



Straight Talk

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

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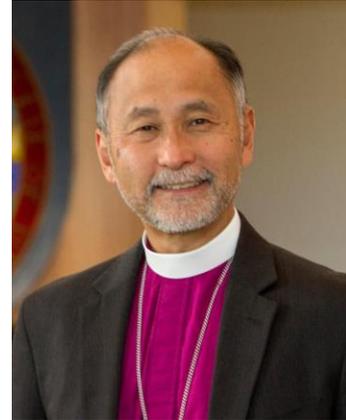


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A Visit From The Bishop

Bishop Hayashi will visit both worship services this Sunday, February 11.

This Sunday is also World Mission Sunday and the Last Sunday of Epiphany, a time when the church comes together to focus on the global impact of our call to "seek and serve Christ in all persons" (Baptismal Covenant, Book of Common Prayer, p. 305).



Click [here](#) for an interview about World Mission Sunday with Bishop Curry and more information about this special day.

Also, be sure to sign the petition on the office desk. We will be turning in that packet on March 1. We hope to get the healthcare ballot initiative on the docket for this year's legislative session. Bishop Hayashi has worked hard on this. Here's what he has to say about it:

"As you may know, I agreed to be one of five sponsors for the ballot initiative to expand Medicaid in Utah. After five years of working on this, only to be met with rejection by the Utah Legislature, Utah Decides Healthcare determined that the only way this would happen in Utah is by bypassing the legislature and going directly to the people.

Over the last five years Utah taxpayers have paid around \$3.5 billion dollars in taxes for the expansion of Medicaid. Unfortunately, because our legislature rejected the expansion of Medicaid, all of the funds that you and I have paid have gone to benefit people in other states.

You might ask, does my action violate the separation of church and state? I checked with the Chancellor on this and he determined that working on this issue was not a violation.

Adding an initiative on the ballot is not easy. The Utah Constitution makes it very difficult. The first step is the gathering of 113,000 signatures from registered voters.

I have sent packets to each congregation to help in this effort. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact your Clergy in Charge for more information.

You may also contact Monica Daly at mdaly@episcopal-ut.org with questions."

- The Rt. Rev. Scott B. Hayashi

Search Committee

The Search Committee for a new rector of St. James has now completed its preparation of the congregational Profile (www.stjamesutah.com) and the Office of Transition Ministry Portfolio, the "match" document used by the Episcopal Church's computer in New York to connect parishes and clergy who are looking for one another. Our diocesan Transition Minister, The Rev. Canon Mary June Nestler, has loaded both these documents to that computer and indicated that she is now ready to receive names of candidates for our rectorship.

Here are some important questions and answers to keep in mind:

1. How do we get names of clergy interested in our position?

A priest may submit his or her own name.

Any person on the planet may submit the name of a priest who the submitter believes may be a good candidate. (But the submitter should NOT speak first to the priest!)

The Episcopal Church computer may identify matches and send names.

2. To whom should the names go?

All names must go FIRST to the diocesan Transition Minister via email: mjnestler@episcopal-ut.org. They do NOT go to the Search Committee, vestry, or anyone else. Names are held in strict confidence.

3. Why do the names go to Canon Nestler first?

As Transition Minister, Canon Nestler follows the best practices of The Episcopal Church and makes an initial telephone call to her colleague in the suggested priest's diocese to conduct a "red flag check." During this initial conversation, important information is conveyed about a candidate's good standing and current employment. Any issues that would disqualify or potentially disqualify a candidate from continuing in our search are learned. This is why it is important not to speak to a priest you may be intending to suggest before you do so. Should there be any disqualifying issue, neither the suggesting person nor the priest will become aware of the initial contact.

4. What happens next?

The Search Committee has asked Canon Nestler to carry out significant vetting of candidates before any names and materials are given to the Search Committee. Only those clergy deemed to be a good potential

match for our congregation will be considered. Bishop Hayashi will also be involved in this vetting.

5. Until then, may names be submitted to Canon Nestler?

Names may be submitted until March 15th.

6. Will the Search Committee need to wait until March 15th to do any more work?

No, the SC may begin consideration of applications as they are given to them by Canon Nestler.

7. When will the congregation learn of the names of people in our rector search process?

The congregation will learn the name of the person who has been elected rector when the contract with that person is signed. The vestry will elect the new rector from among candidates given to them by the Search Committee. Members of the congregation will never learn the names of any other candidates, and the vestry must keep the names of the finalists in strict confidence before and after the election.

8. But this process isn't like the one I knew about in my former parish/former denomination. What's up with that?

This process is customary in The Episcopal Church. Because we are not congregational in nature, but rather have a vestry charged with making decisions instead of a full congregational vote, the process is accomplished in confidence for several reasons. First, the candidates' parishes may not yet know they are looking for a new position. Second, the vestry must devote significant time to getting to know the candidates and their materials, along with making calls of reference. Third, a trusting process is established when it is carried out among fewer people who have the opportunity for in-depth conversation. Fourth, the entire process is conducted in prayer and discernment on all sides. Finally, when the congregation learns only the name of the next rector, there is much less opportunity for it to be split among people who wanted this candidate or that one.

The vestry as well is charged to be fully supportive of the elected priest, giving that person the best possible beginning of a new ministry.

Further questions? Reach the Search Committee Chair Mike Mitchell at mnmitchell123@msn.com or Senior Warden Debbie Matticks at deborahmatticks@gmail.com.

Adult Forum During Lent

Ash Wednesday, Feb 14 - 12 noon & 7 pm - Imposition of Ashes and Communion. If you'd like to volunteer to help at Ash Wednesday services, contact Rev. Terri.



Click here for a [Resource for Ash Wednesday](#).

Starting **February 18**, Sunday 9:05 am
Feb. 21-Mar 21, we will meet for Adult Forum//Conversation about the daily readings from Luke and Acts.

Wednesdays, starting Feb. 21, Lenten Study @ 6:30 pm in the Common Room, to reflect on these readings and how they might impact our Lenten journey of self reflection and reconciliation.

The Good Book Club

All are invited to join us in a Lenten/Easter project - The Good Book Club. Please take a look at [Good Book Club](http://www.goodbookclub.org/) (http://www.goodbookclub.org/) and another source [Build Faith](https://www.buildfaith.org/good-book-club/) (https://www.buildfaith.org/good-book-club/). Beginning **Feb 11** for Lent and Easter seasons, the website provides daily readings from scripture. At St James we'll be reflecting and discussing these readings from Scripture on Sundays, beginning **Feb 18**, at 9:05 am and on Wed evenings, beginning Feb 21, at 6:30 pm. Here's online access to the daily readings:

[Forward Movement](https://www.forwardmovement.org/Products/2499/good-book-club-bible-study-for-lukeacts.aspx) (https://www.forwardmovement.org/Products/2499/good-book-club-bible-study-for-lukeacts.aspx)

There are also apps for Android and IOS.... App available on iOS and Android.

So join us...read the daily scripture selection...come Sundays and Wednesdays to reflect further on the Biblical texts and deepen your spiritual journey through Lent.

Games Night for Adults



**Games Night for Adults
Feb 9 at 6:00 pm**

Hosts: Kevin & Jean Duffy

**Bring a dish to share, a snack to munch on,
and enjoy fellowship with great people.
Contact the Duffys for more information.**



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

Camp Tuttle

**Jr/Sr High Winter Retreat
(Grades 6-12)
February 24-25**

**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



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" (as quoted by a teen) that shouldn't be missed. If you're a teen who'll be 14-16 years old in July 2018 (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 these Dates!

Love Heals

March 23

[Click here for more information.](#)
Or go to: www.jlslc.org/loveheals/



Spring Fling

April 14-*More details to come in future news.*

We are taking auction items now. Need ideas? A gift card to your favorite restaurant, spa, or store! Check with your go-to merchants...they just may donate a gift for auction!

You can bring items to the office now and we will store them til the big event.

(Don't leave items in the room next to the kitchen since we have 2 big outside groups that use that room for storage.)



Diocesan Convention 2018 Website Now Live

The website for convention can be found



at www.diocesanconvention2018.org.

All information and materials for convention can be found on the link above. Please note that there will not be a pre-convention meeting this year.

Registration forms and a full convention schedule are still in the works. However, you can visit the site to find location information and submit nominations for diocesan committees and offices.

St. James Annual Camping Trip!

We are planning to go to Moab the weekend of **May 18 -20**. Many are planning to go down on the 17th and return on the 21. We will be staying at Slickrock Campground. Everyone is required to make their own reservations. Reservations can be made at: <http://slickrockcampground.com/wp/> . If you go to the "Book by interactive map" once in the reservation section, you can book a specific site. We are currently clustered around sites 15 - 18 and 27-32. There will be a potluck dinner on Saturday Night. Many plan to attend St. Francis for church on Sunday Morning. There are full hook up sites, tent only sites, and cabins available. If you have any questions, please talk to Preston Motes or Robert Shoop.



The St. James Calendar

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Feb 10</i>	<i>Noon</i>	<i>Food Bank Restocking</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Feb 11</i>	<i>8 & 10 am</i>	<i>Worship-Bishop Hayashi visit- Last Sunday of Epiphany & World Mission Sunday</i>
		<i>11:15 am</i>	<i>Coffee Hour</i>
		<i>1 pm</i>	<i>Food Bank Distribution</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Feb 12</i>	<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>EFM Group - Common Rm</i>

<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Feb 13</i>	<i>8 am</i>	<i>Men's Coffee - Common Rm</i>
		<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>Finance Committee-Office</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Feb 14</i>	<i>12 N & 7 pm</i>	<i>ASH WEDNESDAY Services*</i>
		<i>7 pm</i>	<i>Search Committee-Office</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Feb 15</i>	<i>7 pm</i>	<i>Choir Rehearsal</i>

**The Following
Week**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Feb 18</i>	<i>8 & 10 am</i>	<i>Worship</i>
		<i>11:15 am</i>	<i>Coffee Hour</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Feb 19</i>	<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>EFM Group - Common Rm</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Feb 20</i>	<i>8 am</i>	<i>Men's Coffee - Common Rm</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Feb 21</i>	<i>9 am</i>	<i>Women's Coffee - Target Cafe - Ft Union</i>
		<i>7 pm</i>	<i>Search Committee-Office</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Feb 22</i>	<i>7 pm</i>	<i>Choir Rehearsal</i>

**Volunteers needed for Ash Wednesday services. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Rev. Terri.*



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