

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



Summer Camp

Art Empowers kicked off this year's school vacation with Summer Camp, at the beginning of June. With art activities (led by Becca Gardner and Sadie Santio), outdoor games (volleyball and dodge ball were the favorites) and a healthy snack and lunch every day, the kids and teens had a great time. Each morning's Talking Circle began with one of the young

people smudging with sage, helping each person ground and prepare themselves for the day. Storyteller Larry Cesspooch delighted us with the Creation story (introducing Ute words as he went) and led the group in round dancing. On Friday everyone cooled off in the sprinklers and enjoyed water games.



We're thankful for the generous donors who make it possible to offer this wonderful program at no cost to the families. Our next session will be August 1-5, and all young people ages 6-17 are invited (bring a friend!). For rides to and from camp, contact Becca (621-4029) or Rev. Michael (823-1559). We look forward to the next chance to have fun together and fulfill our mission: Empowering the Youth of our Reservation Communities through Creative Arts.

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How I Met Jane, by Forrest Cuch

"There is an old saying that God's people know each other."

It was the summer of 2002 when I was invited to an evening reception held at a beautiful cape cod style home in the Millcreek area of Salt Lake City. As I entered the home, Jane Goodall was explaining what gives her hope. Just as she stated, "Nature is resilient", she looked up and ended her sentence with "as with our Native American brothers and sisters."

A short time later, I found her standing in front of me with her hand out. I took her hand and introduced myself and told her I was a big fan. She wanted to know a little about me, my tribe, some background, and important life experiences. Essentially, I told her I was a member of the Ute Indian Tribe and that I had been blessed with a quality education that enabled me to meet a lot of wonderful people as her.

It was as though I could tell she was thinking when she asked if I would be willing to serve on a non-profit board called Pax Natura. She told me it means 'peace with nature' in Spanish and that she is an honorary member of the board. I agreed to serve right there on the spot!

Since that time, we have become good friends. We write each other from time to time or correspond via email. As stated above, our meeting was very special. I recall then and at other times, when she gazes into my eyes, it's like she sees through me and has a deep knowing of who I am. Her powerful loving spirit is what that great ape saw when she had only



met Jane a short time and was being released into the wild. The video showed Jane standing next to the cage and before the ape left, it turned around a second time and embraced Jane for a long time as if it she recognized Jane as a special being sharing a special moment.

A year or following our first meeting, I was privileged to travel to Puerto Rico to attend a ceremony in which I presented Jane with a Chief Joseph Peace Blanket. I will never forget that memorable moment. When I had the privilege of visiting with her in person, I found Jane to be very genuine, so very kind and understanding, and she was most attentive to everything I said. She is very wise, very compassionate, and she can be funny at times too. She is just one of the most wonderful human beings to grace the earth. And she is clearly... one of God's people!

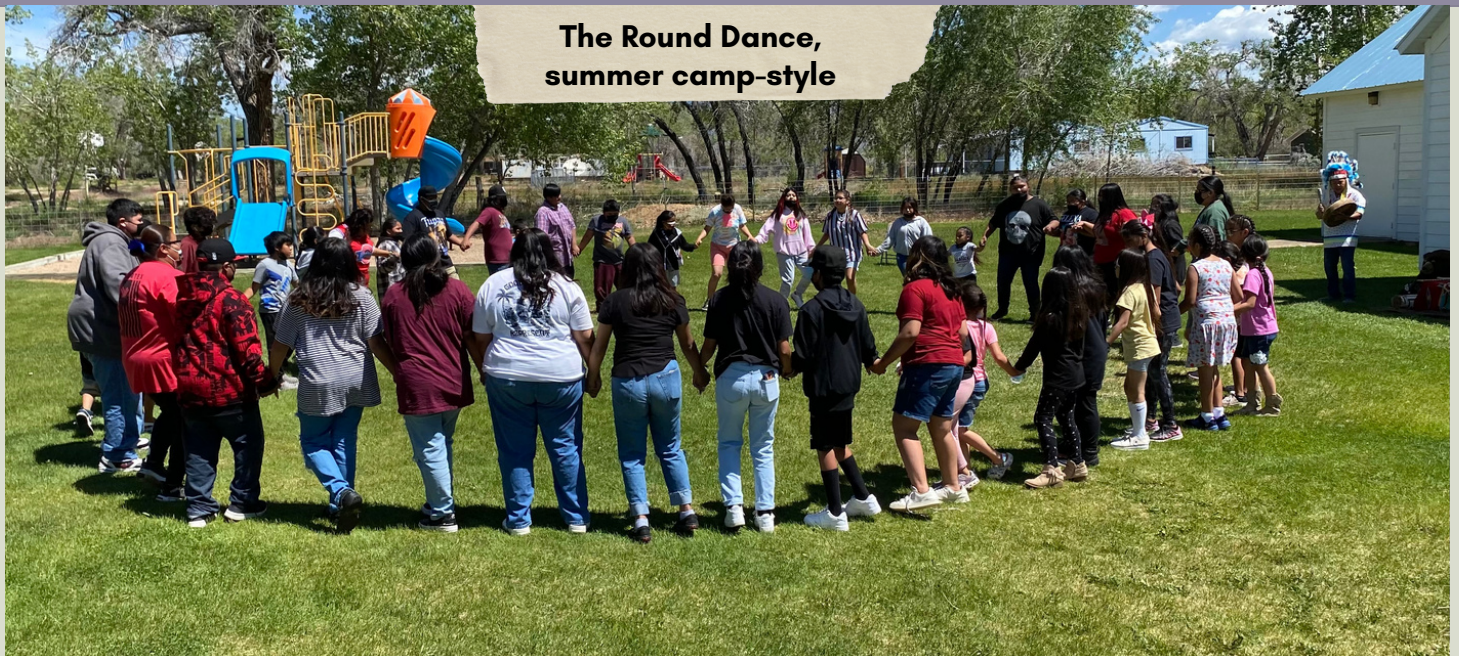


Youth Group

This month the Youth Group has been working hard on our Service Project: making 150 lanyards for the Intertribal Opioid Wellness Summit. It was such an honor to be asked to make them! Sadie Santio and I also got to attend the Summit, which was a really good experience.

The group has been raising money by selling baked goods at all the Bear Dances, and we took some of that money to head to Hogle Zoo in Salt Lake for the day. It was such a fun trip, and the ones that hadn't been there before really loved it.

– Becca Gardner



**The Round Dance,
summer camp-style**

**Larry Cesspooch telling
the Creation story**



Volleyball!



Celebrating Bishop Hayashi



When The Rev. Canon Scott Hayashi ran for bishop in 2010, he was well-known in Utah, having served as a priest in Ogden for almost ten years. When asked about his knowledge of the Ute people, Hayashi replied that he didn't know much, but if elected, he would learn.

Without a doubt, Bishop Hayashi has followed through on that promise. Even before he was in office, he began a series of conversations and sweat ceremonies with Clifford Duncan, a well-respected spiritual leader and a member of St. Elizabeth's. Those experiences had a profound impact on the bishop and bonded him with the Episcopalians of the Uintah basin.

Since those relationships have grown over the years, there was a mixture of sadness and joy as we gathered to honor Bishop Hayashi in late June. Members of St. Paul's, Vernal and Holy Spirit, Randlett joined the people of St. Elizabeth's in a great celebration. Musicians led by Tom Elder and Adam Twiss provided accompaniment for the singing, with our favorite guest guitar player joining in. Bishop Hayashi preached about knowing God, not as a "thing" to be analyzed or questioned, but as a loving presence, the foundation of our lives.



The bishop and his wife were presented by Carleen Kurip with beautiful beaded crosses, and he was honored by being robed in a Pendleton blanket by Irene Cuch and Adelbert Tavashutz. After sharing communion, a feast concluded the day, with plenty of stories being told at the tables.



Thank you, Bishop Hayashi, for your friendship and guidance and years of faithful service. We'll treasure the memories of all that we've shared and continue building on the foundations you've helped us establish.

Welcoming Lottie Home

Rillito Sireech woke up tired on Friday morning, June 24, but he went outside as usual to say his morning prayers. He was glad to be back home, after almost a week away and a bumpy flight into Salt Lake. Rillito, his wife Lesa and another relative had travelled to Pennsylvania to bring home a deceased family member.

Lottie Sireech was twelve years old when she was sent to Carlisle Indian School in 1903. Little is known about her except her father's name, her home in Whiterocks, and that she was an Episcopalian. Lottie died two years later and was buried in the cemetery at Carlisle. More than a hundred years after that

Rillito received her remains on behalf of the Sireech family, and at last, she could come home.

It had been a rainy night, and as the sun rose through the clouds while he was praying, Rillito saw a double rainbow. With that sign, he knew that Lottie's reinterment that day at the Fort Duchesne Cemetery would be a blessing. More than thirty people joined in the prayers, led by Reffel Kanip of Red Spirit and Rev. Michael from St. Elizabeth's. There was a good spirit among the people who gathered, and as one relative said, "the most important thing is that she's home now." Amen!

Our Bishop-Designee



When a priest is elected to serve as a bishop in the Episcopal church, a majority of current diocesan boards (Standing Committees) and diocesan bishops must give their consent. We've now passed that milestone, so The Rev. Phyllis Spiegel is now officially our Bishop-Designee. She was seated in the House of Bishops at the recent General Convention and will be consecrated in a grand ceremony on Saturday, September 17 in Salt Lake City.

In one of her essays for our nomination process, Rev. Spiegel expressed her growing sense of connection with us:

- "The Diocese of Utah is doing the work I am called to do and have been shaped for throughout my seventeen years of ordained ministry... God is shaping the same call in our hearts."
- "Having a great affinity for the Holy Spirit, I am sensitive and responsive to the Spirit's movement. Your invitation... named what I was feeling and hearing through prayer and affirmation from the Cloud of Witnesses in my life."
- "A primary resonance as I read your profile is the incredible diversity of the people, both in the Episcopal Church and in the state... Diversity of people is an essential aspect of my love of ministry."
- "Culture and place deeply entwine... The opportunity to learn a new place, from peoples of varied cultures and faiths, in a land I have visited and loved, is a significant piece of the resonance I feel with this call."

How exciting it will be to witness the growth and flowering of Bishop-Designee Spiegel's call to serve as our shepherd! Best of all, we'll get to be part of that process, building on the gifts we've received and nurtured over the years. Please keep Bishop-Designee Spiegel in your prayers in the months ahead.

ART EMPOWERS PHOTO GALLERY



THE ARTISTS AT WORK



ST. ELIZABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH OCCUPIES AND OPERATES UPON
THE ANCESTRAL AND TRADITIONAL LANDS OF THE UTE INDIAN TRIBE.

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