



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:

222 Volunteers have unloaded, stocked shelves, and distributed food.

550 clients have gotten food for **2,158** people at our St. James Food Bank.

52,795 Pounds of food delivered to St. James for distribution!



St. James is an approved Utah Food Bank Partner



Tyler Ballou in Concert

Our wonderful organist and choir director, Tyler, will be performing an organ recital on **Sunday, March 31, at 4 pm** at **First Baptist Church (777 S. 1300 E.)**. It will be about an hour with a reception to follow.

Come enjoy as Tyler shares his beautiful talents with others!



Vestry Corner



I'm Ric Tanner, a new member of your Vestry. During the Season of Lent, we are challenged to reflect on the ways that we manifest our faith and spiritual practices. Today I am going to suggest a different twist. Let's everyone sing!

You might know that I am one of our group of choristers who, with Tyler Ballou's amazing playing and direction, lead the congregation in the music elements of our worship. The important word is "lead". The choir would dearly love to hear more of the congregation singing enthusiastically along with us.

We have lots of scriptural encouragement here. "Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing" Psalm 100:2 "Singing is the sign of the heart's joy." Acts 2:25. St. Augustine said, "Singing belongs to one who loves." And, I've never seen a qualifier like "if you have a great voice". Nope, we should all just sing and "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord". Psalm 100:1

I also suggest you take a moment and make note of the scripture and beautiful poetry contained in the hymn texts. These come from sources ranging from the Pentateuch to modern poets. Our

Worship Committee gives considerable care to selecting hymns that elaborate on and amplify the scriptural readings for the day. Our music includes melodies from ancient Hebrew, baroque, classical, romantic, and modern eras. It is truly profound when music and text combine to create a spiritual expression. A very old proverb says "Those who sing, pray twice." Let's all do it joyfully!

Rector's Thoughts

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the Spiritual Directors International Conference in the Pacific Northwest. This year's theme was "Seeking Connection Across Generations" and included presenters of many generations.

Two workshops were particularly useful and I envision them impacting my approach to pastoral care, teaching, and spiritual direction.

One was a presentation by Diane M. Millis, PhD, author of "Re-Creating a Life: Learning How to Tell Our Most Life-Giving Story." She shared a personal story from childhood and how many decades of her life were defined by a trauma and loss. In a recent decade, she has reframed the story to draw upon its strength rather than its victimization. We experience this in our Christian story of death and resurrection.



As a priest, I believe it's best to meet people where they are at, even when it's in the place of brokenness and victimization. Diane Mills shared some powerful ways to affirm the story and then offer the possibility to move into fullness of life.

Another presentation was about gender and sexuality. As you are probably aware, our understanding of gender, sexuality, and family, continues to evolve. Sometimes I find new terms dizzying and I find I cannot keep up with current identities. This workshop was helpful in teaching me more about where people are at, self-identities, how families are configured, and how to meet and support everyone as full human beings. This will be helpful in pastoral and parish care.

This past Sunday was my six-month anniversary with St. James.
Thank you, all, for the blessing you are!

Peace and blessings,

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.



April Games Night!

**Food, Laughs, Competition,
and Friends!**

**The perfect way to spend
a Friday evening.**

**April 12 @ 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.
Contact the Bons or the Blevins for more
information.**



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 if you have 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!

The Week Ahead at St. James

Sunday	Mar 31	8 & 10 am	Worship
		9 am	Teen Forum, Church School
		9 & 11 am	Coffee Hour
Monday	Apr 1	6:30 pm	Pastoral Care Committee-Office
Tuesday	Apr 2	8 am	Men's Coffee-"Grumpies"-Common Room
Wednesday	Apr 3	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target-Starbucks Café
		7 pm	Bible Study-Sanctuary
Thursday	Apr 4	7 pm	Choir Practice-Sanctuary
Sunday	Apr 7	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
		5:30 pm	Youth Dinner Church at Kim Smart's home

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

Around the Utah Diocese

[Click here for a link to the latest Diocese newsletter.](#)

Bishop Hayashi's Lenten Message

In his message for the season of Lent, Bishop **Scott Hayashi** shares actual footage from his recent visit to Jerusalem: where Jesus journeyed, including the Mount of Olives and the old city, and the very walkway our Lord and Savior would have traveled. He reminds us that Lent is a time for reflection on Jesus's journey, as well as pondering our own spiritual journey in this life.

[Click here for Bishop Hayashi's Lenten Message](#)



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.



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 would like to encourage

Continental Breakfast and Lunch
Provided free

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

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

2019 Camp Tuttle Registrations are now open! Our 2019 summer schedule and links to our new software program are listed below. You are also welcome to refer to our website for more information at www.camptuttle.org

**Moab Spring Youth Retreat for
youth grades 6-12**

When: **May 3-5**

Time: **4:00 Friday - 4:00 Sunday**

Cost: **\$75**

Register: <https://tuttle.campmanagement.com/enroll> or www.camptuttle.org
Transportation provided. This event will be capped to 26 participants, so please register right away to ensure your spot!

We will be rafting down the Colorado river for a half day rafting trip with lunch on the river and go for a sunset hike into Arches National Park. We will be staying at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Moab. Please see flyer attached. For

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.



questions or financial assistance, please contact Karen Gleeson, Youth Coordinator at [**kgleeson@episcopal-ut.org**](mailto:kgleeson@episcopal-ut.org)

Koinonia is published weekly. Please submit your articles, ideas, and photos to [**wendy@stjamesutah.com**](mailto:wendy@stjamesutah.com) by Wednesday noon.

We appreciate your input on the newsletter!

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