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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 17, 2020

Reminder: Only one service this Sunday. Worship will be at 9 am and then the Annual Meeting will follow. There will be a nursery available for parents who want to stay for the Annual Meeting. Come one, come all!!!

Next week Fr. Christopher and some of the office staff will be out of town for the Rooted in Jesus Conference in Atlanta. The office will be closed on Monday for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and closed on Thursday for the convention.

I will be away from the office for the Rooted in Jesus conference and continuing education through January 28th.

Please contact the Rev. John Dillon for Anointing of the Sick or Archdeacon Robert Shoop or Postulant Nazanin for other pastoral needs through Breeze (the parish messaging system).

*Please contact St. James Junior Warden, Doug Sward, for other parish concerns.
He will contact me if necessary.*

May these days be blessed!

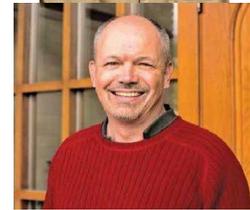
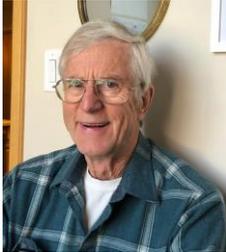
*Peace,
Fr. Christopher*

**[Click here to read about your
2020 Convention Delegate candidates!](#)**



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.

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



Vestry Elections

This Sunday at our annual meeting, we'll be electing new Vestry members. I'd like to highlight a few things for your consideration. Additionally, I've included the responsibilities and expectations that we previously published over a month ago when we announced the Vestry member openings.

As you know, the Vestry has the fiduciary responsibility to ensure the financial well-being of the parish. While this is a vital role, it is only one of many. Vestry members serve as liaisons to all parish ministries. It's critical that liaisons play a very active role between their assigned ministries and the Vestry as a whole to ensure that there is a consistent flow of communication. Without such, the Vestry is unable to determine if each ministry's needs are being met and if each ministry is staying within its allotted budget. This will be especially important moving forward, as Fr. Christopher and Mike Mitchell are serving on the Discernment and Nomination Committee for the 12th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Utah. Simply stated, we need a strong, committed, hardworking Vestry that will consistently communicate and follow through with assigned tasks in a timely manner.

You may wonder why I'm highlighting this need. I do so as a gentle reminder that Vestry elections should not be popularity contests. While it's human nature to support our friends, it's important to ensure that all of us who vote are looking out for the greater good - - - the welfare of St. James. We are one big family, which means there are a variety of roles people can play that help sustain the parish and each other.

We are fortunate to have Vestry candidates with a variety of skills and perspectives, including being long-term and newer members of the congregation. I humbly ask you to prayerfully consider those who are consistently dependable and follow through with their commitments.

Peace and Blessings,
Angela

Vestry Responsibilities

General Responsibilities for all Vestry Members.

Vestry members should strive to the best of their abilities to:

- Have a love of God and demonstrate a commitment to following the way of Christ and our Baptismal Covenant;
- Accept and strive to live into St. James Statement of Common Values;
- Be active in and knowledgeable about the congregation, its programs and governance, the Diocese of Utah, and The Episcopal Church;
- Be fair, interact well with people and strive to earn the respect of the members of the congregation;
 - Invite, listen to, and respect the parishioners' questions, suggestions, complaints and compliments. When appropriate, share these with the Rector, Staff and Vestry.
 - Maintain openness and integrity of the Congregation's business with all members, except when confidentiality is appropriate; then judiciously respect that confidentiality;
 - Have enthusiasm and vitality for this ministry.

Vestry members should be able to make the following time commitments:

- Vestry meetings: usually the third Tuesday each month
- Two Vestry Retreats per year, typically on a Saturday
- Additional Vestry meetings as may be scheduled for special circumstances
- Support of at least one or more parish committees or initiatives and attend related meetings and activities
- Regularly attend worship services
- Regularly attend congregational events: coffee hours, meals, fundraisers, adult education programs, etc.
- Annual Parish Meeting
- Diocesan meetings, as called upon

All vestry members are responsible to:

- Offer "time, talent, and treasure" to support the congregation's ministries;
 - Pledge financial support early in the stewardship campaign;
 - Maintain faithful stewardship of church finances, property, identity, and spending;
 - Rotating responsibility for weekly announcements and newcomer greeting;
 - Pray regularly for the rector, leaders, members, and life of the congregation;
 - Be an active minister of the Gospel in daily life and work;
 - Bring one's whole self to the table; being present – mind, body, and spirit;
 - Risk openness with one's ideas, beliefs, and spiritual journey.
 - Complete Diocesan Safe Church Training online. Requires approximately 5-8 hours to complete and is valid for five years.
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Vestry Corner



By Mike Mitchell

Acts 20:35

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the lord Jesus, how he himself said, "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Let me first state this is not an article asking for money. It is an article how we are looking to raise money in the new year by fundraising. Fundraising is a great way for individuals in the parish to raise money for specific projects or causes and needs. Rally around a single cause and help a particular need. Fundraising is a great way for all of us to connect with one another. Making this a social event for each of us in the congregation.

In a quotation from the Bible, "God told Moses to raise a contribution for the Tabernacle". Moses carefully received God's detailed instructions for the Tabernacle, then, in Exodus 35, he invited the people to give. And give they did. "Whose heart stirred him" (verse 21) brought contributions and the project was completed.

With those thoughts in mind, Petey McKnight (Vestry member and Chair of the Fundraising Committee) and her team, Barbara Lucas, Larry Lucas, Roger Bon, David James, Jinx Strout, and Frank Williams, have been hard at work. They have developed a very organized plan that details the fundraising events through 2020. Each event will have a lead person, the parish need it will support and the month the event will be held. Petey presented this plan to the Vestry. The Vestry approved it and, in my opinion, I don't think we have had a more thought out plan for fundraising.

The Spring Fling is our signature event in fundraising. As you are aware it also supports several charities. The outreach of this event is very important to the mission of our parish. But we also need events that are social for the congregation but supports the needs of St James. I believe this plan delivers that, is very well thought out, and one the congregation can support.

Rector's Thoughts

The Electing Convocation was called at the Episcopal Church Center on Saturday. Clergy voted for four candidates, out of five, and lay people voted for six candidates, out of eight, to be on the Discernment and Nomination Committee for the 12th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Utah. Mike Mitchell and I were elected. This commitment will average 10 hours/week for the coming 1 ½ years. I agreed to serve this committee, after consultation

with the Wardens, because I think it is important for St. James to share with the Diocese. I also think that, given the strengthened role of Vestry Liaisons, increased self-confidence in leadership within parish ministries, completing administrative needs, and having a stronger staff makes it possible to responsibly take on this commitment. The new bishop's consecration will be in October 2021.

Please say this prayer often:

Gracious God, we are grateful for all that You are and for all you have done through the Episcopal Diocese of Utah. We ask you now draw us closer to you and to each other as we engage in the search for our new bishop. Grant us discerning hearts which will fully trust in the guidance of your Holy Spirit. Bless the people of this diocese with your power and purpose and bless this holy work we do in your name to your glory. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Peace and blessings,

Father Christopher



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.



The flower chart is available in the Narthex, by the newcomer's table. Please write your name and if you would like a message to appear in the bulletin about your donation on the chart. A donation of at least \$25.00 can be left in the offering plate or sent to the church.

The Altar Guild thanks you for your donation.

Faith Day at Our Utah Capitol

Episcopal Day at the Capitol has been changed to Faith Day at the Capitol. We will join other faith based groups to learn more and advocate for legislation. That date is Thursday, January 30th from 10:00 AM to Noon. We are going to carpool from St. James, meeting from 9:00 to 9:15. Please meet us to arrange rides to the State Capitol.

In preparation for the Faith Day, we will have Representative Angela Romero coming to the Adult Class on Sunday, January 26th. Rep. Romero will share some of her bills and answer questions.

Any questions? Please contact Terry Palmer 801-518-1404

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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February 26 - April 29



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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

Sunday	Jan 19	9 am	Worship & Annual Meeting following
Mon-Tue	Jan 20-24		Fr. Christopher and Staff at conference
Monday	Jan 20		Office Closed for Holiday
Tuesday	Jan 21	8 am	Men's Coffee - "Grumpies" - Common Rm
Wednesday	Jan 22	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target Cafe
		7 pm	Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
Saturday	Jan 25	12 pm	Food Bank Delivery & Restock
Sunday	Jan 26	8 & 10 am	Worship-Morning Prayer
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours
		12:30 pm	Food Bank Distribution
Tuesday	Jan 28	8 am	Men's Coffee - "Grumpies" - Common Rm
Wednesday	Jan 29	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target Cafe
		7 pm	NO Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary

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!

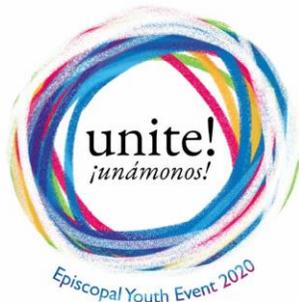
2020 St. James Camping Trips

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

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



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.

Hilltop Gospel Choir is an interfaith music group that is open to all. Rehearsals begin February 4 at 7:30 pm, and evening concert dates are May 3, 15 and 17. Hilltop United Methodist Church is located at 985 E 10600 S in Sandy. If interested, contact Roberta Shimensky (801.571.5777 x.3) or mail to:rshimensky@comcast.net.

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**