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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

January 3, 2020

Thought about being a Delegate to Convention?

Convention is at St Mark's Cathedral, 75 S. 200 E., SLC.
Friday, April 24-Saturday, April 25, 2019

Hear Ye!! Hear Ye!! Calling all for Convention. We are looking for parish members who wish to represent St. James at Diocesan Convention being held in Salt Lake City **April 24th** and **25th**. All delegates have the opportunity to vote on resolutions that affect our Diocese and how it runs. And, all delegates have the opportunity to have a great time with St. Jamesers and the rest of the Diocese.

In the past, the registration fee has been around \$65.00 for the two days, that includes meals, but the Diocese hasn't given us the official cost yet.

Don't let the fees deter you, scholarships are available.

Please get a short bio to Wendy at wendy@stjamesutah.com by January 8th, noon, at the latest.

A Message from the Standing Committee

As you are aware, the deadline for submitting nomination forms for the Search/Nomination committee was December 31, 2019. Standing Committee will only accept nomination forms dated December 31st or before.

We are grateful for all who extended themselves to be considered to be members of Search committee. Thank you to all for helping the Standing Committee at getting the word out to all parishioners in the Diocese.

The Standing Committee will be announcing the members of the Search Committee immediately after the Electing Convocation on January 11, 2020.

Faithfully,
Nancy Tanner
President of Standing Committee



Vestry Corner



By Susan Furca

There are some really important things I want to touch on, but you've already heard or read them (maybe right here in Koinonia), so I'll skip the details and spend most of my space on something that you've perhaps never heard of and that I love.

The important things:

1. Pledge now if you haven't already
2. Read the proposed Bylaw changes and be prepared to vote on them and new Vestry members at the Annual Meeting
3. Annual Meeting on January 19, after one combined 9:00 service
4. Consider running for one of St. James's six delegate slots to Diocesan convention in April

Now here's my new message: St. James, as you all know, is SO BIG on charity, sharing with others and supporting good causes.

Here's a way you can support *multiple charities* every day in only a minute or two without depleting your pocket by a single cent. Go to www.GreaterGood.com. They have corporate sponsors that contribute funding in proportion to the number of clicks. Once you click at the 'parent' site, a grid comes up enabling you to click on eight more specific causes ranging from saving rain forest to providing mammograms to women unable to afford them to feeding shelter animals, and the list goes on. You really can click them all and go on about your day in less than two minutes (unless you get sidetracked to their store, which offers a wide variety of

goods and also contribute to the charities). And to make it all practically effortless, you can sign up to get a daily email reminding you to go click — on which there's a link to click — easy peezy. So I encourage you: Go forth and click!

Peace and Blessings,
Susan

Reminder: Ministry leads, please get your reports to wendy at wendy@stjamesutah.com by January 5th. Thank you!

Rector's Thoughts

I was a novice with the Franciscan religious order, living in a friary in rural Pennsylvania, a decade ago. On New Year's Eve, we were invited to a dinner at a convent of Polish nuns. The sisters showed the greatest hospitality, sharing traditional Polish dishes and music.



They shared a New Year's Eve tradition with us after dinner. Each of us was given a wafer, shipped from Poland, the size of a playing card and imprinted with an image of the Nativity. Each nun moved around the room to each of her sisters, saying, "For everything in the previous year that I have done to hurt or offend you, I ask your forgiveness." The other sister responded, "I forgive you," and then she broke off a piece of the wafer and ate it. She then repeated the ritual, asking the other sister for forgiveness.

The visiting novices and our novice director, Father Bernie, participated in the experience, too. One novitiate classmate and I were frequently at odds with each other and, when we went through this experience, all the strife of the previous year dissolved. It was remarkable.

I consider life in the parish and ask your forgiveness for anything I have done to hurt or offend you. Please let me know if you need a conversation about it.

I invite you to consider ways each of us may reach out to others with this question and move towards stronger and healthier relationships.

We've been together for over fifteen months and I'm continually aware of all the blessings that are present at St. James. Let's continue to discern where and what God is calling us to share in 2020.

Happy New Year's and God bless you.

Peace,

Father Christopher

P.S. A reminder that I'm glad to be connected with you on Facebook if you send me a friend request. I do not initiate that invitation since some people do not want to be connected to their clergy in that forum. Also, please email me if you want a more timely

response. Facebook messenger is the last place I check for messages. I'm looking forward to more connections in the parish in the coming year!



Youth Bake Sale & El Pollo Loco Event Fundraisers

Thanks to everyone who participated in the bake sale. The youth raised **\$1,692.71** towards a new energy efficient dishwasher. Styrofoam cups are bad for the environment and dumping them in the landfill isn't great either. The youth will continue to work to make St. James a good steward of the environment. Thank you everyone!

Our eat-out fundraiser raised just over \$200! That money goes toward improving our building. Easy fundraising for a fun night out with our friends and families! We will do it again soon.



January GAMES NIGHT!

January 17, 6 pm

Come enjoy a fun night of games and friendship with your fellow St. James parishioners. Our hosts this month are Ric & Nancy Tanner. Contact them for a list of food items to bring.

Ann Charat Art Exhibit

Show Dates:

Murray City Hall (5062 S. State) Jan 2-Feb 26
Murray City Library (166 E. 5300 S.) Feb 26-Apr 29



Ann Charat

"In every walk with Nature, one receives far more than he seeks."
- John Muir

I have been hiking Utah's trails since retiring here in 1996. A trail that I hike on Monday will not be the same on Thursday. The weather changes, a new wildflower blooms. Suddenly, there's an abundance of wildlife. I have learned to walk without expectations and let Nature be my guide.

Photography is my passion. I was born with a love of Nature. Many photographers have inspired and encouraged me. I am grateful.

I am originally from Connecticut. I have a degree in Physical Education and Health. I am honored to be a Murray Resident Artist. Thank you to Murray City and the Murray Arts Advisory Board.

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At Murray City Hall (5025 S. State)
January 2 - February 26

And at Murray City Library (166 E. 5300 S.)
February 26 - April 29



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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.

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

Sunday	Jan 5	8 & 10 am	Worship
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours
	Ministry reports due		
Monday	Jan 6	6:30 pm	Pastoral Care Committee-Office
Tuesday	Jan 7	8 am	Men's Coffee (Grumpies)-Common Rm
Wednesday	Jan 8	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target Cafe
		11 am	Staff Meeting-Rector's Office
		7 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	Delegate bios due.		
Saturday	Jan 11	12 noon	Food Bank Delivery & Restocking
Sunday	Jan 12	8 & 10 am	Worship
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours
		12:30 pm	Food Bank Distribution
Tuesday	Jan 14	8 am	Men's Coffee (Grumpies)-Common Rm
		5:30 pm	Finance Meeting-Office
Wednesday	Jan 15	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target Cafe
		7 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	Jan 17	6 pm	Games Night-Parish Hall

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:

624 Volunteers have unloaded, stocked shelves, and distributed food.
2,194 clients have gotten food for **8,581 people**.
197,860 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



May 2, 2020 is Spring Fling.
 Save the day on your calendar!

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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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.

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 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 on the newsletter!

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