

St. Jude's Announcements

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Financial promise forms are available in the pews, the Farmhouse Office, and the Narthex. Bring it to church or mail to the Office, or pledge online here: www.saintjudes.org/pledge-form. Thank you!

Chili Sale Fundraiser | Last Chance! Pick up your order today. Extras will be sold.

Community Forum | 9:15 am. Advent Poetry & Prose with Barbara Simmons, Susan von Kinsky, and LeMel Firestone-Palerm. They will share and discuss their own writings and those of contemporary poets and essayists as they relate to our Advent journey.

Make Christmas cards | Parish Hall after 10:30 services, display your artistic, or just autographing, abilities and help us make/sign Christmas cards for folks in jail who will receive no other. If you have Christmas cards you'll not otherwise be using, please bring them.

Bible Study | 3:00 pm, Fireside Room. Bring your Bible as we study Exodus with Bruce. Next date: Dec. 16.

Jazz Vespers | 5:00 pm with Mason Razavi & Friends. Theme: *Clinging to the divine thread of comfort & joy, Advent reflections through the Word, jazz and prayers.*

Angel Tree Gifts | Please pick up an angel tag for Santa Maria Urban Ministries (SMUM). Gifts can be placed unwrapped under the tree with angel attached. Gift cards can be put in the Farmhouse. Contact: Clergy or the Office if you have questions. Deadline is Dec. 9.

Sign up in the Parish Hall for Education for Ministry (EfM). Starting in January, the vestry is sponsoring an EfM group at St Jude's to encourage spiritual formation and will subsidize \$200 of the \$350 per year fee. EfM helps you encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with your experiences of life and faith. Class size is 6-10 people. Contact: Karen LeBlanc, kdctbadva@gmail.com

This Week: December 2—Dec. 8

Group Morning Prayer | Tuesdays, 9:15 am, at the Apricot Window. There are guided prayers to use any day, any time.

Taizé Prayer Service | Tuesdays, 6:30 pm. A quiet, candlelight service of prayer, songs and readings from the Taizé community to renew and refresh your spirit. All are welcome.

Community Forum | Dec. 9, 9:15 am. The Gospel of Luke & Lectionary Year C. Bruce Bramlett gives us background, themes and what differentiates the Gospel of Luke from the other Gospels in this forum.



The Next Six Weeks

Young Adult Holiday Potluck | Dec. 9. If you are 18-35ish years old, we invite you to join us for a festive, lighthearted holiday celebration potluck and games. Wren is hosting. For details and directions, contact: Laura Todd, laura.bryson88@gmail.com

Advent Taizé Prayer Service | Dec. 9, 5:00 pm. A quiet service of candlelight, silence, songs, readings and prayers.

Social Justice Outreach meeting | Dec. 10, 11:30 am, Fireside room. Help us make a difference beyond our walls!

The Lunch Bunch | Dec. 11, 11:30 am, Aqui, 10630 S. De Anza Blvd. Cupertino. Call Karen Leasure for more information at (408) 564-4959.

Community Forum | 9:15 am, Dec. 16, The Birth Narrative of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke, with Bruce Bramlett.

Bible Study | Dec. 16, 3:00 pm, Fireside Room.

Lessons & Carols | Dec. 16, 5:00 pm. There will be cookies and hot cocoa served in the Parish Hall afterwards.

Christmas Eve services, Dec. 24, 4:00 pm (interactive for all ages) and 10:00 pm (carols, festive music, sermon and Eucharist.)

Christmas Day service, Dec. 25 | 10:30 am, Holy Eucharist.

A service of Healing | Dec. 30, ONE service, 9:30 am

Amahl | Jan. 5 & 6, 7:00 pm. Make your plans to see this short tale of healing and pilgrimage on Epiphany Weekend. Tickets are available from Laura Green or the Farmhouse Office, \$10.00 each, children under 12, \$5.00 and a maximum of \$20.00 per family.

Epiphany Sunday | Jan. 6, 8:00 am & 10:30 am.

Bible Study | Jan. 6, 5:00 pm, Fireside Room with Bruce. Bring your Bible.

Baptisms offered | Jan. 13, 8:00 am & 10:30 am. Speak to clergy if you desire to be baptized.

Annual Meeting | Jan. 27, ONE youth-led service at 9:30 am followed by a potluck brunch, then the Annual Meeting with elections to the Vestry and convention delegates.

Advent liturgy notes: This advent our theme is 'Prepare the Way of Love.' We are linking our gospel readings each week to the curriculum of the larger Episcopal Church, from the program announced by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, 'The Way of Love'. This means we are using different gospels to the lectionary readings, all from Luke chapters 1 and 2. Bishop Mary Gary-Reeves has given us permission, as well as to use alternate liturgies produced by the Diocesan Liturgy Commission. The Eucharistic prayer during advent is from 'Celebrating Eucharist', by the Anglican Church in New Zealand. The advent blessing is from 'A New Zealand Prayer Book.'

Attention Men of St. Jude's | For security reasons, we are making a new email group. Please send an email to brockcarpenter@comcast.net and include your name and email, you will then receive an invitation. This Men's Group email is to support planning and attendance at St. Jude's events for men, 18 and up. This primarily means the annual Men's Getaway.

Get your expenses into the office now | Please get those reimbursement requests in now for church related expenses. For fastest action, follow these steps:

- Get a reimbursement form from the Reimbursement box in the Farmhouse
- Fill it in
- Attach receipts
- Get your Ministry Leader to sign it (if **you** are the Ministry Leader, get an Approver to sign it or email treasurer@saintjudes.org for instructions)
- Put the completed, approved form in the Office Manager's box.

Did you know? The reimbursement form is available from the website, look under "Forms".



Other Opportunities

Sunnyvale Singers Benefit Concerts | Dec. 1 & 9, 4:00 pm both days (different locations). Admission is free; a plate will be passed. Dec. 1, at First Presbyterian Church, 1667 Miramonte Ave. in Mountain View, benefits Mountain View Community Services Agency. Dec. 9, at Trinity United Methodist Church, 583 E. Fremont Avenue (at Manet), Sunnyvale, benefits Sunnyvale Community Services.

Kevin Richart's Sculpture Show | Dec. 7. Come out to celebrate Kevin's work at Salon Blu (489 S. Market St., San Jose), reception following.

Volunteers and part-time workers needed at Live Oak Adult Day Care | We run a busy day program 9:00 am to 3:00 pm with lunch, fun games, music and art for frail seniors. Pay is \$15/hr. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Ann Peterson, Program Director, at (408) 973-0905 or cupertinoliveoak@gmail.com.

Try Zoom Compline online | Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Join by going to zoomcompline@gmail.com. From the Santa Clara Deanery, Jani Wild and others.

Pastoral Care

Clergy Visit? In addition to offering urgent pastoral care, our clergy work with parishioners to arrange meals, rides and also enjoy visiting with parishioners at home, near their office, or another place of their choosing. If you would like a visit, meal or ride, please contact them directly or call the Office.

The holidays are here and they can be stressful. What can we do to help each other? In times of stress or emotional challenges, the best thing we can do for each other is to listen with our ears and our hearts, and that's what Stephen Ministers do. If you, or someone you know, would like to have a caring Stephen Minister listen and walk with you through this stressful time, call Judy Bailey, (650) 242-6965.

Fire Relief Donations

Episcopal Relief & Development is partnering with the Episcopal Dioceses of Los Angeles and Northern California to coordinate with local congregations to provide emergency support to those impacted by the wildfires in Northern and Southern California. Donations can be made online at [https:// bit.ly/2zSalAs](https://bit.ly/2zSalAs) (please inform Brock Carpenter for tally of our giving) or put checks in Sunday's offertory plate or Brock Carpenter's mailbox in the Farmhouse. Make checks out to Episcopal Relief & Development, "California Wildfire relief" in the memo. More information at [https:// bit.ly/2DGr4k6](https://bit.ly/2DGr4k6).

Upcoming Dates: 7-12 weeks out

March 5: Shrove Tuesday
March 6: Ash Wednesday

Thank

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Thank you! Jean Chandler and Steve Swayze!

Our Parish Hall carpets and the Fireside Room area rug have all been professionally cleaned and look amazing! Jean managed the process with quotes from cleaners and then she and Steve made sure the Parish Hall was emptied out and ready for Coit Cleaners. Just in time for our Advent and Christmas festivities. We will have a spot cleaner that can be used if you accidentally spill something.