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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 25, 2019

Muriel Ledger

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 2:00 PM for all family and her many friends. Fr. Christopher Szarke and Rev. John Dillon will officiate from the Book of Common Prayer.

Memorial Mountain View Mortuary & Cemetery
3115 East 7800 South
Cottonwood Heights, Utah 84121



All Saints Sunday

We will celebrate *All Saints Sunday* on **November 3rd**. This liturgy commemorates our beloved departed, celebrating the lives they had on Earth and the resurrection they share with Jesus.

You are invited to bring photographs and other remembrances of deceased loved ones to place in front of the altar at both liturgies.

Everyone is encouraged to submit names to remember loved ones. This will be included in the Sunday bulletin. Please include the name of your loved one and your name and email to bulletin@stjamesutah.com. This year we invite people to contribute \$25-100 with these remembrances. The contributions will be gathered for concrete benches (\$500-950 each) in the St. James Columbarium. Please note "Columbarium" on your check.

We are inspired by those who preceded us on the Christian path and we pray in Thanksgiving for their lives.



Vestry Corner



By Mike Mitchell

*Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
1 John 4:11*

The above Biblical quotation defines the sense of community we have at St. James. At least that's my personal feelings.

As some of you are aware, I had a fall and tore my right shoulder rotator cuff which required surgery. Since my accident, I have received emails, phone calls, and personal comments of concern, and thoughts and prayers from a number of you, St. James' parishioners.

Just as an example, prior to my surgery, Fr. Christopher had an Anointment Blessing for me during the Grumpies coffee hour. I also received thoughts and prayers from members of the Vestry. The day of my surgery Rev. John Dillon came to the hospital and held a circle of prayer with my wife and me. A number of you have either offered to drive me to church or to Grumpies coffee hour. Because of my injury, my wife and I missed the fundraising BBQ. A Vestry member brought a plate of BBQ to our home. We even had a wonderful homemade peach pie brought to us. Please forgive me for not mentioning all your names for fear I miss a couple.

I'm sure there are others of you who have experienced similar from St. James parishioners, in times of need. Since I'm honored to have this forum, I had a need to say thank you. I'm truly blessed to be associated with a wonderful congregation of people, all of you. And I'm most honored to represent you on the Vestry. And you and yours are in my thoughts and prayers.

My Blessings,
Mike Mitchell

Rector's Thoughts

Ministry takes many forms at St. James, and we are most aware of the parts that we are connected to personally. This includes connection with our liturgical and sacramental life, outreach, and pastoral care.

During this time of year as we discuss the spirituality of pledging, it's important to recognize that care of the building and staff is essential to ministry and outreach.

1,300 people enter St. James each month beyond Sunday services, including 12-Step meetings, grief groups, a homeschool group, a children's theater group, the Korean School, the food bank, and others. All of these forms of ministry and outreach impact the building, which is in constant need of repair. A large line item of the budget includes the paper products that are used by people when they come here for these groups and events.

Tuesday evening, as the Vestry met, we could hear the Serenity Prayer spoken on the other side of the Common Room door. I'm grateful that St. James has a strong commitment to these forms of ministry and outreach.

Thank you, all, for the ways that you worship and share at St. James and embody Christ to our community. You are living the Gospel.

Peace and blessings,

Father Christopher





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

Office Volunteer Ministry

The office volunteer ministry is in need of a couple of people who can serve 3 hours a week.

What do you do in the office? Answer phone calls from parishioners and community members, check on the building, track fridge/freezer temps in the Food Bank, help with mailings, fill the blessing box, etc...etc.... It is one of the most helpful ministries to St. James since the "behind the scenes" magic happens during the week.

You don't have to be of the female gender to do this, either...all are welcome and needed.

If this is something you can give to our parish, contact Wendy at wendy@stjamesutah.com or call during office hours, m-th, 9 am-12 noon.



Carol Seitz says "*Working in the office, I know I'm always going to have a good day and leave happier than I came. I love serving St. James this way.*"



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

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
Monday	Oct 28	5:30 pm	Liturgy Committee Mtg-Office
Tuesday	Oct 29	8 am	Men's Coffee -"Grumpies"- Common Rm
Wednesday	Oct 30	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target Cafe
		2 pm	Muriel Ledger Funeral-Memorial Mtn. View Cemetery
		7 pm	Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
Sunday	Nov 3	8 & 10 am	Worship-All Saints Celebration
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours
Monday	Nov 4	6:30 pm	Pastoral Care Committee-Office
Tuesday	Nov 5	8 am	Men's Coffee -"Grumpies"- Common Rm
Wednesday	Nov 6	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target Cafe
		11 am	Staff Meeting-Office
		7 pm	Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
Fri-Sun	Nov 8-10		New Beginnings-Diocesan Youth Event-at St. James

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.



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.



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!



Around the Utah Diocese

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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.

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
Carol Gentner, editor's editor**