

Good News from Epiphany

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A Young Artist in our Midst



Tara Blaszczyk is the artist responsible for the interesting, attractive paintings currently gracing our walls. Tara, 12, is the younger daughter of Mark and Claudette Blaszczyk. A student at Sylvestri Jr. High, she is entering the 7th grade this fall. Tara has been painting since she was six. She also loves singing and dancing, and recently performed at the Cashman Center's show, "Step Up Academy of the Arts Showcase 2012".

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Navajoland Youth Trip Fort Defiance June 17 – 23, 2012

Episcopal youth from all over Nevada went on a week's trip to Navajoland as a Youth Service project. The young people weeded gardens, laughed, played, and experienced how another culture lives. What an educational experience for our youth. Youth leaders were the Rev. Helen McPeak and Jeanne Ward Estes.

On Sunday, Hannah Barlow, Kinnon McPeak, Tristen Walsh, and Emily Baker spoke to the congregation about their trip. Following the service a video was shown so all might see what the children experienced. They saw the Grand Canyon on their stomachs (so they would not fall over the cliff), a wood statue over 6 ft tall all carved by hand, Window Rock with lots of pictures of the youth in the arch, and how another culture really lives.

When you see these youth please talk to them about their experience; they would love to share their stories with you. (See more pictures on back page)



**A
COMMUNITY
SEEKING TO
KNOW CHRIST
AND TO
MAKE CHRIST
KNOWN.**

Nevadans for the Common Good

Our first collective meeting since May 22nd happened on July 17th at New Song Lutheran Church. There were approximately 26 present of whom 4 were from Church of the Epiphany.

The video of May 22nd was shown – Epiphany will be receiving a copy and the entire congregation will be invited to view this moving night where 1500 people came together for the Common Good.

Frank Pierson, Senior Organizer from the Industrial Areas Foundation, said that what makes us strong and different from any other organization is that we are not about:

- politics – not allowed;
- our own denomination – all are invited;
- race nor class.

We are about:

- crossing lines;
- learning how to do things we do not know how to do - training;
- designing intersections.

Robert Hoo (paid executive leader) was asked by the Rev. Helen McPeak for three things to be done. His response:

- tell the stories;
- listen;
- tell our own story.

Those present were challenged to bring 5 other people to the next meeting to be held on Thursday, **September 6th**, 7:00pm at New Song Lutheran Church.



Fr. Helen says, “My time as priest among you is drawing to a close.”

By now everyone has heard the news that Fr. Helen will be leaving us in September. As this time approaches, you will hear of plans to celebrate her years with us. Stay tuned for that, and in the meantime, we will all be praying with her for her and her family, our vestry, and our church.



And news just out tells us: The Celebration of Ministry for Helen will be August 29 - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday School Teachers’ Retreat and Planning Session

On July 21st the Church School Retreat was hosted by Ms. Betty-Jeanne. Gina Kistle, the Church School Coordinator, opened our Retreat with an excerpt from Joyce Rupp’s book, May I Have this Dance.

The Rev. Helen McPeak was in attendance and shrimp salad was served especially for her. We celebrated Melissa Farr’s birthday with song, cupcakes and a candle of course! We were grateful that Ms. Christine was able to attend after her foot surgery only 2 weeks ago.



Finally this year we will have 4 kids in High School and Tan Wells will be their leader. Epiphany’s children are growing up.

Planning was done for Outreach projects and we will be adding a brand new one - St. Jude’s Ranch in Boulder City. The children will once again save their money for the children of Haiti, and they will have Haiti brick banks in their classrooms. More specifics on these two Outreach Projects will be coming in the fall.

This is going to be another exciting year for the teachers and children of Epiphany and we are looking forward to September 9th with the kick-off of Church School.

Getting Ready for Navajoland

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