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March 22, 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

Year to date:

200 Volunteers have served **1,683** people at our
St. James Food Bank.
Pounds of food delivered to St. James for
distribution: **52,795!**

St. James is an approved Utah Food Bank Partner



Vestry Corner

What he said. Last week. Right here — in this space. Michael Brown's piece about Lent is a hard act to follow. I invite you to dig last week's newsletter out of your electronic trash and reread it. At least once. Maybe every remaining day of Lent.

I also urge you — even though it's several weeks away yet — to make a place in your busy life to attend all the services of Holy Week, especially if it would be the first time. Easter is so much more than eggs, bunnies, flowers, and so forth, and there's absolutely no better way to experience its impact than to be present at these services. You'd never be sorry you were. There's time to work them into your calendar.

While I have this platform, I'd like to make a pitch for Small Group Dinners, which I coordinate, even though that gets considerably more challenging as its numbers grow. Look at the title of this newsletter: *Koinonia — "Christian fellowship or communion with God, or more commonly, with fellow Christians."* That's what Small Dinners are about — not cooking and eating, but enjoying the fellowship and getting to know one another better. Try it; you'll like it. If you're reluctant to sign up for an ongoing program, look on Breeze and pick some parishioners you don't know very well (or at all) but would like to know better and invite them to a potluck at your place on a Sunday afternoon, perhaps. I'm betting you'll be glad you did.

Susan Furca

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.



It's going to be here before we know it!
You can still ask businesses to donate items for the auction. Pick up a donation request paper (with our tax id # on it) on the welcome table.

You can buy tickets to Spring Fling for \$25.
Tickets will be available after Sunday services. There are still a few whole tables left to purchase, but they are going fast.
See Frank Williams for questions.

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!

Meanwhile At St. James...

Our building is used by many groups but by far the best day to visit is Thursdays. You will see Anchor Academy, a homeschool group. From 9 am to 3 pm you can hear singing practice in the Common Room, see math being taught in one of the classrooms, book study in the Narthex, and Science class in the kitchen.

This past Thursday was special. The kids had "market" where they sold items they had made by hand or baked themselves. Brownies to bookmarks, purses to penny candy. I asked permission from parents to snap their photos, while kids beckoned me over to photograph their booth. "Come see what I made!"



The Week Ahead at St. James

Saturday	Mar 23	12 Noon	Food Bank Delivery/Restock
Sunday	Mar 24	8 & 10 am 9 am 9 & 11 am 11:30 am 12:30 pm	Worship Teen Forum, Church School Adult Confirmation Class-Rector's Office Coffee Hour Youth Confirmation Class-Rector's Office Food Bank Distribution
Tuesday	Mar 26	8 am	Men's Coffee-"Grumpies"-Common Room
Wednesday	Mar 27	9 am 7 pm	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target-Starbucks Café Bible Study-Sanctuary
Thursday	Mar 28	7 pm	Choir Practice-Sanctuary
Sunday	Mar 31	8 & 10 am 9 am 9 & 11 am 11:30 am	Worship Teen Forum, Church School Adult Confirmation Class-Rector's Office Coffee Hour Youth Confirmation Class-Rector's Office

Upcoming Dates to Put in Your Calendar

Wednesdays 7 pm - 8 pm African Bible Study with Rev. Shoop
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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**EDUCATIONAL DAY FOR
 DEACONS,
 CANDIDATES,
 POSTULANTS, INQUIRERS,
 AND ALL INTERESTED
 PERSONS**

Camp Tuttle Fundraiser & 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

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.

CONVENTION 2019

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

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!

Please see all the information with details below,
as well as attachments for upcoming events.
Thank you for your support!

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

**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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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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