

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

Follow Our Leaders

People usually think of church as a place to go to worship on Sundays. St. Elizabeth's has a faithful, devoted core of people who gather each week to praise God, receive nourishment and

share fellowship. We love being together and welcome others to join us.

But there is so much more to who we are. St. Elizabeth's has become an outpost of caring hands reaching out to serve the community. We're not large in numbers but our ministries reach a lot of people. To get a sense of that, follow three of our leaders as they make use of their unique God-given gifts.

Forrest Cuch (our church board President) is supposedly retired, but that hasn't stopped him yet. You've heard about his powerful Good Friday sermon, witnessing to the importance of following Jesus at a time when evil is so widespread. Since then he's been speaking to a variety of groups about the Episcopal Church's repentance for the part we played in oppressing Native people after the "discovery" of the Americas. Forrest is featured in a wonderful video produced by the Diocese of Utah, which can be seen online at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jPGN_E42rXs&t=378s. (Thank you Craig Wirth & Hallee Oliver!)

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Arts-Kids &
Arts-Teens
Summer Camp

Leaders, continued

SueAnn Cottonuts is at the heart of our Arts-Kids program: leading the Talking Circles, contacting local artists and serving as a model for the other adult leaders. She's also passionate about the urgent need to pass on her native language to the next generations. Thanks to Bishop Hayashi and a generous grant from the Diocese, SueAnn has begun to teach Ute Language classes for children at the church on Tuesdays at 5:00 pm. Teacher May Mountain offers classes for adults at the same time across the street at the Whiterocks Community Center. Please keep these efforts in your prayers and let other people know this is going on.

Becca Gardner has been leading our Arts-Teens program for two years, and last fall she started a Youth Group at St. Elizabeth's. The young people have enjoyed getting together for holiday parties, tubing and an overnight "Lock-In" at the church. This month Becca will be leading the youth portion of the Mountains and Deserts regional Native Ministries Gathering in Salt Lake City.

Last fall Becca organized a Girls' Empowerment day with inspirational speaker Ruby Diaz, which was such a hit that it's been expanded to a series of programs for women and girls. She was also central in our Bishop's Committee's sponsorship of a picnic and worship service at Big Springs and the Holiday



Meal we put on for the entire Whiterocks community last fall.

What do these three leaders have in common? Like everyone God has given them gifts, but they all have a clear sense of how they're called to use them. Not only that, but they take seriously the promise that "with God, all things are possible." (*Matthew 19:26*) Grounded in worship and encouraged by the congregation, Forrest, SueAnn and Becca are guiding St. Elizabeth's forward in our mission. We're all thankful for their leadership!

Michael



Arts-Kids & Arts-Teens Spring Series

After being inside for a long winter, it was such a joy for the Arts-Kids and Arts-Teens to play in the church yard during our Spring Series. Getting back to kickball and volleyball, playground time and impromptu football games put everyone in a relaxed mood, and we all enjoyed wonderful art activities.

Storyteller and singer Larry Cesspooch led a powerful program on the Bear Dance, and the teens made gorgeous flowers out of candy. By the last week we were able to have our Talking Circles outside, reminding us that Summer Camp will be here in July.



Arts-Kids & Arts-Teens Spring Series



We're thankful to our dedicated adult leaders and cook, to the families who encourage their young people to participate, and to our generous funding partners who provide support. (Thank you, Newfield Oil Company!) The program continues to grow and we look forward to more great times together in the future.



Mountains and Deserts 2019

Two beloved elders are the keepers of the stories. At every Native Ministries meeting they remembered gatherings from decades ago, when faithful leaders from congregations scattered across the West discovered that they were connected with each other. All of them had felt like outsiders at statewide church conventions dominated by white Episcopalians. Several people said that, "until Mountains and Deserts we didn't know there was anyone else like us."

Beginning in the 1980's they made pilgrimages to each other's churches in Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming and Utah. Such deep friendships developed that every meeting became a kind of reunion. Father Richard Mendez travelled all over the region renewing those relationships. They laughed and feasted and prayed together and fixed up the host church's buildings. Rev. Reynelda James always brought sacred water from Pyramid Lake to offer blessings for everyone.



Then, somehow, the cycle of meetings was interrupted. As more than five years went by Richard and Reynelda longed for those special times with their friends and colleagues. They told the stories over and over, until some of us who hadn't been there realized how precious Mountains and Deserts had been. As we wondered how it might be revived Bishop Scott Hayashi offered to host a gathering, national Missioner Rev. Brad Hauff provided basic funding, and a meeting was scheduled this June in Salt Lake City.

The memories and support were important, but what made this meeting wonderful was the amazing turnout. More than forty people of all ages attended, many of whom had never come before. A group of youth from St.

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Mountains, continued

Elizabeth's led by Becca Gardner offered the Talking Circle check-in ritual used in their Arts-Teens program, and it brought the group together. Richard and Reynelda and others shared stories from the old days, and Brad gently guided the group toward naming our hopes and dreams. Ron Braman led the worship services, Richard preached and Reynelda blessed us with sage and water. We visited the Native Voices exhibit at the Natural History Museum and the youth carried out an outreach project at the YWCA women's shelter.

A high point for everyone was having two full days of conversations with old and new friends, lingering over meals and chatting in the lounge. We share many joys and challenges in our lives, communities and ministries, and for once no one felt isolated. The group's original Mission Statement: "To Unite small Episcopal Native Ministries to share ideas, nurture one another and speak as one voice" is as meaningful as it was twenty-five years ago.

Best of all, we began to plan our next meeting! The group from Navajoland offered to be the hosts, and some of us from St. Elizabeth's will be working with them on the schedule and logistics. The Spirit of God is at work here: guiding, inspiring and encouraging us as we move forward. I'm filled with gratitude for the privilege of being part of the community of Mountains and Deserts.

Michael





Many thanks to Daniela Lee of Salt Lake City for her stirring talk on Evangelism.



A very special 95th Birthday blessing for Jane Thompson, offered by Leo Tapoof.



Aveah and Caley got the pumpkins started in a new planting "bed."



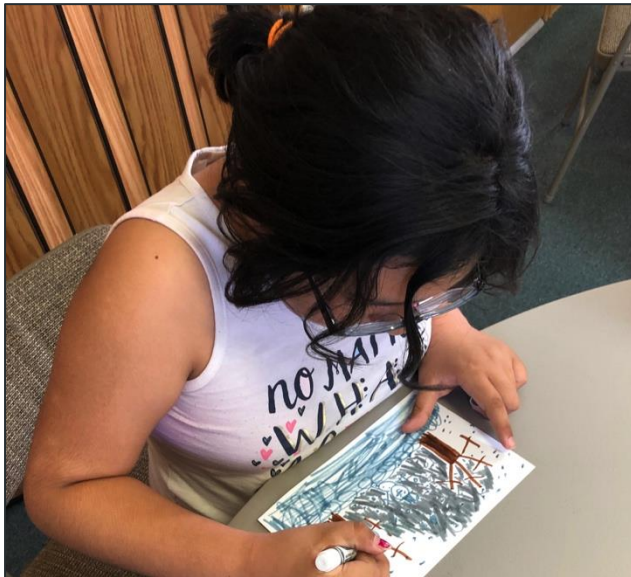
Ruby Diaz offered another exciting program, and this time twenty women and girls attended!

UTE LANGUAGE CLASS



for Children ages 7-12
Tuesdays 5:00-6:00 pm

SueAnn Cottonuts teaches children at the church on Tuesdays at 5:00 pm,
with classes for adults at the same time at the Whiterocks Community Center



A new Al-Anon group meets in Roosevelt at 5:00 pm
on Thursdays at the Alano Club (behind Little
Caesar's, 144 East 300 South). If your life has been
affected by someone else's drinking, this might help.



Birthdays & Anniversaries



June

Juleus Taveapont (1), Riahnno Tom (3), Emmy Cesspooch (4), Marley Sauter (5)
 Azra Twiss (7), Karissa Simmons (9), Lovie Ridley (9), McCoy Bear (10)
 Anniversary of Carl and Linda Jacobs (12), Amanda Jacobs (15), Anferny Taveapont (15)
 Sue Duffield (19), Angelica Quinn (19), Russana Curry (20), Mick Richman (22)
 Terron Tapoof (23), Trey Taveapont (23), Anniversary of Sonny and Marilyn Beacham (26)

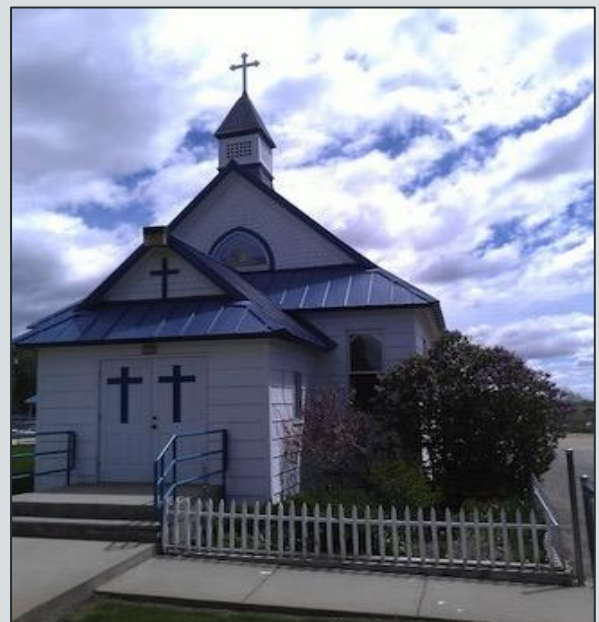
July

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



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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