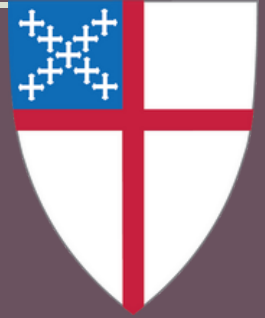


ST ELIZABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP, HOLY EUCHARIST 10:00 AM



Celebrating Bishop Hayashi

The last time the Diocese of Utah conducted a bishop search was in 2010. Rev. Scott Hayashi was one of the candidates, familiar to some people from his time as Rector of the church in Ogden. Twenty years had gone by, however, so he was returning to Utah with fresh eyes.



While touring the diocese before the election, he was asked what he knew about ministry with Native people. "Not much," he said, "but if I'm elected I'll need to learn more." True to his word, Bishop-elect Hayashi travelled to Whiterocks before he was consecrated. He was introduced to Clifford Duncan, a traditional religious leader and also a member of St. Elizabeth's. Clifford became an important mentor and friend, widening the bishop's spiritual horizons and introducing him to the sweat lodge.

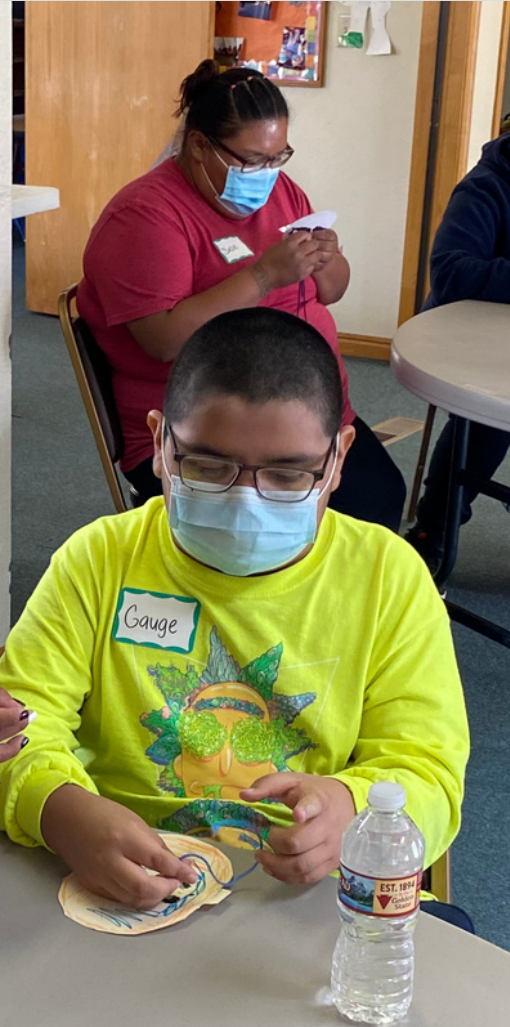
Not to minimize the ministries of his predecessors, but Bishop Hayashi has a special place in our hearts. His presence with us is authentic and caring. His preaching is heartfelt and passionate, drawing from his family's experiences of racism to connect more deeply with our community. He's equally comfortable chatting with the elders after worship or dishing up food for our Holiday Meal or playing his guitar with Adam Twiss.

Best of all, he's been a constant source of encouragement as we seek to live out the Gospel faithfully in this place. He wants to know our pastoral concerns, praying for our members and making hospital visits. At an outdoor service here on a beautiful day last month, he preached about the Gospel's call to let go of our attachments, opening our hearts to be led in new directions by the Spirit. Everyone agrees that he'll be dearly missed when he retires next year, but it's also clear that he'll always be one with us.

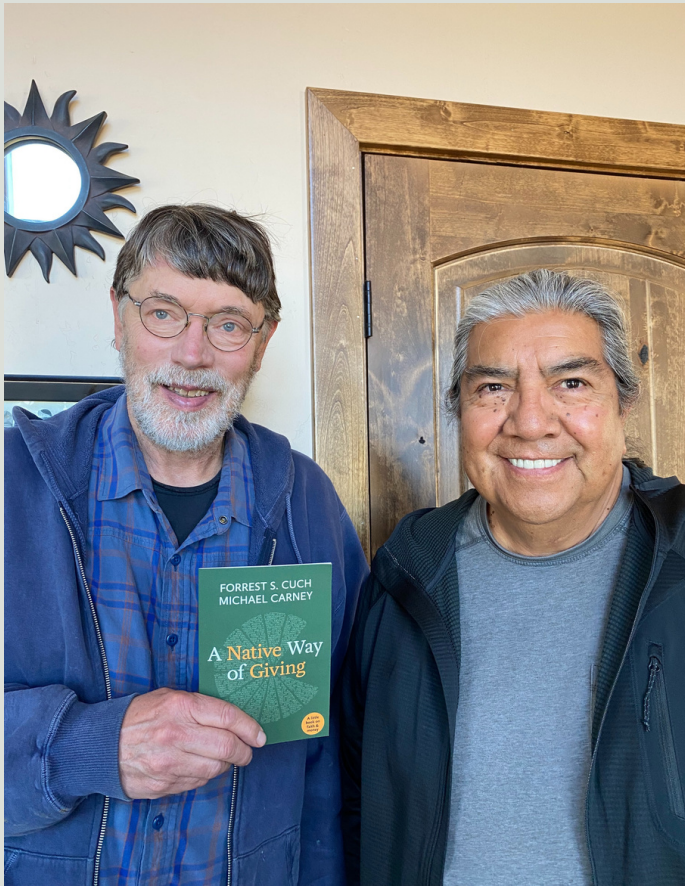
Michael

Art Empowers is Back!

In our last issue, you read about our wonderful Art Empowers summer camp. Now, with the young people going to school in person, we're holding a four-session Fall Series of programs. We're very safety-conscious: wearing masks indoors and keeping social distance, serving food in individual boxes, requiring our adult leaders to be vaccinated, and thanks once again to Ute Tribe Transit, there's also social distance on the bus. Becca Gardner and Sadie Santio do a wonderful job of planning activities, leading the program sessions and even preparing the food. These photos are some of the highlights of the first week's activities.



Forrest and Michael's Book is Available!



Forrest S. Cuch (Bishop's Warden of St. Elizabeth's) is passionate about responding to the urgent challenges our world and people are facing. "We are locked in a deadly cycle, far too concerned about money and our material well-being," he and co-author Michael Carney write in their new book, ***A Native Way of Giving***. "We believe it's possible to reconnect with our Creator through practicing gratitude and generosity. It's time to put God first and our neighbors, including all of God's creation."

In an increasingly secular age, when the faith of so many Christians is wrapped up in defending the status quo, longstanding Native (Indigenous) values can open the way to spiritual transformation. "When every day is a gift, the Creator a living presence, and creation a sacrament, gratitude is the most natural response... (and) it draws us into the life-giving

cycle that leads to generosity and abundance.” They also write, “Many of us see this Native Way as a model for deepening spirituality, reversing damage to creation and building stronger communities.”

A Native Way of Giving can be ordered online from Church Publishing or at Amazon.com. We invite you to check out the book and consider posting your thoughts about it on social media. Forrest and Michael would enjoy speaking with book groups on Zoom; they can be contacted at whiterocksrev@gmail.com or fcuch2@gmail.com. They want to express their gratitude to Bishop Hayashi and Nancy Bryan, their editor at Church Publishing, for the opportunity to share this important work.

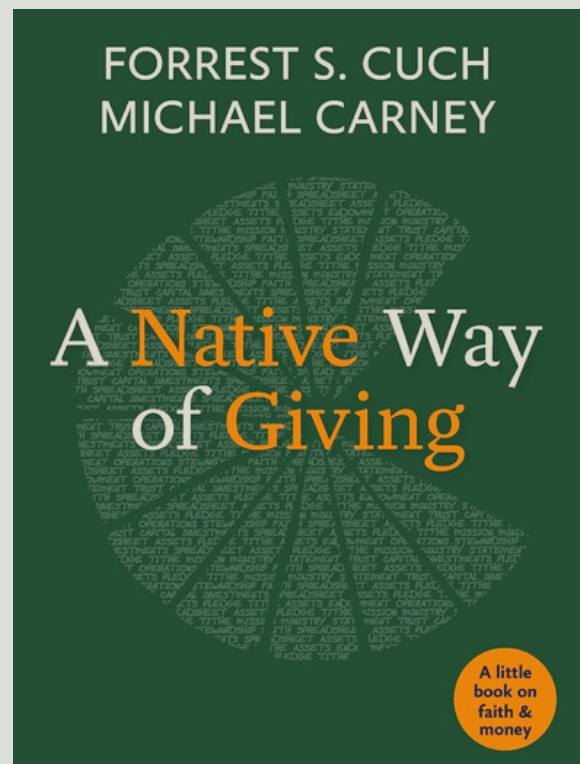


Photo Gallery



Leo Tapoof was delighted to receive this powerful work of art by Eugene LaRose, a gift from Bruce Ignacio.



Wasatch Academy students were riveted by Forrest Cuch's presentation.



New member Emerson Checora with Michael after church



Coffee after church

Youth Group!

Youth group, which meets on Fridays, has been going really well. At first I was unsure what we should do in our meetings, but I'm feeling more confident now. It's exciting to see the young people (some of whom don't go to Sunday services) learn traditional prayers like the Lord's Prayer and the Gathering Prayer. The ones who do go to church have gotten to know the Nicene Creed by heart. We have fill-in-the-blank worksheets to help with that.

Because of the pandemic and being in Salt Lake, I've been writing out lesson plans: icebreakers, word searches to get them into the story, a Bible story, then journal reflections about what they just read.

I make packets with the Bible stories, which they've enjoyed getting to know better. For example, reading stories about Moses have shown them different sides of a familiar character. They have races with Word Searches as part of their assignments, and now that they're more independent, they read the stories out loud.

With holiday season coming, Youth Group will focus more on decorating and celebrating, as well as learning about the faith backgrounds of the holidays (such as stories leading to birth of Jesus). In October we'll go to corn maze and have a Halloween party. November is the time for our Friendsgiving meal, a big potluck eaten together at one large table. In December we'll paint wooden ornaments, decorate a tree and read the Christmas story. It's exciting to realize that Christmas is only a couple of months away!

Becca Gardner



A Standout Student

Not only did Adam Twiss win a bronze medal in the statewide Welding Sculpture competition (see photo), but he's currently Student of the Month at Uintah Basin Technical College. Besides working on his Advanced Welding certificate, Adam is a Student Ambassador for UBTech and serves on the diversity committee. Following is the essay he submitted for the college's Student of the Year competition. Way to go, Adam! Whatever happens with this award, we're so proud of you.



What the Power of Technical Education Means to Me and How I Will Use It to Better My Life

By: Adam Twiss, Advanced Welding Student

An interesting fact about UBTech I must share. UBTech extended the same opportunity for me as I began reintegrating back into the community. By offering the same opportunity as other students, to enroll into a Technical Educational program to better my life. I enrolled into UBTech becoming a student in the welding program on January 2019. Back then I was unemployable with no skill set or principals to navigate through any work field and its environment.

UBTech supplied me a safe and secure classroom to begin learning about the distinct types of welding processes and the theories behind their methods. The most important principal being to follow the curriculum of the program. It was particularly important to follow the steps of the process. It would later prove beneficial in articulate welding being equally important to structural welding.

The instructors immediately applied a direct learning experience with the tools of the trade. More importantly the instructors begin to build my inter-personal skills that would help build and guide my relationships within both UBTech campus' and outside of UBTech itself. It would not be long before I found myself interacting with more than the student success officer, my peers, welding instructors, and UBTech financial aid. I began to master the institution of a Technical College right alongside my vocational training.

With my decision to enter Utah SkillsUSA 2020 - 21, it opened doors for me to get involved with others from UBTech. Business instructors, the SkillsUSA officers, and the UBTech media team. My artistic nature as a Native American student I

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Adam Twiss, continued

achieved the bronze medal for the welding during the Utah SkillsUSA 2021 competition, and not long after that I achieved my Intermediate Welding Certificate.

This would later all come together in my involvement with the UBTech Student Ambassadors and the Diversity Committee. Working with the UBTech College recruiters. My involvement with these extra circular activities gave me the outlet to give back to UBTech. In addition to my volunteering and contributions, I am recognized by former Vice President Dean Wilson, director Taija Jackson, and current President Aaron Weight.

To conclude the fact of UBTech welcoming me and giving me the opportunity to build and reintegrate back into the community. The power of Technical Education means so much more than vocational training. I have and will continue to master the institutional power of Technical Education. To uphold the principals in all that I am learning to better my life and change my reality. The fact being that I am now employable, hold valuable skills, apply principals to support a strong work ethic, and to navigate through any work field and its environment.



Another spectacular Whiterocks sunset!

St. Elizabeth's Mission

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.



St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church occupies and operates upon the ancestral and traditional lands of the Ute Indian Tribe.

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