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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

February 14, 2020



Vestry Corner



By Doug Sward

I have the greatest of gratitude toward those members of St James who built what we have today. Not only a beautiful building, but a strong congregation base that has kept us moving forward over the years. To you I say Thank You!

As we are now well into the 21st century we are coming to realize that what worked for us as a congregation in the past is not necessarily what works now. Before as a generation of Boomers, if you built it, people came. This is not to short all of the hard work and effort from many that it took to build facilities and programs. There were many hands in the build and it was a marvel to be a small part of. To you I say Thank You! We would not be here without your efforts.

As seen by so many churches (not just Episcopal) in the USA and around the world, congregations are shrinking. Many churches are closing or merging with other churches to stay afloat.

There is considerable discussion that churches need to do more than say the words. Action is needed. We will always need the word. But without action, the word has little meaning. I see what we are doing with outreach through the Food Bank, our numerous charity fundraising events, our support of so many support groups, and just the numbers of members of our congregation that are directly or indirectly involved with charities such as: LLS, Small Cell Ovarian Cancer Foundation, Granite Education Foundation, Backyard Broadcast. I see action in motion here at St James. All this charity work is God's work. It's a beautiful thing. As information from the "Rooted in Jesus" conference flows out to the rest of us, we will need to discern what carries us forward as a 21st Century Church.

I for one hope that we can build upon what has been working to move us into the future.

Peace, Doug Sward

Rector's Thoughts

People have asked me about the impact my 2018 pilgrimage had. There are multiple blessings that continue. The Gospels came alive in a way I had not experienced previously. I have a deeper sense of how Jesus' life on Earth influences us today. I learned how different forms of the Christian path enrich us. I continue to experience prayer at a deeper level here in Utah after being in Jerusalem and the Holy Land.

I am looking forward to sharing the upcoming pilgrimage to Jerusalem with St. James parishioners, family members, and friends. Most of us are flying over around April 7th and flying back on the 21st.

It happens that we still have spots available for this pilgrimage. I believe you would have similar experiences and I'm eager to share. We are not always guaranteed opportunities so I think it's important to pay attention when the Holy Spirit nudges us to say yes. There is still space for you in this trip.



Please note that the registration deadline is a week away, **February 21**.
(Please speak with me before registering--this would allow two parishioners' registration refunds after having to cancel for health reasons.)

<https://www.saintgeorgescollegejerusalem.com/pilgrimage/f20-easters-in-jerusalem-east-and-west-april-10-april-20-2020/>

Our group is diverse, ranging in age from 30s to 70s, couples, and people traveling solo. Most are Episcopalian and our conversations will be broadened by two pilgrims coming from other spiritual traditions.

I'm aware that a few people wanted to be part of Bishop Scott's Holy Land pilgrimage in 2021. I learned from his assistant this week that those plans are canceled due to his upcoming retirement and that this will be communicated by the diocese soon.

Please ask me if you have any questions. I hope you are able to say yes!

I look forward to seeing many of you this Sunday.

Peace and blessings,

Father Christopher



Confirmation Class Schedule

***We will have two classes, both held in the rector's office on Sundays:
adults from 9 to 9:45 a.m. and youth from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.***

Sunday 8 March
Sunday 15 March
Sunday 22 March
Sunday 5 April
Sunday 3 May
Sunday 31 May
Sunday 7 June
Sunday 14 June

Sunday 21 June at 9 a.m. - Confirmation with Bishop Scott Hayashi

Rooted in Jesus 2020

By Wendy Ormsby (Parish Admin.)



I didn't know what to expect, going to the Rooted in Jesus conference in Atlanta. I came into it more academically--like an administrator--logistics, information, helping those coming from our parish, etc... Just stepping into the hotel lobby, the feeling was electric. So many people, so excited. The Utah delegation made up almost 10% of the total number at the convention. My favorite quote that Marlin Haws overheard in an elevator "Where one or two are gathered there will be a Utah in the midst". We were everywhere! Our Utah Diocese should be so proud of the representation of their Utah members. I saw such engagement and enthusiasm from our parishioners and clergy. It was heartwarming to see how much everyone wanted to learn and take back to their parishes.

I took classes on stewardship, social media engagement, and administration, to name a few. It was interesting to compare notes after a class--everyone got something different out of the same classes.

I guess the biggest take-away for me was seeing how sincere and earnest our St. James parishioners and clergy are about what they learn and want to bring back to our parish. They have such love for you members of St. James and they are constantly striving to improve their faith and service to each other. I did get some practical tips and ideas for doing my job better but more importantly, this trip to Atlanta renewed my purpose for working for you...to handle the daily details and workings of a church so that your hearts can stay rooted in your ministries that bless your parish and wider community.





Please join us this Sunday at 9:00 am for Adult Sunday School.

As always, there will be yummy treats!
#bethegospels



February Games Night!

Come for games, stay for food and friendship with your fellow St. James-ers!

When: **February 14**

Time: 6pm

Where: In the Parish Hall

Hosts: Chuck & Susan Furca

Pastoral Care Needs:

- If anyone has a scooter that they could loan or donate for a parishioner in need, please contact Wendy in the front office.
- Rides for occasional parishioner needs: groceries, medications, etc.
- A couple needs rides to and from their home in Riverton for 10 a.m. Sunday services.



Please contact the office if you may help. Thank you.

Thank you!

Parish Event!

When: **February 25**

Time: **11 am - 6:30 pm**

Where: **Teriyaki Grill**--7194 Union Park Avenue (in the Ft. Union Walmart parking lot, next to Jamba Juice)



You can support St. James just by heading into Teriyaki Grill for lunch or an early dinner!
All proceeds go to the fund to improve things (like our flooring) in our building.
Just click the link below, to the event invitation, and RSVP that you will be there. You can then show up anytime between 11 am and 6:30 pm on the day of the event. Just mention to them that you are here for St. James Episcopal Church. They will give us 20% of all purchases, during those hours. Tell your friends and family!

[Click here to RSVP](#)



F.Y.F.I.

(For Your Flower Information)

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.



The Weeks Ahead at St. James

Friday	Feb 14	6 pm	Games Night-Parish Hall
Sunday	Feb 16	8 & 10 am	Worship Services
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours
Tuesday	Feb 18	8 am	Men's Coffee -"Grumpies"- Common Rm
		6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting-Office
Wednesday	Feb 19	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target Cafe
		7 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	Feb 22	12 noon	Food Bank Delivery & Restocking
Sunday	Feb 23	8 & 10 am	Worship Services
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours
		12:30 pm	Food Bank Distribution
Tuesday	Feb 25	8 am	Men's Coffee -"Grumpies"- Common Rm
Wednesday	Feb 26	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target Cafe
		7 pm	Choir Rehearsal

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.



By Jim Palmer

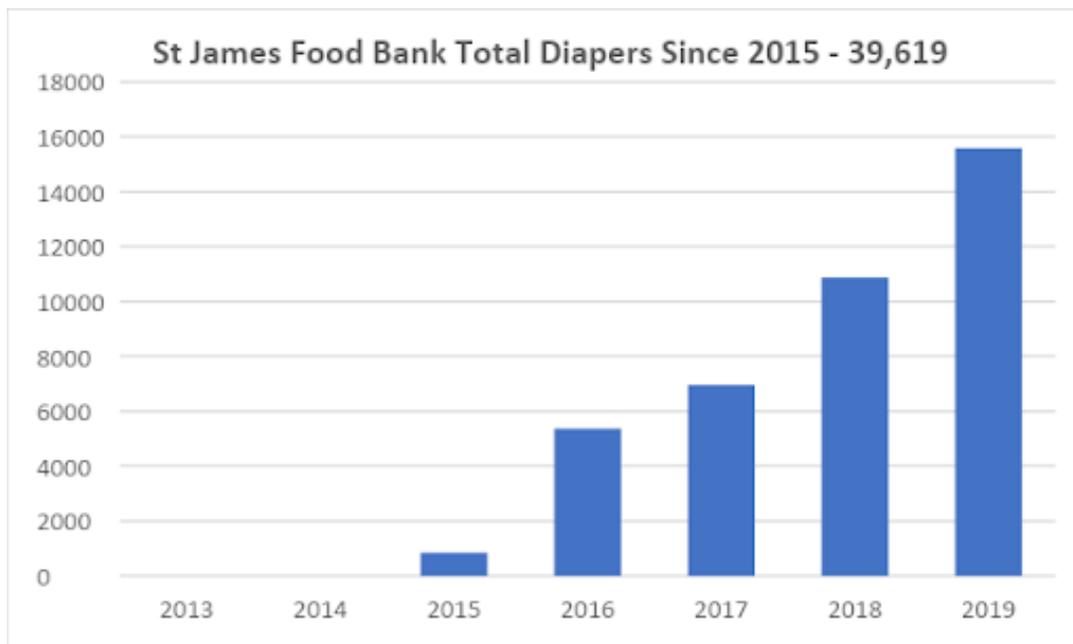
You may have noticed the big red diaper donation bin near the office door and wondered what it's for. Shocker: It is there to collect diapers!

St. James is a partner with the Utah Diaper Bank, a local charity that obtains diapers which it distributes for free through partners. The St. James Food Bank receives diapers from the Diaper Bank, which we distribute on food distribution days (the second and fourth Sundays of the month).

Poverty forces people to choose which things they can and can't afford. *Should I buy medication or baby formula, food, or diapers?* The St. James Food Bank helps people in need with a couple of those necessities: food and diapers.

Please consider donating diapers in the red bin or donating money directly to the Utah Diaper Bank at www.utahdiaperbank.org. They get about 2x the bang out of each diaper dollar because they purchase at a discount from the manufacturers.

Last year, St. James gave out **15,582 diapers**, worth over **\$3,000**, and helping over **625 children**. Since 2015, we've distributed almost **40,000 diapers!**





Year to date:

68 Volunteers have unloaded, stocked shelves, and distributed food.
204 clients have gotten food for **756 people**.
21,433 pounds 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.](#)

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**](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 on the newsletter!

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