

## Different faiths gather to celebrate Christ

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Some 600 people attended the fourth annual Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Sunday in Lehi.

"We have been to the Christmas event and we really enjoyed it, so we thought we would try this one," resident Jill Shanks said. "It's a new tradition."

She and her husband David Shanks were there with their three young children.

Behind the backdrop of Easter choir music from the chapel, Vocal Works, Lehi Children's Choir and the Lehi West Stake Choir performed.

"I think that it is a marvelous thing when people come together and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ," Scott Daniel, Utah Valley Ministerial Association secretary, said. "Of all faiths to share and worship, it's a beautiful thing."

Families visited several rooms set up for the annual program - a children's activity room, two art exhibit rooms and a Carl Mellor exhibit room.

Carl Mellor's display of trips to the Middle East and his collection of olive wood carvings took up an expanse three times the size of the exhibit he showed in December at the Celebration of the Birth of Jesus event.

Mellor has \$15,000 to \$20,000 in olive wood carvings from the area. He has made 12 trips to the Holy Land he said, four to five trips to Egypt, two to three trips to Jordan and two trips along the route believed to be where Lehi and his family from the Book of Mormon traveled to the coast and sailed to the Americas.

"My wife and I are not afraid to go anyplace," he said. "I have always been fortunate."

Light lit up a display of 25 prints of Simon Dewey, Greg Olsen and others in the multipurpose room. The youngest artist, Corey Egbert of Lehi, displayed his penciled profile of Christ.

Across from the art exhibit of prints and the drawing on the opposite wall was a more humble exhibit showing children's crayon renderings of Christ.

In another large room, Liz Lemmon Swindle personally showed her work of Christ and spoke with visitors.

"I've enjoyed it very much," Swindle said of the event. She has contributed her work to exhibit nearly each year for the event.

"It's a wonderful community effort. It shows the churches and the local arts councils can work together to strengthen families," Rick Turner, event committee chair, said. "We have different beliefs but we can come together to worship the Savior."