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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 Angela Micklos

Giving Thanks

This is the beginning of a hectic time of year for most, and I often have to remind myself to slow down, reflect, and give thanks for the many blessings in my life. Last Sunday's sermon at the special 12-step service re-grounded and rejuvenated me. I'm so grateful for Joe, his sobriety, our family members and friends, and our extended St. James community. God has indeed blessed us!

For me, pledging is a way of acknowledging these gifts in my life and sharing the abundance with others who are committed to a common mission. However, for many years, I didn't truly appreciate the importance of pledging, and I assumed that my regular plate offering was more than sufficient. I now fully understand that pledges are the essential foundation for creating the budget for the following year. While plate donations are wonderful and much appreciated, it's nearly impossible to build a budget based on fluctuating income.

Translating this into our personal lives, a pledge is like the paycheck we receive from our employer. We build our family budgets based on our known income. If our employer disbursed money in random, variable amounts, it would severely hamper our ability to create a plan that meets our needs. Church budgeting is no different, except that the Vestry is charged with adopting a budget that supports a vast number of ministries, ensures staff retention, and sustains the building that enables us to do God's work.

As you likely know, Tom Harrison and Dave Lingo are co-chairs of the 2020 Stewardship/pledge drive, and have asked everyone to increase their 2019 pledge by 10%, if possible. You may be wondering how the extra money will benefit St. James and our mission. An across the board 10% increase will enable us to: retain Seth and our newly enhanced music program, replace the dangerous flooring in the dining hall, monetarily compensate staff with COLAs (cost of living adjustments) and potentially reward with merit-based increases, and responsibly repay our Diocesan loan without asking for additional deferment. These are just a few examples of what we're hoping to accomplish with the additional funds.

During this time of Thanksgiving, I humbly ask you reflect on life's blessings and demonstrate your gratitude and commitment to celebrating God's love and sharing it with all. A sincere thank you to all who have turned in 2020 pledge cards!

***For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Matthew 6:21***

With peace, love, and gratitude,

Angela

Rector's Thoughts

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;



a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

*a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;*

*a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;*

*a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.*

~ Ecclesiastes 3:2-8(NRSV)

We are approaching the conclusion of the season of Ordinary Time and it's a natural instinct to want to rush forward into Advent and preparations for Christmas. It's important, however, to slow down and fully experience the remaining days of the current liturgical season.

My family experiences slowing down as my father's health declines. My dad was a teacher and school administrator who began exhibiting signs of dementia four years ago at age 76, which was a surprise to the family given that his mother and grandfather lived well into their 90s with sharp cognitive ability. He recently had a hospitalization, shortly after his 80th birthday, where we didn't know if he would return home. This is the season that our family lives in, being present to my dad, supporting our stepmom who cares for him at home, and to one another, reflecting upon previous seasons, and not looking too far ahead to the next season.

I'm going to be in Minnesota to be with family from this Friday and will be back in the office on Tuesday, December 3rd. The Rev. John Dillon is available for Anointing of the Sick while the Ven. Robert Shoop and Postulant Nazanin Nourmohammadi are available for other pastoral needs. Our Senior Warden, Angela Micklos, is available for parish needs while our Junior Warden, Doug Sward, may be contacted for building and grounds needs. Their contact information may be found through Breeze. I'm confident that our Parish Administrator, Wendy Ormsby, will be able to find any answer you need, too.

St. James will celebrate the conclusion of Ordinary Time with Morning Prayer, led by our Worship Leader Michael Brown, for the Feast of Christ the King. Then we begin Advent the following Sunday with the Rev. Gill de Azevedo presiding and preaching. Enjoy the blessing of each of these days ahead and I will see you in December.

Peace and blessings,

Father Christopher

Stewardship Moment



My name is Therese MacWilliams and my family and I have been attending Saint James for nearly nine years.

I'd like to share a short story on how good works attract good works. Several months ago, through a fellow St. James parishioner, I was recommended and received a job that I love at the Granite Education Foundation, one of the charities we as a parish support.

Through Saint James, The Granite Education Foundation had learned of a need that another charity that we support (the VOA) had. Ultimately, through the mutual affiliation of Saint James, the Granite Education Foundation was able to make a VERY sizable donation to the VOA which was so desperately needed.

I absolutely love that through Saint James, good works create good works. Your good works at Saint James including your time, talent, and treasure have already, and will continue, to create good works!

Peace, Therese



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 office if you have questions.



"All That Glitters" Sale

On Sunday, **November 24**, after each service, Altar Guild is having an "All That Glitters" Sale! We cleaned out Altar Guild closets and found many treasures we cannot use anymore. There are many Christmas ornaments, things for Advent, and other treasures. You may make a donation to Altar Guild if you feel so inclined or you take them to their new home where we know they will be used. Join us on Sunday after 8:00 am or after 10:00 am and have fun shopping.

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.



Youth Focus For 2020

This year the youth's focus is on the environment. We want to make a change and start a trend with being a more environmentally friendly parish. By doing this we have come up with a few solutions.

We are in the process of the following ideas: a new dishwasher, less paper for bulletins, increase recycling, and more. We would love your support on these ideas and hope to use money from the Christmas bake sale for these.



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 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. The sign up sheets for Operation Chimney Drop will be in the Narthex this Sunday, November 24th. Operation Chimney Drop presents will need to be delivered to St James by December 9, 2019. All gifts must be unwrapped, with the family number and recipient on the presents. Please include gift receipts! And thank you so much for helping someone in need this Christmas!

Jinx Strout and 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.



The Weeks Ahead at St. James

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!
Sunday	Dec 1	8 & 10 am	Worship
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours
Monday	Dec 2	6:30 pm	Pastoral Care Committee-Office
Tuesday	Dec 3	8 am	Men's Coffee -"Grumpies"- Common Rm
Wednesday	Dec 4	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target Cafe
		11 am	Staff Meeting-Rector's Office
		7 pm	Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
Saturday	Dec 7	12 pm	Food Bank Delivery/Restock
Sunday	Dec 8	8 & 10 am	Worship
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours
		12:30 pm	Food Bank Distribution

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.



Year to date:

586 Volunteers have unloaded, stocked shelves, and distributed food.
2,066 clients have gotten food for **8,027 people**.
191,229 of food delivered to St. James for distribution!

Volunteers are always welcome!
It's a rewarding ministry to be a part of.

St. James is an approved Utah Food Bank Partner



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.](#)

A Thank You to St. James from Karen Gleeson--Youth Coordinator/Camp Tuttle Liaison

A big THANK YOU to St. James for hosting our High School Leadership Overnight! Our youth really enjoyed themselves, learned some new communication and leadership skills, and felt very welcomed by all of the parishioners! Thank you so much for your support of our youth!



The next Go Monday (for youth in grades 6-12) will be at St. James, on December 9th! Please join for food, fun, music and good conversation! Doors open at 5:30 for social time and group games, program goes from 6:00-8:00. (Meet in the Sanctuary)

Deadline to Register for the Tuttle School Curriculum Approaching

This local program is designed to serve those wanting a deeper understanding of faith and to offer formation for those seeking to hear God's calling. The diocesan effort is geared toward two goals:

- A local program for those in the ordination process for the Diaconate
- To deepen the theological and biblical knowledge of the people of Utah. You do not need to be in the ordination process to enroll.



Classes will be held over one weekend a month. The academic term lasts 10 months and starts February 8, 2020. Classes run Saturdays 8:30-5:00 and Sundays 8:30-noon. The Cost is \$750/year plus books and housing. Grants are available to help defer costs.

Study, learn, worship, pray and share meals together as you experience in a local community a commitment to strengthen your ministries, to hear God's calling, and to discern your own path as disciple of Jesus.

Register for the program by [clicking here](#). **The deadline to register is December 1st, 2019!**

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**