



Straight Talk

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It's Here Again! Spring Fling!

April 14th

The Spring Fling is our banner event of the year, used to raise thousands for worthy causes.



This will be the biggest, best, and most generous "Spring Fling" St James has ever had and you can help by buying a table and donating it to a charity or matching donor. Tickets are on sale now for "The Spring Fling" that will take place Saturday April 14th, at St James. The auction benefits three charities: **Backyard Broadcast, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the Small Cell Ovarian Cancer Foundation.**

We will celebrate all seven charities we support financially each year, including the **4th Street Clinic, the Granite Education Foundation's mobile food pantry, The Road Home, and the Volunteers of America.**

Once again we are inviting all seven charities to attend and for the first time we are inviting individuals and local businesses to match the \$2,500 the vestry has guaranteed each charity. We already have several matches! We would like the businesses and charities to attend as our guests and ticket money stays with St James and helps balance our budget. Please consider buying a table and donating it to one of the charities or businesses.

Start gathering your donations for the silent auction and bring them into the front office. Art work, your favorite restaurant gift card, a spa day, a weekend in Park City...the list of items is only limited by your imagination! Ask local businesses to sponsor tickets, food items, or other goods. If you have questions about how to do this, call the office at 801-566-1311, m-th 9 am - noon. Bring your items to the office and we will store them until the big day.

\$25, tables \$150. Please bring your donations to the office. The volunteer sign-up board has been posted so please sign up for your activity.



UTAH DECIDES HEALTHCARE

-Final Sunday to sign-

The time has come to turn in our packets for the ballot initiative. If you haven't signed to get the legislature to put this on the docket for this legislative session, pop into the office and you can sign at the front desk.

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



Exploring Solutions for Victims of Trafficking and Exploitation. Please join us on **March 23rd** for the Love Heals Forum-an important conversation on the issues surrounding human trafficking in Utah. Thistle Farms founder Rev. Becca Stevens, trauma informed care specialist Dr. Corey J. Rood, trafficking survivors, and Utah experts will discuss solutions and best practices to lift women out of trafficking, violence, and exploitation. Learn what we can do to empower these women to heal, find work, and become self-sustaining members of community. Tickets are \$25. If you need a sponsorship to the event please contact Terry Palmer 801-518-1404.

[Click here to register.](#)

On **March 22, 2018** at **6:30 PM**, St. James will host a special pot-luck dinner with Rev. Becca Stevens. Becca Stevens will talk to us about the importance of healing products. We will bring food with recipes that include healing ingredients. Wanda Lingo has recipes if needed. If you are not planning to attend the Love Heals Summit, we are asking for a suggested (not required) donation of \$20 for the pot-luck dinner. Please RSVP to the St. James office 801-566-1311 or email to office@stjamesutah.com.

Adult Forum During Lent

Sundays 9:05 am

Feb. 21-Mar 21, we will meet for

Adult Forum//Conversation about the daily readings from Luke and Acts.

Lent



Wednesdays, Lenten Study @ 6:30 pm in the Common Room, to reflect on the readings list from **Forward Movement** and how they might impact our Lenten journey of self reflection and reconciliation.

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/>)

At St James we'll be reflecting and discussing the readings from Scripture on Sundays, at 9:05 am and on Wed evenings, at 6:30 pm.

The daily readings are available at:

Forward

Movement (<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.

Other Lenten Resources:

Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John (<http://meetingjesusinjohn.org/>)

Lent Madness (<http://www.lentmadness.org/category/lent-madness-2018/>)

Games Night for Adults

March 9, 6 pm at St. James

Fun, Food, Friends!!

Our hosts this month are Chuck & Susan Furca.
Contact them for questions.



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.



**Register Now For Convention
Final Day To Register: March
2nd!**

**Delegates, Alternates, Vestry
Members, and anyone else who
wants to go.** At this link you can find
information about the hotel, too.



[Click here to register](http://www.episcopal-ut.org/registration-open-for-2018-diocesan-convention/)

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The week ahead at St. James

Sunday	March 4	8 & 10 am	Worship-Lent 3
		9:05 am	Christian Formation
Monday	March 5	5:30 pm	EFM Group-Common Rm
		6:30 pm	Pastoral Care Committee
Tuesday	March 6	8 am	Men's Coffee-Common Rm

		6:30 pm	Special Vestry Meeting-Office
		7 pm	Search Committee-Office
Wednesday	March 7	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target
		6:30 pm	Lenten Reflection & Compline
Thursday	March 8	7 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	March 9	6 pm	Games Night for Adults-Hosts: Susan & Chuck Furca
Saturday	March 10	Noon	Food Bank Restocking

A Look at the week following

Sunday	March 11	8 & 10 am	Worship-Lent 4
		12:45 pm	Food Pantry Distribution
Monday	March 12	5:30 pm	EFM Group-Common Rm
		6:30 pm	Pastoral Care Committee-Office
Tuesday	March 13	8 am	Men's Coffee-Common Rm
		7 pm	Search Committee-Office
Wednesday	March 14	9 am	Women's Coffee-Ft. Union Target
		6:30 pm	Lenten Reflection & Compline
Thursday	March 15	7 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	March 17	5:30 pm	Young Families Gathering-Parish Hall

Straight Talk is published each Friday.
If you'd like to place an announcement, send it to
wendy@stjamesutah.com by Wednesday NOON.

We appreciate any comments, input, and ideas!

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