



## *Straight Talk*

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

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### **Vestry Corner**



Wow, what a ride it has been over the past few years! Now is not the time to stop being who we are and stop doing what we do -- Now is the time to step it up more than ever! We are incredibly fortunate to have found a match in a priest who believes in what St.

James does and who St. James is as a community. Fr. Christopher is looking forward to being with us and learning about us and our ministries!



I look forward to seeing all of you at our annual BBQ with this year's goal being to raise money toward Fr. Christopher's move! We will have food, games, and most importantly fellowship and an opportunity to give back to St. James. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there!

Debbie  
Sr. Warden

## A Letter From Our New Rector

To everyone at St. James:

The first chapter of Philippians reads, "I thank my God every time I think of you." This verse is already very true to my experience of St. James. I am grateful to being called as Rector of St. James and look forward to getting to know all of you.

The Holy Spirit moves powerfully in our lives as Christians. I learned about St. James when I was on pilgrimage in Jerusalem earlier this year and the Rev. Canon Mary June Nestler told me about a faithful parish with a strong future. I want

to share my gratitude to the Search Committee, Vestry, and the Diocese of Utah, for bringing our lives together.

I recently served a parish on the Midcoast of Maine and have also served as a hospital chaplain so I bring a strong commitment to pastoral care to parish life. Liturgy and Christian education are important to support our relationships with God and one another and how we share faith in the world around us.

Social justice and welcoming people into the life of faith is another strong commitment, which was formed in part by the years that I worked for the Episcopal Caring Response to AIDS with the pediatric program in Washington, DC in the late 1980s.

I am single, moving to Utah with two cats, and have a deep commitment to parishioners of all ages and family backgrounds. This is informed by my family background as the oldest of seven, with 20 nieces and nephews, and 43 first cousins. I love being in a parish that welcomes all to the table. St. James has been doing this for years and I look forward to sharing in the spiritual path with you.

I am drawn to many aspects of St. James, including how the church was designed with low windows so the children could see the outside world, a commitment to Christian education for all ages, and parishioner support of the garden for the food bank.



It's exciting to consider how the ministry of Jesus will work through us together in the years ahead. It will be great to meet you very soon.

With peace and blessings,  
Father Christopher Szarke



### **A Match!!!**

Boy are you guys amazing! After our last newsletter article saying we were close to the amount needed for a full match, by an anonymous donor, the funds flooded in. We went over the match! And we see donations still arriving. Your hearts are so generous and your love for sweet Wanda is evident.

Dave and Becca want you to know that all donations over the \$5,000 raised will go to more of the charities Wanda held close to her heart.

If you still want to donate you can send a check into the office (7486 Union Park Ave. Midvale, 84047) and we will get it to the account for Wanda's Memorial Fund.

Thank you!!!

## **Save This Date! Annual BBQ & Fundraiser**

**Saturday, Aug 25 at 4 pm** on the patio.

The vestry is organizing our 2nd annual BBQ & Fundraiser (yes, Louie Steinbach's tasty bbq'd pork will be there!) and they are looking for additional help. Contact Debbie Matticks to volunteer for this fun event!



## 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.

**All Saints  
School Supply  
Donation Drive**

Supplies Needed...

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| - Pencils         | - Backpacks        |
| - Colored Pencils | - Pencil Case      |
| - Markers         | - Lunch Boxes      |
| - Crayons         | - Folders          |
| - Pens            | - Basic Calculator |
| - Erasers         | - Binders          |
| - Index Cards     | - Rulers           |
| - Notebooks       | - Projectors       |
| - Lined Paper     | - Glue Sticks      |

You can bring your donations to the St. James office during office hours, m-th, 9 am to noon, or leave your donations on the office tables if you bring them on Sunday. We will make sure they get to All Saints.



**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.

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### The week ahead at St. James

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|------------------|---------------|----------------------|--|
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Aug 11</b> | <b>Noon</b>          | <b>Food Bank Delivery/Restock</b>      |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Aug 12</b> | <b>8 &amp; 10 am</b> | <b>Worship-Rev. John Dillon</b>        |
|                  |               | <b>11:15 am</b>      | <b>Coffee Hour</b>                     |
|                  |               | <b>12:30 pm</b>      | <b>Food Pantry Distribution</b>        |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Aug 14</b> | <b>8 am</b>          | <b>Men's Coffee-Common Rm</b>          |
|                  |               | <b>5:30 pm</b>       | <b>Finance Committee-Office</b>        |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Aug 15</b> | <b>9 am</b>          | <b>Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target</b> |

### A Look at the Week Following

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|------------------|---------------|----------------------|--|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Aug 19</b> | <b>8 &amp; 10 am</b> | <b>Worship</b>                               |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Aug 21</b> | <b>8 am</b>          | <b>Men's Coffee-Common Rm</b>                |
|                  |               | <b>6:30 pm</b>       | <b>Vestry Meeting-Office</b>                 |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Aug 22</b> | <b>9 am</b>          | <b>Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target</b>       |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Aug 25</b> | <b>12 Noon</b>       | <b>Food Bank Restock-Volunteers Welcome!</b> |
|                  |               | <b>4 pm</b>          | <b>BBQ &amp; Fundraiser</b>                  |



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