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February 2017

*Over Twenty Years
And Still Connecting*



What's Up With Charles Robinson (12)

Father Charles Robinson (12) and his family moved to Park City in June 2004 so he could assume the role of Rector (Senior Pastor) of St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

Prior to the move he had served as Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church while working part time as a psychotherapist with Phoenix Interfaith Counseling. "I left St. Andrew's in 2000 to assume a full-time staff position with Phoenix Interfaith. Between 2000 and 2004, I worked as a therapist in the agency's "DBT" program, a member of the training faculty and a number of management positions including Clinical Director.



Family Tree



A branch of the Robinson family, daughter Hillaree Ross, lives in Payson, AZ with her husband Jordan and two children Vanessa, 5 years old and Ethan 3 months. The rest of the family tree is rooted here in Park City and includes Bonnie Brown, his wife of 32 years and son Sean Blair. Thirteen year old Eli Elkin, joined the Robinson family in 2015 following the death of his mom who was Bonnie's best friend. "We're going to help Eli on the remainder of his journey to adulthood," explained Father Charles.

Some four-footed friends are also included in the family circle. ***"Fifteen year old Dufus is a deeply beloved dog my wife and daughter rescued from a canal in Phoenix. Jemma, 10 years old is Eli's dog who came with him from Portland, OR last year."***

Project for Deeper Understanding

Interestingly, when Father Charles arrived at St. Luke's he noticed a culture war was raging within the Parish Community. "Members of the congregation had become deeply divided about a list of cultural and religious issues (e.g. the authority of the Bible, acceptance of LGBTQ people, the divinity of Jesus and the role of super-naturalism in Christianity, acceptance of religious pluralism and others). He noticed that people had moved into ideological camps where they continually reassured themselves they were right and others had to be wrong."



People had stopped listening to anyone with a different perspective; they had closed their minds to the possibility of learning something new from those with whom they disagreed. Community life became impossible. ***"In addition, I noticed the same pattern of division and cut-off was ubiquitous in the nation's culture."***

In 2006, Robinson developed The Project for Deeper Understanding. ***"The purpose is to offer an alternative; to find a way for people who disagree to respect and learn from one another as committed members of the same community."***

Over the past ten years, the Project has offered four to six public forums each year. Topics have included immigration policy, growth and development in Park City, gun control, gay marriage, 'Ski Link', public education and vouchers, healthcare reform and others.

"I have been consistently proud of the accomplishments of the the Project, of the many volunteers from the greater Park City Community who work together to plan and organize our events each year and the manner in which the men and women of our community come together for respectful, honest dialogue."

"The Project does not have a dedicated website, but we do have a facebook page. Additional volunteers to plan and staff our events are always needed and welcome. Anyone wanting more info should contact me at pastor@stlukespc.org or on my cell phone (435) 901-2131."

Connecting Hearts & Minds

In a way, The Project for Deeper Understanding has led to the formation of a new 501 (c) (3) called CONNECT, in which Father Charles plays a role.

In June 2015, Lynne Rutan (23) and Dyan Pignatelli approached Father Charles about having a Project for Deeper Understanding forum on the topic of mental health and treatment in Summit County. *"I told them I did not think the public was ready for such a forum; it would be a much better idea to form an education team to work together over the next 10+ years to educate the public about the nature of mental health and mental illness, the need for more treatment options in Summit County and the urgent need to change the public's perception of the mentally ill. The following August, a group met and committed themselves to work on de-stigmatizing mental illness in the minds of the public and to help people understand the struggle and needs of the mentally ill."*



At this point, CONNECT, is an up and coming nonprofit already having a positive impact on our county. *"It has been an enormous joy to watch CONNECT flourish under the leadership of Ed and Lynne Rutan and many others. The Summit County community has embraced this work and I am confident that CONNECT has already made a positive difference and will continue to do so in the future."*

CONNECT has a dedicated website...CONNECTSUMMITCOUNTY.ORG and facebook page. Each have information that would be helpful to anyone seeking mental health services for themselves or loved ones and/or wanting to learn more about mental illness and its treatments.

We are so lucky, as a community, to have Father Charles and his family among us. His observations and positive actions toward improving understanding and cooperation are a benefit to us all.

Alumni Invited to Breakfast

Leadership Alumni, you are invited to attend a networking Business Leaders' Breakfast sponsored by Plenty Consulting. While



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Contact: Mary Christa Smith
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Alumni News

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DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Park City, The Yarrow

1800 Park Avenue, Park City
Wednesday, February 8, 2017
8:30 a.m to 3:30 p.m.

\$35 Registration Fee (includes lunch & refreshments)

To Register or Learn More:

Way to go Bill Mullen (5) whose book, [The Tax Ticking Time Bomb](#): How to Recognize & Manage Tax Traps in Retirement. Is now available. Click here for more information; www.SavingInvestors.com



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Marielle Pariseau (21) is a passionate dentist with the soul of a Tooth Fairy. She is an explorer engaged in the complex discovery of how community can contribute to oral health as part of its fabric of caring. As such, and with the help of many in our community, Marielle has created Oh'Pal, the Little Toothbrush with a Social Purpose. Visit <http://teethfirst.org> to learn more and find out how you can contribute.



.....And More



All the best to current UC Berkley student and Leadership alum, **Madeleine Knauer (21)** who was home for the holidays and recognized by Park City School Board

for winning the top advanced placement statewide award for her exceptional performance.

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Congrats to Donna McAleer (9) who, on December 9, 2016 received a medal for exceptional public service from the Office of the Secretary of Defense for her service and contribution for the last four years on the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Service (DACOWITS).



....And Even More!



Thank you to Insa Riepen (15) for 17 years of guiding Recycle Utah into the future.

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Event Calendar

Wednesday, February 8,
8:30 am to 3:30 pm at the **Double Tree Hotel (Formerly Yarrow) LEADERSHIP 101**



Monday March 20 7-9pm at the Santy Auditorium - Community Lecture featuring DAVID POTTRUCK, former President and CEO of Charles Schwab and now chairman of High Tower Advisers.

*"Power isn't control at all--
Power is strength,
and giving that strength to others.
A leader isn't someone who forces others
to make him stronger;
a leader is someone
willing to give his strength to others
that they may have the strength
to stand on their own."*

Beth Revis

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