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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



Sharing Faith

By Angela Micklos, Senior Warden

Last Sunday was a very busy day, to say the least. After confirmations/reaffirmations, the blessing of Pilar Pobil's beautiful painting, the Little Free Library, and the celebratory reception, Bishop Hayashi met with the vestry, as is his custom during parish visits. Indeed, there was much to celebrate!

In addition to asking vestry members what we were excited about (many things), Bishop Hayashi highlighted the "Sharing Faith" cards used at Diocesan Convention in April. This was news to some, and a nice reminder to others who represented St. James at convention. Sharing Faith cards were designed for us at Sharing Faith dinners, which invite people to gather around a meal and participate in life together, but they can easily be used in a variety of forums - - - such as convention breakout sessions. At each dinner, a moderator uses printed questions and prompts participants to share stories of their faith journey. The goal is to engage churches of all sizes in a deeper discussion of faith and community.

Here's an example of a Sharing Faith question: Where is your favorite place to praise God? I love to praise God and all of his creation when in nature - - - the more remote, the better. Of course, God's creation is everywhere, but it's far too easy to get caught up in the daily grind to truly take notice and give thanks. This is why I love to retreat to our cabin in northern Washington - - - off the grid with no distractions. I have no schedule or deadlines, allowing me to be truly present and focus on nothing more than my surroundings. My daily morning ritual begins with drinking coffee on the porch, watching the sunrise. There is silence, except for the sounds of birds and other small forest creatures. The trees are magnificent, in various sizes and shades of green. I thank God for creating such peaceful beauty and for allowing me the opportunity to experience and appreciate it. After a little morning energy snack, I take Daisy (our Great Pyrenees) on a long walk down the forest service road. Sometimes we encounter wildlife and are struck by their grace and majesty. Of course, I'm speaking for myself, as I have no idea what Daisy thinks. 😊 During separate encounters last year with a young black bear, and a cow moose with her two calves, she sat quietly beside me and didn't make a sound - - - which is rare for a Pyrenees. My guess is she was thinking, "that's the biggest and strangest looking dog I've ever seen!" I can only imagine what she'd think if we encountered a Platypus (for those of you missed Bishop Hayashi's sermon, he found a way to weave the Platypus into a discussion about the Holy Trinity!).

I think I can speak for all of us who participated in the Sharing Faith exercise that it was an enriching experience. Bishop Hayashi happily reported that he's received positive feedback

about this aspect of convention, so hopefully the practice will continue. The Sharing Faith cards certainly helped facilitate some good conversation, and could be a useful tool for families (there are specific cards for youth). You may find more information and downloadable cards here: <http://www.sharingfaithdinners.com/>

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry reminds us that we are the Episcopal branch of The Jesus Movement. "Now is our time to go. To go into the world, let the world know that there is a God who loves us, a God who will not let us go, and that that love can set us all free." The Sharing Faith cards are a great way to break the ice, promote introspection, start conversation, and help us all proclaim the good news of God and Jesus Christ.



Rector's Thoughts

God is blessing us at St. James. We have different levels and areas of involvement in the parish depending on our life circumstances. I want to highlight some of the ways that God has been present with us over the past two weeks:

- * There were three baptisms, where our young people were claimed as God's own.
- * There were 7 Confirmations and Reaffirmation of Confirmation Vows, where adult commitments of faith were made.
- * Fellowship was shared at the camping trip at Capitol Reef and Games Night.

* We had one funeral and have an upcoming memorial service, with lives being celebrated, loss being mourned, and assurance shared of Eternal Life.

* Vegetables have been harvested in the parish garden and shared with the Food Bank.

* More families and individuals were served at the Food Bank through the combined efforts of parishioners and volunteers on restocking and distribution days.

* Countless prayers and pastoral care have been shared.

* I am in conversations with clergy from two congregations about collaborative ministry that we may share the future.

* Our Vestry met, as we continue to strive to listen and faithfully live out what God calls us to.

* The Diocese is processing applications for Lay Eucharistic Visitors.

* Two youth and two adults are already committed for next year's Confirmation classes.

These are only part of the ways that God is blessing us and others in the parish. It's important that we continually thank God for blessings.

Faithfully,

Fr. Christopher



The Week Ahead at St. James

Saturday	June 22	12 pm	Food Bank Delivery & Restocking
Sunday	June 23	8 & 10 am	Worship
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours
		12:30 pm	Food Bank Distribution
Tuesday	June 25	8 am	Men's Coffee "Grumpies"-Common Room
Wednesday	June 26	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target Starbucks Cafe
Sunday	June 30	8 & 10 am	Worship
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hour
Monday	July 1	6:30 pm	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting-Office
Tuesday	July 2	8 am	Men's Coffee "Grumpies"-Common Room
Wednesday	July 3	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target Starbucks Cafe
Thursday	July 4		Office Closed for the Holiday

Year to date:

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

949 clients have gotten food for **3668** people.

116,199 Pounds of food delivered to St. James for distribution!



A Heads Up For Women's Coffee

The usual meeting place for the St. James' Women's Coffee Group is the Starbucks Cafe at the Ft. Union Target. Due to a major renovation, the group won't be able to meet there beginning the week of July 28. For about 6 weeks, the group will meet in the Common Room at St. James. You can bring your own coffee or get a cup in the office. For more information, contact Mary Dillon.



MUSICIANS OF ALL KINDS TO HELP WITH THE U2CHARIST!

Whether you are a huge U2 fan or don't have any idea who U2 is, we welcome you to our group! Singers, drummers, guitar players, or harmonica! Whatever your talent, all are welcome!

The U2charist will be held on **July 21st, at 10:00 am.**

Please contact Terry Palmer at 801-518-1404 or thpslc@comcast.net to learn more!



Annual Fall Camping Trip

Yuba Reservoir
Painted Rocks Campground

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

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

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

Around the Utah Diocese

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Camp Tuttle

2019 Summer Camp Tuttle Schedule:

- 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 or call 801-322-4131.

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