

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

Arts-Kids & Arts-Teens Tenth Anniversary

Imagine all the art projects that could be carried out in ten years. All the snacks, playground games, Talking Circles and dinners. Half a generation of youth in Whiterocks have grown up with Arts-Kids. It all began with the research and program design of social worker Pat Sanger combined with the vision and determination of Rev. Sue Duffield. Together, along with Emmy Cesspooch and other leaders, they planted our Arts-Kids and Arts-Teens programs.

Dozens of facilitators, artists, classroom volunteers and cooks took part in the developing program, which has served many hundreds of young people over the years. Kids and teens have checked in (highs and lows), set intentions (have fun, be open and present, try something new), and responded to projects presented by an array of artists. From painting to collage to yoga to hoop dancing, the artists' specialties have stimulated creativity and invited self-expression.



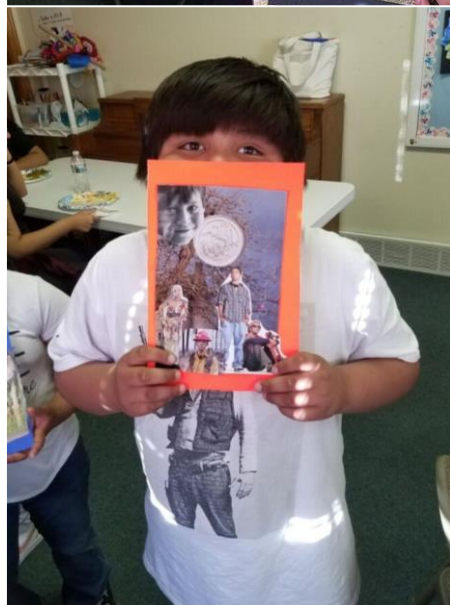
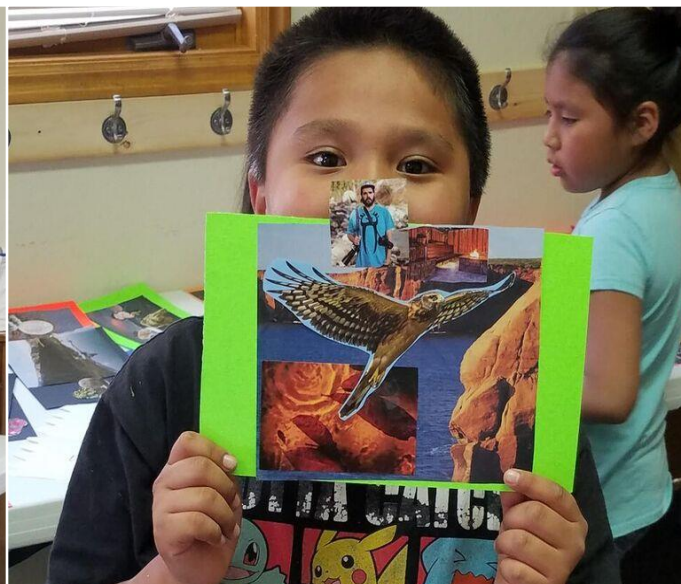
At the end of each session, the whole group (at least three generations) sits down together for a healthy meal, with to-go boxes for family members at home. Ten years of Arts-Kids and Arts-Teens have made an impact on the Whiterocks community. We celebrated last month with special artists, a family dinner and birthday cake, with new Arts-Kids Director "Cowboy Ted"

Hallisey and Facilitators SueAnn Cotonuts and Ginny Chimburas blowing out the candles.

Thank you to everyone who's helped to make these wonderful programs possible! Who knows what the next ten years will bring?

Michael





Pentecost in Park City

Why do we call the first Pentecost the Birthday of the Church? Fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus faithful God-seekers from many nations were gathered in Jerusalem. The Spirit descended on them like a wildfire, and amazing things began to happen.

First, despite the differences in their races and cultures, they could understand one another. The disciples were also filled with power to become witnesses to Jesus and carry out ministries previously out of their reach. They'd never seen themselves as healers or evangelists, but in the Spirit anything was possible.

In today's world those things would qualify as miracles. Mutual understanding is in short

supply, and few people seem to care about developing it. The church has come to depend on professional ministers "doing the work," often overlooking the potential of its Spirit-filled members. Every Pentecost raises the possibility of rebirth and renewal, and this year was special for St. Elizabeth's.

For the past ten years we've been developing a companion relationship with St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Park City. Every December their members have come to Whiterocks to help us decorate for Christmas. We've traveled to Park City as well, and recently St. Luke's made a generous donation to complete the fencing around our church yard.



Along the way there have been challenges in getting to know one another. Connecting with people from other races and cultures can be awkward for all involved, and the painful history of the "settlement" of the West still has an impact. Given all of that I asked my colleague and friend Charles Robinson from St. Luke's, "Why do you stay committed to this relationship?"

Charles' insightful answer came from his heart:

"Our people may lose touch with how comfortable and privileged they really are. It's a spiritual necessity for them to break out of this." St. Elizabeth's congregation was touched by the authenticity of his response, and more than twenty of us travelled to Park City for Pentecost. There was a large turnout from St. Luke's as well, and half a dozen people who heard about the event came from Vernal and Salt Lake City.

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We all gathered outside on a beautiful Sunday morning, with colorful streamers flying in the breeze. Darren Cuch of the Red Spirit Singers began the celebration with a traditional prayer and song. After we processed into the sanctuary Raycita Quinn led a group of children from Whiterocks and Park City in acting out the Ute Creation Story. A group of St. Luke's members read a moving poem in several languages, and Forrest Cuch shared a Native perspective on the Gospel. Melanie Cesspooch led the Prayers of the People, and after a sweetgrass blessing Pepper Alanis and I joined the other ministers in serving the bread and cup.



The local congregation provided a wonderful lunch, and most everyone stayed around for conversation. The gathering had a warm feeling, and St. Elizabeth's members agreed it was our most comfortable visit to Park City. The Spirit was strong that day and we left looking forward to seeing each other again. We hope to invite St. Luke's out to Whiterocks in August, and they've asked Forrest to make a presentation on Ute history in the fall. This was a Pentecost celebration to remember!

Michael

Save the Date!

Three-Church Worship Service and Picnic at Big Springs on Sunday morning, July 29. Bishop Hayashi will attend as well as members of Holy Spirit, Randlett and St. Paul's, Vernal. More details will follow...

A Poem, Untitled

In the eyes of God He sees vanity in me.
In the eyes of God He sees sanity in me.

All seeing God of mine,
Seen me before the beginning of time.

In the Heavens up above Spirit descending
like a dove, upon the Son who He loves.

Receive Him in which the state I'm in
Held captive in prison a slave to sin.

In Christ I'm the Lord's freedman
unraveled mystery truth set me free
peace I understand

They crucified pierced his side when He died
He returned cut my heart on the inside

Rejoice in tribulation and count my trouble
for joy
I'll rejoice in the Spirit count it to His glory.

~ Adam Twiss, May 2018

Bishop's Committee and the Business Committee

A few months ago our Bishop's Committee reached a milestone. We meet every month, starting with a prayer and reviewing the notes from our last meeting. We always discuss the church's finances and property, the major responsibilities of the Bishop's Committee. Those two areas often include a number of questions, and sometimes I ask for feedback and direction about an issue that's come up.

Usually that's plenty to fill up a two-hour meeting, but in March we finished more than half an hour early. Our finances and property were in good shape and there weren't any other pressing subjects. I'd been hoping that would happen and had a question ready to discuss: If we were going to do one more thing to serve the local community, what would it be?

It took the group a little while to get going, but we quickly saw there was no shortage of ideas. We first agreed that serving the young people is our highest priority, and that our Arts-Kids and Arts-Teens programs are the primary way we do that. But beyond that a number of possibilities were proposed:

- Fellowship activities for all ages, especially with the three Episcopal congregations in our area.
- Church-related children's programs, possibly including Vacation Bible School or Sunday School.
- More activities for teenagers.
- Promoting healthy living, possibly including nurse consultations, a vegetable garden or exercise programs for young people.

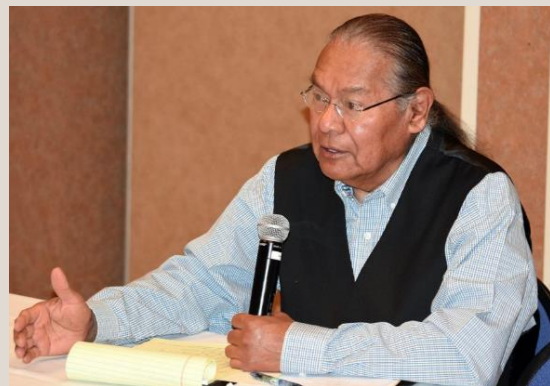
By the next month we'd begun to make progress in all those areas. We reached out to the Bishop's office and the other two Episcopal congregations, and they thanked us for taking the lead on a three-church worship service and picnic at Big Springs on Sunday, July 29. Bishop Hayashi will be attending, and we look forward to a wonderful time together.

Plans were already underway to host the Spring Retreat for Episcopal youth from around the state in early May, and we'll be taking our second Arts-Teens trip to Salt Lake City on July 23-26. We're interested in re-starting Sunday School or Vacation Bible School and decided to return to that subject later in the summer. Marsha and I are building raised beds to

grow vegetables in our front yard, and we want to invite others to join in. If people get interested in gardening, the B.C. agreed that there's plenty of space on the property to expand.

Along with making those plans and beginning to carry them out, we scheduled a meeting with the Tribe's Business Committee (the elected Tribal Council). The Bishop's Committee members were clear that they didn't want to discuss our religious services or ask for money, but simply to share with them what we're doing to serve the community. That turned out to be a great idea, and the members of the Business Committee were very appreciative.

Tribal Chairman Luke Duncan spoke about his experience of growing up in Whiterocks and how much it means to him to see our church so committed to service. Council member Ron Wopsock talked about the history of gardening in Whiterocks and drew a map showing us where land was set aside. Community President Greg Quinn (also a Bishop's Committee member) described projects that are being developed and ways the church can collaborate. At the end of our time all the Business Committee members warmly thanked us, and we were grateful we'd reached out to them.



Special thanks go to our Bishop's Committee members Forrest Cuch (Senior Warden), Kathleen Chegup (Clerk), Greg Quinn, Raycita Quinn, Becca Gardner and Pepper Alanis. Not only do they oversee our finances and property and give me feedback, but they have both the heart and the vision for serving the wider community. The Spirit is at work among us, and I'm proud to be serving alongside these fine people.

Michael

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Juleus Thunder Taveapont (1),
 Riahnno Benjamin Glen Tom (3),
 Emmy Cesspooch (4),
 Marley Sauter (5), Azra Twiss (7),
 Karissa Simmons (9),
 Lovie Ridley (9), McCoy Bear (10),
 Anferny Taveapont (15), Sue Duffield (19),
 Angelica Quinn (19), Russana Curry (20),
 Mick Richman (22), Terron Tapoof (23),
 Trey Taveapont (23),
 Anniversary of Sonny & Marilyn Beacham (26)

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversary of Carleen and Ed Kurip (1),
 Forrest Cuch (8), Esea Alanis (8),
 Reuban Cesspooch (12), Raycita Quinn (15),
 Darren Cuch (16), Ivana Lyn Nephi (18),
 Orlin Taveapont (19),
 Anniversary of Sandra & Alfred Asay (19),
 Greg Quinn (20), Sheri Taveapont (21),
 Anniversary of Bruce & Judy Pargeets (24),
 Florence LaRose (26), Anfernee Ray Black (27),
 Paris Ashley Quinn (27), Sapianze LaRose (31)
 Anniversary of Sapianze & Florence LaRose (31)



Thank you, Episcopal Diocese of Utah, for helping us replace our broken sidewalk before anyone fell on it! We're so thankful for your support and generosity.

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.

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