



Koinonia

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

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

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Bake Sale This Sunday!!!

Bring your \$\$ and buy some treats to support our youth and outreach programs at St James. You can buy loads of treats to give as neighbor gifts or just a few treats to make your own tummy happy.



St. Nicholas Was Here

Thank you to Barry Wirth, who brings this long-time, beloved tradition to St. James.

For more information about St. Nicholas, please click the link below:
[click here](#)

Vestry Corner

This week I am travelling for work in Wyoming where the temperatures are bitterly cold and the wind is blowing over 60 mph. While the weather is less than desirable, it reminds me that God travels with us wherever we may be and whatever the conditions. The same can be said in our personal lives. No matter how or what we are experiencing, God is there to help us through it all. I know when I go to church some Sunday mornings I can be in a not so pleasant mood, but it's amazing as I sit and listen to the service, or if I am administering the chalice and see others in cheerful spirits, it enlightens me. The Word of God has that impact on everyone it seems, especially me. Be joyous and thankful throughout the holiday season!



Here what the Spirit is saying to God's Children! Amen!



Doug Pierce, Vestry member

Rector's Thoughts

Advent is here and St. James parishioners are prayerfully going about the work of the Church. The Altar Guild is checking the condition of vestments, gathering decorations for Christmas, and preparing for several liturgies. The Finance Committee is discussing the results of the Stewardship Campaign and how to best use resources for ministry. Youth and adult leaders are in conversation about the balance between worship, service, learning, and play. The Pastoral Care Team is planning to have more lay Eucharistic visitors in the coming year to respond to the needs of our parishioners who are physically unable to join us for liturgy. Parishioners step up to take care of the needs of the building and grounds, cleaning the kitchen and restrooms, climbing ladders to change light bulbs, and digging holes for new handicapped parking signs. The choir gathers to practice new songs. Office volunteers show up four days a week to welcome people and to help us keep up with administrative needs. A deacon and a postulant continue to pray, discern, seek guidance, listen to God's voice, and prepare. Many, many other parishioners participate in ministry within the parish and out in the larger community.



Soon we will celebrate. For now, we continue to anticipate, pray, prepare, and await the Christ Child. May you be blessed during these remaining days of Advent.

Peace,

Father Christopher



Children's Christian Education

Angela Steinbach and other parishioners have led Children's Christian Education using the Godly Play curriculum in recent years. Angela will continue in this leadership role through the end of this school year, but we are in need of more people interested in substituting or leading this ministry. Many of you have stepped

up to volunteer, Thank you! We just have a few more spots to fill.

If you are interested in offering yourself to this ministry, please contact Angela or our Vestry liaison, Stacie Kulp. They will give you information for participating in this during this year, receiving training to be a leader during the next school year after Angela completes her term, or have additional ideas about how to support this ministry. Thank you!

Winter is Here... So Let's Think About Spring!



The spring camping outing has been scheduled.

Here are the details:

We are headed to Capitol Reef, staying at Wonderland RV Park the weekend of **June 1 & 2.**

The website is <https://capitolreefrvpark.com/> . There is no way to reserve particular sites online so a telephone call is required (435-425-3665). The park is wide open right now for those dates. Many of us will book Thursday May 30 through Sunday night June 2. The park has pull through sites (\$48/night) and back-in sites (\$40/night) It also has tent sites and cabins.

So, everyone is responsible for making their own reservations. If we reserve in the middle of the park, we should all be fairly close to each other. Pull through site #'s 5-9, back-in 22-26. The tent sites and cabins are in the middle as well.

The park will fill up, so reserve as soon as you can.

The week ahead at St. James

Dec 16	Sunday	8 & 10 am	Worship-Advent 3
		9 am	Church School & Teen Forum
	Bake Sale!!!	9 am	Coffee Hour in the Narthex
		11:15 am	Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Dec 18	Tuesday	8 am	Men's Coffee-Common Rm
Dec 19	Wednesday	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target
Dec 20	Thursday	7 pm	Choir Practice-Sanctuary
Dec 22	Saturday	Noon	Food Bank Delivery/Restock

The Following Week

Dec 23	Sunday	8 & 10 am	Worship-Advent 4
		9 am	Church School & Teen's Forum
		9 am	Coffee Hour in the Narthex
		11:15 am	Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall
		12:45 pm	Food Bank Distribution
Dec 24-26		Office Closed	<i>Merry Christmas!</i>
Dec 26	Wednesday	9 am	Women's Coffee-Target
Dec 27	Thursday		Choir Practice-Sanctuary

Around the Diocese



Ice Skating With Pizza!

All Jr/Sr High youth are invited to go ice skating next **Sunday, Dec. 16th**, at Gallivan Center from 3-5pm with pizza. Pizza will be eaten:)...no ice skating WITH pizza.

If youth would like to participate, they are welcome to email camptuttle@episcopal-ut.org or just show up. Camp Tuttle Counselors will all be going ice skating, and

Ingrid (Frets) and Melanie (Mama Java) will be in charge of this event.

Christmas Food Giveaway
Saturday, December 22nd
10 am-2 pm

If you know someone who may need food, let them know about this opportunity at Rowland Hall School, 970 E. 800 S., Salt Lake City.

They must bring ID for ALL family members, no exceptions. More information can be found on the window by the entrance of our St. James Food Bank.

Custodial Job Available at ECCU

Interested applicants can email a cover letter/email, resume, and the names of three references to ruber@episcopal-ut.org. The hours are generally 7 am to 3:30 pm Monday to Friday, but there will be some weekends shifts. After 2-3 months of a probationary period, the successful candidate will be a diocesan employee. This person would join our events team.

Please feel free to share this with anyone you think would be good at the job and could join the events team at the ECCU.

[Click here for a link to a job description.](#)



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