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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

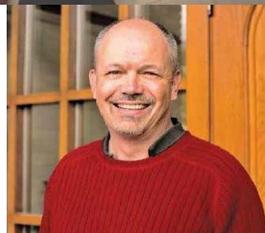
**Christmas Eve Services are tonight  
at 5:00 pm and 10:30 pm.  
Carol singing at 10 pm.**

*Note: incense will be at the 10:30 service only.*

**December 24, 2019**

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[Click here to read about your 2020 vestry candidates.](#)



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## Important Information for Annual Meeting

It's hard to believe it, but our annual meeting is only a month away! On **January 19th**, we will have a single worship service at 9:00 a.m., followed by our annual meeting. In addition to the usual business (ministry reports, elections for Vestry and Diocesan Delegates, etc.,) we will be asking parishioners to approve proposed amendments to our bylaws and Our Common Values, both of which are included below. Please note that explanations for substantive changes to the bylaws are in *(bold blue italicized print)*. Please review these documents in advance of the annual meeting so that we may proceed without undue delay at the meeting. Thank you!

[Click here for a link to our St. James bylaws and Common Values proposed amendment.](#)

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## Vestry Corner



By Ric Tanner

At the late service this Christmas Eve, Lili Brady, Don Johnson and I will sing a trio “Et in Terra Pax” which will be a little departure for our traditional and familiar Christmas selections. It is based on the Te Deum and since we are singing in Latin, I thought I would share a translation of the simple but profound prayer.

And on earth, peace to all people  
Goodwill, peace to all people  
And on earth, peace to all people

Peace to all people, goodwill to all people  
Thank you, on account of Thy great glory  
Glory! Glory! Glory!

And on earth, peace to all people  
Goodwill, peace to all people  
And on earth, peace to all people

May God's Peace be with us all!



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## Rector's Thoughts

We conclude the weeks of Advent anticipation and preparation tonight with the joy of the Christ Child's arrival. Thanks be to God!

Thomas Merton (1915-1968), the spiritual teacher, mystic, and monk, wrote, “We are living in a world that is absolutely transparent, and God is shining through it all the time.” We are called to be God's light in the world through prayer that transforms hearts, sharing food, comforting those who grieve, caring for the Earth, and celebrating when a bit more of the Christ Child takes hold among us. Thank you for all the ways you bring forth the Christ Child's presence, in this parish, in your home faith community, your family and friends, and in our larger community.



We are glad you are with us at St. James Episcopal Church to celebrate this Christmas Eve. Welcome to all, visitor, newcomer, recently arrived, and seasoned parishioner! Please

let an usher know if you are interested in more information about our parish. We are diverse in age and background. We are single, partnered, married, separated, divorced, and widowed. Some of us are cradle Episcopalians, some come from other faith traditions or no faith tradition. Some of us are more certain of our faith while some of us question a lot. Holy Eucharist, service in the community, and fellowship connect us. No matter where you are, we'd love to have you join us on the spiritual journey.

Many blessings this Christmas Eve and 2020!

Peace,  
Father Christopher

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## This Week's "Thank YOU!"

Thank you to Kathy Cox, a member of the Altar Guild, for her beautiful idea of personalized ornaments for the Christmas Tree in the Sanctuary. This has been a lovely way to honor those we've lost. This will likely become a yearly tradition!

(Photos by Nikki Kelson)



## Stewardship Moment

### End of Year giving reminders – that help you and St James

As we come to the end of 2019, we want to thank you for your generous gifts throughout the year to support the ministries of St James! This was an active and fulfilling year for our church. We have seen growth and ministry development and shared Christ's love and hope with our church community and our neighbors in the greater community. As our Vestry and Finance team pray and work on the 2020 budget, we are facing cost increases in a number of

areas that include expanding ministry opportunities and also the cost of taking care of our office team.

While it is exciting to see the ministries thriving and growing it is challenging to meet the financial needs. These important ministry costs create a \$15,000 deficit for 2020. We are praying and working towards bridging that gap. The opportunities are all around us. This is a wonderful time to pray and stretch financially to empower ministry and see people change.

Every year people ask how they can help St James as the year comes to a close. One of the most important ways is to prayerfully consider a year-end financial gift. Our church body has a strong history of special giving that helps us to meet current needs and empowers us to step into new areas of ministry in the coming year. As you consider your charitable gifts between now and the end of the year, remember that gifts made now can generate income tax deductions that could help reduce tax liability.

We cannot express our deep heartfelt appreciation for your faithful prayers and financial support as we work together to share Christ in every setting in our lives and in our community. You are making the difference in so many lives!

## HOW TO MAXIMIZE YOUR YEAR-END GIVING

### Gifts of Cash

The most popular way to make a gift is with cash, check, or credit card. To take a deduction for the gift on your 2019 tax return, *your gift must be postmarked or received by the church on or before December 31, 2019.* You can also donate by going to:  
<https://stjamesutah.breezechms.com/give/online>

### Corporate Match

Many large and local corporations offer employee charitable giving match programs. Check with your company to see if they offer corporate matching, thus doubling your donation to the church.

### Non Cash Gifts

**Stock:** You can also donate stock to St James, which can be a tax benefit to the donor. Stock gifts to St James are sold through the Trust II account at the Diocese. Please contact the church offices for instructions.

**Retirement Assets:** A direct contribution of retirement account (IRA ,401K,403b) assets to charity can be very tax efficient for retired individuals.

*Please Note: Donating the gift of stock takes longer to arrange, so notify St James and your investment advisor right away to make sure your gift can qualify as a 2019 transaction for tax purposes.*

*Disclosure: The purpose of this article is only to make you aware of the possibilities that may exist for you to make a donation to St James. This is not to be taken as advice for financial or tax purposes.*

Blessing from your Finance Committee,  
Tom Harrison, Mindy Mitchell, Angela Micklos, Doug Sward, Fr. Christopher Szarke, Nancy  
Tanner

We LOVE getting your submissions for the newsletter! We LOVE it when you send us  
photographs you've taken and articles/ideas that you want to share.

When you send us something make sure you put in the subject line "**newsletter**".  
Don't put "Koinonia" (because there are many ways that gets misspelled and  
then I can't search it to make sure I find your submission.)

Koinonia is published weekly, sent to you on Thursdays.  
Please submit your articles, ideas, and photos  
to [wendy@stjamesutah.com](mailto:wendy@stjamesutah.com) by **Wednesday noon**.

If you aren't getting the newsletter in your email box right now, let the office know and they  
will add you to the database. Thank you!

We appreciate your contribution to the newsletter!

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## The Weeks Ahead at St. James

Sunday	Dec 29	8 & 10 am	Worship
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours
Tuesday	Dec 31	8 am	Men's Coffee "Grumpies"-Common Room
Wednesday	Jan 1	Office Closed	<i>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</i>
		9 am	<b>NO</b> Women's Coffee
		7 pm	<b>NO</b> Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	Jan 5	8 & 10 am	Worship
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours
Monday	Jan 6	6:30 pm	Pastoral Care Committee-Office
Wednesday	Jan 8	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target Cafe
		11 am	Staff Meeting-Rector's Office
		7 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	Jan 11	12 noon	Food Bank Delivery & Restocking

To date, we have distributed more than  
200,000 pounds of food! WOW!



### Year to date:

**688 Volunteers** have unloaded, stocked shelves, and distributed food.

**2,368 clients** have gotten food for **9,273 people**.

**206,795 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***

## 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](mailto: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.***



### A quick note about our paper recycling dumpster:

In the news you may have heard that a lot of local towns and cities are modifying what they will accept in their recycling programs. We double checked with our Green Fiber rep and she said the perimeters of our dumpster are still the same.

They accept all paper, cardboard, magazines, newspapers, etc...  
The only thing you cannot put in the green dumpster is paper waste that has a waxy coating or a food stain, like pizza boxes.

Recycle THIS



**Cardboard**

Simply flatten and toss it in.

NOT That



**Pizza Boxes**

Any dirty takeout food container belongs in the trash.



## 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.](#)

[Click here for Bishop Hayashi's Advent Message](#)



Bishop Hayashi Shares 2019 Advent Message



## GO Night!

The next gathering for youth in grades 6-12 is **January 13th** at The Cathedral Church of St. Mark, 231 E. 100 S in Salt Lake City. Doors open at 5:30 for social time and program starts at 6:00 until 8:00 pm, pizza will be provided. We are following along with the program developed by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry called "The Way of Love". Please join us for food, fun, music and good conversation!

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## **Bishop Search Committee Job Description**

Episcopal Search Process for the Twelfth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Utah.

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Utah is searching for a select group of Search Committee Members who feel called to contribute, and who are available to dedicate time and energy, to the discernment process for the next Episcopal bishop of Utah! The Standing Committee anticipates this process to be intensive, exciting, faithful, participatory, and inclusive.

If you are discerning participation on the Bishop Search Committee, read through the following job description and carefully consider in contemplation and prayer the responsibilities and opportunities of this role.

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

*All Search Committee members are required to attend the Search Committee Retreat, February 7-8, 2020, at the Episcopal Church Center in Salt Lake City. At the retreat, very specific roles and responsibilities will be presented to the Bishop Search Committee.*

In all things, the Search Committee will create Holy Space for the Episcopal Church in Utah to discern our identity in Christ and to understand and articulate our hopes and dreams for the future.

The Search Committee will recruit and receive nominations for a slate of candidates, discern those who have a call to be the bishop of the Diocese of Utah, and select 3-5 nominees to be sent to the Standing Committee as candidates. The candidates will be individuals whom the Search Committee believes God is calling us to consider as the Twelfth Bishop of Utah.

The initial task of the Search Committee is to develop and publish a profile which communicates the desires, hopes, and dreams of all the people of the Diocese of Utah. This would include listening to the concerns and issues of the diocese.

The Search Committee will function as a collaborative team, with specific roles and responsibilities assigned to each member, according to their gifts.

### **Expectations**

*It is expected that each member of the Search Committee will:*

- Give 10 hours per week on average (some weeks more, some weeks less) to the work of the Search Committee

- Be required to attend two (2) retreats (Organizing Retreat – February 7-8, 2020 at the Episcopal Church Center in Salt Lake City and the Candidate Discernment Retreat – date to be determined) for the entire time and arrive prepared and focused.
- Have experience and skill in serving on effective teams which include responsibility, honesty, collaborative decision-making, trust-building, and conflict management.
- Have access to the internet, and be able to work online (Zoom, Google Docs, Dropbox, etc.)
- Be responsive to e-mail and phone calls and prioritize communication with fellow team members as much of the work could be done online with an abundance of reading.
- Be prepared to be in attendance during the interview process
- Pray for the search and discernment process daily and maintain a regular spiritual practice and active membership in a Utah Episcopal faith community.
- Be able to stay with the process over the long haul, including times of challenge, frustration, and grunt work.
- Be ethical and show integrity within the committee, with all nominees and candidates, and with written and verbal communication and follow up.
- Show generous hospitality to all nominees and candidates

**Gifts and skills necessary to minister on the Search Committee**

*While no one person possesses all gifts listed below, it is our hope that each member will embody, and will share generously, one or more of these gifts with the Search Committee.*

- Gifts of a discerning heart through personal spirituality and prayer
- Gifts of optimism and encouragement
- Deep listening and Interviewing skills
- Strong communication skills, both written and spoken
- Technological skills and expertise
- Skills to lead prayerful and collaborative group engagement in the discernment process
- Skills to promote compromise and consensus around hard decisions
- Gifts of emotional maturity to avoid the creation of cliques or 'us vs. them' thinking
- Gifts of flexibility to evolving circumstances, new information, and new possibilities
- Analytical and organizational skills (administration, detail-oriented, tracking, recording, time-management, etc.)
- Pastoral gifts to help identify and focus on the pastoral needs and integrity of the candidates
- Ability to set aside personal biases and political/social agendas
- Ability to follow up in a proactive and timely manner
- Ability to keep the confidentiality, for life, of the candidates and the discernment conversations of the committee
- Willingness to commit to the extensive time needs
- Task oriented
- Commitment to work with the committee and its members. Ability to understand the goal of the search as a good and holy process.

If membership on the Search Committee best aligns with your gifts, time, and talents, please **consider submitting a nomination form by Tuesday, December 31, 2019**. The nomination form will be available within the next week and the link will be communicated to all congregations by email and through the Diocesan Newsletter.

**[Click here to go to nomination form.](#)**

All nomination forms received by the deadline will be made available to the Electors prior to the Convocation which will convene on Saturday, January 11, 2020, to elect the Search Committee members. At the Convocation, one (1) lay Elector from each congregation will elect six (6) lay members and All Clergy will elect four (4) clergy members.

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***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.

**Wendy Ormsby, editor / Fr. Christopher Szarke, editor  
Carol Gentner, editors' editor**