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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

Hello friends!

I have been thinking a lot lately about how I serve this community and looking at how others serve as well. I am always impressed at the generous time that is donated in everything from making coffee, to tending our Garden of Eatin', to our Food Bank restock and distributions, to our member who create sermons and serve as acolytes. It is humbling to reflect on everyone's time and talents that are offered so willingly and freely.

There are times I wonder if everyone feels welcome to give in this way. Maybe you've always wanted to read the Old Testament at the altar during church and didn't know how to even start (the answer is ask Michael Brown). Maybe you'd like to show up for Food Bank but get nervous around people or don't know what the jobs are like (the answer is ask Alec Parent and he'll ease you into it). Maybe you just have a great talent in WIFI networks/pastry creation/xeriscaping and you don't know if that would be useful (the answer is ask Father Christopher and if he doesn't know he will know who to ask).

The real answer is there is no wrong way to give and we could always use your help. If you don't know who to ask, ask me and I'll help figure it out with you. If you are looking for something fun to do that is also giving, our Back to School BBQ is coming up Saturday, August 24 at 6PM. We could always use help organizing or help just eating the food. The benefits are a full stomach and a full soul, as well as helping create community and helping St. James cover some basic costs of our church facility that serves so many in its own way as a sanctuary for not only our parish, but schools, support groups, and community events, as well.

We can always use your help. You are important and you are needed. Thank you for all you have done, are doing, and will do.

-Jesse Parent

Rector's Thoughts

No Rector's Thoughts this edition since Fr. Christopher is away.

Pastoral care coverage

Father Christopher will be away from Wednesday, **August 14th through Wednesday, August 21st**, to attend his nephew's wedding and attend to family needs in Minnesota.

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 his outgoing voicemail message.

Rev. Susan Toone will preside at the 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday liturgies on August 18th.

Please contact St. James Senior Warden, Angela Micklos, for other parish concerns. She will contact Fr. Christopher if necessary. He will not be checking email during those days.



Pastoral Care / Inreach Need

A parishioner will need food every other day for one week, beginning August 21st, following knee surgery. His diet is vegan and gluten-free. He will be staying in the 84103 zip code of Salt Lake City.

Please contact the office if you are willing to: 1) coordinate people and deliveries, 2) prepare food and let us know how many days.

This is another way that we care for one another as a community. Thank you!

High School Graduate Preaching

A new parish tradition begins this summer. Our recent high school graduates are offered the opportunity to preach a full sermon at both liturgies.

We were treated to a beautiful sermon by Preston Palmer last week. He taught us about "with-it-ness". [Click here for a link to a video of his sermon.](#)

August 25th we will hear from guest Preacher, Thomas Micklos. (Featured in the photo-he's the one in sunglasses.)





Franz's bakery has come to the aid of the Food Bank multiple times in supplying food last minute. (We've put them in a difficult spot as they already give a lot to the Utah Food Bank, but regardless, they have come to our aid.)

Request: Please stop by and say, "thank you," and buy some food from their outlet store. The owner's name is Shane, but we can, of course, thank anyone there.

Location:
Franz Bakery Outlet
5923 S. 350 W.
Murray, UT 84107

Thank you!!



Photo: Alan Ormsby meeting with Bishop Hayashi as they worked together on the recent healthcare bill.

Parish Forum

We will have the third of a three-part forum **Sunday, August 25, at 9:15 and 11:30 a.m.** in the Parish Hall. We will have a special guest speaker, Alan Ormsby, esq., State Director for AARP Utah. He will discuss estate planning and taxes. He's incredibly charming and a scintillating speaker (and is married to our Parish Administrator who also just happens to write the articles for this very newsletter.)

This type of planning ahead is another way we care for each other.

We still have Emergency Contact Forms available for anyone who did not have an opportunity to complete them last Sunday. If you have questions about this, contact Wendy at wendy@stjamesutah.com or call 801.566.1311 x202.



BBQ!

St. James BBQ will be Saturday, August 24 at 6 pm.
Tickets are \$10 per individual and \$25 for a family.

You can pick up tickets after the 8 am service and before and after the 10 am service this next Sunday.

Tickets will also be available the day of the event.

If you have any questions call the office @ 801.566.1311.

Jerusalem Trip



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

Please contact us as soon as possible if you want reduced airfare through our travel agent. We will leave on April 7th, arriving April 8th, in order to be ready for the full schedule. We return to the US on April 21st. Please contact Father Christopher with any questions.

St. James will have our first Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2020. We will leave on April 7th, arriving on April 8th and ready for the full schedule 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.

For more information click the link below:

[St George's College Jerusalem](#)

The Weeks Ahead at St. James

Sunday	Aug 18	8 & 10 am 9 & 11:15 am	Worship-Guest Celebrant Rev. Susan Toone Coffee Hours
Tuesday	Aug 20	8 am	Men's Coffee "Grumpies" - Common Rm
Wednesday	Aug 21	9 am	Women's Coffee-St. James Common Rm
Saturday	Aug 24	12 pm	Food Bank Delivery & Restocking
Sunday	Aug 25	8 & 10 am 9:15 am 9 & 11:15 am 12:30 pm	Worship Sunday Forum-Guest Speaker Alan Ormsby Coffee Hours Food Bank Distribution
Tuesday	Aug 27	8 am 6:30 pm	Men's Coffee "Grumpies" - Common Rm Vestry Mtg-Office
Wednesday	Aug 28	9 am	Women's Coffee-St. James Common Rm

Year to date:

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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

It will be here before we know it!

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

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



Hilltop United Methodist Church (985 East 10600 South in Sandy) will have its Children's and Maternity Consignment Sale on Friday, Sept 13 (9:00 AM to 6:00 PM) & Saturday, Sept 14 (8:00 AM to 2:00 PM). We will have 100 sellers with more than 12,000 seasonal items. Clothing will be barcoded organized on hangers by size and gender and inspected for quality. It includes everything you can imagine for kids--clothes, toys, books, shoes, bikes, furniture and very low prices too. Many items will be discounted on Saturday. Bring a basket to carry away your bargains. Due to large crowds, no strollers are allowed Friday morning. More volunteers and sellers are welcome. hilltopsale.org



Made in Utah Festival is free to public, pet and family-friendly event that offers out of Utah experience.

Watch your children play in the water fountain or dance to the music of some of the best Utah musicians while sipping a locally crafted cocktail, beer or wine.

Food trucks and local food producers will make sure that your tummy is full of delicious foods and you may be introduced to foods you did not try before.

Over 100 of local makers will ensure that you will have a great shopping experience.

This is the event where Utah comes together.

Celebrate our great state's diversity, support the local economy and have lots of fun while doing it.

This is an outdoor event taking place on the Gateway Plaza.

Saturday hours are 12 pm - 8 pm,
Sunday hours are 12 pm - 6 pm.

[For more information click here.](#)

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Thank you!

We appreciate your contribution on the newsletter!

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