

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

Welcoming Our Bishop

It's always a blessing when Bishop Hayashi visits, but September 9 really was special. He baptized the beautiful infant daughter of Keenan and Trini Taveapont (Jai-Ann Elise-K-Marie), who were married in the church last year. A bunch of our members received special blessings, ranging from elders renewing their baptismal promises to adults focused on recovery to the girls who collect coins for our outreach projects. Another dozen or so people approached the altar with their prayer concerns.



Bishop Hayashi preached a memorable and moving sermon, sharing the story of his family's internment in Idaho during World War 2. He described how that experience affected the people involved, impacting the next generation. He also cut loose on his guitar along with Adam Twiss, inspiring enthusiastic singing in the packed church.



On Saturday the core members of our Bishop's Committee met with the Bishop, discussing the past year and describing our community outreach projects. He was very appreciative of our focus on serving our neighbors, and we all enjoyed a relaxed dinner with him and his wife Amy. Utah's Episcopalians are truly blessed to have such a caring and encouraging pastor and leader!

Michael

Our New Youth Leader

One of the high points of the Bishop’s visit was his commissioning of Becca Gardner as our new Youth Leader. Thanks to your generosity and our careful spending, we are able to fund this very part-time position despite expecting a cutback in our operating grant. It appears that we may be the only congregation in the diocese with a paid person in this important role.



Becca’s experience in leading our Arts-Teens program and the summer trip to Salt Lake City have prepared her to do a great job in starting a Youth Group at St. Elizabeth’s. She’s popular with the young people and has a great approach

to leadership. By the time you’ve read this we’ll have had a Bingo Night as our first event, and we’ll be going to Camp Tuttle for the fall retreat early in October.

Thank you to everyone who’s helped to make this possible, and please keep Becca and our Youth Group in your prayers.

Harvest Time



The new vegetable garden outside the Vicarage is growing very nicely, thanks to the good soil put in by the young people who came to Whiterocks for the Spring Retreat. Delicious cherry tomatoes are a staple of Sunday refreshments, and we can’t wait to see what the Fall Retreat participants will think of the giant pumpkins our kids planted. Many thanks to our garden coordinator Deacon Marsha Heron, who’s shown with one of her amazing sunflowers.



Church Sign Gets a Makeover

It was easy to pass by the familiar church sign without noticing, but it had become badly weathered over the years. After much sanding, spackling and priming it was ready for Melanie Cesspooch to paint a new Episcopal shield.



Groups of people worked on the new letters on Sundays until they were ready to put up on the sign. The results were very satisfying and proclaim to our neighbors what a lively presence St. Elizabeth's is in the community.



Special Weekend Events

On September 22 and 23 St. Elizabeth’s was engaged with two very different but valuable activities. The first was a summer gathering with our friends from St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Park City. This time the Bishop’s Committee decided that instead of sharing a worship service, we’d focus on fellowship by inviting our guests to Forrest Cuch’s small ranch. We had a pleasant, peaceful time sitting in the grove near his house, talking, having lunch and hearing a presentation on Ute History.

Rev. Charles Robinson from St. Luke’s commented, “We had a good time and I noticed a number of very lengthy conversations taking place between your folks and mine.” Leo Tapoof from St. Elizabeth’s said how much he enjoyed the gathering and pronounced it “a good day.” We’re thankful to Forrest for hosting us and to the folks from Park City for making the trip



Then on Sunday Robin Hatch, Suicide Prevention Coordinator for the Three-County Area presented a workshop at the church on “Anxiety, Stress, Depression and Suicide.” Fifteen people attended (a great turnout) and we learned a great deal about today’s suicide crisis (the #1 cause of death among Utah’s young people) and how we can respond. Thanks to all of you who came—a follow up one-day training in Mental Health First Aid will be offered soon in Fort Duchesne.

We learned to watch for dramatic changes in people from high-risk groups: teens and young adults, older people struggling with grief or health problems, substance abusers and anyone who’s made a suicide attempt in the past. It’s important to ask them directly how they’re doing, and if we see concerns to ask if they’ve ever thought of suicide and whether they have a plan. Emergency help is available on 30-minutes notice in Roosevelt (435-823-6823) or Vernal (435-823-8241), or it’s also possible to call 800-273-TALK.

October Birthdays & Anniversaries



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Aralico Montoya (5)
Lilli Collette Reed (7)
Ryder Ridley (9)
Marcus Tom (15)
Pepper Alanis (18)
Princess Carlson (18)
Chris Seaver (22)
Riley Ridley (23)
Irene Gardner (24)
Booker Taveapont (26)
Beatrice Taveapont (30)

Anniversaries

Orlin and Sherri Taveapont (2)
Jim and Sue Duffield (28)
Bruce Pargeets (28)



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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