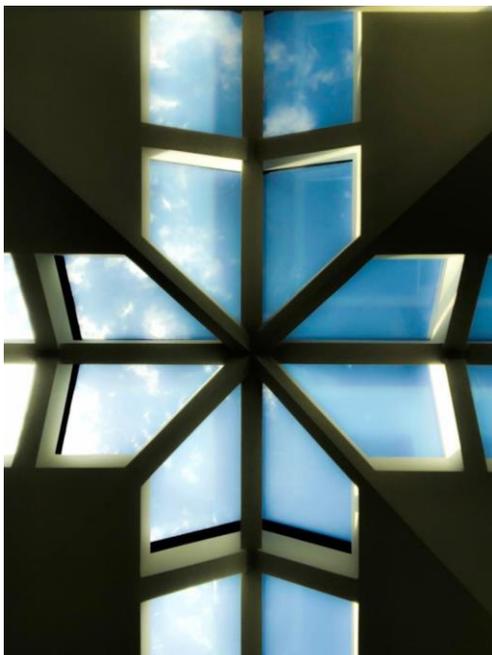




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Koinonia

"Christian fellowship or communion, with God or, more commonly, with fellow Christians."

A newsletter of life and ministries at St. James Episcopal Church



July 19, 2019

Our youngest parishioner, Grayson David Polatis, son of Logan and Christine, will be baptized at the 10 a.m. liturgy this Sunday.



Vestry Corner



By Ric Tanner

With his gentle wisdom, the late Fred Rogers told a story of his childhood when he asked his mother about scary things that life puts in front of us. *“My mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’”*

This story came to mind on Sunday, when we heard the familiar Gospel parable of the Good Samaritan. We can easily assume that the man who was robbed and beaten on the road to Jericho was experiencing the most frightening moment of his life. The Samaritan who came to his aid is a wonderful example of a *helper*.

Nancy and I had a very fearful experience three weeks ago when she suffered a leg-breaking fall while we were hiking in Yellowstone. We both look back with enormous gratitude for *the helpers* who came to our aid in the forest and evacuated her to safety. Some were exercising their professional responsibilities and some were volunteers. Every one of them gave fully of their energy and skills to support us. They worked with dedicated concern for her physical safety and emotional support.

I have absolutely no clue as to the spiritual background of any of those great people, nor did they know ours. That was irrelevant to all of us. I know simply that they are very fine women and men and our gratitude to them is beyond measure. That is enough.

I love that St. James' outreach ministries are completely unconcerned with the spiritual orientation of those who benefit from our work, just as Jesus directed we should be. Jesus used his parable to clarify “the second great commandment”, to love our neighbor as ourselves. That is a very humbling Christian responsibility. Thanks be to God for helpers. May I be one too!

Rector's Thoughts

I am excited to share that the Vestry and I began discussion and learning about Family Systems at Tuesday's Vestry meeting. We will continue this learning at each Vestry meeting over a six-month period, at our fall Vestry retreat, and after three new Vestry members are elected in January.



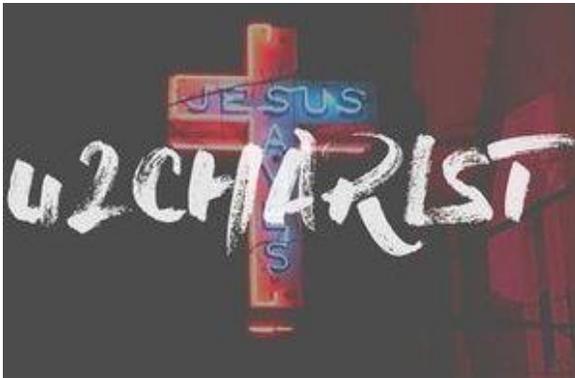
Rabbi Edwin Friedman studied and wrote about family systems in congregations. The Family Systems Theory suggests individuals cannot be understood in isolation from one another, but rather as a part of their "family unit". There is constant movement in a vibrant parish so it's essential to have self-awareness of how our own backgrounds contribute to either our calmness or anxiety in the midst of change.

With good self-awareness, people respond from a position of health to strengthen congregational ministry and dynamics. As you know, St. James had an extraordinary long interim period of 3 years and 4 months (the average interim time being 6-18 months) under one of the most capable interim priests. That prepared the groundwork for the nearly 10 months that we have been ministering together.

Please be in contact with your Vestry members or me if you have responses to change and seek guidance about how to approach that from a position of strength and health to support the ministry and spiritual growth of the parish. God is working powerfully among us and we'll do best if we are present and open to where we are being lead.

Peace and blessings,

Father Christopher



**SPECIAL
This Sunday!**

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

ULSTER PROJECT

The Ulster Project is a month-long peace project that brings together 12 Protestant and Catholic teens from Northern Ireland, with 12 Protestant and Catholic teens in Utah. These teens participate in a month of activities and service, learning to work. Friendships are made, and memories of the project will last a lifetime.

U2 allows us to use their music with the promise to educate regarding the **Millennium Development Goals**. The Millennium Development Goals are eight goals with measurable targets and clear deadlines for improving the lives of the world's poorest people.

The Ulster Project aligns with the eighth goal, Global Partnership Development. Our past participants will be taking collections for the Ulster Project after the service. Please give to this peacekeeping mission if you can.

Past Participants

Liz Kershisnik	Participant 2000	Counselor 2007
Seth Kershisnik	Participant 2002	Counselor 2009
Nikolah Kershisnik	Participant 2014	
DaVinci Eccles	Participant 2015	
Tia Smart	Participant 2015	
Maddie Bossarte	Participant 2016	
Thomas Micklos	Participant 2016	
Preston Palmer	Participant 2016	



Parish Talent

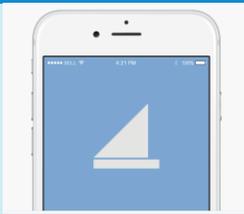
*Do you have any of the following skills to share with us?
If so, or for more information, please contact the office. Thank you!*

** Notary Public*

** Retired nurses and social workers (for consultation)*

** Christian Education teachers*

** Building maintenance help, including simple plumbing and electrical*



Church Database "Breeze" Class

July 31, Wednesday, at 12:30 pm

there will be a quick lunch time class, in the office of St. James, to teach about 'Breeze', answer questions, and show you how simple it is to access the church calendar, phone numbers, and your profile.

A light lunch will be provided.

To sign up for the class please text Wendy at 801.520.4686 or email her at wendy@stjamesutah.com.



A Note From Your Finance Committee....

Thank you for your generosity of time, talent, and treasure at St. James. The ministry of the Church depends on the stewardship of all of us.

If you haven't had an opportunity to bring your pledge up to date, this would be a helpful time to do so. Some expenses increase dramatically, such as electricity to cool the building and water to maintain our green spaces.

We hope everyone has the opportunity to have fun this summer, and please don't forget your pledge to the church while away. Pledge income during the summer can decrease \$2,000 to \$4,000 a month so it is important for all of us to keep our commitment every month.

If traveling or away this summer, be safe; you will be in our prayers and we look forward to seeing you when you return! Again, thank you for your generosity.

Jerusalem Trip



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

We will be able to get a group travel rate on airfare if 10 people sign up by August 1st. Our travel dates will be April 8th and 21st, 2020. Please contact Father Christopher with any questions.

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.

New Information

1. St. George's College is in a former seminary building. Each room has beds, a desk, wardrobe closet, and sink. Each room also has a private bathroom with shower and toilet. A few of the rooms have balconies. Housekeeping cleans them each day. Laundry service is available for a small fee. There will also be a 3-day excursion to Galilee and all lodging and meals (except drinks) will be included.

**2. Three meals are included each day.
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks are extra when we eat in restaurants.**

3. There were brief classroom sections (approximately an hour 3 days/week -- that changes all the time) and the Rev. Canon Mary June+ did most of the teaching while we were on the bus, using a microphone, and at the sites.

4. The Rev. Canon Mary June+ addresses both historical and theological aspects of each place we visit, including Scripture, political impact on sites over different periods, and she speaks about archeological digs that she was part of in the 1980s when she was doing her doctoral work.

5. The course fee is very inclusive. What isn't covered: air fare, \$150 tip (which is collected and shared with housekeeping staff, etc., so we don't tip throughout the week), sherute (airport shuttle) which is currently \$18USD each way, laundry (very inexpensive), and drinks at meals (coffee, tea, and juice are included at the meals at St. George's Guest House -- the majority of our meals; alcohol and Cokes are extra from the bar or when we are at restaurants.)

For more information click the link below:

[St George's College Jerusalem](#)



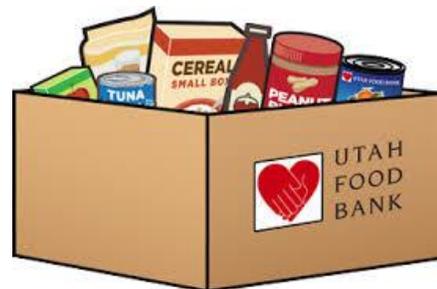
Mary June Nestler giving a compelling tour to Fr. Christopher and group.

The Weeks Ahead at St. James

Sunday	July 21	8 & 10 am 9 & 11:15 am	Worship—(U2Charist at 10 am) Coffee Hours
Tuesday	July 23	8 am	Men's Coffee "Grumpies" - Common Rm
Wednesday	July 24	9 am	Women's Coffee-St. James' Common Rm Office is closed for Pioneer Day Holiday
Saturday	July 27	12 pm	Food Bank Delivery & Restocking
Sunday	July 28	8 & 10 am 9 & 11:15 am 12:30 pm	Worship Coffee Hours Food Bank Distribution
Tuesday	July 30	8 am	Men's Coffee "Grumpies" - Common Rm
Wednesday	July 31	9 am 12:30 pm 6:30 pm	Women's Coffee-St. James Common Room Breeze Class :) Lunch provided (call Wendy to register) Missional Planning Task Force-Office

This little box of text may go unnoticed from week to week. You may glance at it and move on. But really look at these numbers...these are people we help. These are bellies we help to fill. Your time, efforts, energies, money, and a whole lot more unseen things go into this amazing thing we call the "St. James Food Bank". We get calls in the office daily, asking for help with food. We have answers for them. We have a Blessing Box outside our building that holds SO much more food that it looks like it would hold. What a blessing to serve our community in this way. Take a second look at those numbers...you did that.

Year to date:
360 Volunteers have unloaded, stocked shelves,



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

and distributed food.

1,123 clients have gotten food for **4,335** people.

135,189 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 **July 24. For about 6 weeks**, the group will meet in the Common Room at St. James. Target spokesperson said *"We are making the cafe area fancy for you! So hopefully you'll enjoy your new spot when you return."*

You can bring your own coffee or get a cup in the office. For more information, contact Mary Dillon.



It will be here before we know it! Though we have 100 degree temperatures today, soon we will be relaxing in the cool, crisp air of the mountains in September.

Annual Fall Camping Trip

Yuba Reservoir
Painted Rocks Campground

September 14 & 15

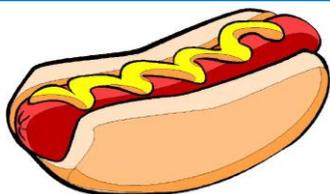
(Many will be staying from the 12-16)

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

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

Around the Utah Diocese

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All Saints Twilight BBQ

Saturday, August 3, 6 pm
\$20/person, \$50/family up to 5

1710 Foothill Dr., Salt Lake City
801.581.0380

Summer is the time for
neighborhood parties!
Join us for food (cookout style,
cotton candy, snow cones),
games and music.
Bring your friends, family, kids,
and BYOB!

Camp Tuttle

2019 Summer Camp Tuttle Schedule:

- 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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We appreciate your contribution on the newsletter!

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