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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**

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## Vestry Corner



By Ric Tanner

The first weekend of June, our semi-annual camping trip will convene near Capitol Reef. Nancy and I always look forward to sharing our love of recreational camping with our parish friends and hiking in the beauty of God's creation. The St. James community is the center of our spiritual life however, Nancy and I agree that when we are "in the wild" hiking we feel a special communion with God. Hiking becomes a time of prayerful meditation.

The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston, who is a Native American of the Choctaw people recently wrote, "One way to understand the Native American spiritual bond with the land is to place it next to the Western theology of having a personal relationship to God. Native tradition believes in a deeply personal relationship to the Creator, but goes one step further: since the Creator is still incarnate within all of creation, then the relationship is not just metaphorical or emotional, but physical. The personal contact with the sacred is tactile. How we treat the earth is how we treat God."

I believe the Rt. Rev. has illuminated the special enrichment Nancy and I have felt in these moments. Hiking in the mountains, red rocks, or desert easily inspires this prayerful access. And yet, a thoughtful moment with single flower in our yard is no less an opportunity for profound closeness with our creator if we regard it as such.

Photo below taken by Ric Tanner





## Bonus Vestry Corner

by Michael Brown



Last week St. James was the supporting congregation for Family Promise. Many of us stepped up to fill volunteer positions to support the four families in the program last week at the Family Promise house at Hilltop United Methodist Church. The feedback I've received from many of the volunteers have all been positive, reporting it to be a very rewarding ministry serving parents and children experiencing homelessness. I was the evening host on Sunday and the overnight host on Saturday. As I lay on the couch on Saturday night trying to fall asleep in the house painful memories came flooding back from 13 years ago when my children and I were in a similar situation as these families. I remembered the life crisis that it was for all of us. My experience was not nearly as hard as the experiences of these families. I can only imagine the stress that these families have gone through. Even after getting into the Family Promise program and finally being able to see the light at the end of the tunnel I am sure they are still feeling great stress and are still in crisis. All of the families expressed sincere gratitude for the help that we and the rest of the supporting congregations have provided and are continuing to provide them. This ministry is a tremendous way for us to live out our baptismal covenant to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves. When we serve these families experiencing homelessness we are truly serving our Lord. From the feedback I've received I am sure this will not be the last week St. James is a supporting congregation for Family Promise.

"Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God." Eph 5:2

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### Father Christopher Back Soon / Wendy Is Back!

Father Christopher will be back from his conference on Tuesday, May 28.

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 26th; Archdeacon Robert will preach.

Please contact Wendy, Parish Administrator, or St. James Senior Warden, Angela Micklos, for other parish concerns. They will contact Fr. Christopher if necessary.

## Sacraments at St. James

Please let Fr. Christopher know if you are interested in being baptized, or have a young family member baptized, on June 9th. *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.



## June Games Night!

**Special: our June Games Night will take place at our hosts, Deacon Robert & Rolene Shoop's, home.**

Come enjoy friendship, a little competition, and yummy food.

**Friday, June 14, 6pm.**



## 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.



## Annual Fall Camping Trip

Yuba Reservoir  
Painted Rocks Campground

**September 14 & 15**  
(Many will be staying from the 12-16)

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

Yuba State Park, Painted Rocks Camp Ground, Loop A. (PR01 - PR22).

**[Click here to register for your camp spot.](#)**

**Year to date:**

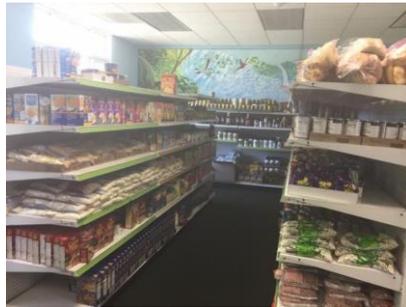
**273** Volunteers have unloaded, stocked shelves, and distributed food.

**806** clients have gotten food for **3131** people at our St. James Food Bank.

**86,582** Pounds of food delivered to St. James for distribution!



***St. James is an approved Utah Food Bank Partner***



## The Week Ahead at St. James

Saturday	May 25	Noon	Food Bank Delivery & Restocking
Sunday	May 26	8 & 10 am	Worship-Easter 6
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours
		12:30 pm	Food Bank-Distribution
Tuesday	May 28	8 am	Men's Coffee-"Grumpies"-Common Room
Wednesday	May 29	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target-Starbucks Cafe
Thursday	May 30	7 pm	<b><u>NO</u></b> Choir Rehearsal this week
Sunday	June 2	8 & 10 am	Morning Prayer-Easter 7
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours

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## Around the Utah Diocese

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

## UTAH PRIDE 2019!

### NEW INFORMATION!

Julia and Jesse Parent will be the points of contact for St. James. Please contact Julia at [jmoenchparent@gmail.com](mailto:jmoenchparent@gmail.com) or 801-750-1533 for questions prior to 6/2. Jesse will be the point of contact on parade day. You may contact him at [jesseparent@gmail.com](mailto:jesseparent@gmail.com) or 801-560-4507.

Join with the LGBTQ+ community, allies, neighbors, friends, and Episcopalians from across the state by marching with the Diocese in the Utah Pride Parade the morning of Sunday, June 2, 2019.

**When: Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 10:00 am**  
**Where: Downtown SLC on 200 South facing east between 200 West and 300 West; look for Entry #101**  
**BYOT (Bring your own t-shirt:)**

**What to Wear:**

St Paul's SLC: Red

St. Mark's: Yellow

**St James: White**

St Lukes: Blue

St Stephens: Green

All Saints: Purple

...and plenty of sunscreen!

The Pride Parade is both a lot of fun and an important show of love and support that goes a long way! Come stand with our LGBTQ+ siblings and let the world know the Episcopal Church is a welcoming home for all.

Listen to the May 27th episode of the Utah Episcopalians Podcast to learn more and contact Christian Larsen (St. Paul's SLC) at [christianariclarsen@gmail.com](mailto:christianariclarsen@gmail.com) with any questions.

[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. For more info talk to Marlin: [allsaints@allsaintssl.org](mailto:allsaints@allsaintssl.org) or 801.581.0380. Thanks!



**Youth Pride Dance  
Friday May 31st, 2019  
8-11 p.m.**

On Festival Grounds  
Washington Square – Entrance @ 500 South State Street



**Utah Pride Festival  
Saturday June 1st, 2019  
1-11 p.m.  
Sunday June 2nd, 2019  
11 a.m.-7 p.m.**

If you'd like to volunteer at the Episcopal Church's booth to promote St. James contact Daniela Lee either by email [dubrea@gmail.com](mailto:dubrea@gmail.com) or phone (305 587 7025)



**Utah Pride Parade  
Sunday June 2nd, 2019 10  
a.m.-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 above.

Please contact Christian Larsen  
(St. Paul's SLC) at  
[christianariclarsen@gmail.com](mailto:christianariclarsen@gmail.com)  
with any questions.

## Camp Tuttle--Work and Worship Day!

**June 8th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Enjoy a day up in the mountains at Camp Tuttle to help get camp ready for our campers for the summer! We will work together and then enjoy lunch and a worship service. Please register at: [Diocesan Work and Worship Day](#) We look forward to seeing you up at Camp!



2019 Summer Camp Tuttle Schedule:

- Work and Worship Day (June 8)
- 3rd and 4th Grade Mini Camp (June 23 – 26)
- 5th and 6th Grade Camp (July 7 – 12)
- 7th and 8th Grade Camp (July 14 – 19)
- High School Adventure Camp (July 21 – 26)
- Family Camp (August 2 – 4)

New software links for registrations for Camp Tuttle and youth retreats:

[Enroll New Camper](#)  
[Parent Dashboard Login](#)  
[Request Information](#)

The first time you enroll for camp or youth events through CampSite software, you will need to create an account. Please click on "Enroll New Camper". This will allow you to create an account and then access the enrollment form right after. Once you create an account, you will use the "Parent Dashboard Login" link moving forward, and login to your account that you set up to access the enrollment form again or manage your accounts. If you have questions, please email [camptuttle@episcopal-ut.org](mailto:camptuttle@episcopal-ut.org) or call 801-322-4131.

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[wendy@stjamesutah.com](mailto:wendy@stjamesutah.com) by Wednesday noon.

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Thank you!

We appreciate your contribution on the newsletter!

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