



# Koinonia

"Christian fellowship or communion, with God or, more commonly, with fellow Christians."

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## Rector's Thoughts

The Vestry gathered for a potluck and our monthly meeting on Tuesday evening. I shared the following reading before our opening prayer.

*Before there was anything, there was God, a few angels, and a huge swirling glob of rocks and water with no place to go. The angels asked God, "Why don't you clean up this mess?"*

*So God collected rocks from the huge swirling glob and put them together in clumps and said, "Some of these clumps of rocks will be planets, and some will be stars, and some of these rocks will be. . .just rocks."*



*Then God collected water from the huge swirling glob and put it together in pools of water and said, "Some of these pools of water will be oceans, and some will become clouds, and some of this water will be. . .just water."*

*Then the angels said, "Well God, it's neater now, but is it finished?"  
And God answered. . ."NOPE!"*

*On some of the rocks God placed growing things, and creeping things, and things that only God knows what they are, and when God had done all this, The angels asked God, "Is the world finished now?"  
And God answered, "NOPE !"*

*God made a man and a woman from some of the water and dust and said to them, "I am tired now. Please finish up the world for me. . .really it's almost done."*

*But the man and woman said, "We can't finish the world alone! You have the plans and we are too little."*

*"You are big enough," God answered them. "But I agree to this. If you keep trying to finish the world, I will be your partner."*

*The man and the woman asked, "What's a partner?"  
And God answered, "A partner is someone you work with on a big thing that neither of you can do alone. If you have a partner, it means that you can never give up, because your partner is depending on you. On the days you think I am not doing enough and on the days I think you are not doing enough, even on those days we are still partners and we must not stop trying to finish the world. That's the deal." And they all agreed to that deal.*

*Then the angels asked God, "Is the world finished yet?"  
And God answered, "I don't know. Go ask my partners."*

*from: Does God Have a Big Toe?, by Rabbi Marc Gellman*

This week concludes my fourth week at St. James. I ponder this reading by Rabbi Gellman and have immense gratitude for all the ways that everyone is active in being God's partner here, through daily prayer, participating in liturgy, demonstrating stewardship through active support of church needs and the ministries supported by the parish, and by expanding this circle beyond the parish to our larger community.

This coming Sunday's Gospel (Mark 10:35-45) tells about James and John competing for honor. It's a good lesson for all of us in the church. None of us are more important than another. Each of us has something significant to contribute for the work of God in our midst. Thank you for all you share to make this happen.

With gratitude,

Father Christopher



## Young Families Headed to Gardner Village

The Young Families group is making an outing to Gardner Village (1100 W. 7800 S. West Jordan) on **October 20**. All will meet at 6:30 for a chance to visit the witches around the village. No meal, so come with

full bellies.

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## Trunk or Treat *ALL ages welcome!*

Our LDS neighbors have invited St. James parishioners to come to their annual Trunk or Treat. It will take place at 5 pm, Oct. 31. There will be lots of candy and hot dogs.

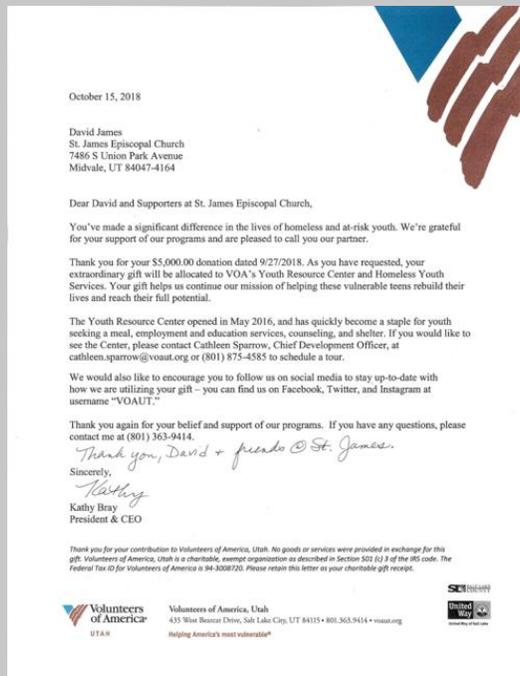
*(Let Wendy know if you think you might attend so she can make sure they get enough hot dogs.*

*You can email her at [wendy@stjamesutah.com](mailto:wendy@stjamesutah.com) or text 801.520.4686)*



*There is a rumor that there will be a special activity for the youth at Lagoon's Frightmares. IF you dare...get more information from Terry Palmer...mwa ha ha ha ha! (to be read in your most ghoulish voice)*

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[Click here to read the lovely letter from the Volunteers of America to St. James.](#)  
(You may have to change the orientation of the page once it opens. I am technologically savvy only to a point.)

## The St James Food Pantry

The St James Food Pantry receives food shipments from the Utah Food Bank. During the fall months, donations drop and our shipments can be less than usual. We are asking for donations of canned meat, like tuna, chicken or salmon to keep our shelves stocked. You may also make a monetary donation and one of the Food Bank committee members will purchase items we need. If you write a check, put in the memo line "Food Bank". If you donate cash, put it in an envelope write your name and "Food Bank" on the envelope. Any amount of food or money will be helpful and used to feed the many hungry families in our community. We thank the generous members of the St James community for their help.



St James Food Bank Committee

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## Youth Ministry Happening Event 2018



**When: Friday, November 30th at 7 pm to Sunday,  
December 2nd at Noon.**

**For: Senior High Youth (Grades 09-12)**

**Registration Fee: \$65 (Registration closes Monday, November 26th )**

What is "Happening - A Christian Experience"?

Happening, is a renewal weekend for high school youth. It is unique because it is a retreat primarily led by teenagers for teenagers. It is an inspirational retreat, full of music, discussion, surprises, laughter and new friends.

Please visit [camptuttle.org](http://camptuttle.org) website under registration tab or click here. If you have attended a previous Happening event, you are eligible to be a youth leader. Please contact Karen Gleeson to be apart of this awesome event! [kgleeson@episcopal-ut.org](mailto:kgleeson@episcopal-ut.org) or 801-322-4131.

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## All Souls' Requiem Service

**Friday November 2, 2018, 7:00 pm,**  
the Cathedral Church of **St. Mark, 231  
East 100 South, Salt Lake City.** Please  
join us in celebrating this day with a  
special service honoring those who have  
passed on. Music from the Requiem  
Mass settings of Fauré and Duruflé,  
music of Heinrich Schütz, Philip  
Stopford, the Eastern Orthodox tradition  
and other music for the occasion.



**Save the Date!**

**November 9, 2018 is the next Games Night!**  
**Hosts: Liz Nagata & Carol Gentner**

**Watch for more details to come as the event nears.**

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**The week ahead at St. James**

† 20	Saturday	6:30 pm	Young Families Event @ Gardner Village
† 21	Sunday	8 & 10 am	Worship
		9 am	Church School & Teen's Forum
		11:15 am	Coffee Hour
† 23	Tuesday	8 am	Men's Coffee-Common Rm
† 24	Wednesday	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target
† 25	Thursday	7 pm	Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
† 27	Saturday	Noon	Food Bank Delivery/Restock

**The Following Week**

† 28	Sunday	8 & 10 am	Worship
		9 am	Church School & Teen's Forum
		11:15 am	Coffee Hour
		12:30 pm	Food Pantry Distribution
† 30	Tuesday	8 am	Men's Coffee-Common Room
† 31	Wednesday	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target

Nov 1

Thursday

7 pm

Choir Rehearsal



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