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"Neff Canyon" by Michael Hart

Koinonia

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

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

Nov 1, 2019



REMINDER! Turn back your clocks this Sunday.

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.

Parishioners are invited to contribute \$25-100 in memory of loved ones. 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.

Also happening at church this Sunday, a presentation of a check for the Small Cell Ovarian Cancer Foundation, in memory of Stephanie Petersen.

Special St. James Event!

El Pollo Loco in Sandy is donating 50% of proceeds to St. James! Share this with friends, families, strangers. Anyone can pop in for a meal on Nov. 7, between 3 pm - 10 pm. Tell them you are there supporting St. James Episcopal Church. A whopping 50% of your purchase will come back to St. James to help with our building fund!



Thursday November 7, 2019
3:00pm-10:00pm

El Pollo Loco
10590 S. State Street
Sandy, UT



Vestry Corner



Caring For Ourselves and Others by Angela Micklos

Stewardship has been a discussion topic over the past few weeks, especially as we enter the annual pledge drive. I've enjoyed hearing the stewardship moments, as they serve as a nice reminder of the positive impacts our parish has on the greater community. We are indeed a parish that cares about others.

The Merriam Webster Dictionary defines stewardship as "the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care." We as a congregation are responsible for caring for each other and our sacred place of worship. The Vestry takes this responsibility very seriously, as you have entrusted us to ensure St. James's financial well-being and insulation from legal liability. We do our best to balance the "business" of church leadership with healthy doses of spirituality, hospitality, and generosity, but at the end of the day, our obligation is to maintain a sustainable, safe place of worship and gathering.

During announcements last Sunday, Doug Sward mentioned the hazard created by the flooring in the dining hall. This is a prime example of a safety issue that needs to be addressed sooner rather than later. Unfortunately, the current budget lacks funds to cover replacement costs. It probably goes without saying, but St. James's budget depends 100% on pledges and other donations.

Several months ago, I wrote an article about mindfulness and its positive mental, emotional, and physical impacts. You're probably wondering what this has to do with stewardship. Well, the idea of self-care applies to both individuals and organizations. We cannot best care for others if we neglect to care for ourselves. Focusing on our needs doesn't make us selfish. Quite the contrary. If we responsibly care for ourselves, it enhances our ability to care for others. Our wonderful building has been entrusted to our care, and it regularly supports many beyond our congregation. We engage in a vast amount of outreach every single week by providing gathering space for numerous 12-step programs, grief support groups, a Korean language school, and others. We house and operate one of only two food banks that distribute food on Sundays, and over 100 families each distribution day depend on us to meet their needs. If we want to sustain all of the foregoing outreach, we must care for our aging twenty-five-year-old building that depends on fourteen furnaces and eleven air conditioners.

We are all stewards of St. James, whether it's through time, talent, or treasure. Over the next week or so, please prayerfully contemplate how you may best support our parish life and family.

Peace and Blessings,
Angela

Rector's Thoughts

November 1st is the Feast of All Saints, when we commemorate those who have gone before us and share Eternal Life with Jesus. This Sunday, we transfer the feast to liturgy, in order to remember Communion of Saints that we profess belief in when we recite the Nicene Creed, and also remember the saints from our lives.



Liturgy is not a solo act. Each time we gather for worship, we connect with everyone who has participated in the prayers and Holy Eucharist, going back to the words and actions of Jesus.

Muriel Ledger's burial service was held on Wednesday. Before the Lord's Prayer was prayed, I shared about gathering with Muriel, her daughter, and granddaughter, at the end of Muriel's life when we shared the Lord's Prayer. The Lord's Prayer is significant, being the words taught to us by Jesus. For many of us, we learned this prayer from parents and grandparents, who had learned them from their parents and grandparents, going back generations and centuries. There is power in connecting with the Communion of Saints through our prayers and receiving the sacraments.

I invite you, during the coming days, to reflect upon the ways that the Communion of Saints impacts your life and spiritual journey today. Then I invite you to consider how your life and spiritual journey will positively impact the next generation and those to come.

Blessings to each of you and yours,

Father Christopher



Saints & Volunteers

By Jinx Strout

Almost five years ago, my husband, Bob Strout died sooner than we expected. One of the daunting and sad tasks I needed to complete was to donate his clothing to a charity. I didn't realize how hard that would be. It seemed everything had a memory that I did not want to let go of. Fortunately, Wanda Lingo had a solution. Wanda came to my home and collected my husband's shirts, suits, sweaters, and coats. Wanda explained to me how she would use all the items. Some would be used by men recovering from substance abuse to help them with job interviews, some for people who were in desperate need of clothing because they had been kicked out of their homes with nothing but what they were wearing. I knew my husband would approve of how it was distributed. Wanda was the "saint" I needed to help with my grief. On Sunday, November 3, 2019 we will celebrate the saints in our lives. Donations will be accepted on this day and placed in the Wanda Lingo Memorial Fund and given to VOA, Volunteers of America. If you would like to give to this fund and honor your saint, you may place a donation in the offering plate and designate it for this purpose. Thank you for your donations, they will be used to help those in need.



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Stewardship/Tithing...a love story.

By Betsy Tubbs

Our family joined St. James in 1965. We've worshiped in 7 buildings with 16 different rectors! Fr. Christopher is #17, and definitely a keeper. Way back in the days when we were at the building on Highland Drive, the Vestry invited a professional national stewardship person to run our stewardship weekend. This was a turning point for Austin, my husband, and me in



how we gave to the Church and charity. I share this with you in all humility...hoping it will enrich your life in Christ, as it did ours. This path is not for everyone. I offer it as a new way to think about giving. Tithing. Yep, TITHING!

The idea of tithing was a challenge. At the time, we had a mortgage, car payments, and four children. The presenter urged us to start slow and small. Something struck a chord in both of us. We were willing to try this kind of giving as part of our Christian commitment. We sat down with a calculator and figured out the amount we had been giving (and it felt sacrificial,) to our embarrassment...2%. Well, the presenter had assured us that we WOULD NOT MISS the increase in our pledge. So we applied faith and risked it, prayerfully pledging 3 %. The next year we realized we hadn't felt deprived at all, so we jumped up to 5%/ Same result. No deprivation. Next year we tried 7% and noticed no difference--except we felt good about getting close to our goal Finally we took the leap to 10% and felt victorious. We joyfully maintained that level for the past 35 years and I continued after Austin died in 2016. Why? Because tithing feels a little like a Sacrament, an outward, visible sign of an inward, spiritual grace. Tithing is a way to show outwardly the commitment you feel inwardly. And nobody knows you are tithing but you and God.

One other little thing we do, each month, in thanksgiving for all we have, the first check I write is our pledge to St. James. No more remembering cash for offering, or writing a check during the sermon (I really should pay attention to the sermon!) or forgetting to donate all together. We felt it was our most important obligation and I always write that check for the month first and mail it with the rest of our bills. After all, this is a spiritual business between me and God. God gives--I give thanks.

This church, this community, and the people here are such a big and important part of my life. It is a great blessing for me to be able to meet the Biblical criteria for a tithe when I fall so short in so many other ways in my Christian commitment. Please pray earnestly about what is right for you. God bless!!

Parishioner Needs

Please contact Fr. Christopher if you are able to help with the following needs or need more information to see if you can help:

- * A parishioner may be moving to the Sugar House neighborhood and would appreciate a ride to the 10 a.m. liturgy on Sundays.
 - * A parishioner wonders if someone at St. James has a first floor one-bedroom in-law apartment for rent. Hospice care would be making regular visits to the parishioner.
 - * A parishioner would love to know if there are people willing to give rides periodically after recovering from knee surgery.
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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. You can even job-share with another parishioner, if you'd like to come in every other week.

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!



Bishop Hayashi Visitation to St. James

Bishop Scott Hayashi will make his annual Visitation to St. James on **June 21, 2020**.

Parishioners will have the opportunity to be confirmed, be received into the Episcopal Church, or renew confirmation vows at the liturgy.

There will be separate classes for youth and adults, taught by Fr. Christopher. Peer Mentors will assist with teaching the Youth Confirmation classes. The schedule of 8-10 Sunday classes is being scheduled.

Please contact Fr. Christopher if you want to participate.



Safeguarding God's Children / Safeguarding God's People - 100% Compliance

I am pleased to share that as of October 31st, St. James has 100% compliance for Safeguarding God's Children / Safeguarding God's People certification for all Vestry members, staff, pastoral care visitors/lay Eucharistic visitors, and all teachers of children and youth.

This is significant in our commitment to the safety and dignity of everyone in our community. This training also informed people how to respond to abuse if they learn that it occurs in another environment, such as school or extracurricular activities. I am grateful for the commitment that each participant demonstrated through completion of this course.

Thank you.

Peace and blessings, Father Christopher

Our St. James Youth



Dinner Church this Sunday

Where: Kim Smart's home
Time: 5:30 pm

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	Nov 3	8 & 10 am	Worship-All Saints Celebration
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours
		5:30 pm	Dinner Church for Youth-Kim Smart's home
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
		7 pm	Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
Fri-Sun	Nov 9-10		New Beginnings-Diocesan Youth Event-at St. James
Saturday	Nov 9	12 pm	Food Bank Delivery & Restock
Sunday	Nov 10	8 & 10 am	Worship-All
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours
		12:30 pm	Food Bank Distribution
Tuesday	Nov 12	8 am	Men's Coffee -"Grumpies"- Common Rm
		5:30 pm	Finance Committee-Office
Wednesday	Nov 13	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target Cafe
		7 pm	Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
Friday	Nov 15	6 pm	Games Night

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

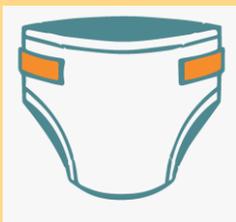
Save these dates.

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

[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.

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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