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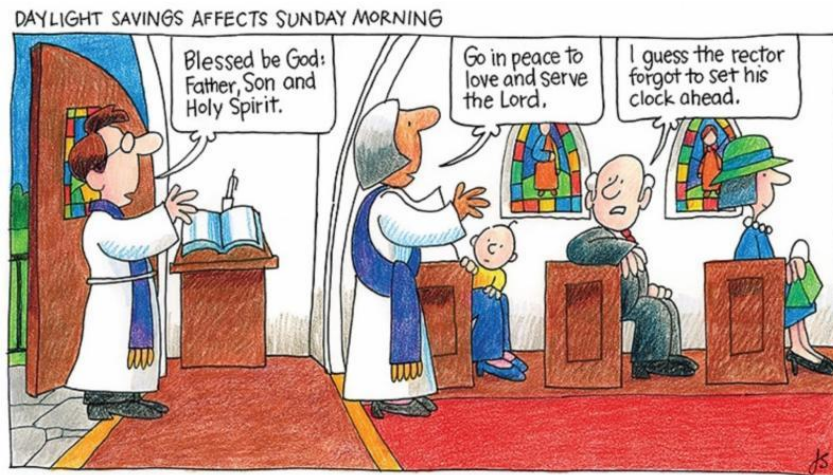
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Koinonia



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

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



Remember...we "Spring Forward" this Sunday, March 10.
Yes, we lose an hour but we get it back in 6 months... sort of.

In light of recent unauthorized changes to lists and tags on Breeze, if you have changes or additions that need to be made, please give those to the Parish Administrator. The office will make those changes. Thank you.

Also, a fake e-mail account was created using an address that is close to Fr. Christopher's parish account. Please do not respond to it. His real account and correspondence with you are secure.

Vestry Corner

In this edition of Vestry Corner I am doing something a little different. I am going to use this venue to do a little vestry business.

Each year when we have a new vestry we take the opportunity to assign vestry liaisons to each parish group and ministry. The hope is that liaisons will provide a number of benefits to your groups.

- liaisons attend meetings and act as the interface between the group or committee.
- liaisons will strengthen the connection between the Vestry and committees in order to support the ministries
- liaisons will assist committees with preparing budgets to present to the Finance Committee
- liaisons promote the ministries of each committee
- liaisons are available for consultation if committees want to restructure in order to be more effective

As leaders of parish groups and ministries please be on the alert that your new liaisons will be introducing themselves soon.

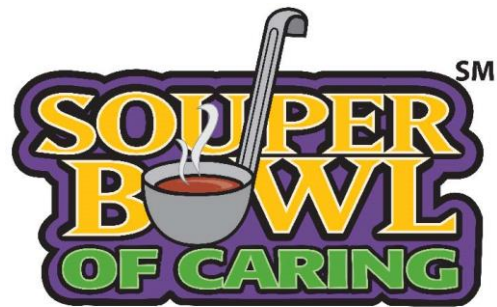
Thanks, Doug Sward-Jr. Warden



Souper Bowl 2019

We have to share the news that St. James was the largest contributor to Souper Bowl of Caring, said the Diocese. We were **twice** the amount of the 2nd largest donor!

St. James parishioners are known for their big hearts and giving natures. Thank you!!! And **THANK YOU** to our Diocese for matching funds! What a wonderful year!





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

Ash Wednesday is one of the simplest and most powerful liturgies in our Christian tradition, as we are reminded of our time on Earth and keep focus on the choices we make that point us towards closer connection with God.

The Ash Wednesday sermon included the story of an monk, living the monastic life for over 40 years, who shared the necessity of keeping the focus on connection with God rather than idolizing what we choose to give up or what practices we take on during Lent. Whatever you choose, please keep the focus on connection with God rather than our own efforts.

Blessings to each of you during this season of Lent.

Peace,

Fr. Christopher

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Father Christopher Will Be Away

I will be away from Monday, March 11th through Monday, March 25th, for a Spiritual Directors International Conference in the Pacific Northwest, followed by some vacation days.

In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Archdeacon Robert (all concerns) or the Rev. John (Anointing of the Sick) through Breeze (the parish messaging system) or the phone numbers listed on my outgoing voicemail message. Rev. John will preside at the 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday liturgies on March 17th and 24th.

Please contact St. James Senior Warden, Angela Micklos, for other parish concerns. She will contact me if necessary. *I will not be checking e-mail during those days.*

May these first weeks of Lent be blessed! I look forward to seeing you when I return.

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.



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 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.

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! The park is about 1/2 full right now.

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: <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!



The Week Ahead at St. James

Saturday	Mar 9	Noon	Food Bank Deliver/Restocking
Sunday	Mar 10	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
		12:30 pm	Food Bank Distribution
Tuesday	Mar 12	8 am	Men's Coffee-"Grumpies"-Common Room
		5:30 pm	Finance Meeting-Office
Wednesday	Mar 13	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target-Starbucks Cafe
		7 pm	Bible Study
Thursday	Mar 14	7 pm	Choir Practice-Sanctuary
Sunday	Mar 17	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

Upcoming Dates to Put in Your Calendar

March 10 Lent: 8 & 10 am Worship

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

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

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Association For Episcopal Deacons

**EDUCATIONAL DAY FOR DEACONS,
CANDIDATES, POSTULANTS, INQUIRERS,
AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS**

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019
8:30AM – 2:30PM

AT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH CENTER OF UTAH
75 South 200 East
Salt Lake City Utah 84111

SPEAKER: THE REV. LORI MILLS-CURRAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ASSOCIATION OF EPISCOPAL DEACONS IN THE USA
AND CANADA

Registration: Email the Rev. Anita Miner (anitacatron@gmail.com) or call or text
801.842.8764.

Registration Fee: Free

Lodging at the ECCU. Contact Gary Lindemann or call 801.322.4131) or make your own
reservations at hotels in downtown Salt Lake City.

Continental Breakfast and Lunch: Provided gratis.

Parking: First come first served at the ECCU or go to a city parking lot.

GO! Mondays

We would like to invite you to join us for our Camp Tuttle fundraiser to help raise funds for our scholarship program. It will be held **April 6th** at the Cathedral Church of St. Mark. We will serve a lovely brunch, as well as enjoy live music from our Camp Tuttle band with raffle and games. We would like to encourage your support by inviting your parish to purchase a table. Please let me know if you have a contact person from your parish that would like to help us in supporting this cause. Please see our invitation that is attached.

We are having great success for our monthly "GO Monday" gatherings with the youth. Thank you to Father Kurt Wiesner, and the youth of St. Paul's who helped host our last event, along with great tasting food! Our next "GO Monday" will be at the Conference Center.

Please see all the information with details below, as well as attachments for upcoming events.

Thank you for your support!

Voting for HS Youth Delegates - March 11 at GO Monday 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 me know and I can follow up with them on the details.

Camp Tuttle Fundraiser Extravaganza!

WHEN: **Saturday, April 6th**

TIME: 11:00 to 1:00

COST: \$25 per person, or \$200 to reserve a table

WHERE: At the Cathedral Church of St. Mark, 231 East, 100 South, SLC

RSVP: camptuttle@episcopal-ut.org or 801-322-4131

We invite you to join us for a lovely brunch, and enjoy music with our Camp Tuttle band with a raffle and games to help raise money for our scholarship fund so that all kids have the opportunity to come to camp.

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.

For questions contact Karen Gleeson at kgleeson@episcopal-ut.org

Mar. 8-10 Winter Retreat Camp Tuttle

Mar. 11 "GO Mondays" Episcopal Conference Center 75 S. 200 E.

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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