



# *Straight Talk*



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

Dec 8, 2017

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***Advent 2 - Perhaps you are struggling with an Advent 'spirit' - getting caught up in the 'season' of lists, purchases, crowds and traffic. But know there's an 'Advent Conspiracy' - a way to savor this time of year and have a most wonderful Christmas (and life).***

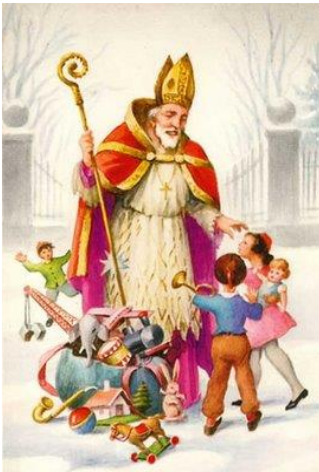
***Take a look: [Advent Conspiracy Journal](#)***

**Here are a few Advent resources:**

**[A quirky Advent calendar](#) [Intro to Advent](#)**

**Advent in 2 Minutes   Advent Word-a daily reflection during  
Advent  
Advent For Families**

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## **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.

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## **Search Committee**

### ***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.*

### **Report on Wardens Meeting:**

We had a fantastic meeting with former Senior and Junior Wardens of St. James (The Brain Trust). What a wealth of knowledge! We will be incorporating their information along with information gathered at the Town Hall Meetings into the Parish Profile. If you are a former Junior or Senior Warden at St. James and were not able to attend this meeting, please feel free to email Mike Mitchell at [mnmitchell123@msn.com](mailto:mnmitchell123@msn.com) , Search Committee Chair any comments, concerns or questions.

**Parish Profile Definition:** A Parish Profile is an instrument that provides important information concerning a parish, including information about the parish's services and programs, budget, parish life and goals, and previous clergy. The standardized form that is typically used for parish profiles is provided by the Church Deployment Office of the Episcopal Church Center. The preparation of the parish profile may be part of the congregation's work to clarify goals and needs in beginning the search process for a member of the clergy. The work of preparing the parish profile may involve parish meetings, small group discussions, questionnaires answered by parishioners, the leadership of the vestry and wardens, and possibly the help of a facilitator who guides the congregation through the process. The completed parish profile is made available to clergy who may be interested in a call to a position in the parish. The parish profile may be matched with personal profiles of clergy to identify potential candidates for a vacant position.

**St. James Parish Profile:** Our Parish Profile is the draft process. The members of the search committee have been working on their pieces which will come together in a full draft by December 13th. At that point we will have a meeting and go over the draft with The Rev. Cannon Mary June Nestler, Transition Minister for the Diocese. She will guide us in making sure we have not only the correct demographic information, but have presented ourselves honestly and openly. When we feel it is in final form it will go before the Vestry for approval.

**Publishing our St. James Parish Profile:** The Parish Profile will be posted on our website as well as be entered into the Episcopal Church database for matching to potential candidates. We are anticipating this will be during the first or second week of January.

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## 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 8:**  
Silver Hills WVC

We need 6-10 volunteers this Friday, Dec 8, 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!*

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

Sub For Santa gifts must be at church by this Sunday, 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 Strout [bbj63379@gmail.com](mailto:bbj63379@gmail.com) or Wendy Hutchinson [hutchinsonwendy@gmail.com](mailto:hutchinsonwendy@gmail.com)



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](mailto:kgleeson@episcopal-ut.org), 801-322-4131

## **Bake Sale!**

It is that time of year again! The Christmas Bake Sale is **Sunday, December 17th**. Please bake your favorite holiday treats and bring them to church...and bring your checkbook so you can buy something for yourself. If you want to exchange Christmas treats with friends and neighbors but you don't want to bake, this is a perfect opportunity! The Christmas Bake Sale benefits St James outreach efforts.



## ***We have good neighbors!*** **LDS Stake Donates Food to the St. James Pantry**

A group from our neighborhood LDS Stake made it a goal to collect many pounds of food for our St. James Food Pantry. They delivered it Monday night, Dec. 4. They were all smiles as they filled the food pantry

shelves with peanut butter, tuna fish, canned chicken, soups, and lots of veggies. They brought coats, hygiene products, and much more. They were amazed at the size of the pantry and impressed at the many hours of volunteer work the people of St. James put into this community resource. They loved the idea that they could come back and volunteer to unload and restock the food pantry on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month (December's calendar is different because of the holiday. We will have restocking on the 3rd Saturday/distribution on Sunday).

Rev. Terri met with the group and



thanked them for their gift.

## Annual Sally Bytheway Concert Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported the Sallybytheway Chorale's annual Christmas Concert to benefit The Road Home. It is a unique event. Episcopalians partner with a largely Mormon choir for a concert hosted by a Lutheran Church. Special thanks to Debbie Cheney from the Sallybytheway Choir who solicited five major donations totaling \$4,500 before the concert began. She does it to remember her brother, an artist who suffered through homelessness. He passed away just before the inaugural Sallybytheway Concert. Proceeds this year reached \$10,000!!! Please join us again next year!



## **Mexican Christmas Traditions-An Invitation**

You are cordially invited to Iglesia Episcopal de San Esteban, 4615 S 3200 W, West Valley City, to hear The Most Rev. Carlos Touché-Porter (Bishop Carlos), from our companion diocese in Mexico, talk about Mexican Christmas traditions.

Enjoy homemade tamales and a children's piñata following the presentation.

**DATE: Saturday, December 23, 2017**

**TIME: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**PLACE: Iglesia Episcopal de San Esteban  
4615 S 3200 W  
West Valley City UT 84119**

*RSVP: By Wednesday, December  
20th: sanesteban1@aol.com*



## The Week Ahead at St. James

Dec 9	Saturday	12 noon	Food Pantry Restocking
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
		11:30 pm	Food Pantry Distribution-Volunteers Welcome (13+ ages)!
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 14	Thursday	7 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Dec 15	Friday	6 pm	Games Night- Hosts: The Tanners & The Motes
Dec 16	Saturday	12 noon	Food Pantry Restocking

### **The Following Week**

Dec 17	Sunday	8 & 10 am	Worship-Advent 3
		9 am	Church School & Teens' Forum
		11:15 am	Coffee Hour
		1 pm	Food Pantry Distribution- <i>Volunteers, age 13+, Welcome!</i>
Dec 18	Monday	5:30 pm	EFM Group - Common Room
Dec 19	Tuesday	8 am	Men's Coffee- Common Room
		6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting-Office
Dec 20	Wednesday	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target
		7 pm	Search Committee-Office
Dec 21	Thursday	7 pm	Choir Rehearsal

### **Christmas Services**

**Sunday, Dec 24: Advent 4 - One morning service at 9 am**

**Christmas Eve - Family Service at 5 pm**

**Christmas Eve - Festive Eucharist, Hymn singing 10 pm; Worship at 10:30 pm**

**Monday, Dec 25: Christmas Day - One service at 9 am**

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**St. James Website**  
**National Episcopal Church Website**  
**Utah Episcopal Diocese Website**

**150th Anniversary Website**  
**Utah Diocese Newsletter**

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