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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



Photo by Ann Charat

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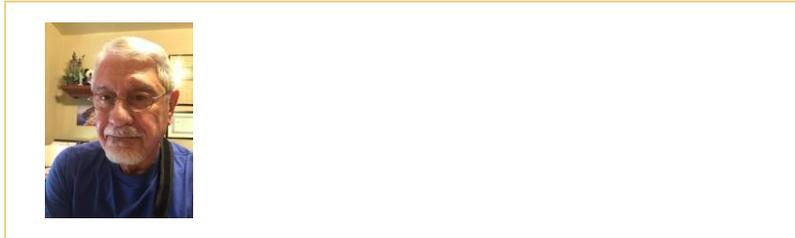
Thank You!

A hearty thank you to Petey and Mac McKnight for shepherding the "Garden of Eatin'" this year. They have planted a variety of vegetables in St James' 48 garden boxes and the produce is feeding the hundreds of people who visit our pantry each month. We couldn't do it without them and we couldn't do it without you. Your pledges pay the water bill that waters the garden.

This is Mac moving mulch on a 100 degree day. Thanks to the McKnight's!

Quick Reminder: only paper goes in the **green** dumpster. No pizza boxed or other items that has food waste stuck to it. No plastic, please. The **blue** dumpster is for all other garbage.

Vestry Corner



*"Commit to thy works unto the Lord and thy thoughts shall be established."
Proverbs 16.3*

Fr. Christopher and I had the opportunity to meet with the Rev. Canon Terri Heyduk at the Diocese to talk about our plans for a Strategic Planning Committee. Rev. Canon Terri suggested we change the name to the Missional Strategy and Planning Committee. She felt that Strategic Planning is secular and that Missional Planning means God has a purpose for us.

As I mentioned in a previous article, the first step in the process is to form a Missional Strategy and Planning Task Force. The Task Force should address the following:

- Define and articulate the why- what is the reason for the project.
- Identify and articulate hope for the outcomes, both short term (next 3-6) months and longer term (3 years).
- Revisit the mission and vision of the parish profile, to keep focus.
- Identify steps to prepare the congregation for engaging strategic work; i.e. small group conversations at coffee hours, vestry surveys and town hall meetings.
- Use the search profile to reflect on the journey since then and the recent months of ministry with Fr. Christopher.
- Set parameters of the project. Needed skills and expertise and resources to be engaged.

Once the Task Force has addressed the above, we will transition into the Missional Strategy and Planning Committee. At that time, we will seek more representation from the congregation that will represent clergy and demographic representation.

Members of the Task Force are Barry Wirth, Carol Gentner, Debbie Matticks, and Lili Brady. Standing members will be Fr. Christopher, Angela Micklos, Sr. Warden, Doug Sward, Jr. Warden, and myself as Vestry liaison.

We will also be applying for a grant through the Diocese that will help support the committee once we make the transition. I will also keep you, the congregation, informed through this process as well. Until then if you should have any questions please let me know.

My Blessings,
Mike Mitchell

Rector's Thoughts

We celebrated the transferred Feast of St. James, our parish patron, last Sunday. The sermon included the topic of Servant Leadership and how we pay attention to what God calls us to do.



I referenced the 80/20 Rule, which we learned about in seminary. This means that 80% of an organization or community -- in this case, St. James -- has a more passive role while 20% are in leadership or do more of the heavy lifting.

It's essential that a greater percentage of parishioners are actively involved in order for St. James to minister effectively within our parish and in the larger community.

Many of the 20% are people who have been faithfully sharing their talents in the parish for years. However, we need to keep lifting up the next generation in leadership to keep ministry vibrant and to acknowledge the inevitable changes that happen as we age.

Three Vestry members will rotate off in January and I feel strongly that at least two of the three new members need to be under the age of 50. There is discussion about revising the parish bylaws to include a one-year Vestry position, that could be renewed two more times, for a parishioner between the ages of 16-25, when life circumstances may make it more challenging to make a three-year commitment.

Some of our parishioners are very wise and find new ways to serve when physical changes occur. One parishioner, who has always been physically active, has shifted her service to the parish to prayer and writing thank you notes and creating cards to send to homebound parishioners. What a beautiful form of ministry!

We also need people to understudy parish needs that have been primarily led by one or a few people. One example is Doug Sward's leadership with managing the building and grounds. We will ideally improve our financial health to be able to hire a sexton again and also have a team of parishioners to work together on tasks that Doug primarily manages.

I have noticed that occasionally people have opinions about what needs to change and, when I ask them how they envision being part of the ministry to improve this, they respond that they are too busy. My invitation to you today, if you are one of the people with great ideas, that you will make the commitment to be part of the positive change.

If you are in current leadership, please pay attention to others who have gifts in your area ministry and extend the invitation to participate with you. If you have an interest in a particular ministry, reach out to someone who is already doing it or speak to a Vestry member or me.

We are all called to serve and to build up the body of Christ among us. Thank you for all you share.

Blessings,
Father Christopher



Parish Forum this Sunday

This Sunday, we begin a three-part forum on how we care for one another as a parish. This will be held at each coffee social, beginning at 9:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

The first session will be about emergency contact forms. I created this because of an experience in my previous parish where a widow in her sixties was unconscious in the emergency department and actively dying while her doctor and none of us in the parish knew if she had any family members or how to contact them.

The emergency contact forms may be filled out and each person will have an individual manila envelope to put them in. These will be locked in a cabinet in the Rector's office, where only the Wardens and I may access them in the event of an emergency.

St. James has people with many different situations, including people that live alone or have family members far away from Utah. It is important that we have the means to care for one another in the best possible way if we have a medical crisis.

These forms include contact information for three emergency contacts, if there is someone you do not want contacted (unfortunately, not all family members have others' best interests in mind), your primary health care provider and if they have permission to speak to me or to a member of the Pastoral Care team in the event you are unconscious or non-verbal, if you want a welfare check, and additional information. You are welcome to attach copies of your durable power of attorney, health care directive, or other papers.

This information will be kept strictly confidential and your envelopes will not be opened unless there is a medical emergency.

We sometimes have a false sense of security in this digital age that it is easy to find all answers. I know from my experience as a hospital chaplain that that is not always the case or there are legal blocks to accessing or sharing information if permission has not been explicitly given.

Let's continue to support one another the best ways, during good times and during the most difficult days. This is what we're called to do in Christian community.

Peace and blessings,
Father Christopher



It Takes a Village

Angela Micklos, Sr. Warden

We've all heard (and probably said), "it takes a village" - - -

referring to the crucial role that a variety of adults have in raising and shaping the lives of children. It's more than just a saying - - - it's true. Positive, healthy support from a wide range of people is vital to the well-being our youth, who will one day be leaders in our parish and in the greater community. I'm sure each one of us can think of one or two people outside of our respective families who have had a positive, lasting impact on our lives. How wonderful would it be to ensure that younger generations enjoy a similar positive experience!

Christian youth education will be starting this fall, which is just around the corner. Where did July go??? We're seeking volunteers to teach Godly Play (K-2nd grade) and grades 3-5. No teaching experience is needed - - - just genuine care and concern for our youth, and a bit of time. In this overly electronic world, Sunday school offers a welcome chance to disconnect from the cyber world and develop strong, personal bonds with our youth. A great reward indeed.

Many thanks to all who have embraced this role in recent years, especially Angela Steinbach, who almost single-handedly (with substitute assistance from Jeni Keith) kept Godly Play afloat, but needs a well-deserved break. We are so grateful to them and to Ashton Palmer, Terry Palmer, Kim Smart, David James, Jesse Parent, Wendy Hutchinson, and Kevon Charles for teaching Sunday School last year. Sincere gratitude for Marina James, Lia James, and Stacie Kulp for embracing Children's Chapel. You are all doing God's work.

If you value creating a nurturing environment for our youth to grow and learn, please prayerfully consider joining this vital ministry. If you're interested in volunteering or learning more, please contact Louie Steinbach, Jesse Parent, Father Christopher, Doug Sward, or Angela Micklos. Alternatively, you may email office@stjamesutah.com and Wendy will forward your information.

Peace and Blessings,
Angela



Safe Church Training

Safeguarding God's Children and Safeguarding God's People are the programs that are used in the Episcopal Church to keep everyone safe from abuse or know how to respond when abuse occurs.

We have 100% compliance with staff certification. We are now focusing on completion for Vestry members and Children and Youth Christian Education teachers. We want to begin Christian education on schedule this fall.

Please contact Jesse Parent and let him know if you have completed the training, need more information, and when you anticipate being certified.

Some have questioned why this is important, thinking that abuse could not happen in our community. Unfortunately, this is not true. Another benefit to the training is that it helps increase our awareness in case an older member of the parish experiences elder abuse or if one of our young people shares about a questionable experience with a teacher or coach.

Completing this training is another way that we care for one another as a community.

Jerusalem Trip



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

August 1st was our deadline for group travel. Please email Fr. Christopher today if you plan to attend. We can get a group rate with 10 people and have eight definite commitments. Thank you!

***Our travel dates will be leaving April 7th, arrive the 8th - 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 8th 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, \$150 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.

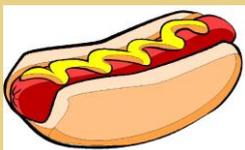
New Information

- 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 sodas are extra from the bar or when we are at restaurants.)

For more information click the link below:
St George's College Jerusalem



We still need a parishioner or two for leadership with the Parish BBQ on Saturday, August 24th. Please contact Petey McKnight, Vestry Liaison to the Fundraising Committee, if you can help. Thank you!

The Weeks Ahead at St. James

Sunday	Aug 4	8 & 10 am 9 & 11:15 am	Worship Coffee Hours
Monday	Aug 5	6:30 pm	Pastoral Care Committee-Office
Tuesday	Aug 6	8 am	Men's Coffee "Grumpies" - Common Rm
Wednesday	Aug 7	9 am 6:30 pm	Women's Coffee-St. James Common Rm Missional Task Force Planning Mtg-Office
Saturday	Aug 10	12 pm	Food Bank Delivery & Restocking
Sunday	Aug 11	8 & 10 am 9 & 11:15 am 12:30 pm	Worship Coffee Hours Food Bank Distribution
Tuesday	Aug 13	8 am 5:30 pm	Men's Coffee "Grumpies" - Common Rm Finance Committee Mtg-Office
Wednesday	Aug 14	9 am	Women's Coffee-St. James Common Rm

Year to date:

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

1,287 clients have gotten food for **4,950 people**.

140,786 Pounds of food delivered to St. James for distribution!



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



Yuba Reservoir
Painted Rocks Campground

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

**Click here to register
for your camp spot.**



Annual Fall Parish Camping Trip

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

New Policy: the fridge in the kitchen is going to be cleaned out every Thursday. Please, don't leave food in the fridge after an event...take it home or label it and let Wendy know that it needs to be saved for something, otherwise it will be tossed. If you have your name on the container, we will keep that in the office for you. *Thank you!*

Around the Utah Diocese

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All Saints Twilight BBQ

Saturday, August 3, 6pm
\$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:

- 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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