



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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Vestry Corner

Our church tradition includes stability and transition. Vestry members serve three-year terms on a rotating basis so we have seven people with commitment and historical memory and three new people with fresh energy and ideas working together.



We will have three Vestry members rotating off at the Annual Meeting in January: *Junior Warden Tim Burkett, Stacie Kulp, & Jinx Strout*, opening **three three-year terms**.

Steve Hutchinson, who completes one year of service, has been advised to resign to avoid a conflict of interest as Chancellor of the Diocese. The Vestry & rector reluctantly accepted his resignation at the December Vestry meeting, opening a remaining **two-year term**.

In addition, our *Senior Warden Debbie Matticks* is resigning at the January meeting, having successfully led St. James through an important transition period. St. James by-laws allow the rector to **choose the Senior Warden** and Father Christopher is doing this in consultation with Debbie.

Vestry members attend one Tuesday evening meeting each month, collaborate on projects between meetings, take turns making the Sunday announcements and writing the Vestry Corner, and serving as liaisons to parish committees. They have responsibility, along with the rector, for the spiritual, business, and financial oversight of the parish. Vestry members are required to be adults (age 16 and older, according to the Canons of the Church) and pledging members.

It's unusual to have five transitions at once, so we appreciate your consideration for running for the **four open positions (three 3-year and one 2-year)**. Ideally we will have eight people running so we have alternates available in the event of an unexpected mid-year resignation.

Please speak with the Nominating Committee (the five outgoing Vestry

members), the rest of the Vestry, and Father Christopher if you are interested in running or have questions.

Spiritual commitment and humor are common traits of Vestry members!
Thank you very much for your prayerful consideration.

Rector's Thoughts

Fr. Christopher will visit family between December 26th to January 4th.
The Rev. John Dillon has graciously agreed to be available for Anointing of the Sick and our Deacon, Robert Shoop, has graciously agreed to be available for other pastoral needs.

Fr. Christopher will return for the Celebration of a New Ministry on Jan 5th.
Our St. James office will be closed Dec 24-27, Dec 31-Jan 1.
In case of emergency you can contact Wendy via text @801.520.4686.



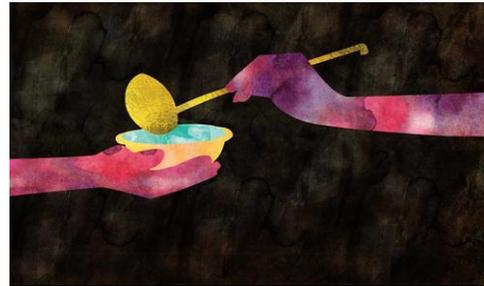
**Please join St. James for
A Celebration of a New Ministry
Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 6 pm**

Join us to welcome and celebrate our new Rector, Christopher Szarke. Bishop Hayashi will preach and there will be a reception in the Parish Hall afterward. There will be sign ups in the narthex for the next two Sundays, so if you'd like to help, look there or contact Dave Lingo, Norma Oliver, or Kari Butler for more information.

Traditionally, the collection at this liturgy is contributed to the Rector's Discretionary Fund, which will support pastoral and emergency needs in 2019. Father Christopher also invites people to bring contributions of cereal and canned goods for the St. James Food Bank.

THANKS TO ST. JAMES GENEROSITY

The caring generosity of our parishioners has kept the shelves of our Food Bank stocked with healthy food. St James has expressed to so many the giving spirit of Christmas. We are still not receiving a full delivery of food from the Utah Food Bank and continue to experience shortages in canned goods - especially canned pinto and black beans, tuna, and hearty soups. There is a food cart in the Narthex where you may place your donations to the Food Bank. Cash donations will be used to purchase bulk rice, beans, and oatmeal and divided into family size packages.



Thank you!

St James Food Bank

St. James Food Bank
An official partner agency of the Utah Food Bank



Important Announcements!

Children Volunteer Policies

- ALL children are welcome to assist on Restocking Days (usually the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 12-2 p.m.), provided that they are carefully supervised by a parent or guardian if under age 14.
- On Food Distribution Days, children 14 and over can assist in the 'store,' storage area, or children's art tables. Children UNDER 14 may assist at the children's art tables with supervision from a parent, guardian, or designated adult, who must stay with them for safety reasons.
- ONLY adults 18 years and older may help clients take food products to their cars. Again, this is an important safety rule.

Distribution Day Start Times

The Food Bank registrar can begin passing out random numbers and letting clients into the waiting area at 12:45 p.m. (In the event of a church meeting or luncheon, that entry time may be slightly postponed. In the event of

inclement weather, clients may enter early only with the permission of the Director, Volunteer Coordinator, Clergy, or designated daily leader.) Shopping will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. and end at @3:00 p.m. Clients commence shopping when directed to do so by the Director, Volunteer Coordinator, Clergy or their designated daily leader.

PLEASE NOTE:

Provided that church members have concluded coffee hour or meeting/sitting at tables, we welcome volunteers at 12:15 to help set up chairs, tables, art supplies, and registration materials. Many hands make for light work! We also welcome volunteers to help as much and as long as they are able. (EX: If you can only help from 12:45 - 2, that's okay. Of course, we'd love to have you assist the entire time, but we're sincerely grateful for any time you can spare. Our Food Bank serves over 100 families on each Distribution Day!)

**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 30	Sunday	8 & 10 am	Worship
		9 am	Church School & Teen's Forum

		9 am	Coffee Hour in the Narthex
		11:15 am	Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall
Dec 31-Jan 1	Mon-Tue		Office Closed for Holiday
		8 am	NO Men's Coffee
Jan 2	Wednesday	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target
Jan 3	Thursday	7 pm	Choir Practice-Sanctuary
Jan 5	Saturday	6 pm	A Celebration of a New Ministry

Around the Diocese



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.

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