

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



Unexpected Gifts

In his last conversation with his disciples, Jesus offered a heartfelt prayer for their unity. He had washed their feet, showing them that a Great One must be a servant to all, and he'd commanded them to love each other. Finally he prayed. "Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one as you and I are one." (*John 17:11*)

While it makes sense for the followers of Jesus to be unified, it often hasn't worked out that way. We have our own understandings of the Bible and local traditions differ. History records many conflicts and even wars between groups of people who called themselves Christians. I imagine Jesus watching all this with a heavy heart, sadly disappointed that his prayer has not yet been answered.

Recently I preached about "The West," seen by European immigrants as a place of unlimited opportunity. Land that seemed "wide open" was taken by homesteaders, ranchers and

miners, with no consideration for its original residents. On the contrary, Native people were betrayed by our leaders, forced onto reservations and often killed by either gunfire or disease. While my family members were latecomers to this region, our presence here gives me a sense of responsibility for the actions of the trailblazers.

Some European-Americans have a more personal connection with the westward movement. On Sunday, December 10 we received an extraordinary gift from Patty Christina Willis, a pastor in Salt Lake City descended from Utah's "pioneers." She knit into a beautiful prayer shawl her love for these mountains and the yearning in her heart for reconciliation.

"With this shawl I acknowledge the suffering that was caused by the white settlers among whom were my ancestors," she wrote. "I pray for reconciliation and

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For the parishioners of St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church
and Rev. Michael Carney

My name Patty comes from my great grandmother and her grandmother who came to the valley in a covered wagon in the 1840s. I have felt them with me as my heart yearns for reconciliation. The yarn from this shawl comes from many places---from alpacas in Maine to sheep in South Dakota. When I was knitting, I held my ancestor David Sessions (my great grandmother's grandfather) and his legacy of settling these lands that were already occupied by your people. I wove into this shawl his love of making rows to harvest that caused pain he could not understand and the mountains beloved of him and the Ute people, the sun that rises above us all, and the affirming beauty of the sunset. With this shawl I acknowledge the suffering that was caused by the white settlers among whom were my ancestors. I pray for reconciliation and affirm the survival of your people at great odds. May you be well. May you be whole. May God continue to shine on you as the sun.

In love and hope,

Patty Christiena Willis and South Valley

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Rev. Patty Willis

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Patty's letter was signed, "In love and hope," and when I met with her it was clear how deeply she feels called to this act of repentance. Later I realized that the gifts of her shawl and letter were a sacred trust given to the people of St. Elizabeth's. She hopes to explore possible connections between our two faith communities, one primarily white and ex-

Mormon, the other mostly Ute. Can the faith we share help us to get to know one another despite our differences?

This is a time for us to sit with this offering, grateful for all that went into giving it. Perhaps some of us would like to enter into conversation, listening to one another and sharing our own stories. I hope we can pray together for mutual respect and caring among all of God's children. And I offer heartfelt thanks to Patty for these generous and unexpected gifts.

Michael

Greening of the Church



We're thankful to our friends from Park City and all the congregation members who worked together to prepare the Sanctuary and Parish Hall for Christmas Eve. Many hands made quick work, and it was fun too!

Thank You for Your Christmas Donations!

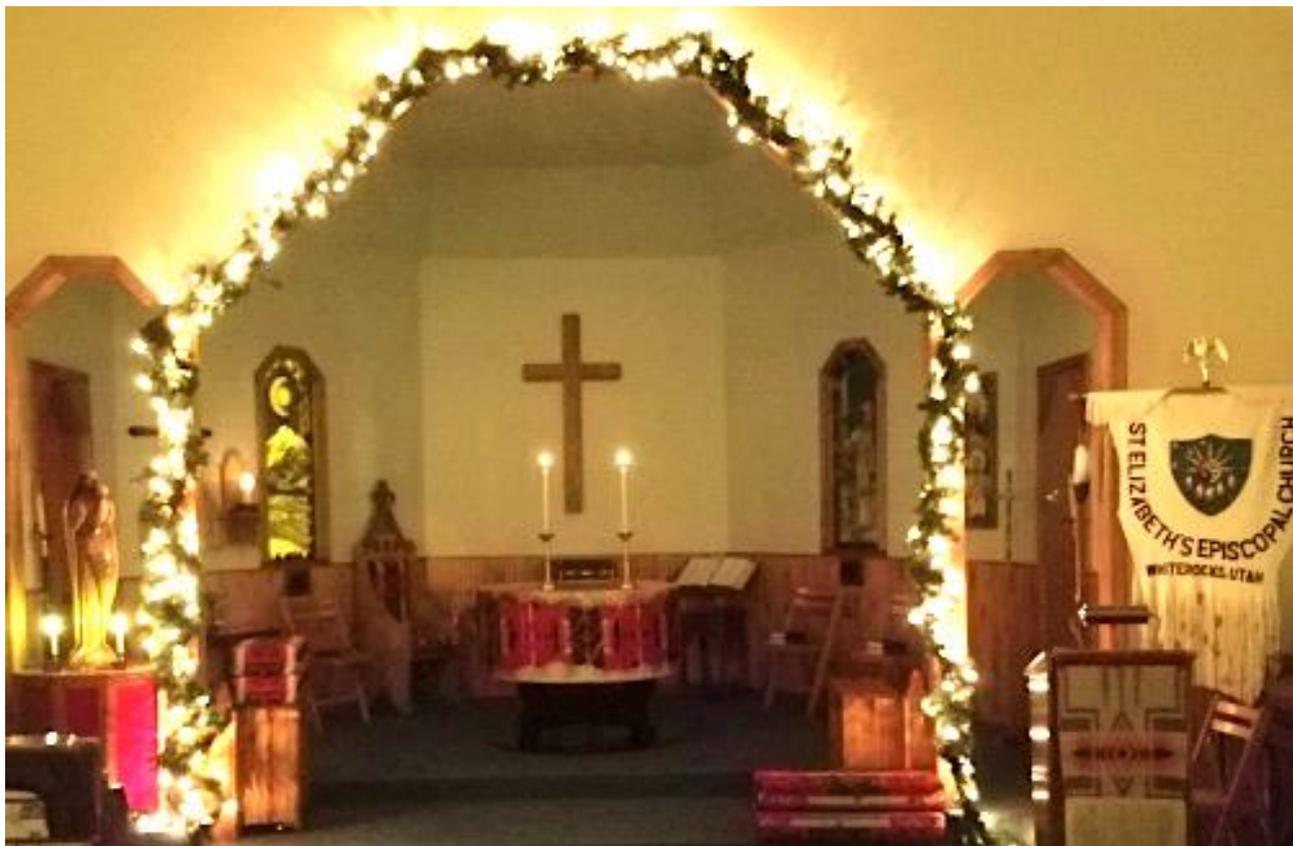
By Tom and Christy Seaver, in memory of Ken and Lois LaRose and sons;
Francis, K.C. and Ellis; and Josephine Secakuku
SueAnn Cottonuts, in memory of her mother Geraldine Cuch
Lucy Allen, in memory of Lillian and Howard Allen
Larry and Darrell Christensen, in memory of Al, Bud and Barry St. John
Barbara Salvia, in memory of Clarence Carney
Tamara Case, in honor of Doug Buchs

In thanksgiving

By Eugene and Kathleen Case
Douglas and Merrily Buchs
Wilbur and Charlotte Smith
Patsy Simoni
Kathy Carney



There's no other night in the church quite like Christmas Eve, with beautiful decorations and carol-singing by candlelight. We had a wonderful celebration with a lovely children's Pageant, refreshments and gifts afterwards.



Many thanks to the people who made this possible and to everyone who shared in the Christmas joy at St. Elizabeth's!

Arts-Kids & Arts-Teens

Winter Series Begins Soon

These wonderful and popular programs will be starting up again on Wednesday, February 7 at 4:15 pm. We look forward to creative art projects, physical games and good fellowship, with a hot, healthy dinner served at the end of each session. All young people ages 6-17 are invited to participate.

New registration forms will be needed from all the families, so please take a few minutes to fill one out. To get a form, arrange transportation or ask a question, please text or call SueAnn Cottonuts (823-2125) or Rev. Michael (823-1559).

Calling Local Artists!

We're always interested in expanding the scope of our projects, and we like to include traditional arts and crafts. If you might be interested, contact SueAnn or Michael at the numbers above.

Welcome Ted Hallisey!

Ted is the new Executive Director of the Arts-Kids organization in Park City. He has a Master's Degree in Education, has been a teacher from elementary through high school, and has had his own Cowboy Ted television program. He's worked in this part of Utah presenting Wellness programs for young people, and he's excited to visit our program. Ted brings a wealth of experience and energy to his new position, and we look forward to working together in the years to come!



Mark Your Calendar

St. Elizabeth's Annual Meeting will be held right after the worship service on **Sunday, January 21**. Don't miss this chance to get updates on the life of the church and to choose members to serve on our Bishop's Committee.

Tubing in Midway (near Heber City) is scheduled for **Saturday, February 10**, assuming there's enough snow by then. (It has to snow sometime, doesn't it?) Our friends from Park City will purchase the lift tickets, and we'll join them for lunch afterwards. Watch for announcements about this event.

This year Ash Wednesday will be on **February 14** (Valentine's Day), marking the beginning of the penitential season of Lent.

Easter will be celebrated April 1 (you know what day that is). Does someone in charge of the schedule have a sense of humor?



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.

Server's Schedule

JANUARY 7.....

<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Carleen Kurip</u>
<u>Chalice Minister</u>	<u>Riley Ridley</u>
<u>Reader</u>	<u>Kathleen Chegup</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Lovie Ridley</u>
<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Marsha Heron</u> & <u>Maria & Esea Alanis</u>

JANUARY 21.....

Annual Meeting right after the service

<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Angelica Quinn</u>
<u>Chalice Minister</u>	<u>Greg Quinn</u>
<u>Reader</u>	<u>Forrest Cuch</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Vanessa Quinn</u>
<u>Refreshments</u>	_____

JANUARY 14.....

<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Madeleine Martinez</u>
<u>Chalice Minister</u>	<u>Arick Cottons</u>
<u>Reader</u>	<u>Merilyn Beacham</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>McCoy Bear</u>
<u>Refreshments</u>	_____

JANUARY 28.....

<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Raycita Quinn</u>
<u>Chalice Minister</u>	<u>Pepper Alanis</u>
<u>Reader</u>	<u>Darren Cuch</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Russana Curry</u>
<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>potluck</u>

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.



Irene Cuch (5) Jane Thompsen (8) Teresa Bear (11)
Sandra Asay (12) Joylynn Hummingbird Duncan (23)
Natie Upcheho LaRose (24) Curtis Cuch (29)
J-Lin Mason Perauk (30) Evelyn Cuch (30) Kayden Bentley Bear (31)