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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

Photo: Ann Charat January 2020

January 10, 2020

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The dates for the 2020 Diocesan Convention are: Friday, April 24th and Saturday, April 25th. We don't have the official schedule yet but the first day is usually a full one from breakfast to dinner and the second day usually wraps up early to mid afternoon.



Vestry Corner



By Angela Micklos

Counting Blessings

I'm certain that we all have challenges of varying degrees in our lives, but recent world events have cemented for me how truly blessed I am. My heart aches as I watch news footage of the massive fires ravaging Australia, taking a deadly toll on humans and thousands of animals. Add to that the 6.4 magnitude earthquake that rocked poor Puerto Rico, a territory that is still suffering from the ravages of Hurricane Maria. Last, but certainly not least, the escalating tension and violence between the U.S. and Iran instills sadness, fear, and apprehension.

I find comfort in the fact that we recently celebrated the birth of our Lord, and we're now in Epiphany - - - a season of revelation that manifests the divinity of Jesus. He is indeed our Savior, and through him all things are possible. We need only discern and ask. I'm really looking forward to attending the Rooted in Jesus Conference the week after next, as I'm certain it will strengthen and sustain my faith and gratitude.

Please join me in praying for peace among all nations, and relief for Australia, Puerto Rico, and any other area being ravaged by Mother Nature. Take a few moments each day to reflect on and give thanks for the blessings in your lives, both small and large. A daily habit of prayer and gratitude is powerful, contagious, and can change the world.

Peace and Blessings,
[Angela](#)

Rector's Thoughts

Hello, Everyone.



St. James Pastoral Care Team met on Monday evening to pray for everyone on the prayer list and share who is making Eucharistic Visits to folks who are hospitalized or home-bound.

We had more Lay Eucharistic Visitors added in 2019 and we're moving forward on people getting visited on a regular basis. Our goal is to offer Holy Eucharist once a month to those who cannot come to church.

I think this is a good time to briefly share again with the parish about confidentiality and the limits of what we may share openly.

As clergy, I am a mandated reporter for situations where a person is a danger to themselves and others. The Pastoral Care Team will let Deacon Robert or me know if they are aware of these situations.

When we visit people, we ask what, if anything, they want shared with the parish. Many people are very open and don't mind sharing this information. However, sometimes people need to keep information to themselves that may impact their professional lives, because of how it is affecting family dynamics, or because they simply need space to process changes in private before sharing with a larger group.

If you ask me details about someone's medical condition, I will usually say that I don't know because I'm not at liberty to share another's story. If you're close to the person, you will probably know. If it's a matter of curiosity, I invite you to pause and consider if that is important for you to know.

Your prayers are always welcome and details are not needed for prayer to be effective.

Sometimes I overhear speculation about people's medical diagnosis. I don't participate in those conversations, in order to preserve their dignity and confidentiality.

I appreciate when parishioners express concern when they observe cognitive changes with another parishioner. This is a sensitive issue and needs to be responded to with compassion and always respecting the dignity of the person and what they want done.

I do not automatically contact their family members because I need to know who is trustworthy in the situation. The sad reality is that some people have been cheated out of finances and/or lost their home when unscrupulous family members preyed on their change in cognitive ability.

In respecting confidentiality and preserving dignity, there will be times that we do not share details about what is being done. The Pastoral Care Team will only share those details with the parishioner's permission.

If you have questions about any of this, please ask Deacon Robert, the Pastoral Care Team, or me.

Thank you for all the ways you support one another in the parish through your prayers and practical support.

Peace and blessings,

Father Christopher

Special Announcements

Please join us Sunday at 9 am as Michelle Flynn, interim Executive Director of The Road Home, will speak and answer questions in the Adult Sunday School class.

There will be no Sunday School on January 19th. There is one service at 9am followed immediately by the Annual Meeting.

Jerusalem

Pilgrims to Jerusalem will meet in Fr. Christopher's office on Sunday, January 19th, at noon following the Annual Meeting. We will begin discussing some logistical details, get to know one another, get an update on the current political situation in the Middle East, and receive some reading material.

There is still room to register. Two other parishes will be joining us.

This first meeting will be more detail-oriented and will be shared via email with those who cannot attend.

Other gatherings will be scheduled so we may Skype in those who live in other parts of the country and begin forming a pilgrimage community.



January GAMES NIGHT!

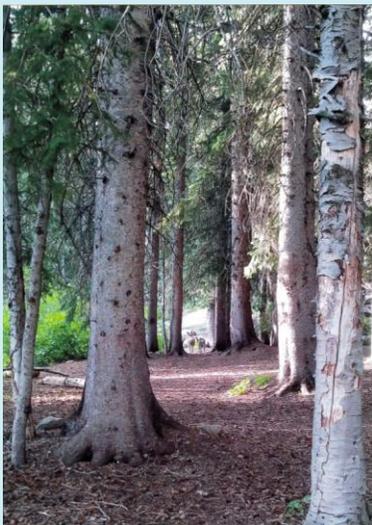
January 17, 6 pm

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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5025 S. State Street
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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.



The Weeks Ahead at St. James

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
Sunday	Jan 19	9 am	Worship (one service only) and the beginning of the Annual Meeting.
		10 am	Coffee Social
		10:15 am	Annual Meeting reconvenes in the Parish Hall
		12 pm	Jerusalem travelers meet in Fr. Christopher's office to begin discussing the Pilgrimage to Jerusalem.
Monday	Jan 20-25		Fr. Christopher gone to Conference (Office closed Thursday Jan 23)
Saturday	Jan 25	12 pm	Food Bank Delivery & Restocking

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.

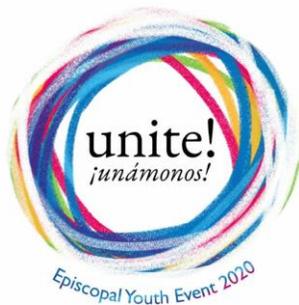
Spring May 14th through the 18th, Kodachrome.

Fall August 27th through the 31st., Moon Lake, group site B.



Around the Utah Diocese

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Special EYE (Episcopal Youth Event) Trip!

Dear Clergy, Youth Leaders and Parish Administrators,
We will be taking a group of young people to EYE (Episcopal Youth Event) which will be held at the University Campus of Maryland, July 7-11. If you know of youth currently in grades 9-12 that are interested in attending, they will need to fill out an application, which contains all of the details. The Diocese will help cover the cost of airfare and we will be fundraising to help cover registration costs.

The Winter Youth Retreat up at Camp Tuttle is February 1st-2nd for youth in grades 6-12. Please see the attached flyer, as well as the details listed below. If you could please post this flyer up at your parish, I would really appreciate it.
Our next Go Monday for youth in grades 6-12 will be January 13th at St. Mark's Cathedral.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.
Happy New Year!

Karen Gleeson
Youth Coordinator/Camp Liaison Cell 801-349-0336

You may pick up an application in the St. James office. Return it to the office by January 29. We will get all the applications to Karen Gleeson.

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!

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