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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



Vestry Corner

March Vestry Meeting Highlights

- Rev. Mary Janda presented a video and handout regarding Family Promise, which is social service organization that help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response. Rev. Janda asked for vestry support in approaching St. James parishioners to assist Family Promise during the week of May 12th. Vestry Member Michael Brown is the parish point-person for recruiting parishioners. More information is forthcoming.
- David James presented a broad vision outreach, and he and the vestry discussed ideas to help parishioners feel the connection between the Sunday services and community outreach programs in which we currently partake. Further discussion planned regarding how to impact a broader group of individuals.
- The vestry approved a revised land use proposal regarding expansion of the New Balance property. The proposal clarifies that New Balance will incur all costs related to construction/expansion, including irrigation changes. St. James will gain more parking spots

by the Garden of Eatin', and the Diocese will have Right of First Refusal if New Balance decides to sell the property at a later date.

- Spring Fling is in full swing. We've sold 218 tickets to date, with 250 being maximum capacity within the sanctuary. Focus moving forward will be on individual ticket sales. There are plenty of large value items for the auction, but smaller items and gift baskets are needed, as well as volunteers to help organize. Please see Petey McKnight to volunteer.

Fr. Christopher has been with us for six months and shared the following:

- Six things he's excited about:
 1. Getting to know the parish, especially through the Small Dinner Groups
 2. All the new parishioners who have joined since September
 3. Dinner Church with the youth
 4. Three new people trained as LEV with 2 more scheduled
 5. Youth and Adult Confirmation classes
 6. The continued strong lay leadership in the parish.
 - Six things he'd like the Vestry's continued support with:
 1. Welcoming and hospitality
 2. Religious education at all levels
 3. Vestry liaison relationships
 4. Pastoral care to homebound parishioners;
 5. Opening communication between those who are passionate about worship, outreach, pastoral care, education, etc.
 6. Stewardship.
 - Six things he'd like to see happen in the next one-to-three years:
 1. Curate to share with St. Mark's Cathedral
 2. Pilgrimage to Jerusalem while Canon Mary June is still there
 3. Strategic Planning
 4. Capital campaign or legacy planning
 5. Stronger opportunities for spiritual development
 6. Exploring how we as a parish may be stronger leaders in the Diocese, in addition to the strong individual relationships that exist.
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Rector's Thoughts

Liturgy is one of the aspects I appreciate about the Episcopal Church. This is rooted in an ancient tradition and we are allowed a fair amount of movement in how we worship.

During Lent, we returned to Rite One liturgy, with older language that is familiar to people who have been Episcopalian for decades. Most of the year we use the contemporary language of Rite Two liturgy and approved alternative services.



On April 28th, St. James youth will lead the 8 and 10 a.m. liturgies. They have been working hard with researching the liturgy, asking for support, and planning.

There has been learning in the process. One of the youth is researching Eucharistic Prayers and is looking at seven approved versions to consider which would be most meaningful for the time of liturgical year and for this community.

Another youth is planning music while a peer is choosing the form of the Prayers of the People.

Most dioceses have very firm rules around preaching, with a bishop approving licensed lay preachers who have filled out extensive paperwork and submitted two sample sermons.

Our bishop allows me, as the rector of the parish, to work with parishioners to preach on a one-time basis without the extra expectations of other dioceses. This is why we were allowed the great preaching during the visit of Saint Nicholas and at the 12-Step Eucharist.

This Sunday, I will be meeting at 12:30 p.m. with youth who want to preach at the April 28th liturgy. You will be able to hear them following the Gospel that day. Those who choose to not do the formal preparation are being offered the chance to share a personal reflection during coffee hour after the service.

One of the blessings of our Episcopal tradition is being able to worship in many ways through liturgy. This also presents challenge with trying to accommodate a community with vast preferences for worship. The liturgy committee, clergy, and music director, attempt to create meaningful worship by making changes throughout the liturgical year so everyone gets some experience of their favorites.

Please let us know what you love about liturgy and we will do our best to incorporate it.

We are also mindful of physical accommodations around reading and hearing during liturgies.

Last Sunday we had a test microphone and people shared that they were able to hear clearly. Our older microphones are being replaced thanks to a generous anonymous donation.

We are also in conversation about large print bulletins or The Book of Common Prayer.

With all of these aspects of liturgy, it's important to remember that Word and Sacrament -- Scripture and Holy Eucharist -- are central to why we gather as a worshipping community.

Please join us for the richness of liturgies waiting us from this Palm Sunday, through Holy Week, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, and into a new liturgical season.

Peace and blessings,

Father Christopher

Youth Confirmation Class

The Youth Confirmation Class will be in Father Christopher's office at 11:30 a.m. this Sunday. The topic will be the History and Polity (Structure) of the Episcopal Church. We are fortunate to have Lisa McCord as our guest presenter.

Youth-led Liturgy Sermons

There will be sermon preparation prayer and discussion in Father Christopher's office at 12:30 p.m. this Sunday, following the Youth Confirmation Class. You are welcome to bring something to eat.

Youth who participate in this will be able to preach during the services and those who don't attend will be able to give a personal reflection at coffee hour.

The youth-led liturgies will be on Sunday, April 28th at 8 and 10 a.m.



Family Promise

Our Vestry has approved the St. James' Community to be a supporting congregation for Family Promise. The dates are **Sunday, May 12th at 5:00 p.m. through Sunday, May 19th at 2:00 p.m.** The four families will be housed on the property of Hilltop United Methodist on 10600 S., across from Big 5 Sporting Store. All the bedding and linen supplies are at the house.



They need our help in taking over the volunteer positions required. There is a sign-up board in the Narthex with explanations of positions needed. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve Christ and give shelter and food to these families who are trying to get back into their own housing again. The parents and children truly need our support.

Contact Michael Brown at mmbrown713@gmail.com or The Rev. Mary Janda at pastor.maryjanda@gmail.com

Put it on your calendar: Wednesdays 7 pm - 8 pm during Lent, there will be African Bible study with Deacon Shoop.

Rev. Shoop says:

"We have met for four weeks now and have studied the first four chapters of Acts. It has been a small but sincere and attentive group. We begin each session with a praise song. We continue to hear different voices, different translations, and many different views and insights into the readings. We end each session with Compline including intercessory prayer and another praise song."

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



Annual Spring Camping Trip

We are headed to Capitol Reef,
staying at Wonderland RV Park the
weekend of **June 1 & 2.**



Annual Fall Camping Trip

Yuba Reservoir
Painted Rocks Campground

Holy Eucharist will be shared at the site on Saturday evening.

Some people will be leaving Sunday morning to attend Pride Events--so you can do both!

September 14 & 15

The Week Ahead at St. James

Saturday	Apr 13	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	Sermon Preparation for Youth-led Liturgy
		12:30 pm	Food Bank Distribution
Tuesday	Apr 16	8 am	Men's Coffee—"Grumpies"—Common Room
		6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting-Office
Wednesday	Apr 17	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target-Starbucks Cafe
Thursday	Apr 18	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Dinner with Liturgy
Friday	Apr 19	12pm & 7pm	Good Friday Services
Saturday	Apr 20	8 pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	Apr 21	10 am	Easter Worship
		11 am	Egg Hunt, Festive Brunch/Potluck

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 & 7pm** 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 at 6:30 pm.

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

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 Egg-tastic 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!

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](#)



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.



GO! Mondays

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

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**

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.

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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