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**April 19, 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

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**April 18** Maundy Thursday **6:30pm** Dinner with Liturgy  
**April 19** Good Friday **12pm & 7pm** Liturgy  
**April 20** Easter Vigil **8pm**  
**April 21** Easter **10 am** Liturgy, Egg Hunt, Festive Brunch/Potluck

***Important Note: Incense will be burned at the Easter Vigil Service***

### 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*

### Special Note:

We can use all the volunteers possible because our normal Food Bank delivery date has been changed from Saturday, April 27, to **Tuesday, April 23 at 2 pm.**

We know many people, who normally show up on Saturdays, cannot help on a weekday. If you are able, please lend a hand. Thank you!



## Vestry Corner

Angela Micklos, Senior Warden

I'm excited to report that over the past couple of months following our retreat, the vestry has worked hard to adopt a covenant that articulates our promises to God, to the parish, and to each other. It will soon be posted on the announcement column near the welcome center, and I hope you'll take a few minutes to read it. We've appropriately set high standards for ourselves, and I know that we all fully intend to do our very best to meet them. Please feel empowered to let us know, through whatever means of communication that you're comfortable with, if you perceive that we're not honoring our promises - - - individually or collectively. I promise to listen intently and with an open mind.



In the near future, we're going to focus in particular on our fourth promise to our church family - - - "We promise to continuously strive to discern what is best for our parish as a whole, not what might be best for us personally, or for a particular parish group or ministry."

You may recall that during vestry announcements in February, I announced retreat highlights and told you that the vestry would be seeking your input. I meant it, and this is your first opportunity to do so in an "official" way. We need your honest input, along with God's guidance, to discern what is best for the parish, as we don't presume to possess this knowledge on our own, nor should we dictate a path for the entire parish without first seeking input from all of you. I envision that what's most important to the congregation as a whole will drive our mission, vision, and strategic planning, so you'll be helping us pave the future of this amazing parish.

This endeavor is more of a marathon than a sprint, so please recognize that nothing will happen overnight, but trust that we'll give it the attention it deserves. We'll determine the specific details of this process as soon as possible, but it will likely include a survey and town hall meetings.

Many of you know that I'm an avid MLB fan. One of the many interesting quotes attributed to Yogi Berra is, "If you don't know where you are going, you'll end up someplace else." Sounds rather silly, but it's actually spot on. We need to know what's important to you, and the direction in which you'd like this parish to head. Otherwise, we'll end up somewhere else, which is not our intention.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this process. St. James is a great place, but we've only reached a portion of our full potential. Together, we can continue to grow, thrive, and do God's work within our walls, in our extended community, and in the greater world.

Peace and Blessings,  
Angela

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## Rector's Thoughts

Tonight many of us will gather in St. James parish hall at 6:30 pm to share soup and bread and to celebrate Holy Eucharist as we remember the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples. This is the beginning of the Triduum, the three days preceding the Easter feast.

All who want to are invited to experience foot washing. For some of us, this may be uncomfortable, but it is an important lesson in acknowledging our humanity, being humble, and is an incarnational reminder of Jesus's discipleship among us. It's also possible to share in the experience as witnesses.

Our time will conclude with a procession into the sanctuary, where the Altar Guild will strip the altar and prepare the empty space for us before we experience the despair of Good Friday, the longing of Holy Saturday, and culminate in the glory of Easter.



I think back to one year ago, arriving in Jerusalem on Maundy Thursday at the beginning of a 28-day pilgrimage at St. George's College.

Several of us went to pray at the Mount of Olives that evening and it was raining, an uncommon occurrence for the time of year.

It was a time of emptiness and listening to God. I had left my previous parish a few weeks earlier and was unclear where I would be called to next.

Sometimes the spiritual path calls us to embrace the emptiness and listen to the subtle voice of God. In my case, I met the Reverend Canon Mary June Nestler that evening and that encounter led to learning about St. James, Midvale, and the Episcopal Diocese of Utah.

Please join us tonight as we enter into these final days of Holy Week prior to Christ's Triumph at the Resurrection.

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## Why Easter Eggs?

By Carol Gentner

The tradition of coloring eggs for Easter goes back a long way. When I was growing up, it was great fun to hunt for the eggs on Easter morning. I don't exactly know why we did that as we weren't church goers, but I didn't see a connection at the time.

The actual reason for colored eggs at Easter comes from a "legend" that has been taught by the Eastern Orthodox Church for the last 1500 years. The tradition comes from a meeting between Mary Magdalene and Tiberius Caesar in Rome following the Ascension. She was a wealthy woman who helped to financially support Jesus and the Disciples.

When most of his closest friends ran for their lives, she stayed with him at the cross. She was the first to tell of his resurrection.

Following the Ascension, she traveled to Rome where she met with Tiberius Caesar. She was admitted to his court because of her high social standing. After describing how poorly the trial of Jesus had been administered, she told Tiberius that Jesus had risen from the dead. She picked up an egg, which was on the dinner table, to help explain what she was saying. Tiberius told her that a human could no more rise from the dead than the egg in her hand would turn red. The egg turned red immediately. This is why red eggs have been exchanged on Easter for centuries in the Byzantine East. And it is why icons of St. Mary Magdalene usually have her holding a red egg.

If Easter eggs are true to this legend, they are red. But even if they are pastel, they still are a part of what transpired between St. Mary Magdalene and Tiberius Caesar in the days following Jesus' resurrection.

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## 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](mailto:mmbrown713@gmail.com) or The Rev. Mary Janda at [pastor.maryjanda@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.maryjanda@gmail.com)

## Sacraments at St. James

Please let Fr. Christopher know if you are interested in being baptized, or have a young family member baptized. 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. See Frank Williams or David James if you know someone who needs a ticket.

**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**. 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!*



### Annual Fall Camping Trip

Yuba Reservoir  
Painted Rocks Campground

September 14 & 15

## The Week Ahead at St. James

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| Saturday  | Apr 20   | 8 pm      | Easter Vigil—please note: incense will be used |
| Sunday    | Apr 21   | 10 am     | Easter Worship                                 |
|           |          | 11 am     | Egg Hunt, Festive Brunch/Potluck               |
| Monday    | April 22 |           | Office Closed                                  |
| Tuesday   | Apr 23   | 8 am      | Men's Coffee-"Grumpies"-Common Room            |
|           |          | 2 pm      | Food Bank Delivery/Restocking                  |
| Wednesday | Apr 24   | 9 am      | Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target-Starbucks Cafe |
| Thursday  | Apr 25   | 7 pm      | Choir Practice-Sanctuary                       |
| Sunday    | Apr 28   | 8 & 10 am | Worship Services                               |
|           |          | 9 & 11 am | Coffee Hours                                   |
|           |          | 12:30 pm  | Food Bank Distribution                         |



## Maundy Thursday Dinner (Soup Supper) & Liturgy

*Please break bread with us this Thursday,  
April 18, for  
Maundy Thursday  
at 6:30 pm.*



## Annual Easter Bake Sale

**April 21**

Remember the Easter Bake Sale will be raising money Sunday for 4th Street Clinic, one of St. James seven charities. 4th Street Clinic provides medical help to those who have no other options. Please bake (or buy) some goodies to donate and bring some cash or a checkbook so you can buy some Easter treats.

Thank you to Steve Washburn and Great Harvest Bakery for their continued support of St James Bake sales!

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## Around the Utah Diocese

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



### The Ordination of Gill de Azevedo

The Rt. Rev. Scott B. Hayashi has taken orders for the ordination of The Rev. Copeland Johnston and The Rev. Guilherme de Azevedo to be priests of The Episcopal Church.

The bishop has also taken order for the ordination of Elizabeth Harden to the Transitional Diaconate.

The Services of Ordination will be on **April 27** at The Cathedral Church of St. Mark at our Diocesan Convention Eucharist.

## 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. 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



## GO! Mondays

For questions contact Karen Gleeson at [kgleeson@episcopal-ut.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:kgleeson@episcopal-ut.org)

either order will receive reimbursement for any expenses or compensation to attend the convention.

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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