



St. James Episcopal Church
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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

Year to date:

People served at our St. James Food Bank: **2,430**
Pounds of food delivered to St. James for
distribution: **52,795**



St. James is an approved Utah Food Bank Partner

Vestry Corner



Lent is one of my favorite seasons of the church year. The humbling and beautiful service of Ash Wednesday, followed by the singing of The Great Litany on Lent 1, serve to start us on our Lenten journey in the right frame of mind. Through Fr. Christopher's sermon we are gently reminded that our journey is not one of deprivation and denial, it is one that leads us closer to God. We are led through the final weeks of our Lord's earthly ministry to the hosannas of the triumphal entry. We follow him through his week of passion culminating in the sorrow of Good Friday.



On the night before he dies our Lord reveals to us the central point of his good news, the Way of Love. After the suffering of the cross we await in stunned silence for the coming of the new light of resurrection life. And when it comes we sing alleluia and go forth into the world walking in the Way of Love. As we make our own Lenten journey in quiet contemplation let us ponder how we are called to walk the Way of Love as a testament to the power of resurrection life. That our Lord is alive in us to bring about the transformation of his creation into that which he always intended it to be. One where all of his children love and are loved as he has loved us.

Michael Brown



Rector's Thoughts

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 sifurca@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

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

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
Tuesday	Mar 19	8 am	Men's Coffee-"Grumpies"-Common Room
		6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting-Office
Wednesday	Mar 20	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target-Starbucks Café
		7 pm	Bible Study-Sanctuary
Thursday	Mar 21	7 pm	Choir Practice-Sanctuary
Saturday	Mar 23	Noon	Food Bank Delivery/Restock
Sunday	Mar 24	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 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

Around the Utah Diocese

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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 M
ILLS-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

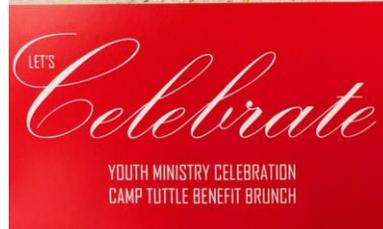
Lodging at the ECCU. Contact Gary
Lindemann or call 801.322.4131) or make
your own reservations at hotels in downtown
Salt Lake City.

Continental Breakfast and Lunch: Provided
gratis.

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



The convention for the Episcopal Diocese of
Utah will be held April 26-27, 2019, at St.



RAFFLE & GAMES
LIVE MUSIC

APRIL 6TH 2019 11AM - 1PM AT
ST. MARK'S PARISH HALL
\$25 per person or \$200 for a table

Cathedral of St. Mark's Parish Hall
231 E 100 S, SLC, UT 84111

RSVP by March 31st, 2019
camputtle@episcopal-ut.org
www.camputtle.org
(801)322-4131

To make a donation or payment
please visit www.camputtle.org

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

Mark's Cathedral in Salt Lake City. Registration, a convention fact sheet, tentative schedule, nominations and resolutions are posted to the diocesan website.

This convention, we will be electing deputies to General Convention 2021, which will be held in late June or early July in Baltimore, Maryland. There will be four deputies from each order, cleric and lay, and four alternates for each. Under the resolution passed at the 2017 Diocesan Convention, the diocese will reimburse reasonable expenses for all deputies and the first alternate from each order who attends the full General Convention. Pursuant to resolution, no other alternates from either order will receive reimbursement for any expenses or compensation to attend the convention.

We received a sweet note, shared by Terry Palmer, about some of the experiences the youth have had with Go! Mondays. The following was written by Susan Toone. *I thought I would share with you and the group another response I received from your evening with us at St. Mark's Tower.*

One particular resident doesn't usually come to any events at the Towers. Many reasons. But he usually comes when Camp Tuttle is with us. He wanted me to convey to you the following:

These are his words:

Thank you for such a wonderful evening. The counselors were so delightful and you could see the light in their souls. Coming to sit with us didn't come as an obligation, but they actually engaged us and wanted to share themselves in getting to know one another. They were not about surface emotions, they were engaged deeper, real, genuine, with a friendly and uplifting presence.

This person has believed in the past that the world is against him, making the future both scary and leaving him with a sense of a God punishing. Some generations can be so cruel - he states. The visit from this group is so moving and reminds us all how we can see and find the good in the world. What a wonderful evening when the Spirit is present and flows to us all.

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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ABOUT US

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Koinonia is published weekly. Please submit your articles, ideas, and photos to wendy@stjamesutah.com by Wednesday noon.

We appreciate your input on the newsletter!

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