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by Tom Swegle *"The Grand Tetons"*

Koinonia

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

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

September 27, 2019

Children and Youth Christian Education

We are excited to share that Children and Youth Christian Education will begin this Sunday. We will have a Commissioning of the Teachers at the 8 and 10 a.m. liturgies.

In addition to the Sunday morning classes, Dinner Church will be held at Kim Smart's home this Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

Many thanks to the teachers for their completion of Safe Church Training and for their class preparation.

We are going to have a great year!



Vestry Corner

By Susan Furca

We had our second Vestry retreat of the year last Saturday. Retreats are an excellent way to enable your Vestry members to get to know one another better, to form bonds, and to develop consensus. We covered four main topics:

Bylaws: Our bylaws had last been revised in January 2007, and there were several instances where our practices were no longer in compliance. We discussed each of these and determined whether, and if so how, to amend them. Any and all changes will be voted upon by parishioners in attendance at our next Annual Meeting and will be made available for review in advance.

Stewardship: Father Christopher invited the Stewardship and Finance Committees to create three budgets: status quo, mid-range, and a dream budget. At the retreat, we broke into two groups, each of which developed a list of items for the dream budget. I know these will be shared with the Finance and Stewardship Committees, and I suspect they'll be on display for all to see and ponder. What a wonderful thing it would be if we could eventually do *all* these things! ... but we can prioritize them and start making some inroads as finances permit. Keep this in mind as you make your pledge for 2020. (And regarding that big pot of money, it's been proven that churches with huge endowments tend to become complacent and are not as invested in their good works.)

Our Common Values: These were developed some years back and are posted in the narthex. We agreed that the values are right on but decided to propose a revision to the wording of the last one simply to recognize some societal changes and ensure that we emphasize our inclusiveness.

We viewed a video of Oprah Winfrey's interview with Don Miguel Ruiz concerning his book [The Four Agreements](#), which are:

Be impeccable with your word,
Don't take anything personally,
Don't make assumptions, and
Always do your best.

You can expect to hear more about these down the road, but it would be hard to argue against any of the four.



Rector's Thoughts

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. James,

It's hard to believe that Tuesday, September 24th, was the first anniversary of our shared ministry together. I remain in awe of this blessing.

My original intention was to write a longer reflection about ways that God has worked through us and some thoughts for the coming year.

This week continues to be very full so that longer reflection will be written next week instead.

Here are some of the ways that we are/were called to serve together in ministry this week:

- * Integrating the learning from Saturday's Vestry retreat.
- * Pastoral care visits with parishioners healing from surgery.
- * Our first staff meeting with our newly stabilized staff and begin plans for staff evaluations during the coming month.
- * Attending an informational breakfast meeting and tour at Fourth Street Clinic.
- * Gathering to plan Sunday's beginning of the stewardship pledge drive, Making Our Dreams a Reality.
- * Receiving the remaining Safe Church Training certificates, which allows us to do a Commissioning of the Children and Youth Christian Education Teachers at this Sunday's liturgies and begin classes.
- * Preparing for Sunday evening's Dinner Church with our youth.



* Reaching out to the remaining Pastoral Care and Lay Eucharistic Visitors for their Safe Church Training certificates (two left!), so we may do a Commissioning at a Sunday service soon and adjust scheduling so more of our homebound and hospitalized parishioners receive spiritual care.

* Planning with four parishioners who will be attending the Rooted in Jesus conference in Atlanta in January.

* Preparing for the October 5th Car Show and the October 6th Blessing of the Animals.

* Having a long conversation with the Men's Group aka the Grumpies about St. James history and visioning for the future.

And sometime today I will get started on Sunday's sermon.

Thank you for the ways that you show up and share. Jesus's ministry continues to be embodied every single day when we show up to worship, when we bring our faith into action, and when we prayerfully discern where God is calling St. James to grow.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve with you.

A reminder that I do not extend Facebook friend requests to parishioners since not everyone wants to be connected to their priest in that forum. I will gladly accept your Facebook friend request, especially if you send a message with it.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Peace and blessings,

Father Christopher

St. James Car Show

Saturday, October 5, 2019--10 am - 3 pm

Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 11 am
(proceeds benefit The Fourth Street Clinic)

7486 S. Union Park Ave., Midvale

There will be food trucks for lunch and silent auction items to bid on. This event is to help support St. James' mission to helping people in recovery, crisis, homelessness, hunger, and for those battling life-threatening illness.

For more info. contact Angela Micklos @ 801.232.8433





Prayers of the People

We all find ourselves in need of support and prayer sometimes. If you'd like to have a concern prayed for, there are several options.

- You may call the church office or email wendy@stjamesutah.com and be added to the bulletin.
- You may also be asked to be left off the bulletin but have a group in the church add you to their prayers.
- Or for healing, there is a prayer bench to the right of the altar where you can go after communion.

You can use the bulletin, throughout the week, to remember who needs prayer.

St. James has a consistent group of charities we raise money for and include in our prayers each Sunday, add those groups to your personal petitions. (Small Cell Ovarian Cancer, Backyard Broadcast, The Granite Education Foundation, The 4th Street Clinic, The Road Home, LLS-Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and The Utah Food Bank.)

Prayer is one of the ways we care for each other.

A Heads Up

Choir rehearsal has now been moved to Wednesday nights, at 7 pm.
Remember, you are always welcome to join the choir. Yes, YOU!



Ministry Roundup

By Angela Micklos

On **October 6th**, we're going to have a ministry fair in the narthex. This is a great time to showcase the wonderful things we do to praise God, care for ourselves and others, and welcome new membership. Vestry Liaisons are assigned to most, if not all, ministries (I say most because there may be some of which we're simply not aware), but they need your help. Some ministries don't have a designated leader or point person, or things may have changed since our last ministry fair. Therefore, the liaisons may not know who to contact.

If you're involved in any ministry (acolytes, altar guild, food bank, pastoral care, Christian education/formation, building and grounds, stewardship, finance, liturgy, ushers, music, welcoming & hospitality, communications, etc.) please contact your assigned Vestry liaison as soon as possible. We need to gather materials to display in the narthex during the ministry fair, as well as during the car show on October 5th. We want to show our greater community who we are and give them a multitude of reasons to support our mission.

There are a variety of signs from past ministry fairs in my office. Please let Wendy, Fr. Christopher, or me know if you'd like to access them. In addition to gathering materials, please designate at least one person from each ministry to participate in the fair on October 6th, and let the respective Vestry liaison know who will be present.

The Vestry Liaisons are listed on the back page of the weekly service bulletin, as well as here:

Angela Micklos	Senior Warden – Staff, 60 th Anniversary, Food Bank
Doug Sward (2021)	Junior Warden – Buildings & Grounds, Columbarium, Finance
Michael Brown (2020)	Altar Guild, Liturgy, Sunday Servers
Susan Furca (2022)	Welcome & Hospitality, Pastoral Care
Petey McKnight (2021)	Fund Raising, Stewardship/Outreach/Inreach
Mike Mitchell (2022)	Adult Education, St. James Mission, Missional Planning
Jesse Parent (2021)	Jr/Sr High Education, Communications/Tech, Safe Church Training
Douglas Pierce (2020)	Buildings & Grounds, Fundraising
Louie Steinbach (2020)	Preschool/Elementary Education
Ric Tanner (2022)	Music, St. James Mission

Thank you for all you do for St. James and our greater community.

Peace and Blessings,
Angela

Making Our Dreams a Reality

by Tom Harrison

Fall is upon us with its crisp mornings and turning leaves. The Garden of Eatin' is giving its harvest, Sunday school has started again and the choir is back (thank goodness!).

Fall is also the season of Stewardship. This is the time that we all renew our commitment to our faith and St James by pledging our Time, Talent, and Treasure. Our Time and Talent are the two most important parts of our commitment since they are the threads that make the tapestry that is the St James community. The Treasure is that practical part that keeps St James running.

All of us as Parishioners are the ones that pay the bills for St James. We are responsible for the lights and heat. We pay for the snow removal and keeping the lawn green. More importantly, we pay Father

Christopher and our great staff to lead our community. We enjoy a contemplative worship space in our fantastic building. The building also provides space for multiple weekly AA meetings and a meeting space for grieving fathers who have lost a child, along with many other worthwhile groups.

It all takes money to keep all this in operation. The Fall Stewardship Drive is the time that we invite all the Parishioners to make a financial commitment to keep St James vibrant and active.

The Vestry has met recently in a retreat to plan exciting programs for the future of St James. They have come up with plans to help make our experience even better. Their theme for this year's Stewardship campaign is Making Our Dreams a Reality. Members of the Vestry will discuss these ideas with everyone as we go through this year's Stewardship campaign.

We will kick off Making Our Dreams a Reality this Sunday, September 29th. The campaign will run through November 17th. There will be a celebratory kickoff Coffee Hour on September 29th. We will be sending out our annual Stewardship invitation letter next week that will have more details and a pledge card and return envelope. We will also have pledge cards available in the Narthex at every service through November 17th. Father Christopher is planning a special service on November 17th to celebrate our commitment to St James.

Thank you all for contributing to the tapestry that is St James.

Blessing of the Animals

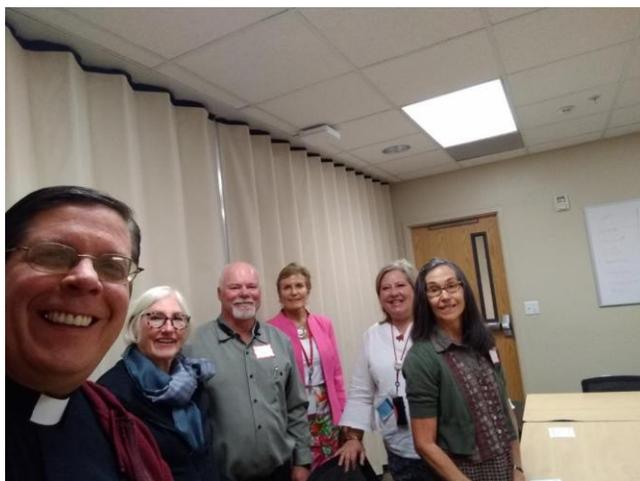
October 6

Bring your pets to church-blessings in the amphitheater between worship services.



Games Night

Friday, October 11 at 6 pm in the Parish Hall. Carol Gentner and Liz Nagata are our hosts this month. Contact them if you'd like to bring yummy things to eat and share. All are welcome!



A Look At The Fourth Street Clinic

The Fourth Street Clinic's mission is to help homeless Utahns improve their health and quality of life by providing high quality health care and support services. The Fourth Street Clinic has been operational for over 30 years and serves over 5,000 homeless men, women and children each year. This includes over 25,000 medical, mental health, substance abuse, dental and case management visits. The Fourth Street Clinic operates with a staff of 60 and has over 150 volunteers. The Fourth

Street Clinic also has a new mobile medical unit with 3 exam rooms and x-ray capabilities!

A few St. James parishioners and Fr. Christopher were given a tour this week. St. James is proud to support such a worthy effort!

Our St. James Youth

Dinner Church

Attention all teens! Dinner Church will be held Sunday, **September 29, 5:30 pm**, at Kim Smart's house (3754 East Barbara Way). We'll prepare a meal together then sit down to break bread and enjoy talking about Jesus' teachings.



GO Nights continue with teens from around the Diocese. Youth from the Episcopal Diocese of Utah get together each month for formation and friendship. This year the teens will study the Way of Love program to live a more Jesus-Centered life.

GO nights are the second Monday of each month and our first will be held **October 14th**, 6:00 pm, at St. Paul's Church, 261 South 900 East. Please contact Fr. Christopher or Terry Palmer if you need more information.

The Weeks Ahead at St. James

Sunday	Sept 29	8 & 10 am 9 & 11:15 am	Worship Coffee Hours
Tuesday	Oct 1	8 am	Men's Coffee-Common Rm.
Wednesday	Oct 2	9 am	Women's Coffee - @ Ft. Union Target Cafe
Saturday	Oct 5	8 am 10 am	Pancake Breakfast Car Show (food trucks for lunch)
Sunday	Oct 6	8 & 10 am 9 & 11:15 am	Worship-Blessing of the Pets-St. Francis Sunday Ministry Fair Coffee Hours
Monday	Oct 7	6:30 pm	Pastoral Care Committee-Office
Tuesday	Oct 8	8 am 5:30 pm	Men's Coffee -"Grumpies"- Common Rm Finance Committee-Office
Wednesday	Oct 9	9 am 7 pm	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target Cafe Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
Friday	Oct 11	6 pm	Games Night – Parish Hall
Saturday	Oct 12	12 pm	Food Bank Delivery & Restocking-Volunteers ALWAYS welcome!

Year to date:

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

1,634 clients have gotten food for **6,277 people**.

160,748 Pounds of food delivered to St. James for distribution!

Volunteers are always welcome!

It's a rewarding ministry to be a part of.



St. James is an approved Utah Food Bank Partner

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Bishop and Tuttle School

New Tuttle School

Bishop Scott B. Hayashi and the Diocese are excited to announce the new Tuttle School for Discipleship and Ministry. The local program is designed to serve those wanting a deeper understanding of their faith and to offer formation for those seeking to hear God's calling. Bishop Hayashi is facilitating a meaningful start to the Tuttle School courses with a lively and uplifting review of the New Testament starting this fall. The course is free and open to all and will be offered on Saturday mornings starting in September. Bishop Hayashi has prepared a video to personally invite church members and friends.

[**Click here for a link to a video of Bishop Hayashi explaining this.**](#)

My New Tuttle School Experience...So Far

By Terry Palmer

This month I started the Tuttle School for Discipleship and Ministry, a local program is designed to serve those wanting a deeper understanding of their faith and to offer formation for those seeking to hear God's calling.

The first part of the program is a New Testament study done by Bishop Scott Hayashi. I was both excited and apprehensive about this study because I have a lot of work to do in understanding the bible. Bishop Scott was extremely enthusiastic during our first class, learning how we can "be the Gospels". Please ask me how Jesus is a Chocolate Souffle. I am looking forward to continuing this study and believe it will be a huge boost to deepen my spiritual journey!

The full Tuttle School curriculum starts in February, 2020. While the full program is primarily for those preparing for ordination to the diaconate and for lay ministry licenses, it is also open for all who are committed to deepening their understanding of the Jesus movement, to strengthen their ministries, and/or discern their path as disciples. The Tuttle School is in partnership with the Iona Collaborative, a program of the Seminary of the Southwest located in Austin, Texas. However, all Tuttle School classes will take place at the Episcopal Church Center of Utah in Salt Lake City.

For more information, please email tuttleschool@episcopal-ut.org.

Camp Tuttle

After an awesome summer at Camp Tuttle, things are looking toward fall!

Fall Youth Retreat:

Join a fun-filled weekend in the mountains and the changing colors of the season.

Activities will include a Halloween party, decorating pumpkins and cookies.

When: Friday October 4th, 6:00 pm

Where: Camp Tuttle, Big Cottonwood Canyon

Who: Junior and Senior High Youth (Grades 6-12)

Cost: *\$65 per participant

Register online at camptuttle.org or through [CampSite parent portal](#).

*For questions and scholarship requests, please email Karen Gleeson at kgleeson@episcopal-ut.org



Hilltop Methodist Church has extended an invitation to St. James:

John Nilsen Performance - Sunday, October 6, at 1:30 pm, at Hilltop UMC (985 E 10600 S). Experience the engaging piano music of John Nilsen. John hails from Oregon, and this is his second appearance in recital at Hilltop. A mix and blending of classical, folk, and jazz makes this program entertaining and captivating. Free admission and open to the public - a love offering will be taken.



Welcome at St. James

At St. James, we consider persons 16 and older to be adults, and they are welcome at all Parish activities unless otherwise regulated by law.

Persons under 16 years may attend parish events if accompanied by an adult. If organized childcare and/or youth activities are not available, the accompanying adult agrees to provide them appropriate supervision and care.

Koinonia is published weekly. Please submit your articles, ideas, and photos to wendy@stjamesutah.com by **Wednesday noon**.

For instance, many parishioners take photographs while hiking or out and about in Utah and have shared shots they've snapped. We'd love it if you share a photo with us that we can use at the top of the newsletter!

Please put "**Newsletter**" in the subject line so we will never miss an item.
Thank you!

We appreciate your contribution on the newsletter!

Wendy Ormsby, editor / Fr. Christopher Szarke, editor
Normally, Carol Gentner, editor's editor, but she was gone this week. There are likely many typos in this edition that she would have caught, were she here.
