



Straight Talk

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

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*There has been some confusion between the bulletins and Straight Talk re: time of worship services. All services are back to normal. 8 am & 10 am Sundays. Call the office if you have any questions they can answer...and sorry for the confusion!



"Hello St. James's Parishioners my name is Doug Pierce and I'm your newest Vestry Member. I am replacing Ashton Palmer who is studying for an advanced degree at Westminster University. Kim and I have two children, Grant, a Freshman at Utah State University - Eastern, and Amanda (Mandy) a Junior at Corner Canyon High School in Draper. I have previously served on the Vestry at St. Phillips Episcopal Church in Rochester Hills, Michigan. You also might recognize me as a Chalice Bearer at the 10:00 AM service!

This past weekend I was reminded that God's Love can not only be found in humans but also animals. I was visiting my parents in Southwestern Colorado at their mountain cabin, when my Sister-in-Law showed up at the doorstep with a German Shepard puppy in tow. It was raining quite hard and we wondered where did this dog come from? Vici has a soft spot in her heart for rescue dogs (one of God's Children here) and on their drive to the cabin spotted the puppy alongside the road, definitely lost. The puppy was wet, cold and undernourished with only a collar and no tags. My parent's dog and my dog were also present in the cabin, they had been arguing over ball ownership. When we set the puppy in front of the other dog's water and food bowls they did not grumble one bit but instead went over and nuzzled up to the newcomer and encouraged her to drink and eat. My dog was even willing to share her bed with the puppy, which was greatly appreciated. At that moment it hit me that God does speak in and through many forms."

Thanks be to God!

Christian Education Resumes

- **Church School Begins 9/9/2018** - registration and classes at 9am.
- Godly Play (k-5th)
- **Teens' Forum** - grades 6-12 at 9am
- **Children's Chapel** -

10:10 am Younger children will join us in worship for the children's sermon and then process to Chapel; they will join us for Communion.



- **Nursery** - 9:15am - 11:30 am for families with very young children and toddlers.

We are also looking for volunteers to help teach our youth. The more the merrier!

Please contact Stacie Kulp at Stacie.Kulp@lls.org if you're interested or have questions.



Organizing Party

Wednesday, September 12 at 11 am

After Women's coffee hour at the Target cafe at Ft. Union, join us for organizing food pantry donations. We have a large amount of toiletries, makeup, lotions, etc... and we are going to put them into packs that can be distributed more easily. We will meet at the large table in the church office and it will be FUN!!!

SUSAN SANDOVAL MEMORIAL 5K

OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS

We hope you can join Team Stephanie at the Ovarian Cancer Walk/Run
this Saturday, September 8th at Sugarhouse Park.
Start time is **8 am**.

We will meet near the registration tables for our annual team photo at 7:40 am.
Wear your Team Stephanie shirt! If you need to purchase a shirt, email Maren
Petersen at info@smallcellovarian.org.

Follow this link to register: [Registration Link](#)

When registering, select Group and type
Team Stephanie in the box. The registration fee (\$20) will go to the University of
Utah Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology for Ovarian Cancer Awareness and
will include a generic shirt from the Ovarian Cancer Walk.

The event is very low key. You can choose to walk around Sugarhouse Park once
or run twice. Strollers, wagons, dogs on leashes are all welcome! Hope to see you
there!

Call Maren at 801-558-6515 with any questions.

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE COMING FROM THE SOUTH END OF THE VALLEY,
FORT UNION WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1300 EAST TO WASATCH BLVD. DUE TO THE
BIG COTTONWOOD MARATHON THAT SAME MORNING





Games Night for Adults!

September 14, 6:00 pm, in the Parish Hall.
Our hosts are John & Mary Dillon.
[Click here to sign up to bring food.](#)
After going to the link, click RSVP now.

Mark Your Calendars

A Welcome Celebration!

Sunday, September 30

Please join us to welcome Rev Christopher Szarke as our new parish priest! He will be our preacher and celebrant at both services. There will be a festive coffee hour following the 10 am service.



Transition Team for Fr. Christopher

Dave Lingo and Kari Butler have agreed to be part of a transition team for Fr. Christopher...kind of a welcome wagon group. This team will assist in guiding him through his first few weeks here with information on where to go, what to do, etc. If you are not on vestry and did not serve on search you may want to volunteer to assist this team! Please let Debbie Matticks @ deborahmatticks@gmail.com know if you would like to be part of this team. We will try to limit numbers, so get your name in fast!

The Small Dinners Group (SDG) ministry is organizing dinners to facilitate Fr. Christopher's getting acquainted with parishioners more quickly. Although he is eager to know parishioners of all ages, these dinners will remain adult-only affairs. Events for Fr. Christopher getting to know the parish youth will be arranged later. Whereas the original SDGs were scheduled on a monthly basis, Fr. Christopher has graciously consented to attend a dinner weekly, but wants to keep his Friday and Saturday nights free. We'll begin

in October and I'll get specifics out after I have all the necessary information. When this has run its course, we'll re-assess interest in the monthly SDG program.

You can pick up a sign up sheet at the welcome table this Sunday or click [here](#) to make a copy. You can leave the filled out form in the office or give it to Susan Furca.

Hello!

The time is upon us when choir starts up again. We will have our first rehearsal of the choir season this Thursday, September 6th, in the sanctuary at 7 PM. I'm especially excited for this year as I will be celebrating my fourth anniversary with St. James and more importantly, we begin a new spiritual journey under the leadership of a new rector. Speaking of a new rector, I'm hoping to have as many of you as possible present on September 30th to welcome our new rector. We will be singing "Holy Lord of All," one we've sung several times before, to show him how fantastic we are. Additionally, we can look forward to singing in a future installation service.



I'm very excited for the musical blessings this coming year and look forward to gathering with all of you. By the way, if you know of anyone we can rope into singing tenor, that would be awesome. Don is a fantastic tenor, but it's not fair to expect him to carry the full weight of that section.

Thanks!

-Tyler

The St. James Calendar

Saturday	Sep 8	12 noon	Food Bank Delivery/Restock
Sunday	Sep 9	8 & 10 am	Worship-Rev Susan Toone
		9 am	Church School Registration
		11:15 am	Coffee Hour
		12:30 pm	Food Pantry Distribution

Tuesday	Sep 11	8 am	Men's Coffee - Common Rm
Wednesday	Sep 12	9 am	Women's Coffee - Target Cafe - Ft Union
		11 am	Assemble Toiletry Bags- Office
Saturday	Sep 15	5:30 pm	Young Families Event
Sunday	Sep 16	8 & 10 am	Worship-Rev Canon Steve Andersen
		11:15 am	Coffee Hour
Tuesday	Sep 18	8 am	Men's Coffee - Common Rm
		5:30 pm	Finance Committee-Office
Wednesday	Sep 19	9 am	Women's Coffee - Target Cafe - Ft Union
Saturday	Sep 22	Noon	Food Bank Restocking
		6 pm	Small Group Dinner - Parish Hall

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