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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

**March 13, 2020**

*This Sunday we will welcome Brent Severe from the Granite Education  
Foundation to present him with a check from St. James.  
This will happen in both the 8 am & 10 am services.*



Our sermon will be given by Jesse Parent, this Sunday. Jesse is well known in the Slam Poetry world for his performances and many awards and accolades. Some of his most famous pieces are **To the Boys Who May One Day Date My Daughter** and **The Parts of Her That Matter**.





## Vestry Corner

By Jinx Strout

First let me thank you for your support in electing me to the vestry. I will do my best to help and support you in this ministry. I accepted the position as the Silent Auction chairperson for the Spring Fling this year. The net proceeds from this event support 3 important charities that have special meaning to the people of St James.

It is a big responsibility and I was a little overwhelmed at first with the prospect of making this a success. As I was watching one of my favorite series, "Call The Midwife", I realized why I like this series so much. It has much in common with what we do at St James. The episode I was watching was about raising funds for much needed medical supplies in the Poplar neighborhood. If you are not familiar with the series, it takes place in a poor, working class neighborhood called Poplar, in London. The nuns, parish priest, midwives, doctor, and the community all work together to help those with medical needs, poverty, and abuse. In the end, they raise enough money by putting on a beautiful spring dance. Everyone contributed to the event however they could, finding dresses, donating food, and sponsoring a raffle. Sound familiar? I thought so.

This reminds me of how our community comes together, contributing gifts and talents, large and small, to help those in need. Please consider how you can help with Spring Fling this year, your gifts will be used to help those in need.

Jinx Strout

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## Pastoral Messages from Bishop Hayashi & Father Christopher Concerning COVID-1

Dear Parishioners & Friends of St. James ~



Information was shared about COVID-19 in last week's *Koinonia* and at Sunday services the past two weeks. The Wardens, staff, and I have been in extensive conversations and I sought guidance from clergy colleagues in three dioceses. This past Sunday, I shared an update and said that there would likely be changes by next Sunday.

Bishop Scott Hayashi shared the following with clergy of the Diocese yesterday afternoon and on his Facebook page. I will share how this impacts St. James after his statement.

Peace and blessings,  
Father Christopher

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Dear People of The Episcopal Diocese of Utah:

The news reports are grim. The combination of the spread of the Coronavirus - Covid-19 and the economic decline has caused a wave of anxiety to sweep the entire world. I am not immune from this nor would I pretend to not be concerned. It is important to take the recommended precautions of washing your hands, trying to not rub your nose and eyes, covering your mouth with your arm if you cough or sneeze and, as recommended by health authorities, to self quarantine if you know that you have been exposed to the virus.

It is also of utmost importance to not succumb to panic. If the virus continues to spread, and there is every indication that it will, then it is entirely possible that some of us will be infected. Please keep in mind that most people who contract Covid-19 will and do recover. Some people may never know that they have had it.

If someone you know contracts Covid-19 and must stay at home or be hospitalized then reach out to him or her and to members of his or her family. They may be self quarantined and need assistance in buying groceries, running errands, and be in need of fellowship and conversation. Talking and praying together on the telephone will bring much needed support to them if one cannot be physically present.

I will continue to make my visitations. This coming Sunday, I will be at St. Mary's in Provo. I will continue to do so because at a time like this I need Jesus to help me. And the place where I most find Jesus is in the hearts of the good people that I am privileged to serve as their bishop.

I will preach and celebrate the Holy Communion. I will refrain, however, from the use of the common cup. And, I am telling the clergy to stop the use of the common cup for the time being and to use hand sanitizer after the passing of The Peace to have their hands sanitized before touching the Host.

At this time, indeed at all times, remember what the Apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome: I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
(Romans 8:38-39)

Faithfully,  
The Rt. Rev. Scott B. Hayashi

Father Christopher here again.

Based on Bishop Hayashi's guidance, conversations with parish leadership, and best practices as we understand them today, the following precautions will occur at St. James. As I shared in previous communications, we want to be calm and cautious to keep our community safe.

- *Please stay home if you are not well* or think you may have been exposed. This is not an issue of each of us being tough, being almost over a cold, or being not that bad. This is about having care and concern for our fellow parishioners and friends who may have compromised immune systems or being high risk for illness.
- *Please do not shake hands at the Sign of Peace* during this time. Again, this is not about us but about caring for those who have vulnerable health.
- *Everyone serving at the altar will thoroughly wash their hands* prior to the service and use hand sanitizer before the Eucharistic Prayer. This has been our long-standing practice.
- *The Common Cup will not be shared* for now. The wine will be consecrated, as usual and, following Bishop Hayashi's instruction, I will consume it on behalf of our faith community, and then the cup will remain on the altar and not be consumed

by anyone else. We fully receive Holy Eucharist, in either form, so receiving the consecrated bread is complete.

- *Lay Eucharistic Visitors are being advised* about best practices and will only share Holy Eucharist in the form of the consecrated bread at this time.

I anticipate some *pastoral needs* in the event that COVID-19 personally impacts our community and I ask that you contact the office if you would be able to support parishioners with the following:

- Making phone calls to visit and pray with those who are sick or quarantined.
- Grocery shopping and picking up medications.
- Arranging transportation for doctor's appointments (not necessarily giving rides; this could also include arranging Lyft or Uber for someone).

Again, we want to be calm and cautious. Please remember to pray for those who are affected, for caregivers and medical providers, and for those who research prevention and a cure.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Wardens, Vestry, or me.  
Faithfully, in Christ,

Fr. Christopher

## **Rector's Thoughts---ADDENDUM:**

**Dear People of St. James ~**

**Clergy colleagues and I often remark about the things that we did not learn in seminary. We are in the midst of one of those times, as we seek the best knowledge and responsible actions for our parishes. The Wardens and I have been in communication several times a day and will continue to do so as needed. I appreciate your offers to help, for being willing to be flexible and adapt to changes, and for your prayers.**

**The Jerusalem Pilgrimage was canceled on Monday, which you may imagine was disappointing after planning since last April. We are making plans to reschedule in the future.**

**The pastoral response and guidelines for COVID-19, printed above and sent to you earlier this week, will continue to be adapted as needed. Here are some additions:**

- **The Sunday collection plate will be at the entrance to the sanctuary and will not be passed.**
- **I want to thank all the people who are being considerate of the entire community and choosing to stay away until they are fully healthy and not put others at risk. I invite you to use your best judgment about when to attend or not.**
- **The nursery remains open, for now, and is being disinfected on Saturday after one of the community groups uses it.**
- **Coffee social volunteers will use the non-latex gloves from the pantry when distributing food.**
- **Utah Food Bank shared guidelines that will be communicated to all volunteers.**

**God gave us reason and science so we are called to draw upon this as best as we can. Please continue to pray as we place our trust in Jesus and do the best we can for our community and our neighbors.**

**Peace and blessings,  
Father Christopher**

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## Notes from the



## Nominating/Search Committee

With Bishop Hayashi's announcement of his retirement in the fall of 2021, a Nominating/Search Committee has been elected to coordinate the process of calling our next bishop. Since going on retreat with our consultant, The Very Rev. Ron Clingenpeel, we have organized into subcommittees to start the search process and facilitate the work that needs to be done.

Our immediate focus has turned to two of the subcommittees:

**Listening/Focus Groups:** This committee will look for ways to gain your input on what you're looking for in our next Bishop. Through conducting a survey, meeting with the clergy, and holding a breakout session at Diocesan Convention, we hope to learn more about what's working well in the diocese, what challenges we face and what hopes you have for the future. We will be using an outside organization that is skilled in preparing surveys, which will be easy to access online or with paper copies.

**Profile:** The profile is a document to help potential candidates understand the diocese and what we are looking for in our next Bishop. It will include information from listening sessions, the history and a financial overview of the Diocese, as well as descriptions of diocesan and congregational ministries and our Mission Statement.

The Listening/Focus Group is in the process of developing a survey to ask for your input. The surveys will be sent to each of our parishes with directions for how all of you can access it. We need your input and hope you will take the time to participate in the survey.

Blessings and Peace,  
Mike Mitchell  
Nominating Committee

*Dear Utah Episcopalians--*

*"As we begin the process of searching for our next bishop, the Nominating Committee wants your input. So that as many of your voices can be heard as possible, we've contracted with Holy Cow! Consulting to create a survey designed to collect your feedback. The survey will be available online beginning on Thursday, March 19 and will close on Tuesday, April 14. It should only take about twenty minutes to complete and will be available in both English and Spanish, as well as a paper version for those who prefer that method. Thanks in advance for your help with this!"*

*The Rev. Michael Carney, Nominating Committee Chair*

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## **Homemade Hand Sanitizer**

Hand Sanitizer Ingredients:

- 2/3 c. rubbing alcohol (99% isopropyl alcohol)
- 1/3 c aloe vera gel



This will be thinner than gel sanitizers but works the same. Just remember to wet your hands with it and rub vigorously for at least 20 seconds. Decant the mixture into small pocket sized spray bottles or refill your empty hand sanitizer bottles.

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## **Confirmation Class Schedule**

Confirmation classes began last Sunday, in anticipation of Bishop Hayashi's visit on Father's Day, June 21st. The youth class will have two members and the adult class will have three members, with an additional adult being confirmed since she received preparation last year. *The Book of Common Prayer*, pp. 860, describes the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please let Fr. Christopher know if you are interested in being baptized, or have a young family member baptized. At this time, one adult, one child, and two infants are scheduled for baptism at the Bishop's Visitation. *The Book of Common Prayer*, pp. 858-859, describes the Sacrament of Baptism.

Reconciliation of a Penitent / Confession is always available by making the request to Fr. Christopher. This is a confidential and spiritually healing experience. *The Book of Common Prayer*, pp. 861, describes the Sacrament of Reconciliation of a Penitent.

***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

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## Rooted in Jesus 2020

*Due to needing to respond to current health concerns and the length of the newsletter already, we will publish the final installment, Fr. Christopher's piece on his Rooted In Jesus experience, next week.*

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### **FOOD BANK PLEA**

For over six years, St. James had been a Utah Food Bank Official Partner. It's a wonderful outreach ministry, and there are many ways that you can help. For those who've volunteered to stock shelves, set out chairs and tables, work with these precious children, and/or serve the hungry in some capacity, THANK YOU. This ministry is only as strong as we make it.



If you can help with stocking on designated Saturdays (the day before distribution from 12-@1:30), we warmly welcome your assistance! "Many hands make light work" (English Proverb, 1300's). It's also a great way to get to know other parishioners.

For those who enjoy gardening, St. James has a community garden on the north lawn. On delivery or distribution days, we can always use help in the mornings with collecting veggies and weeding.

If you can help with distribution, please consider volunteering the second and fourth Sundays of the month from 12:30-3:15 (OR a segment of that time frame). Wendy apologizes, but the church bulletin listed incorrect dates for the March food bank. Distribution is the **SECOND** Sunday of each month, which means ***we need help with stocking on Saturday, March 7th, and with distribution on Sunday, March 8th.***

Are you short on time or just want to provide more help? A great way to contribute is to **DONATE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD, DIAPERS, AND GROCERY BAGS.**

**St. James is in desperate need of more food bank volunteers!!** This is an incredibly rewarding ministry, so please come join us. On distribution days, we need help in various areas. (Please note: Positions and procedures subject to change.) Look below to see where YOU would like to volunteer:

- Set up chairs and tables at @11:30ish (Okay to set up when meetings, special occasions, and coffee chat end.)
- Serve as a kind registrar: obtain supplies, make announcements, review our procedures, distribute numbers/greet shoppers, and serve as registrar at the sign-in desk. (Arrive by 12:30.) Store sign-in sheets and numbers in the cabinet located in the food bank "store."
- Volunteer as the front desk hall monitor: Call for shoppers to sign in and line up in groups of ten, take numbers, and direct shoppers to available carts. (Arrive by 12:45 P.M. or arrange a different time frame.)
- Help with distributing items in the Parish Hall as needed.
- Play with shoppers' young children. We welcome donations of craft and art products.
- Volunteer as the exit door monitor. Help facilitate traffic flow and transfer of groceries from carts to wagons.
- Serve as the cart monitor/back room diaper distribution, etc.
- Volunteer to arrange and distribute fresh, frozen and other limited items in our "store."
- Load wagons with groceries.
- Help shoppers out to their vehicles (if over 18, please, for safety's sake) and bring back wagons.
- Volunteer to serve on the clean-up committee (2:45 to @3:15). Collect all art supplies and store them on the back room bookshelves. Disinfect tables and chairs. Store tables and chairs in their designated closet. Vacuum parish hall and food bank area itself.

We're serving @150 families on EACH distribution day. As you can see, we need 20+ volunteers, preferably more... Yes, you can just show up with a bright smile and a willing heart. (If able, please let Alec Parent know that you're coming at [alecparent@rocketmail.com](mailto:alecparent@rocketmail.com)

***Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.***

--1 John 3:18

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## 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.

Please contact the office if you can help.  
Thank you!



### 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	Mar 13	6 pm	Games Night-Hosts: Jean & Kevin Duffy
Sunday	Mar 15	8 & 10 am	Worship Services-Lent 3 <i>Special Slam Poetry Sermon by Jesse Parent</i>
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours
Tuesday	Mar 17	8 am	Men's Coffee -"Grumpies"- Common Rm
		6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting-Office
Wednesday	Mar 18	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target Cafe
		7 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	Mar 21	12 pm	Food Bank Delivery & Restocking
Sunday	Mar 22	8 & 10 am	Worship Services-Lent 4 <i>Special 12-Step Eucharist</i>
		9 & 11:15 am	Coffee Hours
Tuesday	Mar 24	8 am	Men's Coffee -"Grumpies"- Common Rm
Wednesday	Mar 25	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](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.*

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## We Need You!

More than 100 hungry people will put thousands of pounds of food into hundreds of boxes this Sunday at St James. You can help stock the shelves Saturday from 12:30-2pm and help people pack their boxes with food from 1-3pm Sunday. We hope to see you there!



## Our Food Bank--Year to date:

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

**476 clients** have gotten food for **1,845 people**.

**57,167 pounds of food** delivered to St. James for distribution!

Volunteers are always welcome!

(See Alec Parent for more details.)

It's a rewarding ministry to be a part of.

*St. James is an approved Utah Food Bank Partner*

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## Spring Fling Silent Auction Items Needed

This saying was in my fortune cookie last Friday night:

*"Life's greatest privilege is being able to help someone in need."*

You can help those in need by donating items to our Spring Fling Silent Auction, which will be held on **May 2, 2020**. Gift certificates for personal services, cooking baskets, and jewelry are some of the fun items that have been donated. Think about donating an item you have, like Aunt Martha's pearls you will never wear or that set of china collecting dust in the attic. Items should be in excellent condition. Items must be received no later than April 15, 2020. There are tax receipts available and donation letters if you receive a donation from a company. If you need more information please contact Jinx Strout **bbj63379@gmail.com** or 801.703.8229.

Thank you for your help and support of this event.

Jinx Strout

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## 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.



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### Around the Utah Diocese

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# GO MONDAY!

Youth Delegates for Convention, April 24-25th.

## SPRING RETREAT

**You are invited to join the youth of the Episcopal Diocese for a weekend of high-flying adventure!**

**When:** April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM – April 19<sup>th</sup> 2:00 PM

**Who:** Youth grades 6-12

**Where:** Pick-up @ St. James Episcopal Church 7486 Union Park Ave, Midvale, UT 84047

**Cost:** \$65/person (scholarships available upon request)

**What:** Participants will board vans **at 10:00 AM on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> at St. James Episcopal Church**. We will drive an hour south to the CLAS Ropes Course in Provo, UT. Following a picnic lunch\* at Utah State Lake State Park, we will spend the afternoon at the CLAS Adventure Park. That evening, participants and staff will continue the fun at St. Mary's Episcopal, where we will spend the night. After attending the church service at St. Mary's on Sunday morning we will return to **St. James Episcopal Church for pick-up at 2:00PM**.

*\*Participants will be responsible for bringing their own sack lunch to eat on Saturday afternoon. All other meals will be provided.*

Registrations found under "Spring Retreat" @ [camptuttle.org](http://camptuttle.org) or through Campsite software. Email all questions to [camptuttle@episcoal-ut.org](mailto:camptuttle@episcoal-ut.org)

### **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!**

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