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Straight Talk

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

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Annual Meeting

January 28th, this Sunday, following a single 9 am service.

[Click here to see Vestry Nominee Bios.](#)



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 **OR** 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.



Great News!
As a postlude to the 150th Anniversary Year (2017) we are pleased to announce that the diocese will provide matching funds for Souper Bowl of Caring 2018. (Jan 21 - Feb 4, 2018).

Matching funds, up to \$15,000 have been allocated through the 150th Task Force's resources.

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 \$45,000!!! 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!

Below is the program the youth shared in church two Sundays ago.

Ashton:

When I was in high school... the St James Youth Group went all in working on homeless issues and raising money and awareness for The Road Home, the VOA and the Youth Mentor Project. We set big goals during our Youth Sermons here at St. James and ultimately, we helped these organizations raise a million dollars, created long term supportive housing units in the community and it was an amazing experience. It helped form my relationship with God... Now I am back from college teaching Sunday and School and I want these students to have a similar experience.

Student #1:

The Presiding Bishop was elected at the National Convention here in Utah. Last spring he recorded a video you can watch online... asking people to fast and pray for the poor

on the 21st of each month because that is when they typically start running out of money. A couple months ago he issued a second video asking people to fast.... and pray.... and ACT on behalf of the poor.

Student #2:

What can we do as teenagers to answer the Presiding Bishop's request? We have busy schedules and with sports, dance, music and theatre we can't get together very often. We have settled on a million dollar project we can do together on Sunday morning's between 9 and 10 am.... that should satisfy Ashton and the Presiding Bishop.

Student #3:

No one in our group is old enough to remember a time when St James didn't participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring. Last year as part of the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Utah... many of our parishes participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring and the Diocese provided a match and we raised over \$40,000.

Student #4:

What if we took it nationwide.... There are more than six thousand parishes in the Episcopal Church ... If a third of the Episcopal parishes participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring and raise an average of \$500 we would raise a million dollars...

Student #5:

We have already written a letter to the Presiding Bishop explaining what we are planning and asking him to help. We haven't heard back YET! And with the help of Wendy Ormsby and the volunteers in the church office... we have sent letters to every church in our diocese and to the 166 Episcopal churches that participated last year and asked them to spread the word on the Souper Bowl of Caring. We did hear back already from a church in Rhode Island. They sent a postcard you can read in the church office.

Student #6:

Now we would like you to help. Think who you can contact this week. Call a former priest... or parishioner who has moved out of state. Call the priest or parishioners at a church you used to attend out of state. Do you have family and friends who live in another part of the country. Ask them to organize a Souper Bowl of Caring event in their church. All they have to do is make an announcement in church... collect donations as people leave... give 100% of the money/food they collect to fight hunger and poverty where they see it and then report the totals on line at www.tacklehunger.org so we can see the total grow.

Student #7:

Tom Harrison talked about stewardship a few weeks ago and used the butterfly analogy... A butterfly can flap it's wings in Africa and set off a chain of events that leads to a huge storm coming ashore in Florida. Well this is what it looks like when a butterfly flaps it's wings. We aren't going to raise a million dollars by ourselves. But we are flapping our wings. Now will you flap your wings... and will you encourage someone else to flap their wings.

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!

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Your Name Is So Valuable!

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.

We will be turning in the packets March 1, 2018.

Games Night for Adults
Feb 9 at 6:00 pm

Hosts: Kevin & Jean Duffy

**Bring a dish to share, a snack to
munch on.**



**Bishop Hayashi will visit our worship services Feb 11. Come hear
what that Bishop has to say to St. James!**

Camp Tuttle

Jr/Sr High Winter Retreat
(Grades 6-12)
February 24-25
at Camp Tuttle
From 9:00 am on Saturday
until 2:00 pm Sunday
Retreat cost is \$65*



Join us for some outdoor winter fun! Activity choices include:
snowshoeing, skiing, snowboarding or cross country skiing, and of
course sledding! For those who would like to go skiing or snowboarding,
the cost is an additional \$40 for a pass at Solitude Ski Resort. Cross

country skiing, snowshoeing and sledding are included in the retreat cost. Prior experience is required.
There will be a retreat shuttle available if you do not have a 4X4 vehicle, and would prefer not to drive up Big Cottonwood Canyon. Shuttle will be available upon request with limited space.
We will have plenty of hot cocoa and a warm fire to keep campers toasty!
On line registrations are now available at <https://eccu.wufoo.com/forms/z1ainav01ttadjj/>
*For questions, or scholarship inquiries, please contact Karen Gleeson, Youth Coordinator/Camp Liaison at kgleeson@episcopal-ut.org, or 801-322-4131

2018 Camp Tuttle Summer Schedule
Available on line www.camptuttle.org

Ulster Project--Peace For Northern Ireland



[Click here for a great article by Angela Micklos on the Ulster Project.](#)

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity (per teen) that shouldn't be missed. If you're a teen who'll be 14-16 years old in July 2017 (or a parent of one), you need to do this! **Applications are due February 28, 2018**, so don't delay. You may apply at <http://utahulsterproject.org/host-family-info/host-family->

application/. The website is full of information and pictures from prior projects.

Save the Date!

[Click here for more information.](#)

Or go to:

www.jlslc.org/loveheals/



The week ahead at St. James

Saturday	Jan 27	Noon	Food Bank Restocking
Sunday	Jan 28	9 am	Worship: Epiphany 4 Annual Meeting
		1 pm	Food Pantry Distribution
Monday	Jan 29	5:30 pm	EFM Group-Common Rm
		7 pm	Worship Committee-office
Tuesday	Jan 30	8 am	Men's Coffee "Grumpies"- Common Rm
Wednesday	Jan 31	9 am	Women's Coffee @ Target Ft. Union
		7 pm	Search Committee-Office

Thursday Feb 1 7 pm Choir Rehearsal

The week following

Sunday	Feb 4	8 & 10 am	Worship: Epiphany 5
		11:15 am	Coffee Hour
Monday	Feb 5	5:30 pm	EFM Group-Common Rm
		6:30 pm	Pastoral Care Team-office
Tuesday	Feb 6	8 am	Men's Coffee "Grumpies" -Common Rm
Wednesday	Feb 7	9 am	Women's Coffee @ Target Ft. Union
		7 pm	Search Committee-Office
Thursday	Feb 8	7 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	Feb 10	Noon	Food Bank Restocking

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