

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



Loaves and Fishes

The Sunday before Christmas was an exciting day at St. Elizabeth's, with our partners from St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Park City visiting. Despite snowy conditions and a very cold morning, a dozen people made the trip. Rev. Charles Robinson preached a fine sermon on forgiveness and we enjoyed worshipping together.

Afterwards we all pitched in to decorate the church and parish hall. Many hands made light work as people joined together to string lights, hang wreaths and garlands, and decorate trees. Before long the sanctuary was looking beautiful, all ready for Christmas, and everyone was ready to eat.

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Just before lunch the folks from Park City filled our Godly Play room with gifts for the children. From the photos on page 4 you can see how delighted the kids were to receive them on Christmas Eve! It was fun to watch them choosing and opening their packages, and adults were able to take the extra gifts to kids who weren't present that night.

While everyone was enjoying a delicious meal, our members began passing out gifts to the guests. This is a new tradition at St. Elizabeth's, but there were more visitors than the number of people who'd signed up to bring presents. The exchange started out slowly, but soon the gifts began to multiply.

Even after every visitor had received at least one, the gifts kept coming! Rev. Robinson knew of a large family which had lost their home in December, and he was able to take something for each of them.

The abundant generosity of that day went beyond Christmas presents. Spending time together, sharing in worship and decorating and building our friendships were the greatest gifts of all. We're so thankful for our friends from Park City and look forward to going tubing together in February.

Michael



Christmas Pageant

The account of Joseph and Mary's journey to Bethlehem in the Gospel of Luke is probably the world's best-known story. With the birth of Jesus a new light has come to shine in the darkness, raising the hopes of all of God's people.

On Christmas Eve we were blessed by a wonderful pageant, acting out and re-telling this story.



The Archangel (Maria Alanis) speaks to Mary (T'silii Checora), as narrators Pepper Alanis, Marsha Heron, and Greg Quinn look on.



Mary and Joseph (David Quinn) on their way to Bethlehem.



The Baby is laid in a manger.

We send our thanks to the young actors, the narrators, and the parents who helped out. Well done, everyone!

Thanks also to those of you who helped to make our Christmas celebration possible: decorating, preparing the altar and serving in worship, cooking and cleaning up. Your ministries are much appreciated.

Michael



A multitude of Angels (Vanessa Quinn, Issa and Maria Alanis, Mikala and Raven Cuch) proclaim the Good News to the Shepherds (James Quinn, Dream Us Blackhorse, and Latriel Sireech).

Christmas Gifts



T'silii Checora selected her gift carefully. She was delighted by the pink backpack and surprised by what she found inside.

All the kids enjoyed receiving presents!



THANK YOU to our friends and partners from Park City for making this gift exchange possible!

BIBLE STUDY

Marsha and I look forward to continuing our Bible Study group in January. We'll begin with one session completing our series on the Gospels, and then we'll agree on what comes next. One possibility is to explore one of the extended stories of the Old Testament.

This winter we're going to try holding Bible Study on Thursday mornings at 10:00, to avoid being on the same day as Arts-Kids. Hopefully that will work out well for people—remember, everyone is welcome.

Michael

ARTS-KIDS and ARTS-TEENS



We're looking forward to the beginning of a new year with these wonderful programs for young people. Our first six-week session of Arts-Kids and Arts-Teens will begin on Wednesday, January 18 at about 4:30 pm. Snacks and dinner

will be served, and each week a different artist will introduce the young people to media for creative self-expression.

One new element this year is that, because the front room of the trailer has been redecorated, the Arts-Teens group will hold their first talking circle there. It will be good for the youth to be able to meet separately to check in and talk together.

We're blessed by having a good team of facilitators, but more volunteers are always needed. There will be a sign-up list for people to cook dinner for the group—you might want to do that with a partner. Ingredients for the dinners can be charged at Davis Foods in either Roosevelt or Vernal. Let me know if you have any questions about how that works.

Michael

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.

January Schedule

After worship on January 8 we'll work together to take down the Christmas decorations and store them away for next year. Then on January 15 we'll have our monthly Community Meeting after refreshments. We'll talk about Christmas and make plans for the Annual Meeting. Please tell me if there's anything else you'd like to discuss at the meeting.

Michael

Birthdays

Jan. 4: Trini Littlegeorge	Jan. 23: Joylynn Hummingbird Duncan
Jan. 5: Irene Cuch	Jan. 24: Natlie Upchego LaRose
Gabrielle Manzanares	Jan. 29: Curtis Cuch
Jan. 8: Jane Thompsen	Jan. 30: J-Lin Mason Perauk
Ralph Serawop	Christalyn Serawop
Jan. 11: Teresa Bear	Beatrice Taveapont
Jan. 12: Sandra Asay	Jan. 31: Kayden Bentley Bear

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.

January 8

<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Angelica Quinn</u>
<u>Chalice Minister</u>	<u>Greg Quinn</u>
<u>Reader</u>	<u>Kathleen Chegup</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>David Quinn</u>
<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Melinda Wopsock</u>

January 15

<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Madeleine Martinez</u>
<u>Chalice Minister</u>	<u>Amic Ridley</u>
<u>Reader</u>	<u>Darren Cuch</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>McCoy Bear</u>

Refreshments Karissa Simmons

January 22

<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Karissa and Meri Simmons</u>
<u>Chalice Minister</u>	<u>Judy Pargeets</u>
<u>Reader</u>	<u>Forrest Cuch</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Mick Richman</u>
<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Marsha Heron</u>

January 29

<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Angelica Quinn</u>
<u>Chalice Minister</u>	<u>Marsha Heron</u>
<u>Reader</u>	<u>Merilyn Beacham</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Pepper Alanis</u>

Refreshments

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