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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

We are blessed this Sunday to enjoy youth led liturgies at both the 8 & 10 am worship services. Our St. James' youth have worked hard to prepare the messages you'll hear. Come and support the efforts of our remarkable youth.



Vestry Corner

Hi! I'm Petey McKnight and have had the pleasure of being on the Vestry, as well as having been working with Frank Williams and others on Spring Fling. My husband, Mac, and I have been living "off" more than "on" in Salt Lake City over the last 5 years and are glad to be back permanently.



While the Spring Fling has been (and will still be) a tremendous amount of work, it's been a perfect opportunity, as a relative newcomer, to get to know more parishioners. I am overwhelmed by the generosity, sweet spirits, and talents within our parish. Thank you so much for your support. The **online** auction is wrapped up and you can go now and start bidding at www.biddingowl.com/stjamesepiscopalchurch. Please see the instructions in this newsletter. You are welcome to bid even if you can't make the event. Plus, there are many exciting new additions that will be part of a live auction.

I'm not surprised, though, as it's the same sweet spirit I see as we pray for people's needs and special occasions as well as the commitment to the Food Bank and other major outreach projects.

Thank you so much for your faith and love in Christ. He is Risen Indeed!

Rector's Thoughts

[Jesus] told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ~ Luke 24:46-47

The message of Easter includes the forgiveness of sins. The disciples' lives had been resurrected at Easter as Jesus was resurrected from the dead. They had experienced the despair of Good Friday, the emptiness and bewilderment of Holy Saturday, and then the sweetness of grace and reconciliation at Easter. They discovered that Jesus had returned with the grace to heal a broken world through the forgiveness of sins.

Many Episcopal churches omit the confession of sin during the Easter season, which lasts fifty days. We have had forty days of contemplation, repentance, and a change of life during Lent. Now we enter into the fullness of grace during Easter.

Of course, we're always in need of transformation. It's important now, during this season, to be reminded of God's complete love for us, and of the transformation we've experienced through Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection. Omitting the confession of sin during this season highlights how our lives are renewed through Jesus.

Easter Blessings to each of you and those you love.

Peace,

Father Christopher



The Spring Fling Silent Auction has started! You can register now at the following website:

www.biddingowl.com/stjamesepiscopalchurch

Once you've registered, you will be able to view the items and bid on them. After you've logged in, click on the box on the left side of the page that says 'View items.' Remember that, when you do, it's for the real auction that will end around 8 pm during the Spring Fling on May 4th. We have more items to add to the auction so keep checking the auction site.

We need a few more volunteers:

- Auction volunteers to help at the end of the auction
- Volunteers to sell beads during the event.
- Someone to set up the water and non-alcoholic drinks for the event.

Lastly, we will do the bead game at the Spring Fling this year, and will start to sell beads after church on the 28th.

The Spring Fling will be a lot of fun this year. Bring your friends!

Spring Fling is May 4, 2019 at 6:30 pm



Family Promise

Family Promise is an interfaith organization that assists families experiencing homelessness to get back on their feet and back into permanent housing. The Church network (host sites and supporting congregations) provides temporary housing for families to provide a safe shelter, meals and support.

St. James' vestry has committed to supporting Family Promise as a Supporting Congregation for May 12th through the 19th. The host facility will be at a house located at Hilltop United Methodist Church, 985 E 10600 S in Sandy.

There are many volunteer opportunities that we will need to be filled in order to make our week as hosts a success. These include set up at the host facility the Friday or Saturday (May 10th or 11th) The call for volunteers begins on Sunday, May 12th around 2-3 in the afternoon. Evening hosts will unlock the facility at 5 pm every night of the week and be present with the family until 8:30 p.m.. Dinner hosts will provide evening meals for the families at 6:30. Overnight hosts that will arrive by 8:30 to relieve the evening hosts and spend the night at the facility. At the end of the week volunteers help clean the host facility and launder the bed linens. We will also need donations of basic food items, breakfast cereals, snacks, milk, juice, etc., for the week we are a host congregation.

Overnight Hosts only will need to have a background check completed by Family Promise. This will only check for a history of violent and/or sex crimes. It is a very easy online exercise.

For more information about volunteering for this ministry please contact Michael Brown at 801-649-7754

and mmbrown713@gmail.com or The Rev. Mary Janda at 801-580-7167 and pastor.maryjanda@gmail.com . I would also recommend visiting Family Promise's website at <https://familypromise.org> . There are sign-up sheets in the narthex for all of the positions that we will need to fill. This is an important ministry to serve the "least of these", and to help restore a sense of dignity and wholeness to parents and children that have fallen on hard times. Please prayerfully discern how you can be a part of this ministry.

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.



May Games Night!

May 10, 6 pm

Enjoy playing games, eating yummy food, while getting to know or deepen friendships with fellow St. Jamesers!



Mary Ann Update

Many have inquired about Mary Ann Williams, knowing she had emergency surgery. She wants everyone to know she is on the mend, out of the hospital, and sharing that smile, once again, with everyone. She appreciates all the kindness and concern shown over this past two weeks.

She's shown here on a trip to the office to drop off gift cards for the Spring Fling. She was given a beautiful prayer shawl, made by Carol Gentner.



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

Year to date:

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

652 clients have gotten food for **2,559** people at our St. James Food Bank.

63,926 Pounds of food delivered to St. James for distribution!

St. James is an approved Utah Food Bank Partner



The Week Ahead at St. James

Sunday	Apr 28	8 & 10 am	Worship-Easter 2 <i>*Special Youth Led Liturgy</i>
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours
		12:30 pm	Food Bank Distribution
Tuesday	Apr 30	8 am	Men's Coffee-"Grumpies"-Common Room
Wednesday	May 1	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target-Starbucks Cafe
Thursday	May 2	7 pm	Choir Practice-Sanctuary
Saturday	May 4	6:30 pm	SPRING FLING!
Sunday	May 5	8 & 10 am	Worship Services-Easter 3
		9 am	Adult Confirmation Class-Rector's Office
		11:30 am	Youth Confirmation Class-Rector's Office
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours
Monday	May 6	5:30 pm	Liturgy Committee-Office
		6:30 pm	Pastoral Care Committee-Office
		7 pm	Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training

Around the Utah Diocese

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The Ordination of Gill de Azevedo

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

The bishop has also announced the ordination of Elizabeth Harden to the Transitional Diaconate.

The Services of Ordination will be on **April 27 at 11am** at The Cathedral Church of St. Mark at our Diocesan Convention Eucharist.

Bishop Hayashi's Easter Message

In his message for the joyous celebration of Easter, Bishop Scott Hayashi reminds us this is a time where we have much to celebrate because we know that God has triumphed.

[Click here to see Bishop Hayashi's Easter Message](#)





GO! Mondays

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.

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
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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