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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

Rector's Thoughts

NOTE: Father Christopher is away from Monday, May 13th through Monday, May 27th, for the Festival of Homiletics (preaching conference), followed by some days to care for aging parents' home and yard.

In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Archdeacon Robert (all concerns) or the Rev. John (Anointing of the Sick) through Breeze (the parish messaging system) or the phone numbers listed on my outgoing voicemail message. Rev. John will preside at the 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday liturgies on May 19th and 26th. He will preach the first Sunday and Ven. Robert will on the second Sunday.

Please contact St. James Senior Warden, Angela Micklos, for other parish concerns. She will contact Fr. Christopher if necessary. He will not be checking e-mail during those days.

May the next two weeks be blessed!

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 on June 9th 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.

Youth News

The senior high class thanks the congregation for your support of the youth sermon. We will be hosting a scrumptious coffee hour this Sunday to celebrate the end of the school year. Bring your appetite!!!

Vestry Corner

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans. Proverbs 16:3

The Vestry has been discussing our plans on establishing a Strategic Planning Committee. A simplified definition of strategic planning is: "Strategic Planning is an organizational process of defining strategy or direction, then making decisions on

allocating resources to pursue these strategies. A strategy describes how the ends (goals) will be achieved by the means (resources).

The committee will have representation of stake holders, i.e. clergy, congregation representation and former wardens. We will also have a representative from the vestry as a liaison to the vestry. First step in the process is forming a Task Force who will develop the basic foundation of the committee. Revisit the Mission and Vision of the Parish (using the Parish Profile) and reason and purpose of the project. The Task Force will also address the needed skills and expertise and resources to be engaged.

The committee's primary objective is to look at least three (3) years out into the future to assess at the needs for our parish and develop strategies and initiatives to meet those needs. The plan will be fluid to meet changes that maybe required because of a changing environment.

We are also working with the Diocese for their assistance and resources that maybe available through them to help in this process.

The foundation for the plan will be the Parish Profile completed by the Search Committee. Although the Parish Profile addressed the current environment of St. James it also addressed what we are looking for in the future.

The plan will also look at our ministries and what maybe needed in the future. Budgeting becomes an important factor in the process for future financial needs.

We hope you will support this endeavor, since we will be looking to you with townhall meetings and small group gatherings, to gain your insight.

All my blessings,
Mike Mitchell



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 fall camping site reservations are now open. We will be staying September 12 through the 16th or any part thereof.

Reservations can be made at: <https://utahstateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/yuba-lake-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=UT&parkId=343961>
Yuba State Part, Painted Rocks Camp Ground Loop A. (PR01 - PR22).

Year to date:

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

741 clients have gotten food for **2,885** people at our St. James Food Bank.

75,682 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	May 19	8 & 10 am 9 & 11:15 am	Worship-Easter 5 Coffee Hours
Tuesday	May 21	8 am 6:30 pm	Men's Coffee-"Grumpies"-Common Room Vestry Meeting-Office
Wednesday	May 22	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target-Starbucks Cafe
Thursday	May 23	7 pm	Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
Saturday	May 25	Noon	Food Bank Delivery & Restocking
Sunday	May 26	8 & 10 am 9 & 11:15 am 12:30 pm	Worship-Easter 6 Coffee Hours Food Bank Distribution

Around the Utah Diocese

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UTAH PRIDE 2019!

[Click here to visit the website, get more information, and register for events.](#)

PRIDE Interfaith Choir

Thur. May 30 @7pm at Christ United Methodist Church. Join with people of faith throughout the valley and One Voice Community Choir for worship. We are looking for choir people to join us in a few musical numbers. Rehearsals will be held on Thurs. May 16 & 23 @7pm; and on Tues. May 28 @7pm, as well as 1 hour before the service, all at Christ United. For more info talk to Marlin: allsaints@allsaintssl.org or 801.581.0380. Thanks!



Pride Spectacular
Friday May 17th, 2019 6.00p-9.30p
Union Events Center
235 N 500 W, Salt Lake City, UT 84116



Youth Pride Dance
Friday May 31st, 2019 8.00p-11.00p
On Festival Grounds
Washington Square – Entrance @ 500 South
State Street



Utah Pride Festival
Saturday June 1st, 2019 1.00p-11.00p
Sunday June 2nd, 2019 11.00a-7.00p



Utah Pride Parade
Sunday June 2nd, 2019 10.00a-Noon
Parade route:
200 South West Temple to 400 East

This year Utah Pride Parade is celebrating 50 years since Stonewall with the theme "Exist. Resist. Persist." Please join with Episcopalians from across the state in marching in the Utah Pride Parade the morning of **Sunday, June 2, 2019** to stand with our LGBTQ+ brothers, sisters and siblings. A show of love and support such as this goes a long way. Details coming soon. Please contact Christian Larsen (St. Paul's SLC) at christianariclarsen@gmail.com with any questions.

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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