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April 5, 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:

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

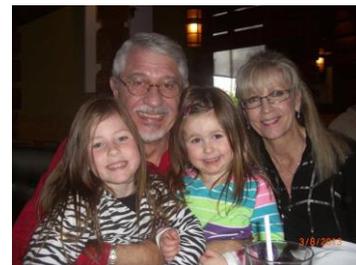


Dinner Church

Attention all teens! Our next Dinner Church will be held this Sunday, April 7th, at 5:30 pm at Kim Smart's house (3754 East Barbara Way). We'll prepare a meal together then sit down to break bread and enjoy a new kind of church!



Vestry Corner



***With all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
Ephesians 4:2-3***

My name is Mike Mitchell and I'm a new member to your vestry. The above biblical verse is about fellowship. My recent real experience of the true meaning of fellowship was as member of the Search Committee. This was a group of truly dedicated parishioners who placed St James and its congregation above all else in its deliberation. Time and talent were shared by all.

My first meeting of the vestry was the vestry retreat. We have had two vestry meetings since then. Since I attend the 8:00 AM service, most of the vestry members I met for the first time. It was a very

welcoming atmosphere. This again felt like a carryover from the Search Committee. A group of people who place St James and its congregation above all else in its deliberation. During my 20 plus years with St James I have seen many changes for our parish. Some good and some bad. For the last three years or so the changes, in my view, have taken us to a very healthy place. I believe there is a sense of fellowship among us that can build for our future. I believe Fr. Christopher certainly has this same sense. I'm also a believer in transparency. This will help us build trust among us for the future. I would welcome your comments and ideas to strengthen our fellowship and commitment to the success of St James into the future.

My email address is mnmitchell123@msn.com.

My blessings
Mike Mitchell

Rector's Thoughts

My recent drive to the Pacific Northwest and back allowed a lot of time for reflection, including the penance that is part of the Lenten season.

I remembered a popular inscription in my high school yearbook: "Don't ever change!" I sometimes hear fast reassurances that, "You don't need to change for anyone. You are good just the way you are."

It is true that God loves us completely as we are and God also calls us to to continue growing into the fullness of life. That involves change. Change is not a punishment, but rather an invitation to become more closely aligned with Christ.

This involves opening our hearts to the possibility that we do commit errors, have brokenness, are vulnerable, and have a need for redemption. This is part of our human condition and part of God's blessing to us is the possibility of healing and wholeness, reconciliation and reconnection.

Prayer is a good starting point for looking honestly at the parts of our lives that need transformation and embracing these positive changes. I also find that it is helpful to speak to others for encouragement and support. Consider having a conversation with loved ones, with fellow parishioners, or with me. Sometimes past experiences or long-held beliefs can hold us back and skilled professionals might be helpful to step into greater changes.

I'm still considering this during these final weeks of Lent and I invite you to also consider where God may be calling you into making choices that are life-giving and bring you closer to God.

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

The Week Ahead at St. James

Sunday	Apr 7	8 & 10 am	Worship
		9 am	Adult Confirmation-Rector's Office Teen Forum, Church School
		9 & 11 am	Coffee Hour
		11:30 pm	Youth Confirmation-Rector's Office
		5:30 pm	Youth Dinner Church at Kim Smart's home
Monday	Apr 8	6:00 pm	GO! Monday-Sanctuary
Tuesday	Apr 9	8 am	Men's Coffee-"Grumpies"-Common Room
		5:30 pm	Finance Committee-Office
Wednesday	Apr 10	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target-Starbucks Café
		7 pm	Bible Study-Sanctuary
Thursday	Apr 11	7 pm	Choir Practice-Sanctuary
Friday	Apr 12	6 pm	Parish Games Night-Parish Hall
Saturday	Apr 13	12 noon	Food Bank Delivery & Restock
Sunday	Apr 14	8 & 10 am	Worship—Palm Sunday
		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

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



Maundy Thursday Dinner (Soup Supper) & Liturgy

Please break bread with us Maundy Thursday.

Please click this [HERE](#) to sign up.

Or contact Angela
Steinbach: Angela.steinbach@tdwilliamson.com
or text 801-891-1170 if you can bring a Pot of Soup,
Bread or roll, or Salad

Easter Festive Brunch/Potluck

Calling all egg bakes!

Please sign up to share with us for the Easter potluck

[HERE](#)

or please contact Angela Steinbach

Angela.steinbach@tdwilliamson.com

or text 801-891-1170 if you can bring an Eggstastic dish,
Bread or roll, or Fruit.



Annual Easter Bake Sale

April 21

Bring your favorite treat, your appetite, and your check book to the annual Easter Bake Sale. The youth will organize it but everyone is invited to bake and buy some goodies! The money raised will go to St James Outreach projects.

Thank you!

Volunteer Spotlight



Ann Charat

The shirt says it all. "Blazer of Trails, Bender of Rules, Buster of Moves, Force of Nature"!

Our volunteer spotlight is on Ms. Ann Charat. Hiker, coffee lover, friend to furry creatures and humans alike. Her sparkling personality blesses the St. James office on Thursdays. She can be seen cleaning, organizing, toting, and smiling. Always smiling. We love you, Ann! Thank you for all you do for St. James!

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
ENGAGING THE DIAKONIA OF ALL BELIEVERS

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 free

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



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 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



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.

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 questions or financial assistance, please contact Karen Gleeson, Youth Coordinator at kgleeson@episcopal-ut.org

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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