

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



Maria Alanis and Bishop Hayashi serving our Holiday Meal

An Outbreak of the Spirit

It's one of the Bible's most outrageous promises, made at a time of trouble: "I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people. Your old ones will dream, and your young ones will see visions... Whoever calls, 'Help, God!' gets help." (Joel 2:28 Message translation)

But will those words from long ago come alive in our time?
I know they can, because I've seen it happen.

This year we had to shift the date of Bishop Hayashi's visit to St. Elizabeth's so he could also come to the three-church picnic in the summer. He got excited when he

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Adam on rhythm guitar led the singing, and Bishop Hayashi laid down some solo riffs.

heard we were planning another big Holiday Meal in November. "I want to be there," he said. "We'll come for the whole weekend." What an inspired idea that turned out to be!

The Bishop's Committee (especially Becca Gardner) has a "can-do attitude" about hospitality. Remembering how well it worked out to invite the whole community last year, our members quickly got on board. A dozen people signed up on the first day to bring turkeys, hams, pies and all the fixings. Everyone pitched in to prepare and the Bishop joined our youth in the serving line. It was a very warm and relaxed time, with guests mingling with the congregation at the tables. Everyone was welcome, and there was food left over.

We were all feeling satisfied and a bit tired after that big event, and Sunday morning started slowly. But as soon as the congregation gathered together the Spirit went to work. The first thing people saw was the Bishop in his vestments with his electric guitar, warming up with our regular musicians. Each song raised the energy level until folks were dancing by the end of the service.

Adam Twiss has been on a roll ever since being Confirmed by Bishop Hayashi a year ago. We were touched by how powerfully he read the lessons, and the Bishop's sermon reminded us that we need to immerse ourselves in the Scriptures. Nine people (three elders, four teens and two children) renewed their promises to turn away from the evil of the world to the love of Jesus. We all promised to support them in their lives in Christ, and we will.

By the third song the music was really getting going. Adam played rhythm guitar and led

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Christmas Eve at St. Elizabeth's

Christmas Eve Service—Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 5:30 pm

Christmas Story, Carols and Communion
followed by a potluck and gifts for kids

No Service on Christmas Day

the singing, and the Bishop laid down some solo riffs. Joy radiated from the two of them and washed over all of us. The Bishop's Committee came forward to give thanks for the generous support we

receive, with Forrest Cuch passionately celebrating our ministries with young people. Leo Tapoof offered a powerful prayer to bless the Bishop, and we all shared Christ's Body and Blood.

As we settled into another great meal in the parish hall, the elders were full of appreciation. Sonny (a veteran of many church events) said this was "the most Spirit-filled service" he'd ever been part of. Madeleine's heart was "filled with joy... a good day" to help her deal with life's challenges. SueAnn was still humming "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus," pronouncing it "a beautiful day, filled with many blessings."

So don't just read the Prophet Joel's promise that "I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people." Immerse yourself in the experience of it, and rediscover the deep joy that's possible in a congregation like St. Elizabeth's.

Michael



Mentoring after the Sunday service

Arts Kids & Teens Fall Series

We had another wonderful series of programs this fall, with engaging projects and a great spirit among the participants. Somehow the energy just keeps spreading and growing—more young people attended than ever before. That's a blessing that brings its own challenges, but fortunately we have a gifted and dedicated team of adult leaders. SueAnn Cotonuts, Becca Gardner, Angelica Quinn, Sadie Santio and Lee Brown worked together wonderfully and deepened their relationships with the young people. We're thankful to Ashaya Cesspooch for the terrific meals she cooked.

As we continue to grow together we've noticed that the sharing in our Talking Circles has gone deeper. The kids and teens know that when big things come up in their lives it's safe to tell the others in the circle. The young people also demonstrated their creativity, both in response to projects we've introduce and simply by sitting down with blank sheets of paper and colored pens. These impacts of the program are very healthy and will help them to deal with whatever difficulties the future may bring.

Many thanks to Sadie for creating a beautiful Christmas tree for the Enchanted Forest in Roosevelt (right). And huge appreciation to Goff Trucking in Myton for buying the tree and making a very generous donation to Arts-Kids. We appreciate your community spirit and caring for our young people!



Arts Kids youth know what to do with blank sheets of paper and colored pens!

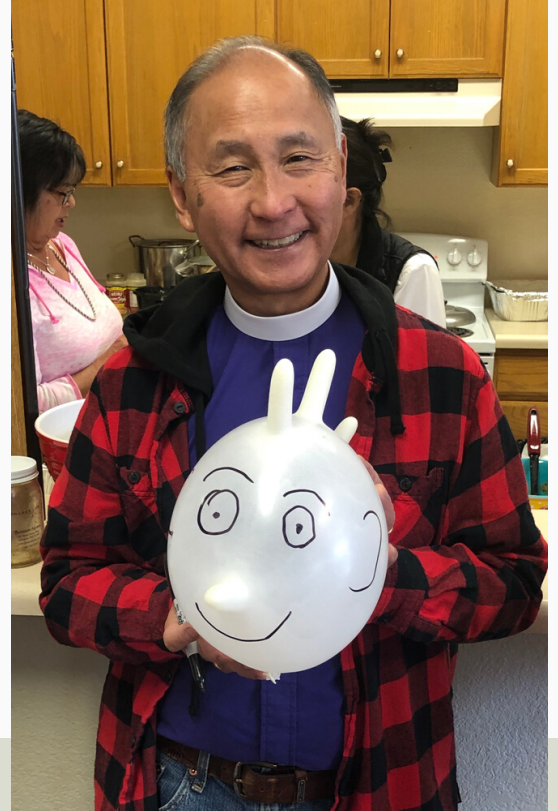
Photo Gallery



Youth Group members at their Friendsgiving Dinner

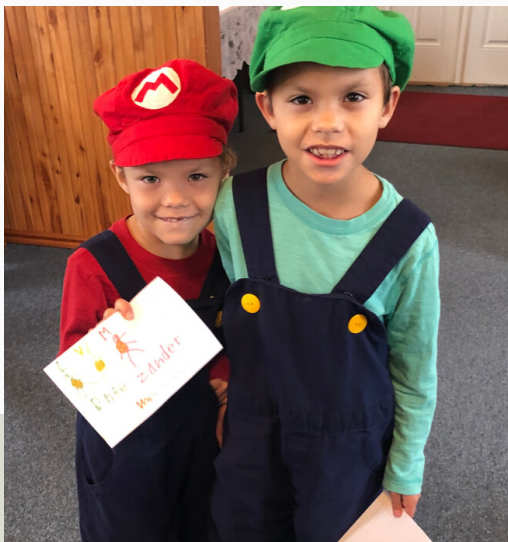


Fish and Wildlife Officer Bob Chapoose speaking to the kids



Bishop Hayashi enjoyed his visit to St. Elizabeth's!

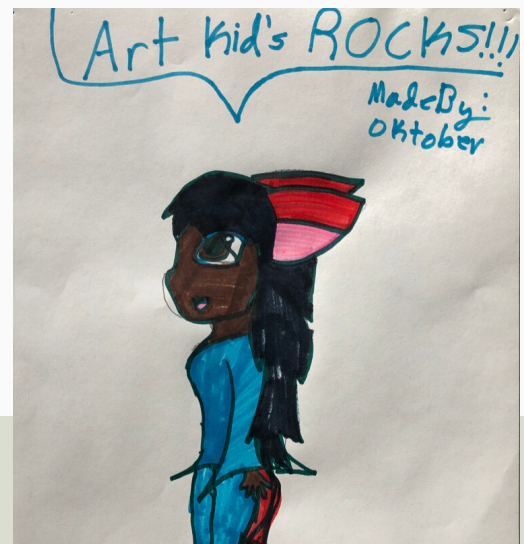
Photo Gallery



Mario and Luigi with
their Sunday art



Musical Chairs!



No one told this young artist
what to draw or say

Staying Connected

Respected elders like Father Richard Mendez and Rev. Reynelda James tell us that isolation has been one of the greatest challenges for Native congregations. Those two were the inspiration for restarting the Mountains and Deserts coalition, which brought together ministry leaders from five western states this past June. We're delighted that the clergy and people of Good Shepherd Mission in Fort Defiance, Arizona have stepped up to host the next M&D event on August 1-5, 2020. Adults and youth from the whole region will be gathering there, and we look forward to being among them.



Winter Talk is the most important meeting time for Episcopal Native Ministries, bringing together leaders from every part of the country including Alaska, Hawaii and even New Zealand. The participants begin by creating an altar, each one introducing themselves and presenting an object that's sacred to them. There's plenty of time for fellowship, program segments and breakout groups, which last year planned the M&D meeting and inspired the first Native Youth Event. This year Bishop's Committee members Becca Gardner and Pepper Alanis will join Forrest Cuch and Rev. Michael in representing us at Winter Talk.

When Forrest spoke about caring for God's Creation at last year's meeting, he caught the attention of two men from Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral in Cincinnati. They've been national leaders in supporting Native ministries and invited Forrest to join Rev. Leon Sampson (Navajoland) and John Grate (Lakota) in making



presentations at their Indigenous Peoples' Celebration in October. For Forrest this was in addition to speaking at Utah State University, Westminster College, St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Park City and a Utah History conference—all in the past year. Finally, during a conversation with Forrest and Michael reviewing our church's participation in the Native Youth Event, Bishop Hayashi saw the need for youth leader training from a Native perspective. He's offered to host an event next fall and provide financial support—we hope that young adults and youth throughout the Episcopal Church will be drawn to participate. Thank you to our Bishop's Committee members for keeping us connected in the wider church and to Bishop Hayashi for his ideas and generous support.

Bishop's Committee

Every month after refreshments our Bishop's Committee sits down together to oversee the business of the church. We begin with a spiritual reflection—at our November 3 meeting we talked about the story of our patron saint Elizabeth, who discovered the purpose of her life in responding to the devastation of a flood. Each of us described how we find our purpose and enjoyed listening to what the others had to say.

After that we moved into final planning of the Holiday Meal for the community, which then was two weeks away. Getting ready was much easier this year, and each of us played a part. We also talked about our finances (which are still doing well—thanks for your generosity!) and gave thanks for the help we received from the Diocese in doing the latest sidewalk repair project.

We continue to move ahead with our administrative transition from Arts-Kids, Inc., receiving free and expert legal advice from Sandra Corp, the Assistant Chancellor of the Diocese. The BC approved taking steps toward setting up a new nonprofit corporation for our programs (which need a new name), while remaining within the tax-exempt umbrella of the church. We also discussed the process for electing the next Bishop of Utah, and the BC agreed that Michael could offer his service on the Search Committee. While this will require a significant amount of time, it's a way for us to give back to the Diocese and also to ensure that our values and concerns are included in the profile for the position.

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.

