



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

Dear St. James Family,

Just a reminder that our Celebration of New Ministry is coming up this **Saturday at 6:00 p.m.**

This is not only a celebration of having Fr. Christopher with us, but a celebration of all of us as a parish! Please come celebrate with us! If you can think of anyone who has not come to church for a while or just someone you think would like to experience this celebration, please bring them along! While celebrating at the reception afterwards, find someone you don't know and welcome them.

I tried really hard to get the word, "Celebrate" into each sentence to give you a sense of what this Saturday is about -- We definitely want to support Fr. Christopher, who has already done so much to keep us moving forward, but we should celebrate all of us as a parish as well! We are the people of St. James who keep this place moving forward! With Fr. Christopher at the helm, there is no stopping us!

Debbie Matticks
Senior Warden



The Celebration--This Saturday!



**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.

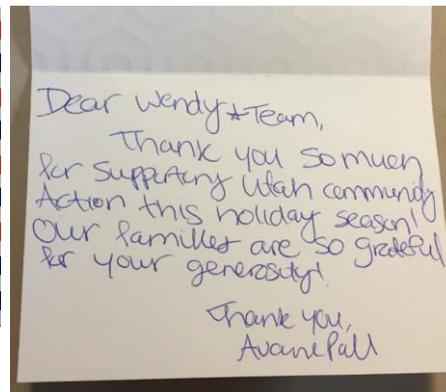
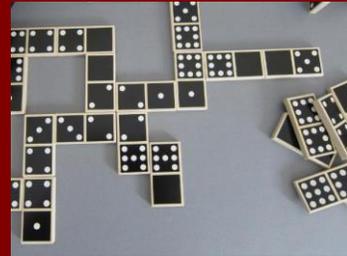
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January Games Night!

January 11 at 6 pm in the Parish Hall.

Hosts: Dave & Elaine Nelson

Fun and Food and Friends...what more could you want?!



Operation Chimney Drop

Thank you, again, to all the generous people at St. James. Operation Chimney Drop was very successful. Every child on the list will receive toys, coats, and warm clothing on Christmas Day. Two staff members from Head Start met us at church and picked up all the presents. They could not believe we had so many items to donate, it covered the floor of their van.



Thank you to Wendy Hutchinson for contacting Head Start each year and organizing this. The staff at Head Start research the needs of each family that requests help. Head Start received requests from 775 families this year and we helped approximately 50 of those families. Thank you for your love and support every year!

Wendy Hutchinson and Jinx Strout

Sallybytheway Annual Concert Fundraiser



Thank you to everyone who participated in St. James' Christmas fundraisers for the poor in our community.

The Christmas Bake Sale raised **\$1,066** which will be split between....
The Volunteers of America Homeless Youth Programs and
the Granite School District's food pantries.

The Sallybytheway Christmas concert ... a community event we host at Good Shepherd Lutheran...raised **\$21,260** for the The Road Home, Utah's largest homeless shelter. Tonight there will be about 200 children in that shelter.

Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Annual Meeting

Part of being an Episcopalian is our democratic process in guiding us through our parish life. Our Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 27th**. We don't want to keep you at church all day, so we are hoping to do one 9 am service and the annual meeting after that. We'll keep you posted on the details and any new information to come. It is so important to have everyone there!



1. **Vestry and Delegates** This is our opportunity to vote for vestry members (there are 4 seats available this year) as well as our delegates to our Diocesan Convention. If you have a desire to serve on the vestry, please see one of our nominating committee (Stacie Kulp, Tim Burkett, Jinx Strout) or talk to Fr. Christopher or Debbie Matticks. Please submit a statement of your reasons for running for vestry and a short biography to Wendy at wendy@stjamesutah.com. If you would like to run for delegate to convention, please submit your name and a short biography also to Wendy via email at wendy@stjamesutah.com.

We ask that all biographies be sent by Friday, January 18th in order that we have time to compile them and send them out ahead of time.

2. **Reports from Ministries** We also ask that each ministry leader compile a short written report of their ministry in 2018. This will be **due** to the office at wendy@stjamesutah.com by **Friday, January 18th** as well. Please include any statistics and accomplishments in 2018. This is a time to celebrate as well as to look forward!

3. **Finance** The Finance Committee and Vestry have been working hard on completing a budget for 2019. The detailed budget presentations will be after each service on January 20th. If you have an interest (and you should!), please attend one of these presentations and have the opportunity to ask questions. There will be a summary presentation at the annual meeting on the 27th with an opportunity to speak, but we are hoping that most questions will be answered on the 20th so as not to make Annual Meeting too long and cumbersome.

Watch for more information over the next couple of weeks, but put these important dates on your calendars: Finance Meetings - January 20th; Annual Meeting - January 27th.

The week ahead at St. James

Jan 5	Saturday	6 pm	A Celebration of a New Ministry
Jan 6	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
Jan 8	Tuesday	8 am	Men's Coffee-Common Rm
Jan 9	Wednesday	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target
Jan 10	Thursday	7 pm	Choir Practice-Sanctuary
Jan 11	Friday	6 pm	Games Night-Hosts: Dave & Elaine Nelson
Jan 12	Saturday	Noon	Food Bank Delivery/Restock
Jan 13	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
		12:45 pm	Food Bank Distribution



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