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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



July 5, 2019

Vestry Corner



Well we are already half way through 2019, and as usual I tell myself it seems like it went by so fast and what did I really accomplish. In some ways I think my faith follows along the same path. I tell myself at the first of the year I am going to do so much more for the church and

grow spiritually... then stuff happens. I travel more, more personal issues and this that and the other thing. Always something getting in the way. I think as Episcopalians, probably as well as any other religion, it is the same way when seeking God. Our intentions are there but when it comes down to it we get too easily distracted. Life balance is difficult, the saying "work hard.... play harder" is difficult to achieve. So I'm relegated at this time to do for the church and God what I can. I still have six months to turn it around, but will I? How about yourself....have you been able to find that life balance? If so, please share it with myself and others because we are all ears!

Thanks be to God!

Douglas Pierce

St. James Vestry Member - 2019

Rector's Thoughts



We are very fortunate to have committed people in the parish who step into leadership and have an active role in creating the vision. We have a small employed staff so this commitment is essential to the functioning and growth of the parish.

You are invited to join a discussion in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, July 14th, at 11:30 a.m.** to discuss the hopes and dreams for children and youth Christian education for the coming school year.

Some of the items we'll discuss are:

- * What worked well last year
- * What we would like to change
- * Who is stepping down from leadership or teaching
- * Who is taking on new leadership or teaching
- * Who will be the point person for children's Christian education? youth Christian education?
- * What training is needed for people who join these ministries
- * How is the current structure and are changes needed
- * How are the current meeting times and do we want to make any changes
- * What support do you need from staff and clergy
- * What is going best right now

I'm seeking a notetaker for the discussion who would be willing to type this up and email it to the teachers, other interested parishioners, and me.

Thank you, all, for your commitment. I look forward to another great school year with you.

Peace and blessings,



Parish Talent

*Do you have any of the following skills to share with us?
If so, or for more information, please contact the office. Thank you!*

- * Notary Public*
- * Retired nurses and social workers (for consultation)*
- * Christian Education teachers*
- * Building maintenance help, including simple plumbing and electrical*
- * Calligrapher*

Jerusalem Trip



Photo: With Episcopal [Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry](#) at St. George's Cathedral, Jerusalem, on Good Friday 2018.

St. James will have our first Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2020. We will arrive on April 9th and leave on April 21st. Fr. Christopher will attend as our parish leader and the Rev. Canon Mary June Nestler will be our pilgrimage teacher. We currently have 10 spaces reserved and could add more if reservations are made this summer.

In 2020 Eastern Orthodox Easter and western Easter will be one week apart, affording the remarkable opportunity to experience two very different Holy Weeks and Easters back-to-back in Jerusalem. It will include a three-day excursion to Galilee as well. This course is aimed towards those who may have a particular interest in liturgy, church history, or ecumenical studies, but it will also be geared to first-time visitors in the Holy Land who wish to experience a study pilgrimage with very different parameters from those that traverse the land. Mini-lectures, guest speakers, and special visits to churches not normally seen on St. George's College courses will supplement the main focus of the course: preparing for, attending and debriefing liturgies in the Greek Orthodox, Ethiopian Orthodox, Coptic, Roman Catholic, Armenian Orthodox and Anglican traditions. Students will be

encouraged to become more acquainted with these ancient traditions on their return home by continuing in ecumenical exploration and fellowship.

The cost of the Pilgrimage is \$2,550. There is a \$500 deposit, with the remaining billed one month before the first day. (Additional costs include airfare, airport shuttle, drinks at restaurant meals, \$100 gratuity for staff, and lodging the night before and after the pilgrimage.) Angela Micklos is arranging a travel agent to find us the best airline rate and so we may travel together. *Please contact Fr. Christopher when you register.*

The St. James Pilgrims will meet at the parish 4-6 times before we depart to begin forming a community, to pray for the pilgrimage, and to learn about Holy Week and Easter liturgies and the current political situation in the Holy Land and how this impacts our Christian, Jewish, and Muslim sisters and brothers.

For more information click the link below:

[St George's College Jerusalem](#)



Mary June Nestler giving a compelling tour to Fr. Christopher and group.

The Weeks Ahead at St. James

Tuesday	July 9	8 am	Men's Coffee "Grumpies"-Common Room
		5:30 pm	Finance Committee-Office
Wednesday	July 10	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target Starbucks Cafe
Saturday	July 13	12 Noon	Food Bank Delivery & Restocking
Sunday	July 14	8 & 10 am	Worship
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours
		12:30 pm	Food Bank Distribution
Tuesday	July 16	6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting-Office
Wednesday	July 17	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target Starbucks Cafe
Sunday	July 21	8 & 10 am	Worship—(U2Charist at 10 am)
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours

Those who will be rehearsing for the U2Charist will be doing so on Friday, July 12th, and Friday, July 19th, at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Year to date:

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

1,033 clients have gotten food for **4,015** people.

125,945 Pounds of food delivered to St. James for distribution!



St. James is an approved Utah Food Bank Partner



Mini Acolyte Crisis

We have a small acolyte problem...wait...a tiny...no the size of the acolytes is not the problem, it is the quantity. *We need acolytes!*

If you've thought about acolyting, now is the time to volunteer for this rewarding experience. Our worship services are enhanced by the work of these wonderful acolytes.

Summer is here and schedules are hard to predict. If you can, step up and help us in this endeavor, we thank you!!!

We are looking for a few adults to step up during these lean times, too.

We are also looking for a manager of acolytes. This position works to continue recruiting and training acolytes and acolyte leaders. It's a role that doesn't take much time but is so important!

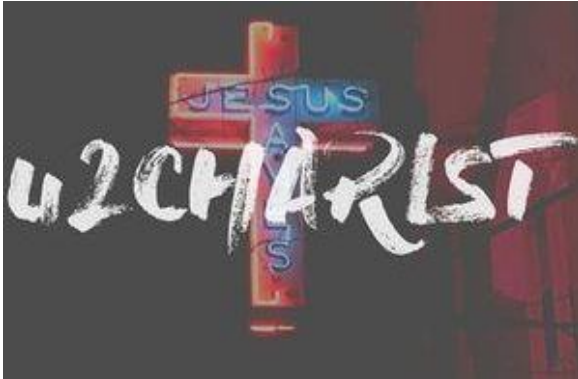
If you have questions, please contact Terry Palmer or Wendy Ormsby.



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.





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!

Please remember we will be
rehearsing on Friday, July 12th,
and Friday, July 19th, at 5:30 PM.

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 Camp
Ground, Loop A. (PR01 - PR22).

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



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Camp Tuttle

2019 Summer Camp Tuttle Schedule:

- 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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Please put "Newsletter" in the subject line so we will never miss an item.

Thank you!

We appreciate your contribution on the newsletter!

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