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this lovely photo he took while hiking.*

Straight Talk

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

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Games Night for Adults

January 12th @ 6pm

Contact the hosts to see what snacks, dishes or munchies you can bring this fun night.

Hosts: John & Mary Dillon

Search Committee

We are pleased to announce that the Parish Profile is complete and uploaded to our website! The profile was a collaborative effort by our Search Committee team and then was approved by our Vestry, Diocesan Transition Minister, The Rev. Canon Mary June Nestler, and Bishop Scott Hayashi. As Rev. Terri put it, "Who wouldn't want to work here?" Be sure to take a look at it! www.stjamesutah.com.

What's Next?

The next step in the process is putting all the information (from the Profile and other more detailed information) into the national computer database which is accessible by all priests looking for a job (like a priest/parish dating website). Our parish profile, with great pictures and information, will be attached. Once that has been uploaded (within next couple of weeks), we are live with our search!

All applicants will go through the same process of applying online through the national website. At that point, they will be vetted by Canon

Mary June Nestler. She will send us only those who have been background checked and who are actually qualified for the Rector position at St. James.
Watch for more updates!

Your Vote Is So Valuable!

We are still looking for those willing to run for open Vestry positions. Self-nominations are welcome or you may nominate someone else with their permission. Let Rev. Terri, Debbie Matticks, Tom Harrison, Dave Klemm, or Angela Micklos know of your desire to serve. Your vote will be needed at the Annual Meeting for these fine people who put themselves out there to bless our St. James family. **Nominations due this Sunday, January 14th.**

And... others need your help in order to vote!

Utah Decides is a healthcare initiative hoping to be on the ballot for the upcoming Utah legislative session. We have a petition packet in the front office for you to sign, if you are so inclined. Inside the packet is more information on the initiative, if you have questions or need more insight.



Some highlights of the initiative:

Keeps eligibility requirements the same for Medicaid and CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) so these programs won't become more restrictive.

Expands individuals eligibility to use Medicaid

Eliminates putting caps on enrollments both Medicaid & CHIP

Keeps premiums, fees, and out-of-pocket expenses capped

Whether you are for or against the initiative, please help to get it on the docket for the legislature, so we all have a chance to vote. Adding your signature now just assures it will be able to be voted on this year. The Bishop (and Alan Ormsby of AARP, and married to the infamous, Wendy) will deliver the petitions to the legislature later this session.

Annual Meeting

January 28th following a single 9 am service.

Thank you to the committee chairs and volunteer leaders who have already turned in your reports. If you haven't turned yours in yet, please draft your year-end report and turn those in by **January 18th**, via email, to office@stjamesutah.com or wendy@stjamesutah.com.

Thank you!



Annual Meeting Potluck CALLING ALL SANDWICHES & COOKIES!!

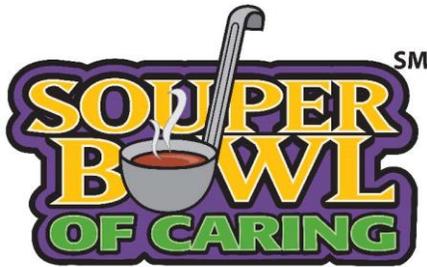
Have you had a peanut butter and jelly sandwich lately? Are you hankering for some Egg Salad? How about a basic turkey/ham and cheese? Heck even a lettuce wrap for the low carb group? We aren't fussy. White bread, brown bread, focaccia, croissants, your choice. What are Hydrox cookies? Macaroon or Macaron? Biscotti or Biscuit? Chocolate or peanut butter? Cowboy or monster? Any kind, any flavor - Homemade or purchased - Just bringing a little sweetness to the end of our luncheon. Please bring a DOZEN sandwiches and a DOZEN cookies of any kind to share with your St. James family for the Annual Meeting on **January 28, 2017, 10 AM.**



Chips, fruit, and drinks will be provided.

Small Group Dinners

Parishioners in the recently formed Small Group Dinners have had a lovely time at the get-togethers held so far. Now you'll have a chance to stick your toe in the water because we are starting the 2018 Small Group Dinners calendar. If you are interested for January, or beyond, contact Susan Furca at 801-557-6062 or email: slfurca@gmail.com.



Jan 21 - Feb 4

It's that time of year again! The Presiding Bishop has asked us to fast, pray, and act on behalf of the poor on the 21st of each month. The Souper Bowl of Caring has become an easy way for us to do that. Last year, with the help of a matching grant from the Diocese of Utah, we raised over \$40,000!!! Take that \$5 you would have spent on nachos for your Super Bowl party, or \$1 from each of your Super Bowl guests, and donate it to feed the poor. You can give your donations to the front office. Thank you!

Save the Date!

[Click here for more information.](#)

Or go to:

www.jlslc.org/loveheals/





It's that time of year again, when we start gearing up for our fabulous Spring Fling Dinner & Silent Auction. This year it will take place on **April 14th**, mark your calendars, save that date! You can start soliciting and bringing in donations for the silent auction.

We will have a meeting **this Sunday, January 14**, after the 10 am worship service, for those who'd like to volunteer for the event. We'll meet in the Common Room.

The week ahead at St. James

Sunday	Jan14	8 & 10 am	Worship: Epiphany 2
		9 am	Altar Guild Meeting-Common Rm Spring Fling volunteers meeting-Common Rm
		11:15 am	Coffee Hour
Monday	Jan 15	5:30 pm	EFM Group-Common Rm
Tuesday	Jan 16	8 am	Men's Coffee "Grumpies"- Common Rm
		6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting-Office
Wednesday	Jan 17	9 am	Women's Coffee @ Target Ft. Union
		7 pm	Search Committee-Office
Thursday	Jan 18	7 pm	Choir Rehearsal

The week following

Sunday	Jan 21	8 & 10 am	Worship: Epiphany 3
		9:05 & 11:15 am	Finance Forum
Monday	Jan 22	5:30 pm	EFM Group-Common Rm
Tuesday	Jan 23	8 am	Men's Coffee "Grumpies" -Common Rm
Wednesday	Jan 24	9 am	Women's Coffee @ Target Ft. Union
		7 pm	Search Committee-Office
Thursday	Jan 25	7 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	Jan 27	Noon	Food Pantry Restocking

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