wrap up: Following the Way of Jesus". It is a comprehensive look at important resolutions and other convention happenings. [www.episcopalnewsservice.org](http://www.episcopalnewsservice.org) I feel very grateful and privileged to have been elected to be a Deputy at this 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church. To be a part of the historic action to restore the

Church in Cuba to be back with us again was truly moving. I would be happy to share my experience with you. Just ask.

Submitted by Nancy Tanner



## We Have A Match!!!

We have been granted an anonymous \$2,500 match for donations to the Wanda Lingo Memorial Fund! We are close to that \$2,500 but still short. If you want to donate, this would be a great time to do it!

The gift of \$5,000 will go a long way to helping the Homeless Youth Resource Center through the VOA. This was Wanda's love, helping the homeless and she was especially fond of young people. If you have been planning on donating, now is the time while we have been promised this match! Thank you to all who have donated. Dave and his daughter, Rebecca, are so grateful for the outpouring of donations to Wanda's memorial fund and the love they've received since Wanda's untimely passing.

To donate: bring a check or cash into the St. James office or mail it to 7486 S. Union Park Ave. Midvale, UT 84047. Make sure to write a note with your gift so that we know it's for the Wanda Lingo Memorial Fund.

## Fall St. James Camping Trip

Imagine this:

**Moon Lake** (Group site B) **Labor Day weekend** (August 30 through September 3rd) **Pot Luck dinner on a cool Saturday evening**, (September 1,) with your great friends from Church. **Church service** (Sunday morning). Sounds too good to be true, huh? Well it's happening! Save the date, mark your calendars!



Moon Lake is in the high Uintas at 8087 feet about 150 miles from Salt Lake. Lots of hiking and fishing. Contact Preston Motes or Robert Shoop for more details.



**Craft Fair**  
**October 13, 8 am - 5 pm**  
**All Saints Episcopal Church**

**"A Show of Talent"**

All Saints is hosting a day long craft fair in October. Some of the items that will be there are baby gear, holiday gifts, stained glass, and quilts. They encourage you to share your talents/wares. You can get more information and the application [here](#) or have the office at St. James print out an application for you to host your own booth.

**The tireless work of our Food Pantry volunteers!!! Boy! Was that on display last week! We received a pallet of odds and ends that included cologne, nail polish, toothpaste, makeup, etc...etc... They were packed in boxes of all sizes and shapes (a serious Tetris master had loaded that pallet!) It took hours for our volunteers to organize these little bits and pieces. They were (ARE) amazing!!!**



**The week ahead at St. James**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 29</b>	<b>8 &amp; 10 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
		<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 31</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>Men's Coffee-Common Rm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Aug 1</b>	<b>9 am</b>	<b>Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target</b>

### **A Look at the Week Following**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug 5</b>	<b>8 &amp; 10 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Aug 7</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>Men's Coffee-Common Rm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Aug 8</b>	<b>9 am</b>	<b>Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug 11</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Food Bank Restock-Volunteers Welcome!</b>

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*We appreciate any comments, input, and ideas!*

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