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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

October 11, 2019

Games Night - Tonight!

Friday, October 11 @ 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall
See You there!



Vestry Corner

by Louie Steinbach

The last weekend was busy at St. James. Several of the youth went to fall retreat at Camp Tuttle Friday – Sunday. A excellent pancake breakfast was hosted Saturday morning to benefit the 4th street clinic, followed by a massive car show and silent auction! Thanks to everyone that volunteered to make it happen!!! On Sunday it was the annual blessing of the animals followed by the Ministry fair and celebration of Father Christopher's one year anniversary at St. James ☺ The sense of community is what brings my family to St. James. We are very happy to be a part of it.

“Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.”

- 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Rector's Thoughts

Most of you read Bishop Scott's announcement of his resignation / retirement in October 2021, two years from now.

I encourage you, if you haven't already, to read his letter in order to understand the upcoming process and how this will affect the diocese. You may find it on Facebook the Episcopal Diocese of Utah page, Bishop Scott's personal profile, and the closed St. James parish group. I also sent this to the parish through Constant Contact yesterday.

If you have questions, Chancellor Steve Hutchinson, Standing Committee President Nancy Tanner, and I are available for you.

We are fortunate to have a bishop who has deep faith and is a great pastor and a leader that influences policies that affect our larger culture.

Bishops of some dioceses announce their retirement and leave very shortly afterwards, with an interim bishop in place until an election. We are very fortunate that Bishop Scott chooses to remain active in his role until the day of consecration of the new bishop on October 9th, 2021.

A prayer is being composed for the search of the new bishop and will be shared with parishes soon. This is one way that St. James will be active in the process with all of our sisters and brothers in the Episcopal Church in our diocese.

Bishop Scott assures us of his commitment to his position and to the diocese over the next two years. We see evidence of that through his teaching at the Tuttle School and for his passion for getting many lay people and clergy to the Rooted in Jesus conference in Atlanta in January.

I am grateful to serve under the leadership of Bishop Scott, one of the reasons I chose this diocese, and look forward to the ways that St James will support his vision during the next couple years and experiencing the ongoing movement of the Holy Spirit when our new bishop is elected.

Peace and blessings,

Father Christopher

Pancake Breakfast

St. James comes together again! We held a successful pancake breakfast benefiting the Fourth Street Clinic on October 5th that coincided with a fantastic car show.

With the help of our parishioners, especially Beverly and Steve Allnatt, Doug Sward, Jim Palmer, Frank Williams, Terry Palmer and the boy scout troop, led by Jim and Frank, we raised close to \$2,000!

Thanks to all our volunteers and we will do this again October 3rd, 2020 along with the fun car show. Mark your calendars!

**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

Adult Sunday School Education
Starts this Sunday, **October 13th!**
Please join us to learn how YOU
can be the GOSPELS!
Meet in the Common Room at 9 am.

Help Wanted!

If you can help pick up Bagels on Sunday afternoons please contact Terry Palmer.

What is involved? Pick up Bagels from Einstein's on one or two Sundays a month. You pick up bagels at closing time (3:00 PM), bag them into half-dozen bags and put them into the Food Bank freezer.

This service activity takes about an hour to complete. Thank you!



Our St. James Youth

Hi, my name is Evan.

I'm in 7th grade. My favorite subjects are science and art. My hobbies are playing tennis, hanging out with friends, skiing and reading. I also enjoy playing with Legos and am on the Lego Robotics team at my school. I want to be a detective when I grow up.

I've been in the Utah diocese for 12 years (my whole life) and have been an acolyte for the last two years. My favorite thing about St. James is the people...and the snacks during coffee hour.



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.

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.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the parish forums about emergency contact forms, funeral planning, and legacy planning. These are ways that we care for one another as a faith community. The materials are available in the office if you want to complete them in the future. Completed forms are kept in an envelope in a locked cabinet in Fr. Christopher's office, with access only to the Wardens and him in the event of an emergency.

The Weeks Ahead at St. James

Friday	Oct 11	6 pm	Games Night-Hosts: Liz Nagata & Carol Gentner
Saturday	Oct 12	12 pm	Food Bank Delivery & Restocking-Volunteers ALWAYS welcome!
Sunday	Oct 13	8 & 10 am 9 & 11:15 am 12:30 pm	Worship Coffee Hours Food Bank Distribution
Tuesday	Oct 15	8 am	Men's Coffee -"Grumpies"- Common Rm
Wednesday	Oct 16	9 am 7 pm	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target Cafe Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
Sunday	Oct 20	8 & 10 am 9 & 11:15 am	Worship Coffee Hours
Tuesday	Oct 22	6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting-Office

Around the Utah Diocese

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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.](#)

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
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