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Photo by Ray Bilcliff "Arches National Park"

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 18, 2019

Our friend and parishioner, Muriel Ledger, died this week, at the age of 93, with the loving presence of her family. I had the honor of sharing the Ministration at the Time of Death and anointing with Muriel on Monday afternoon with her daughter, Victoria, and granddaughter present. Muriel was alert, joined us in prayer, and expressed her gratitude.

A private graveside service will be held with the family in the coming days.

I encourage you to join our parish family in holding Muriel's family and loved ones in prayer. May Muriel rest in peace, rise in glory, and may all who love her be comforted.

Peace and blessings,

Fr. Christopher



Vestry Corner



By Jesse Parent

My name is Jesse Parent and I am proud to serve on our St. James vestry. Christian education is in full swing here at St. James. This not only goes for our youth, but adults, as well.

As a Sunday School teacher, I had thought I had to give up on attending the adult education sessions but it dawned on me, after talking to a new parishioner, that this was not the case. We teachers try to back each other up, so that no one person is shouldering the burden of always teaching. This means that I get to attend adult education one week and teach the next. If you have been intimidated and think you will be lost if you just show up to a class, don't worry. Our education programs don't have a lot of formality, so missing sessions doesn't mean that you will be lost or behind. And if you start going to the classes you get to see me every other week, so consider that a bonus!

*"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty.
Anyone who keeps learning stays young." – Henry Ford*

Rector's Thoughts

Much has been written about the spiritual discipline of letting go. In consultation with our Wardens, we are going to take that to heart at St. James this coming week, when we will be intentional about clearing out the excess. The outdated, excess, and unnecessary will be donated, recycled, and thrown away.



I've had conversations with many of you and would like to extend the invitation to everyone else. Here are some possibilities that I've shared with some of you already: the Altar Guild could go through the sacristy, the women could go through the kitchen and pantry, the men could go through the shed, and others could go through the numerous storage areas. I'll invite our Parish Administrator, Wendy, to work with the office volunteers to address areas of the work room and her office. Our Treasurers and Bookkeeper have already begun the process of identifying what needs to be kept in paper form and what may be stored digitally instead.

We are going to be thoughtful about this process and have a designated space for anything historical that will be appropriate for the upcoming parish 60th celebration.

My commitment will be getting all of my parish office files, both paper and digital, in good order and get the remainder of my books organized on the shelves.

Creating a bit more order will create calmness and more space to focus on ministry and community at St. James. I welcome your support with this.

Have a great week ahead!

Peace,

Fr. Christopher

Stewardship Moments



By Frank Williams

When we were becoming acquainted with St. James, we heard someone say that St. James is the parish in the diocese that works the hardest and plays the hardest. I've found this to be true while attending many activities and worship at St. James, and through work on many outreach programs. I notice that St. James parishioners reflect the strong Holy Spirit while working for these causes with smiling faces.

I enjoyed viewing all the fancy cars displayed at the recent St. James Car Show and Pancake Breakfast. I marveled at the time, talent, and treasure invested to restore and perfect these vehicles, and to bring them to car shows for others to enjoy. Each one represented someone's effort to bring joy and happiness to those who saw them at the show.

It dawned on me that there is a similarity between the car show and St. James' outreach programs. Like the car owners, we all invest a lot, as individuals and as a congregation, to bring happiness to those in need through our outreach. I also thought that, just as those cars need gas to power their cars, St. James needs fuel to power its programs.

Staying with the car show metaphor, one can think of our Stewardship campaign as the St. James gas station. The commitments we make through our annual pledge puts fuel in the St. James tank.

Soon you will sit in front of your 2020 pledge card. I encourage you to press a little harder on the accelerator this year to propel St. James' efforts to even greater distances.

God Bless,
Frank Williams

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 and talked about what they would do for the parish with a "Dream Budget," ie, enough money to fulfill our dreams. Ideas discussed were new flooring, commercial dishwasher, new building signage, among other things. In that light, 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.

Our campaign, Making Our Dreams a Reality, kicked off Sunday, September 29th and it runs through November 17th.

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.



Flowers

The Altar Guild is bringing back the Monthly Flower Donation chart. The chart will be located in the narthex by the greeter's table.

This is a really lovely way to remember loved ones, celebrate a special occasion, or just because you want to have lovely flowers in the sanctuary.

A minimum donation of \$25.00 will help us purchase flowers. You may put the flower offering in the offering plate, write in the memo on the check what or who the donation is for. The information on the flower chart will be added to the Sunday bulletin. We will continue to have Flower Offering envelopes available at Christmas and Easter. If you have any questions, please call Jinx Strout at 801.703.8229

Car Show & Pancake Breakfast

We held a successful pancake breakfast benefiting the Fourth Street Clinic, on October 5th, that coincided with a fantastic car show. We had the help of so many parishioners, especially Kari Butler, Beverly & 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!
Mark your calendars!

Games Night

Friday, **November 15**, at 6 pm in the Parish Hall. Our hosts are the Nelsons, this month. Contact them if you'd like to bring yummy things to eat and share. All are welcome!



Our St. James Youth

GO Nights! The Way Of Love!

This year youth throughout the Diocese are meeting the second Monday evening of each month for fellowship, games, and *The Way of Love*. The Way of Love is a way of life. More than a program or curriculum, it is an intentional commitment to a set of practices. It's a commitment to follow Jesus: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest.



Each month the youth will visit a different parish throughout the diocese. This is a great way for our youth to get to know other Episcopalians, eat pizza, and get a great lesson. In October, Kurt Wiesner, Rector at St. Paul's SLC, hosted and lead the discussion on "Turn, Pause, Listen, and Choose to Follow Jesus".

Please contact Terry Palmer or Fr. Christopher if you have any questions or want to arrange car rides. Next GO night will be **November 18**, location to be determined. More information about The Way of Love can be found here: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love>

Our St. James youth-photo below: L-R: Preston (Bowie), Greg, Evan, Caitlin, Maddie (Hummingbird). Both Preston and Maddie are GO Night leaders this year.



The Weeks Ahead at St. James

Sunday	Oct 20	8 & 10 am	Worship
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours
Tuesday	Oct 22	8 am	Men's Coffee -"Grumpies"- Common Rm
		6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting-Office
Wednesday	Oct 23	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target Cafe
		7 pm	Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
Saturday	Oct 26	12 pm	Food Bank Delivery & Restock
Sunday	Oct 27	8 & 10 am	Worship
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours
		12:30 pm	Food Bank Distribution
Tuesday	Oct 29	8 am	Men's Coffee -"Grumpies"- Common Rm
Wednesday	Oct 30	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target Cafe
		7 pm	Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary

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.

The St. James Food Bank is in need of donations of diapers and paper or plastic bags for our patrons to carry their food. Thank you!



2020 St. James Camping Trips

Save these dates.

Spring May 14th through the 18th, Kodachrome.

Fall August 27th through the 31st., Moon Lake, group site B.



Around the Utah Diocese

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

New Beginnings Youth Retreat

For: youth in grades 6-8

When: November 8-10

Where: St. James Church, Midvale, Utah (Please check in Friday, from 6-6:30 pm.)

Cost: *\$65

Register: online through www.camptuttle.org registration tab or [click here.](#)



Our New Beginnings weekend is a community building event, not only for our junior high youth, but this event is organized and lead by our high school youth. We also invite youth leaders to join in on the activities and discussions. Each adult is invited to represent up to 5 youth from their church or community.

During the weekend, participants meet peers from across the diocese and enjoy skits, listen to talks, and participate in small group activities and discussions. These activities focus on self, friends, parents, siblings, school, and God's love and prayer.

*If you need financial assistance or would like more information about this great event, please contact Karen Gleeson at kgleeson@episcopal-ut.org or call 801-322-4131.



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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