



Straight Talk

A newsletter of life and ministries at St. James Episcopal Church

Dec 1, 2017

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ADVENT begins Sunday, Dec. 3. We begin the 'liturgical year' with a season of hope, peace, joy, & love as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas

(the First Coming of Christ) and we anticipate the "fullness of time" (the Second Coming of Christ.)

Here are a few Advent resources: [A quirky Advent calendar](#) [Intro to Advent](#)

[Advent in 2 Minutes](#) [Advent Word-a daily reflection during Advent](#)
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"Greening" of the church for Advent this Saturday, Dec. 2.

The Altar Guild will meet for breakfast at 8:30 am and the "greening" of the sanctuary will happen from 9 am - 11 am.



A \$2,000 check, proceeds from the pancake breakfast held Nov. 4th at St. James, will be presented to representatives of The 4th Street Clinic during 10 am worship services this Sunday, Dec. 2nd. *Bonus: We are giving this donation during a matching period...our check is really worth \$4,000!!!*



Search Committee

This Sunday, Dec. 3,
all former Junior & Senior Wardens
will meet in the

Common Room at 11:30.

Prayer for the search for our next Rector

*Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. James.
Be with us and lead us as we seek the next rector for our parish.
May our new spiritual leader be one who is an upright
and faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our
ministries.*

*We ask your direction and guidance for the Search Committee,
our vestry and wardens who shall choose candidates and our next rector.
Grant them perception, faithfulness and joy,
so that they may hear your voice in all their deliberations.*

*And, grant us all the desire and the ability to truly hear each other
and those to whom we have entrusted this process.*

Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us.

Come Holy Spirit.

We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord.



The Sally Bytheway Chorale Presents The Road Home Benefit Concert!



December 2, 7:30 pm

The phenomenal Sally Bytheway Chorale will perform at the Road Home Benefit Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 2nd at 7:30pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on the corner of 8600 South and 700 East in Sandy.

If you have seen them before you know they are talented. If you haven't seen them make sure you get a ticket this year! Tickets are available in the St. James office during the week or see David James on Sunday. All proceeds go to Utah's largest homeless shelter, The Road Home.

Bishop Hayashi On Church Safety



[Click here to read the interview Bishop Hayashi gave about his own brush with a gun at the age of 19.](#)



Mobile Food Pantry Outreach

There are more than 170,000 Utah students who qualify for free breakfast and lunch at school and 40,000 are in the Granite District. St. James is sponsoring a mobile pantry truck with a \$5,000 donation once again this year.

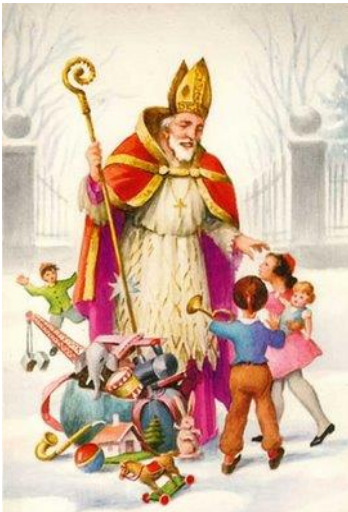
Come volunteer! It doesn't take long and is really fun!

Dec 4:
Douglas T Orchard in WVC

Dec 8:
Silver Hills WVC

We need 6-10 volunteers each of the afternoons, so if you want to put a group together with friends, family, or coworkers that would be a big help. There will be more dates available after the first of the year. If you are interested contact David James.

Note: Our own food pantry is open the 2nd & 3rd (instead of the 4th) weekends this month because of Christmas Eve. We can always use helping hands for restocking & distribution days!



Feast of St. Nicholas

Sunday, Dec. 10, during our 10 am worship we will have a visit from our own St. Nick who will remind us that this season of giving lasts all year long.

So children of all ages, join us to celebrate the joy and wonder of generosity.

Sub For Santa "Operation Chimney Drop" Will Help Head Start

Sub For Santa gifts must be at church by December 10, 2017, so they can be delivered that afternoon. Your gifts must be unwrapped and marked with the information from the tag you picked. If you have any questions, please contact Jinx



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Thank you to everyone at St. James for your generous support of this project!

Ice Skating Party for Jr/Sr High Youth

Come join us for ice skating under the Christmas lights at Gallivan Center Ice Skating Rink, 239 Main, Salt Lake City, Sunday, **December 10th** from 4 - 6 pm. Pizza will be served! Suggested \$5 donation.

Please let me know if you need a ride, I can help arrange a carpool from your church. Please contact Karen Gleeson at kgleeson@episcopal-ut.org,
801-322-4131



The Week Ahead at St. James

Dec 2	Saturday	8:30 am	Altar Guild Breakfast & Greening of the church
		7:30 pm	Sally Bytheway Concert-at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Dec 3	Sunday	8 & 10 am	Worship-Advent 1
		9 am	Church School & Teen & Adult Forum
		11:15 am	Coffee Hour
		11:30 pm	All Former Jr & Sr Wardens meeting-

Common Room

Dec 4	Monday	5:30 pm	EFM Group-Common Room
		7 pm	Pastoral Care Committee-Office
Dec 5	Tuesday	8 am	Men's Coffee-Common Room
Dec 6	Wednesday	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target
		7 pm	Search Committee-Office
Dec 7	Thursday	7 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Dec 9	Saturday	12 noon	Food Pantry Restocking- <i>Volunteers of all ages welcome!</i>

The Following Week

Dec 10	Sunday	8 & 10 am	Worship-Advent 2 St. Nick Celebration collection of gifts for "Sub for Santa"
		9 am	Church School & Teen Forum
		11:15 am	Coffee Hour
		1 pm	Food Pantry Distribution- <i>Volunteers Welcome (13+ ages)!</i>
Dec 11	Monday	5:30 pm	EFM Group - Common Room
Dec 12	Tuesday	8 am	Men's Coffee- Common Room
		5:30 pm	Finance Committee-Office
Dec 13	Wednesday	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target
		7 pm	Search Committee-Office
Dec 15	Friday	6 pm	Games Night for Adults-Hosts: The Motes & The Tanners
Dec 14	Thursday	7 pm	Choir Rehearsal

Dec 16

Saturday

Noon

Food Pantry Restocking- *Volunteers of all ages welcome!*



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