

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

Youth Group

Thanks to a wonderful group of young people and new leader Becca Gardner, our Youth Group is off to a great start. We're meeting every other Friday for games and conversation, with food and rides provided. Becca always comes up with fun activities and everyone is encouraged to bring a friend.

At the beginning of October twelve young people went to the Fall Youth Retreat at Camp Tuttle, in the mountains outside

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The Pumpkin Project

After Sunday worship in the beginning of October the kids picked all the pumpkins. There were more than twenty, ranging from small ones just turning orange to six that were too heavy for them to carry. "How did you do that?" Caley asked Deacon Marsha. "How did you make those pumpkins grow like that?"

There really wasn't a simple answer. Teenagers at the Spring

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Pumpkin Patch, continued

Youth Retreat had helped build the raised garden beds, arranging the stones and filling them with soil. In early June Russana and Racy Curry planted three tiny pumpkin plants, which Marsha kept watered through the summer. The sun shone and the plants grew like crazy, vines spilling out of the fenced area into the parking lot. Flowers bloomed on the vines and a pumpkin grew from each one, more than twenty-five in all.

In similar ways the garden produced tomatoes and basil, cucumbers and chard, green beans and hot peppers. For two months heirloom tomatoes filled a basket in the parish hall every Sunday, and someone always took them home. People also shared produce from their own gardens: zucchini and homemade salsa and freshly-laid eggs. Kids visited the apple tree in the parking lot for after-school snacks.

How did we do that? It seems like it was a partnership. Gardens don't just happen by accident, but we can't make pumpkins grow by ourselves either. The apostle Paul had a good way of describing the process: "I planted, someone else watered, and God gave the growth." (*1 Corinthians 3:6*) That's the secret to gardens, and it's also how families and churches grow. We need to show up and do our parts, and the Spirit takes it from there.



The teenagers carved some wonderful Jack-o-lanterns at Youth Group and every one of the Arts-Kids took home a pumpkin. Mick made refreshments for the first time and we feasted on home-made chili with fresh peach salsa. The kids snacked on cherry tomatoes and picked their own apples, and the fresh eggs kept on coming. Life is sweet when we remember that God gives the growth.

Michael

Jane's Pilgrimage

Jane Thompsen has traveled across the country and misses her home and friends back in the Basin. She writes, "I'm visiting Tom and Noreen for a while in beautiful, historic and interesting Cape Cod, where Christy also lives. I would love to stay in touch, so here is my information: Jane Thompsen, 15 Seaview Road, Eastham, MA 02642. My cell phone is 702-236-6543. Tom's home phone is 508-240-6178."



As you can see, Jane made a trip up to Maine last month to visit Sue and Jim Duffield—it looks like they were having fun. Don't be shy about staying in touch with her!

Youth Group, continued

Salt Lake. Last spring we hosted that group in Whiterocks, so there were people we knew and we didn't feel so much like outsiders (especially since ours was the largest group). The weekend was packed with activities like hiking to a beautiful mountain lake, making collages to express our unique personalities, and a big Halloween party on Saturday night. Rev. Michael led the chapel programs, telling stories about being in the mountains and inviting the campers to share their own experiences. It got a little more exciting on Sunday morning when six inches of snow fell, but the roads were fine and we got back home safely.

Best of all, we're just getting started with all of this. In November besides our regular meetings we'll have a special program led by Ruby Diaz to help young women claim their futures. We met Ruby at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Park City—she grew up in Columbia and worked a number of jobs on her way to becoming an engineer. She'll be coming out to Whiterocks on Saturday, November 10 at 11:00—all young women are invited. And feel free to speak with Becca or Rev. Michael if you're interested in the Youth Group—all middle and high school students are welcome!



Sharing our Abundance

You may remember that, thanks to Aveah and Caley's coin collecting and matching funds from the church, we sent home a backpack full of food with every young person at our summer camp. One family was gone at the end of camp and missed out on this, so they took their backpacks home after the second week of Arts-Kids this fall. Here's the conversation the van driver overheard when they opened the packs.

Boys: "Whoa, look at this!"

Reply: "What?"

Boys: "Food!"

Reply: "You mean like candy and cookies?"

Boys: "No, it's real food. Wow. Who would do this? Who would give this to us?"

Driver: "It came from Arts-Kids."

Boys: "Will you thank them for us?"

Now the coins are building up again, thanks to offerings from kids of all ages. Counting

the matching funds we now have over \$600, and our Bishop's Committee discussed several possible ways to use that for outreach. In the end they came back to food and decided to host a Holiday Meal for the Whiterocks community (and friends) on Saturday, November 17. *(See flyer on page 6.)*

We thought seriously about whether we could pull this off, because it seems like quite a few people will come. The Bishop's Committee decided that this has been guided by the Spirit, and that if we all get together and do our parts this can really happen.

Thanks to everyone who supports our community outreach with your time and gifts, money and prayers. Special thanks to Aveah and Caley (both eight years old) for sharing their candy money and getting others inspired to help out. It looks like God is giving the growth!

Michael

Arts-Kids & Arts-Teens Fall Series



Once again the weeks have been flying by during another series of Arts-Kids and Arts-Teens programs. As always we've had some wonderful artists, including familiar ones like Judd and James Hardy from Salt Lake City, who lead the young people in movement, drama and yoga. This fall we had a special treat when Adam Twiss led two wonderful programs: a rocking music session with the kids and creative writing with the teens (who asked if they could share their work in the closing circle).

We've had both artists and facilitators come down with colds and flu this fall, but others have stepped up and our team members have led some wonderful art projects. The young people wilmiss coming every week when we take a break, but we'll be back with a six-week Winter Series starting on January 23.



November Birthdays



Jenna Duncan (6), LeAnn Copperfield (19)
Raven Cuch (24), Ronee K. Pawwinnee (29), Joylese Thomas (30)

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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You're invited to a special
Holiday Meal
for the whole community



Saturday, Nov. 17
Noon to 2:00 pm
at St. Elizabeth's Church
in Whiterocks