

# 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

## "Love One Another as I Have Loved You"

Recipe for a great weekend: gather thirty amazing teenagers, add ten adult leaders, travel out of your comfort zone to a place you've never been. Stir this mixture with fellowship and home cooking, games and music, community service and outdoor adventure, cultural encounters and worship. Add s'mores around the campfire and enjoy!

Welcome to the Spring Youth Retreat of the Episcopal Diocese of Utah, held for the first time at St. Elizabeth's in Whiterocks. Seven youth and three adults from the host church welcomed the visitors, who became friends as the weekend progressed. The large fenced yard

was a perfect playground for ball games, freeze tag, hide-and-go-seek and campfire songs. The hundred-year-old sanctuary, steeped in prayer and reflecting the community's Native roots, nurtured reflection and worship.

On Saturday morning the young people threw themselves into service projects, preparing garden beds, planting a tree, repairing picnic tables and assembling gift bags for teenagers at the Urban Indian Center in Salt Lake City. After hiking in the nearby red rock canyons everyone crashed for a while, reviving to share a delicious barbeque. That evening they were spellbound during a

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program by storyteller Larry Cesspooch, who introduced them to Ute culture including the Bear Dance.

After packing up on Sunday morning the young people joined the congregation for worship, singing together and helping to lead the prayers. They presented a skit on the day’s Gospel reading, Jesus’ words of farewell to his disciples: “Love one another as I have loved you.” After dramatizing the barriers to friendship in their daily lives, they shared moving reflections of the ways they’d experienced love that weekend. Finally one of the local elders spoke about what a delightful

surprise their presence was and how deeply he was moved by their spirit. What a wonderful blessing!

It was hard to say goodbye afterwards, but friendships in Christ can endure separations of time and distance. Thanks to the caring and devotion of Karen Gleeson and the adult leaders, there will be more opportunities to gather at summer camps, retreats and other events. We at St. Elizabeth’s were honored by the chance to host this weekend and look forward to more adventures in the future.

~ Michael



## Coffee Hour Art

At Bible study just before Marsha and I left for a weekend in Denver to attend a conference, Melanie Cesspooch said, “By the way, SueAnn and I decided to do an art project for adults after church this week.” I was thrilled—it sounded like great fun—and Marsha was sorry to miss it.

A bunch of people attended and enjoyed the process, so they repeated it the next week. After all our years of presenting the Arts-Kids program, I guess it was time for adults to have their chance. Seeing people of all ages gathered together making art is very special, and each of their creations is totally unique.

Thank you, Melanie, for making this possible! These programs will definitely continue in the future—we’ll figure out the schedule as we go.



## Diocesan Convention

On Friday, April 27 Michael & Marsha, Mick, Pepper, Forrest and I (Raycita Quinn) attended the Convention of the Diocese of Utah at St. Matthew's Church in Price. The theme was "With God We Can Change the World." After lunch and checking in we watched a video on the heritage of the church in Carbon County (which is available at [episcopal-ut.org](http://episcopal-ut.org)) and began to debate resolutions.

The most interesting one was about becoming a Sanctuary Diocese which offended some people at first and had to be tabled so better language could be worked out. The idea was to work alongside our friends, families and neighbors to ensure the dignity and human rights of all people, especially immigrants and their families. We agreed it's our Christian duty to welcome those who are in search of a better life, and Bishop Hayashi encouraged us to apply this resolution to the situations in our own communities.



There were a variety of workshops, including one we all attended (in different discussion groups) on Financing the Lord's Work. The resources of the Diocese for making grants to the congregations are more limited now, so we talked about how we can make up the difference. Many fundraising ideas were discussed, and it seemed like a Blessing of the Bikes or a Fundraising BBQ might be good in Whiterocks.

After that we all chose from nine workshops that were offered. I really liked the one on Evangelism: Sharing the Good News of God in Christ. The leaders said this is a spiritual practice and encouraged us to talk with people to learn more about their lives, let them know where we see God at work with them, and to ask Who is God's bearer for you? For me it was my grandmother, and thanks to her when I'm at my lowest I always know that God is with me.

That evening we all got together for a banquet, and we sat with the group from Park City. They're becoming friends to us and we enjoyed making plans to visit their church on Pentecost (May 20). We were ready for bed by then, and then next morning we all joined in a worship service and then a clergy photo was taken. We watched a video narrated by Craig Wirth on the celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Episcopal Church in Utah before finishing our business and commissioning new leaders. We gave special recognition to the Rev. Canon Mary June Nestler, who'll be leaving Utah to serve in Jerusalem as a teacher and archaeologist.

Our closing prayer really hit me and made me think. It was "We are in this time together, because God wanted us here," and I've realized I'm on my own faith journey. "And I love you all..."

~ Raycita Quinn

## Quilt Giveaway

Merilyn Beacham has a passion for making quilts. "I've got them on every bed in our house and hanging on the walls, more than we really need. So I just have to give some of them away."

What a surprise when she brought two of them to the parish hall after church at the end of April. Everyone "ooh'ed and ahh'ed" when we saw them, despite Merilyn's matter-of-fact descriptions. "Which one would you like to raffle off for Arts-Kids?" she asked. It was hard to decide but most of us agreed on a beautiful star quilt in light earth tones.

Then she picked up the other quilt and placed it in Madeleine Martinez' lap. "For you," she said, as all of us teared up. Madeleine had her heart set on that one from the beginning, but she was caught by surprise by Merilyn's generosity. You can see from their picture how much this meant to both of them.

Soon we'll start displaying the Arts-Kids quilt and selling raffle tickets to benefit this popular program. We're all touched by and grateful for Merilyn's generosity, an inspiring example for all of us. Thanks, Merilyn!!

~ Michael



## Arts-Kids & Arts-Teens

The Spring Series has been a big hit this year, with lots of young people attending and wonderful projects (as usual). Along with creating two more talking sticks, we've painted rocks, made Me Cards (personal collages) and created logos for our summer camp t-shirts. We particularly enjoyed working with champion hoop dancer and singer Charles Denny, who captivated the kids with his demonstration and then helped them try out the hoops. We're thankful for the use of the Whiterocks Community Center for large-group activities like this one.

As this newsletter is being printed we're preparing to celebrate our Tenth Anniversary of these popular programs. We're grateful to Pat Sanger and the Rev. Sue Duffield, founders of the program, and to everyone who's worked and volunteered through the



years. You've made such an impact on the community, and there's no doubt what a difference this is making in the lives of the children.

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Special thanks to all the parents, grandparents and other family members who’ve supported the young people in participating. And we’re very thankful to our leadership team: SueAnn Cotonuts, Classroom Coordinator; Ginny Chimburas, Angelica Quinn and Becca Gardner, Facilitators; Paul Adams, our Cook; Melanie Cesspooch, Darci Lira and Marsha Heron, classroom Volunteers; and my colleague Rev. Connie Gordon. You are all such a blessing!

~ Michael



Finding friends at the Spring Youth Retreat.

## Pentecost Celebration in Park City

For a number of years St. Elizabeth’s has had a partnership with St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Park City. They’ve visited Whiterocks every year just before Christmas to help us decorate our sanctuary, bringing presents for our children and receiving gifts from us. We’ve visited Park City on a number of occasions, including a Sunday last fall when Rev. Michael preached and two of our members served in worship.

St. Luke’s has expressed a desire to deepen this relationship in the hope of developing new friendships. They deeply regret the historical treatment of the Ute people and feel a need spiritually to go beyond the comforts of their community. As a step in this direction they’ve invited the people of St. Elizabeth’s to

participate in the May 20 Pentecost service at St. Luke’s. That celebration marks the coming of the Holy Spirit to the original disciples, empowering them for ministry and making it possible to understand one another despite their cultural differences.

That morning at 10:30 we’ll join in their worship service, presenting the Ute Creation story, offering special prayers, serving at the altar and preaching. Rev. Michael will be driving the church van to Park City that morning, so let him know if you’d like a ride. We hope that lots of our members will take advantage of this chance to develop friendships with these fellow Utah Episcopalians.

~ Michael

## May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Ginny Chimburas (7) | Caley Poowegup (11) | Kathleen Chegup (20)  
Lilah Shavanaux (21) | Ryu C.J. Bush (22) | Lelilah (Ossie) Duncan (22)  
Anniversary of Melvin and Nancy Redcap (26) | Adam Twiss (26)  
Anniversary of Jubenal and SueAnn Esquibel (27)  
Anniversary of Angela and Dale Shavanaux (27)



### 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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