

# St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Scott B. Hayashi, 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Utah

The Rev. Michael Carney, Vicar

Sunday Worship, Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM



## The Gift of Giving

Sometimes precious things can be taken for granted, like going to church on Sunday. Despite how important worship is, there are always reasons to stay home. We may have gotten too busy, or the roads may be covered with snow, or other activities may be more appealing.

It was startling to discover that, despite being more than a hundred years old, St. Elizabeth's has not always had weekly services. The isolation of Whiterocks made it hard to find priests, and if it weren't for the dedication of Ginny Chimburas (and many others), we might not be able to go to church here.

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Ginny attended St. Elizabeth's when she was growing up, until school took her away from Utah and the church. When she returned her sister Irene was holding things together in difficult circumstances. Pigeons had moved into the sanctuary, clergy were scarce, and membership dwindled. One week a visiting priest drove out from Salt Lake to lead worship in the old Whiterocks community center, but no one was there. He came up the street and celebrated Eucharist in Irene and Ginny's living room.

There were many other Sundays when a handful of people gathered for Morning Prayer, until things began to get better. Native Ministry partners from around the West and Washington, D.C. worked on the church building. Bishop Bates was supportive, insurance money from the old parish hall that burned down paid for remodeling, and a grant from the national Episcopal Church Women paid for a new roof.

Slowly more local people got involved, and their commitment helped St. Elizabeth's recover. For decades Ginny has served on the Altar Guild and Bishop's Committee, as a Lay Reader and Sunday School teacher. She's traveled to regional church conferences and statewide conventions. As Junior Warden she took care of the building and grounds as well as cleaning the church, and sometimes she also prepared refreshments on Sundays.



Ginny Chimburas at Arts-Kids

Today people in this area can go to church even if they don't do any work, but it wasn't always that way. The dedication of Ginny and the others who revived St. Elizabeth's is a gift for all of us. Now it's our turn to get involved and keep this good energy flowing. If every person serves as the Spirit inspires them, more people will be drawn to our church.

Ginny is finally retiring from her ministries, and she can see how much they've meant to her. She's made many friends, has grown in her faith, and feels the satisfaction of seeing St. Elizabeth's doing well. I want to thank her and all the other faithful ones, but most of all I want to help new people find the ways that God is calling you to serve. Who knows what blessings the future will bring?

*Michael*

## ARTS-KIDS and ARTS-TEENS

Arts-Kids & Arts-Teens are programs aimed at helping young people build self-esteem, express themselves, and set intentions. Each week a visiting artist introduces them to new creative processes and materials, and a team of local facilitators guides them through the meetings.



The kids enjoy making new friends, doing open-ended projects, and having dinner together. They gather in a circle to each week to check in about how they're doing and whether their intentions have been met. Arts-Kids and Arts-Teens are lots of fun, and they look forward to coming back the next week.



Our Winter series runs on Wednesday afternoons from January 18 through February 22, and in the Spring it will be from April 26 to May 31. The annual Summer Camp will take place in the second week of July. Thanks to our generous donors there is no fee for taking part. We welcome new volunteers to work with the kids or prepare the weekly meal. Speak with SueAnn Cottonuts or Rev. Michael if you'd like to help out.



## BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible study group is exploring one of the Bible's most interesting characters: King David of Israel. How did the shepherd boy become a mighty king? What did he do when he got into trouble? We're learning that good leaders listen to God before acting, and what the consequences are when that doesn't happen.

Everyone is welcome in this group, even if you've never read the Bible. We meet in the parish hall at 10:00 on Thursdays, and everyone has a good time. Please consider joining us!

*Michael*

## CONFIRMATION

When I was growing up in the Episcopal Church, the Confirmation classes were deadly boring. The Priest lectured us every Saturday morning, and it didn't seem like I learned anything. When I was ordained I hoped my classes would never be like that!



Preparing for Confirmation is meant to be a time for exploring our faith, which works best through group conversations and active ministry experiences. Every person makes contributions, and usually friendships grow stronger. The participants will receive a special blessing from Bishop Hayashi when he comes to St. Elizabeth's on Sunday, May 7.

If you're even a little curious about this, please speak with Rev. Michael. Anyone in middle school or older can take part, and you don't need to have been baptized first. Doesn't it sound good to grow in faith and make new friends along the way?

## St. Elizabeth's Mission Statement

Noochu (the people) of St. Elizabeth's welcome you to worship, share hospitality and grow in God's love to better serve the church and community.

St. Elizabeth's **Annual Meeting** will take place right after worship on Feb. 12, with refreshments afterwards. Learn about your church and how you can contribute to its growth.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Eirick Nilssen (2/4)  
 Julian Shavanaux (2/7)  
 Moonbeam Celeste Chimburas (2/14)  
 Chandler Pargeets (2/14)  
 Anniversary of Chet & Amic Ridley (2/14)  
 Alverna Copperfield (2/15)  
 Baldwin Duncan (2/15)  
 Russell Cornpeach (2/15)

Harley House Quinn (2/17)  
 Anniversary of Greg & Angelica Quinn (2/21)  
 Elizabeth Asay (2/22)  
 Carleen Kurip (2/24)  
 Sun Duncan (2/28)

*If someone's name is missing from this list, please let Rev. Michael know.*

## Server's Schedule

Thank you to everyone who makes our worship and fellowship possible by serving! Please let Rev. Michael know if you're not able to be there.

### February 5

<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Madeleine Martinez</u>
<u>Chalice Minister</u>	<u>Judy Pargeets</u>
<u>Reader</u>	<u>Eric Cotonuts</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Amanda Jacobs</u>
<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Carlida Sireech</u>

### February 12

<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Angelica Quinn</u>
<u>Chalice Minister</u>	<u>Greg Quinn</u>
<u>Reader</u>	<u>Darren Cuch</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>David Quinn</u>
<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Marsha Heron</u>
	<u>Maria and Essa Alanis</u>

### February 19

<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Chalice Minister</u>	<u>Marsha Heron</u>
<u>Reader</u>	<u>Kathleen Chegup</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Pepper Alanis</u>
	<u>T'silii Checora</u>
<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Melinda Wopsock</u>

### February 26

<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Chalice Minister</u>	<u>Pepper Alanis</u>
<u>Reader</u>	<u>Forrest Cuch</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>McCoy Bear</u>
<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>_____</u>

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