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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

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Vestry Corner



By Ric Tanner

10 years ago last week, I published a note announcing that a renovation and expansion of our pipe organ was complete. I hope that everyone is currently rejoicing in the spiritual inspiration that it evokes through Seth Bott's mastery of it! I am an organ enthusiast (which is a vocalist who should have spent more time practicing the keyboard when I was young). Please indulge me while I share a little information about the instrument that hides behind the screen on the south wall of the sanctuary.

The organ was built for St. James and installed at our first location in the former Cottonwood Mall; traveling with us through the years to our current home. It provided steady service until 2008 when we began a modernization and modest expansion of its resources using funds provided by the Diocese's "Project Jubilee" initiative. That work was completed in October 2009.

It's a small instrument by most standards; comprised of about 500 pipes distributed across eight ranks. A rank is a set of pipes, that all have the same tonal character. There is typically one pipe for each note on the keyboard. Two of our eight ranks have a "diapason" or "principal" tone, which is the basic organ sound. Two others have differing flute qualities, and two more provide an edgier string-like impression. One, called a Quint, is only used to add interesting color to other ranks. Lastly, there is a stately trumpet. They range from a physical length of eight feet down to 3/4 of an inch (atop a 5-inch "foot"). One rank sounds an octave lower than its actual size and its lowest note is the same pitch as a 16-foot pipe. There are about 500 pipes in all. No two sound the same and not one of them is capable of making any real music by itself. By using different combinations of the ranks, playing at different pitches, the instrument can produce a great many potential variations of tone color that adapt to different musical needs.

This, I think, is a nice metaphor for a congregation. We come in all shapes, sizes, personalities, skills and interests. Some are outspoken and some express themselves quietly. All have a contribution to make. When we combine this wonderful variety of attributes, being greatly inspired and lead by our lord and savior, the work we do in spiritual service and care of one-another becomes reverent art.

Rector's Thoughts

Carol Gentner recently made purificators for the communion kits and these were blessed at the Sunday liturgy. As many of you know, several of our parish members have not been able to attend Sunday liturgies due to illnesses, hospitalizations, recovering from surgery, or receiving hospice care.



Each time we receive Holy Eucharist, we are connecting with everyone who is receiving this sacrament throughout the world, with the Communion of Saints, and with the first Eucharist that Jesus shared with the disciples.

It's important that this sacrament extend from the altar in St. James sanctuary to our parish members and hospitalized people we don't know yet when we receive these calls. In recent years, our archdeacon, the Ven. Robert Shoop and associate priest, Rev. John Dillon, have supported the interim priest and me in making Holy Eucharist available to people when they cannot come to church. I am profoundly grateful to both of them.

I am happy to share that additional parishioners have received the training as Lay Eucharistic Visitors and completed safe church training and diocesan background checks. On Sunday, November 17th, we will have a commissioning for their ministry. I ask you to join me in prayer for Susan Furca, Dave Klemm, Nazanin Nourmohammadi, and Norma Oliver as they accept this important role. I invite you to let me know if you want to join this ministry someday.

Peace and blessings,

Fr. Christopher

A Special Thank You



Thank you so much for the \$5000.00 donation to the Small Cell Ovarian Cancer Foundation from Spring Fling 2019! I wanted to share a little background of our Foundation for those of you who are fairly new to this congregation.

My daughter, Stephanie, grew up at St. James. She served as a liturgical dancer, acolyte, nursery attendant and was also active in Sunday School, Junior Choir, Youth Group and a Diocesan Youth Committee. She spent a lot of time in this building and often told me this was like her 2nd home.

Following high school, Stephanie went off to college and then started her career.

At the age of 24, she was having some symptoms that were unusual for her. Just after her 25th birthday she was diagnosed with small cell ovarian cancer. Small Cell Carcinoma of the Ovary, Hypercalcemic Type (SCCOHT) is a rare and aggressive cancer that affects young women and little girls. The average age of diagnosis is just 24 years old with the youngest known patient at age 14 months. It is rare, but if it happens to your family, it doesn't feel rare at all. There was very little information known about the disease when Steph was going

through treatment. She vowed that when she got better, she would raise awareness of the symptoms (because she had classic ovarian cancer symptoms and we didn't understand their significance) and find someone to research this disease. My husband Ron, son Greg, daughter-in-law Christy and I are now doing this work for her, often with the help of our St. James Family. The Foundation was started with \$9000.00 donated to the Stephanie Petersen Memorial Fund which we set up at the time of her funeral.

Our mission is to raise awareness of the symptoms of ovarian cancer, make information about small cell ovarian cancer more readily available to future patients and their families and to fund research specific to SCCOHT.

We started by creating a website – a sort of clearing house of information for small cell ovarian cancer patients and their families. www.smallcellovarian.org.

We then created Awareness Bookmarks to send out to colleges and universities to reach the demographic of young women. To date, we have distributed over 400,000 bookmarks in all 50 states and 6 countries around the world.

Ron and I were initially told by an ovarian cancer researcher that we would probably never find anyone to research SCCOHT because it was too rare. However, within about 6 months we learned of a lab doing research in Arizona and within the year, there were 3 labs in the US and Canada who were looking into SCCOHT. We donated Steph's tumor tissue and helped them find other families willing to do the same. In 2014 all three groups published their findings that one genetic mutation drives this cancer. This work eventually led to the 1st International Symposium in London in 2018 of which we were honored to receive an invitation. While in London we had the opportunity to spend time with a young woman we had met through our website when she was diagnosed with SCCOHT. Both of her parents came up to Ron and I and said, "We would not be here with our daughter if it wasn't for you." This was such a moving experience for us both and reminds us of the importance of this work.

One result of the symposium was the formation of the International SCCOHT Consortium which includes a diverse group of researchers and clinicians from all over the world. It is so nice to see the researchers we've worked with over the last 8-9 years combining their efforts.

Their goals are:

To better understand how this cancer develops

What are the risks for SCCOHT mutation carriers

How best to identify children and women who might be at risk

To identify the best treatments and discover new targeted therapies

They also plan to expand our worldwide patient registry to include pathology reports and tumor tissue samples. The Eve Appeal, a charity in the UK, will fund years one and two and we have committed to funding years three and four at a cost of \$10,000 per year.

The really exciting news is that several research groups have already identified existing drugs that may prove effective against SCCOHT. Clinical trials are the next step.

The most powerful thing we do is bring people together to fight this disease. The Small Cell Ovarian Cancer Foundation is the connection between patients, researchers and doctors. We share the consortium's information through our website and the Facebook

Private Support Community. We also connect patients with qualified individuals who can help them upon diagnosis.

Stewardship. The people of St. James have been sharing their Time, Talents and Treasure with us for the last 10 years. You gave our family much needed emotional support during Stephanie's illness and following her death. Over the past 9 years you have given your love, time and talents to help us personally and with the work of the Foundation by helping us with tasks such as putting on events, creating videos, taking photos and deciphering medical papers - just to name a few.

Thank you again for this donation. We will put this money directly to SCCOHT research. We can never really convey to you, the people of St. James, the depth of our appreciation. We couldn't have accomplished all that we have, without you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Maren Petersen

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 like rides periodically after recovering from knee surgery.



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



Operation Chimney Drop (Sub for Santa Project)

“And down through the chimney comes good St Nick!” You don’t need to navigate any chimneys to help Operation Chimney Drop. All you need to do is pick up a name or names of children in need, go shopping, and drop it off at St James. The list will be available beginning **November 17, 2019**, it will be located in the narthex. The names are provided by HeadStart, an early childhood intervention program for low income children and their families. If you have any questions, please contact Jinx Strout or Wendy Hutchinson.



T'is The Season!

The Sallybytheway Chorale's Christmas Concert to benefit The Road Home is
Saturday December 7 at 7:30
at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 8600 South and 700 East.
Tickets available at the door or see David James.

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.



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, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**. 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

Thursday	Nov 7	3-10 pm	El Pollo Loco in Sandy Fundraiser for St. James!
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 9 & 11:15 am 12:30 pm	Worship-All Coffee Hours Food Bank Distribution
Tuesday	Nov 12	8 am 5:30 pm	Men's Coffee -"Grumpies"- Common Rm Finance Committee-Office
Wednesday	Nov 13	9 am 7 pm	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target Cafe 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.



Around the Utah Diocese

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Senior High Youth Leadership Retreat

UPDATE: Date
changed to Nov. 9-
10

For: Youth in grades 9-
12

When: November 9-10

Where: St. James
Church, Midvale, Utah
(Please check in
Saturday at 3 p.m.;
ends at noon on Sunday)

Cost: Donations welcomed

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



We have a great group of High School Leaders that were planning on organizing the New Beginnings Jr. High Youth Retreat. But since we cancelled due to low participation, we are going to have a great HS Youth Overnight. Youth in grades 9-12 are welcome to attend, please register at www.camptuttle.org under registration tab

*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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