



**St. James Episcopal Church**  
7486 Union Park Avenue  
Midvale, UT 84047

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**March 1, 2019**

## **Koinonia**



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

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

**March 6 Ash Wednesday 12 pm & 7 pm-Rite 1 Liturgy**

Cottonwood High School  
Concerto Night!  
Saturday, March 2 at 7 pm  
Single Ticket \$5 Family Ticket \$15

*Come support our very own Preston Palmer as he shares his impressive talents!*



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## Vestry Corner

*"Every good and perfect gift is from above."  
James 1:17*

These words of faith remind me how fortunate I am to be blessed with a loving family, both at home and at church. When you listen or watch the news or even talk with friends these days one hears of those who are not as fortunate in their lives. Being an active member of St. James allows me the opportunity to refresh my inner spirit with God by releasing the daily turmoil that I encounter. When I walk through the doors it seems that the daily grind seems to melt away and I feel peace and harmony and leave with a renewed sense of purpose. At St. James we are open to all to enjoy these same feelings. Come, sit, relax, listen and *Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people!*

*Doug Pierce*



## February Vestry Meeting Highlights

\* New Senior Warden Angela Micklos led the welcome and initial conversation. Doug Sward was unanimously elected as Junior Warden and Jeni Keith was affirmed as Clerk.

\* The Vestry discussed the recent retreat and how to move forward with Strategic Planning as St. James approaches our 60th anniversary in 2023.

\* Financial systems are being updated for security.

\* Chancellor Steve Hutchinson continues research and conversation regarding the land use agreement with New Balance. The Vestry will vote on this once all information is discussed.

\* Fr. Christopher reported that the first Dinner Church at Kim Smart's was successful and youth shared that they want to continue this form of worship and community building.

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## Approaching the Light



### 12-Step Communion Service

Sunday, March 3, 2019

8 am & 10 am services

*Sermon given by a parishioner*

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This recovery centered service is intended to be both a healing experience for those suffering from problems related to addiction, and a transformational experience for our church body.

The service is grounded in welcoming, community building, and pastoral care.

The Rev. Sam Shoemaker, an Episcopal priest, worked closely with Bill W. as he developed the 12-step basis of AA.

Whether you are in recovery, have friends or family members in recovery, or want to join in solidarity and support for those who are—everyone is welcome!



## Games Night!

March 8 at 6 pm

Hosts: The Dillons & The Tanners

There is fun for all! Bring a treat or dish to share, join a game, laugh with your St. James family members.

## Rector's Thoughts



### Some Changes During Lent

St. James Liturgy Committee, pictured above, met to plan ahead. We had a lively discussion about St. James' traditions, ideas for changes, and opportunities to try out some new things and see how they work in our community.

One difference you'll notice during Lent is that we are going to use *The Book of Common Prayer* and *the Hymnal 1982* during this season. There are several reasons for this: requests from parishioners to embrace this part of our faith tradition during this liturgical season; being resourceful, which will save on a lot of printing cost and material; and because we have five adults and one youth who will be in the spring Confirmation classes and this will allow us to become more familiar with an important part of the Episcopal tradition.

Another thing we are going to do during Lent is use the traditional Rite I liturgy. For some parishioners, this will be a welcome change during these weeks as people reconnect with the prayers of earlier parts of life. For other parishioners, this will be a new experience to temporarily experience a fuller part of our liturgical tradition. And, for

others, this will be an opportunity to practice charity for a few weeks until we return to the liturgical forms that we embrace throughout most of the liturgical year.

The Lenten liturgy and service times will be shared ahead of time. Most will be familiar. A few aspects will be different and some will be new. Among the new: I am willing to offer Ashes to Go, where 1-2 parishioners join me on Ash Wednesday to share ashes at another location e.g. a public place, hospital, or nursing home. *Please let me know during the coming week if you are interested in sharing this ministry.*

Maundy Thursday will be different than recent years. We will share a potluck in the Parish Hall and have the Eucharistic liturgy during the meal. We will return to foot washing, which is always optional, and not do the hand washing of recent years, to be more closely aligned with the Gospel story and practice the theology of humility, giving, and receiving. After dinner, we will process into the sanctuary where we will silently observe the Altar Guild do the stripping of the altar.

Most of the season will be familiar and changes will be shared ahead of time. The Liturgy Committee will solicit your comments after Lent.

I hope you will participate as fully as you are able during the Holy Season of Lent.

Thank you for all you serve.

Faithfully, in Christ,

Father Christopher

Put it on your calendar: Wednesdays 7 pm - 8 pm during Lent, there will be African Bible study with Deacon Shoop.

### **Sacraments at St. James**

Please let Fr. Christopher know if you are interested in being baptized, or have a young family member baptized, at Easter. One family will have baptisms during the Season of Easter when grandparents may attend. *The Book of Common Prayer*, pp. 858-859, describes the Sacrament of Baptism.

Reconciliation of a Penitent / Confession is always available by making the request to Fr. Christopher. This is a confidential and spiritually healing experience. *The Book of Common Prayer*, pp. 861, describes the Sacrament of Reconciliation of a Penitent.

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## Small Dinner Groups Ministry

The monthly small dinner group program/ministry is getting back into gear starting next month. If you haven't been part of this group or the "Dinner with Fr. Christopher" and would now like to join in, please contact coordinator Susan Furca at [slfurca@gmail.com](mailto:slfurca@gmail.com) or 801-557-6062, as soon as possible.

Not sure what this entails? Susan will be happy to fill you in; it's an especially good way for newcomers to get acquainted but is also great for old-timers to meet the newcomers and to get better acquainted with those they've seen every Sunday for years but have never gotten to know.



We are already seeing results from Parishioners asking businesses for donations for our annual Spring Fling. Good work!

If you do request from a business, will you let Wendy, in the office, know? Sometimes the businesses send a message back, mail in a gift card, or something like that.

We want to make sure you know about their response so we don't accidentally duplicate efforts.

You can reach Wendy m-th, 9am-12 noon in the office. 801.566.1311 x202 or email her at [wendy@stjamesutah.com](mailto:wendy@stjamesutah.com).

Thank you!

**Spring Fling is May 4, 2019**

## Coffee Hour

Come give your time and talents to our Sunday Coffee Hour! We can always use hosts. You can sign up in the kitchen. It's easy and people really appreciate you since we run on coffee around here!

Note: please remember to lock the kitchen pantry door as we have many building users and this is where we keep the St. James stash :)



## CAMPING TRIP!

We've heard from so many already, that they have reserved spots for this year's camping trip. There is still time to get your spot and join the fun!

We are headed to Capitol Reef, staying at Wonderland RV Park the weekend of June 1 & 2. Holy Eucharist will be shared at the site on Saturday evening.

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.

\*Some people will be leaving early Sunday morning to make it back for the Pride Events on Sunday. So you can do both!

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A message from Fr. Christopher:

I look forward to participating in both the parish camping trip and Pride with parishioners this year. I'm offering Holy Eucharist at the campsite that Saturday evening and leaving early on Sunday morning to join St. James parishioners for the parade. (The parish will have either Morning Prayer or a supply priest that Sunday.)

I'll be at the campsite beginning that Thursday if two people want to carpool with me.

Both of these events are ways we share the joy of our common life together.

Peace and blessings,

Father Christopher

## The Week Ahead at St. James

Sunday	Mar 3	8 & 10 am	Worship
		9 am	Teen Forum, Church School Adult Confirmation Class-Rector's Office
		9 & 11 am	Coffee Hour
		11:30 am	Youth Confirmation Class-Rector's Office
Tuesday	Mar 4	8 am	Men's Coffee-"Grumpies"-Common Room
Wednesday	Mar 5	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target-Starbucks Cafe
Thursday	Feb 28	7 pm	Choir Practice-Sanctuary
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### Upcoming Dates to Put in Your Calendar

**March 6** Ash Wednesday 10 pm & 7 pm-Rite 1 Liturgy

**March 10** Lent: 8 & 10 am Worship

**March 13** 7 pm - 8 pm African Bible Study with Rev. Shoop (continuing Wednesdays)

**April 14** Palm Sunday 8 & 10 am Liturgy

**April 18** Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm Dinner with Liturgy

**April 19** Good Friday 12 pm & 9 pm Liturgy

**April 20** Easter Vigil 8 pm

**April 21** Easter 10 am Liturgy, Egg Hunt, Festive Brunch/Potluck

## Around the Utah Diocese

### Family Promise at Hilltop Methodist Church

There is currently a gap for May 12-19th for people to support Family Promise at Hilltop Methodist Church. There is a house at the back of the church that is hosting 4 families. Family Promise helps families find short-term housing when faced with crisis, job loss, etc.... They rely on volunteers as overnight hosts, evening hosts, and meal providers. Often, there are slots of 2-3 hours that need to be filled.

Click this link if you'd like more information about Family Promise-Salt Lake.

If you'd like to volunteer or to get more information about this immediate need, contact Mary Janda ([pastor.maryjanda@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.maryjanda@gmail.com))

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### Laundry Love!

This past year, All Saints has been offering a "Laundry Love" ministry to provide laundry services and a meal once a month for those who could use this help. Here is how it works: On the 2nd Tuesday of each month, we go to Century Laundromat, located at 910 W. North Temple. We have arranged this with the owners of the laundromat.

Volunteers work in two shifts: 4:30 to 6:00 pm, and 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

We take a bunch of quarters, detergents, fabric softener, etc... and order a stack of Little Caesars pizzas.

The people coordinating this ministry from All Saints are:

Michael Tragakis ([mwtragakis@gmail.com](mailto:mwtragakis@gmail.com) -- 801-520-1050)

Dorothy Weber ([deweber7@gmail.com](mailto:deweber7@gmail.com) -- 801-718-3240)

They welcome volunteers from St James!

Please feel free to contact Dorothy or Michael.

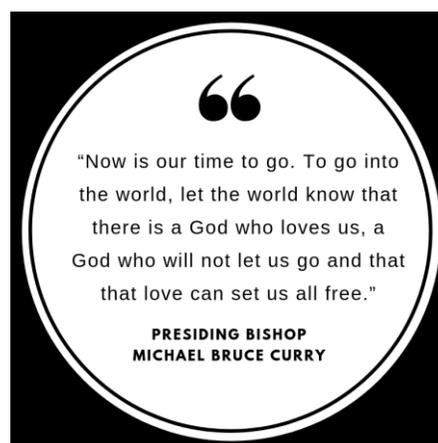
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### GO! Mondays

This is a collaborative ministry that brings youth together from the Diocese of Utah and Camp Tuttle for games, music, food, sharing, teaching, fellowship and prayer.

Our first "GO Monday" event was on Monday, Jan 14th at The Cathedral of St. Mark. We had 20 youth participants who all joined in for some games, pizza, singing, an evening lesson ending in prayer with candles in the beautiful small chapel. Thank you Father Tyler Doherty for hosting this event!

Our "GO Mondays" are designed for youth in grades 6-12 to gather monthly on 2nd Mondays at alternating churches around the Wasatch Front. Our updated schedule is attached. Please join us for our next event!



We will be voting for our high school youth delegates at our "GO Monday" event on March 11 at the Episcopal Conference Center. Convention will be held April 26-27 in Salt Lake City. If you know of any HS youth interested in representing the youth at convention, please let Karen (Gleeson) know and she can follow up with them on the details.

Look on the bulletin board in the Narthex or on the magnet board in the Parish Hall for more details about what youth delegates do.

For questions contact Karen Gleeson at [kgleeson@episcopal-ut.org](mailto:kgleeson@episcopal-ut.org)

Mar. 8-10 Winter Retreat Camp Tuttle

Mar. 11 "GO Mondays" TBA

April 6 Camp Tuttle Extravaganza Fundraiser Brunch, Cathedral of St. Mark

April 8 "GO Mondays" at St. James :)

April 26-27 Convention with Sr. High Youth Delegates

May 3-5 Spring Retreat in Moab

May 13 "GO Mondays" All Saints, 1710 S. Foothill Dr., SLC

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