

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Scott B. Hayashi, 11th Bishop of Utah
The Rev. Michael Carney, Vicar



Sunday Worship, Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM

A Very Good Year

We don't often get (or take) time to reflect on the year that just passed. It's important to stay focused on the present moment, but seeing where we've been can help us to find our way forward. Looking back on 2018, it's clear that the Spirit has been at work in our midst and that we've been watching for guidance and inspiration. We have so much to be thankful for!

At the top of my list was watching the Bishop's Committee discover our call to serve the community and lead us toward doing more of that. The foundation is our work with children and youth. In the spring we celebrated the tenth anniversary of Arts-Kids and Arts-Teens, with even more young people getting involved in fun, creative activities. Thanks to our dedicated team of leaders and generous donors we're able to offer them a wonderful program in a warm family environment.

For the first time we hosted the statewide Spring Youth Retreat, welcoming dozens of young people and adult leaders to Whiterocks for a weekend in May. This fall our new Youth Group began



meeting under Becca Gardner's leadership, bringing the largest group to the Fall Retreat at Camp Tuttle. We also celebrated the Children's Offerings of Aveah and Caley Poowegup (which funded a series of outreach projects) and a number of joyful baptisms.

The Bishop's Committee saw Fellowship as a critical need both in the church and the wider community. We renewed our partnership with St. Luke's Episcopal Church with a rousing Pentecost service in Park City and a gathering at Forrest Cuch's ranch. Thanks to our leaders we brought back the traditional summer gathering of Basin Episcopalians with a worship service and picnic at Big



Springs, and we also invited the entire community to a Holiday Meal in November. It took the whole church working together to feed a hundred guests, but everyone had a good time and there was food left over.

Last year also found us promoting Healthy Living by offering support to people who were in recovery and by growing tomatoes, pumpkins and other veggies in our new raised planting beds. With the help of the Diocese of Utah we installed another new furnace and replaced a broken sidewalk. Amazingly we did all this while having a financial surplus, thanks to careful spending and the generosity of our members and of the Diocese.



Remembering all of this fills me with gratitude for the ways the Spirit is working with us and for our Bishop’s Committee. In my twenty years as a priest this is the best church board I’ve ever seen, and they’re just getting started. Hats off to Bishop’s Warden Forrest Cuch (the board chair) and to Kathleen Chegup, Becca Gardner and Pepper Alanis. All of them will continue serving in 2019, and we’re thankful that Linda Jacobs and Melanie Cesspooch will be joining them.

The high point of our Annual Meeting was a moving testimony offered by Forrest Cuch. He compared the brokenness of the world around us to the warmth and light he finds at St. Elizabeth’s. “We experience life together here from baptisms to burials, with all the

generations present," he said. "Everyone is welcome and plenty of hugs are shared. I know and trust the people here more than anywhere else in the world." I agree with Forrest—we are truly blessed. God is at work with us, and we're responding faithfully. It's been a very good year!

Michael



Arts-Kids and Arts-Teens

The Arts-Kids and Arts-Teens Winter series is going on now, every Wednesday afternoon through Feb. 27.

All young people ages 6 through 17



Winter Talk

Winter Talk is the annual gathering of Episcopal Native Ministries leaders from around the West, Midwest, Alaska and Hawaii. More than fifty people gathered at a conference center in Tacoma, Washington to check in with one another, learn about new developments in the national church, and deepen supportive relationships among people who are often isolated in their ministries. Leading the gathering was The Rev. Dr. Brad Hauff, who made such an effort to visit Whiterocks last June. Along with socializing and sharing information the group reflected on the impacts of Boarding Schools on our Native communities, hearing the personal stories of several of our members.



Here are some of the high points of the conference:

- Forrest Cuch took his place as a member of Brad's Advisory Council and gave a powerful talk about how well the Episcopal Church is adapting to changes in the world and honoring the calling of Native people to be spiritual caretakers of the Earth.
- A number of moving worship services took place, led by gifted musicians and liturgists in the group. Bishop Kito (a Maori leader from New Zealand) preached at the conference Eucharist, reminding us to be shaped by "the Power of Love, not the Love of Power."
- Michael led a breakout session on Regional Coalitions at which the group agreed to revive the Mountains and Deserts coalition which had once meant so much to the churches in our region. Native Episcopalians from Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Navajoland will meet in Salt Lake City this summer from June 17-20.
- Everyone agreed on the importance of working with our young people, who'll participate in this summer's Mountains and Deserts gathering. Michael talked about Arts-Kids and Arts-Teens, and the group heard about youth activities taking place in Navajoland.
 - Forrest and Michael brought water from Big Springs to place on the altar at the conference, and Reynelda James did the same with water from Pyramid Lake in Nevada. At the closing ceremony we exchanged water, so that we can carry the gift of that relationship home with us.



It was a blessing to spend time with such inspiring people and to know that St. Elizabeth's is an honored part of the group. It will be exciting to return to Winter Talk next year to continue building these relationships and hear how these exciting ministries are developing. The group expressed its deepest thanks to Brad for his leadership and to Presiding Bishop Michael Curry for his vision and support.

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January Birthdays & Anniversaries



Julian Shavanaux (7), Moonbeam Celeste Chimburas (14)

Chandler Pargeets (14), Aveah Poowegup (14)

Anniversary of Chet and Amic Ridley (15)

Alverna Copperfield (15), Baldwin Duncan (15)

Russell Cornpeach (15), Racy Curry (16), Harley House Quinn (17)

Anniversary of Greg and Angelica Quinn (21)

Carleen Kurip (24), Alexa Castillo (26)

Sun Duncan (28)



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