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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

"Alpine Loop" By Clint Losee

November 8, 2019

Thank you to those who came out for dinner at El Pollo Loco last week. SO many of you showed up to fund-raise for St. James! This was our first time trying this collaboration with a local restaurant...there were a few glitches but luckily you stuck with me as I learned what to do better. Next time will be a little smoother! I'd love to hear back from you--your feelings about the night, experiences, desire to do it again, etc...

*I don't have the total funds raised yet, but I'll keep you posted.
Thank you! Wendy*

Games Night This Week!

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!





Vestry Corner



By Mike Mitchell

A couple of weeks ago my wife was shopping at Fashion Place Mall and came home to mention the number of stores that had Christmas decorations in their windows. This was before Halloween and a couple of months before Christmas. I started realizing that Advent was only a few weeks away. With that thought in mind I went on line in search of Advent. I found a wonderful article entitled "Seven Reasons to Celebrate Advent/Desiring God." Written by Ryan Shelton, Worship Pastor, Evanston III. I would like to share this with you:

1. Advent reminds us we are not the center of God's plan. Advent is an opportunity to refresh your perspective that God has a grand plan for history that is much larger than just [you] us and [your] our kin.
2. Advent reminds us of generations of saints longing for the Messiah. Advent gives us an opportunity to imagine the long awaited coming of the Messiah, who was promised thousands of years before his arrival in Bethlehem (John 8:56; Hebrews 11:23). As we imagine ourselves in this kind of expectation, we begin to see glimpses of how Jesus expected his disciples to see predictions for his ministry in the entire collection of scriptures (Luke 24:27-44).
3. Advent connects us to centuries of church tradition. Church tradition is not our final authority like Scripture, but we are not the first generation to seek to live faithfully to God's word.
4. Advent brings slowness in the midst of a frantic season. The Christmas holiday, especially in the West, seems to be on a vector towards insanity. Advent provides opportunity to slow the pace, or even comparatively grind it to a halt.
5. Advent teaches us patience. Patience is a fruit of God's Spirit (Galatians 5:22). But though it is His work, we may seek out means whereby the Spirit of God can cultivate patience in our hearts.
6. Advent demonstrates the rarer jewel of Christian Discontentment. Where Christian contentment is rare in the vast sea of discontented people, distinctly Christian discontentment may be rarer. How else can the result of the first fruits of the Spirit be groaning inwardly (Romans 8:23).
7. Advent fortifies confidence in the promises of God. Finally, the best application of all for a season of heightened, purposeful remembrances, and expectation, direct us toward the glorious Second Advent of King Jesus. As we reflect on God's faithfulness to his promises

past, we are reassured in the promises we yet await.

The Christmas season is one of the busiest times of the year. But it is also a season of reflection on it's true meaning, the birth of our savior Jesus Christ.

My Blessings,
Mike Mitchell

Rector's Thoughts

I read recently that when a person pledges, that is when they truly view their church as being part of their family. A person has stepped into a new level of commitment.



There is a spirituality to giving. I am still formulating my thoughts around this and want to share some of the reasons that I make this commitment:

- * Everything that we have is from God and pledging indicates mindfulness of giving back.
- * Others' support during leaner times helped me so now I want to give more to support others.
- * God's grace is present in the space between giving and receiving.
- * Financial contributions translate into changed lives through pastoral care, outreach, sacraments, and community building that occur at St. James.

Our co-treasurer, Nancy Tanner, has been sharing periodic updates about the number of stewardship pledges and the percentages of increases over last year's giving.

I am profoundly grateful to each of you who are making that commitment to support God's ministry through St. James. You are living out scripture through this commitment.

In [2 Corinthians 9:7](#), we read that:

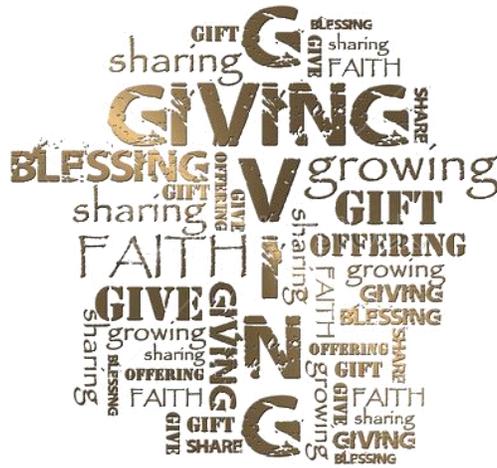
"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

God bless you all for your generosity.

Peace and blessings,

Father Christopher

Stewardship Moment



First, I want to say thank you for allowing David Lingo and me to be the Co-Chairs of this year's Stewardship drive. We are honored to serve in this important function.

The Stewardship drive is the time when the parishioners of the St James have the opportunity to reaffirm their commitment to God and the work that He does through the St. James community. This work includes personal worship, support for our St James community, and the outreach that we do for others. This next Sunday is Commitment Sunday. We will have a short ceremony for the celebration of our commitment to God through our pledging.

As a practical matter, this work takes money to accomplish. Salaries, heat and lights, snow removal, along with the leaks in the roof, all take money. St James' only source of funds is from the pledging of its members. Everything at St James happens because of you and your generosity.

Your Finance Committee is in the midst of preparing the budget for next year. A key part of the budget is how much revenue will we get from the pledges of our fellow parishioners. They have set a goal for an enhanced budget that will include cost of living increases for our staff and a greatly improved music program. They are asking all parishioners to consider adding 10% to last years pledge to help accomplish these goals.

The budgeting process takes planning. Some members give to St James on a regular basis but don't pledge. Giving is very much appreciated and necessary. If those who give could turn their gift into a pledge, then the people who are charged with planning the budget can more accurately predict what monies will come in. No pledge is too small!

We are about halfway through the Stewardship drive. The response from our fellow parishioners so far has been fantastic! If you haven't turned in your pledge yet, please do so as soon as you can.

Thank you again for your support of St James!

Tom Harrison



For Your Information

Different options for making pledge payments:

Cash or Check: when giving cash for pledge, please place cash in an envelope with your name
EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) options:

Automatic Bill Pay - Bill pay is a payment service through your financial institution that allows you to make a one time or recurring payment. The source of funds for the payment is usually a checking account but you are able to designate the account you wish to use. Bill Pay is usually free but please check with your financial institution. If you have an online banking option, bill pay can usually be setup very easily online. St James receives your payment through a mailed check from the institution.

Direct Deposit from a pay check – If the company for which you work offers Direct Deposit, you can designate St James as a recipient. This will result in a per paycheck deduction. The money will electronically transfer directly into St. James bank account. For setup, please contact your payroll department and request a Direct Deposit form. Please let St James know if you will be using Direct Deposit so we can confirm your payments are being received. You will need St. James account information, contact the church for this info.

Account to Account Transfer- St. James banks with Zions Bank. If you bank with Zions, you can setup this type of Transfer (different from Bill Pay) through online banking. The account to account transfer within Zions is called Transfer to a Friend, this can also be done over the phone with the help of Zions Customer Service. There is a \$1,000 maximum per occurrence limit. Funds will be transferred from your account directly into St James account. You can setup the transfer as a one time payment or recurring payments. You will need St James account number, contact the church for the bank account information. Check with your financial institution for costs.

Direct Debit - This method is similar to an Account to Account Transfer but involves different institutions. This method needs to be setup directly with your financial institution. You will

need St James Routing Number and Account Number, contact the church for this information. You will need to check with your institution for any costs involved.

Stock Transfer:

Prior to the transfer of stock, notify Nancy Tanner nbtanner@aol.com and Steve Andersen sandersen@episcopal-ut.org, CFO of the Diocese, with the following information.

Donor name:

Congregation receiving donation: St James

of shares being transferred:

Name of stock:

Coming from broker:

Transfer date:

The Diocese will notify Morgan Stanley there will be shares arriving in the Trust II account. Morgan Stanley will sell the stock immediately upon transfer. The Diocese then sends the proceeds to St James.

Stock is sold through the Trust II account at the Diocese. Your broker will need to know the following information to make the transfer. **Also have your broker note the funds are designated for St James Episcopal Church.**

Morgan Stanley

DTC #0015

Account of Trust II

acct # 124-094206-062

We hope you find this information helpful.

Contact the Church offices if you have questions.

Stewardship 2020

by David James



There are two questions we always have to ask when we pledge. How much do we want to give and where do we want to give it?

One autumn when I was about 9 or 10, a supply priest gave a sermon on stewardship. He could be a little more direct than the average priest because he was there for a week and didn't have to deal with any fall out. He encouraged people to take 10% of their income in cash and put it in the sock drawer. If the parishioner needed that money to pay rent or the mortgage, or if they needed it for food or medicine, he said they should go into the sock drawer and get it.

However, if they didn't need the money before the first of the year, they should donate it and increase their pledge accordingly. I was all fired up and said "mom, we should do that!" She muttered something and moved on to another topic. Years later, I realized she and dad probably weren't on the same page. I never heard how that worked out.

The second question we have to answer is where do we want to give? I've heard Bishops talk about tithing, but not giving it all to the church. They also support other organizations they believe are doing God's work. This has always appealed to me, but after two tours on the St. James Vestry I have come to realize this puts a strain on our budget. As Doug Sward and

Tom Harrison have told me, donating to St. James to pay for the water, electricity and carpeting isn't as inspiring as supporting cancer research, homeless kids or hungry people. However, the water at St. James makes the Garden of Eatin' come alive every spring and provides organic fresh vegetables for the people who come to our food pantry. The electricity at St. James powers the refrigerators and freezers that we store milk, cheese, yogurt and frozen meat in for the thousands of people who have shopped at St James this year. We need new carpeting and a new floor in the Parish Hall. Come to St. James on a weeknight and it isn't unusual to find a group of 50 people meeting on one side of the glass doors and 75 on the other side. Alcoholics Anonymous uses the building night after night and we are supporting not just people trying to overcome addiction and get their lives together, but also their spouses, kids, parents, siblings and friends, who are all impacted by the addictive behavior.

Every summer, while school is out, we host a camp for kids with severe disabilities. They are in wheel chairs, with limited speech and severe health issues. Their working parents desperately need child care and they need a place that looks safe and appealing and sends the message their kids will be alright while they work. We need to replace the cracked linoleum.

There are a lot of places that need your support and at St. James we work hard to support homeless shelters, food pantries, cancer research, and combat sex trafficking. We hope you will also support St. James and the work we do in the world.

Sincerely,

David James



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 would like rides periodically after recovering from knee surgery.



Photo: FTD floral

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.

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.



Artist in Residence

Our own, Ann Charat, is an accomplished artist. Right now, you can pop into the Murray City Library and see 2 pieces of her work. In January and February, Murray City Hall will be hosting a show of Ann's body of work! We are sure proud of you, Ann! Congratulations!



The Weeks Ahead at St. James

Friday	Nov 15	6 pm	Games Night
Sunday	Nov 17	8 & 10 am	Worship-12-Step Sunday
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours
Tuesday	Nov 19	8 am	Men's Coffee -"Grumpies"- Common Rm
		6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting-Office
Wednesday	Nov 20	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target Cafe
		7 pm	Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
Saturday	Nov 23	12:30 pm	Food Bank Restocking
Sunday	Nov 24	8 & 10 am	Worship-Morning Prayer
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours
		12:30 pm	Food Bank Distribution
Tuesday	Nov 26	8 am	Men's Coffee -"Grumpies"- Common Rm
Wednesday	Nov 27	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target Cafe
			No Choir Rehearsal because of holiday
Thursday	Nov 28		Office Closed for Thanksgiving!

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

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



All Saints Holiday Craft Fair

Friday, November 15

All Saints Episcopal Church, SLC

11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Holiday crafts galore, and so much more. Join All Saints for their annual craft fair and pick up some fabulous holiday gifts.

There will be food trucks, Flourish Bakery and Monsieur Crepes, on both days!

Utah Epodcopalians: New Episode Aims to Demystify the Liturgical Calendar

The concept of seasons is one of the most misunderstood in the Episcopal Church. We don't mean spring, summer, winter or fall, but instead Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost.



These seasons and the colors associated with them form the "Liturgical Calendar." It is a basic and essential part of the Episcopal faith. The new episode of Utah Epodcopalians aims to demystify the seasons of the church year and their colors - not just for Episcopalians, but for everyone! Special guest is The Rev. Christopher Szarke, Rector at St. James Episcopal Church in Midvale. [Listen here!](#) For even more information about the liturgical calendar, [click here.](#)

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**