



2016

A Beacon of Hope, A Call to Serve

“...come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!” Isaiah 2:5 (Advent 1)

Once again we have entered the season of Advent, the beginning of a new church year, and we are reminded to walk in the light of the Lord, a light that came into this world in the flesh through a child born in a manger on a night long, long ago and that continues to dwell amongst us, a light no darkness can overcome, a light leading us in the way of justice and peace, mercy and forgiveness to a day when we will know the glory of God’s kingdom.

Join us at Advent worship services on Sunday at 7:30am and 10:00am and our Advent Jazz Vespers on Thursday evenings at 6:00pm as we prepare once again to receive the wonder of God’s presence on our earth. Take note of the varied Advent resources listed below. They will enrich your Advent journey on our way to Christmas!

Christmas will be extra special this year with music that will fill our hearts with joy. Those who were with us on Thanksgiving know how special the music was at that service. You can expect that even more so at our Christmas services! Invite your family and friends. Note that although December 25th is a Sunday this year, we will maintain our pattern of one service on Christmas Day at 9:30am.

God’s richest blessings of reflection, peace, and joy as we listen and ponder once again the promises of scripture that point us to the light of Christ that no darkness can overcome.

Pastor Diane

Advent Jazz Vespers - 6:00pm

Light refreshments on the church lanai beginning at 5:30pm and followed by homemade soup, salad, and bread in the Parish Hall

Thursday, December 1 - Tribute to Billy Strayhorn and Recognition of World AIDS Day

Thursday, December 8 - A Blue Christmas Jazz Vespers

Thursday, Dec. 15 and 22 - Advent Jazz Vespers

Thursday, Dec. 29 - Christmas Jazz Vespers - A special jazz service of carols during the Twelve Days of Christmas!

Christmas Worship

Saturday, December 24th - 5:30pm Family Christmas Eucharist at St. Andrew’s (Joint service with St. Andrew’s, St. Peter’s, and St. Paul’s featuring the children enacting the Christmas story)

8:00pm Christmas Eucharist at St. Peter - Special music featuring our musicians and vocalists (8pm Special music and carols; 8:30pm Festive Eucharist)

**Sunday, December 25th:
9:30am Festive
Eucharist with special
music** (Note: ONE service on Christmas Day)



Christmas Caroling! Join us on December 18 at 4:00 pm as we go caroling to our home bound and return to church for light refreshments. Please let Joseph know that you are coming at 225-7906 or josepheppink@gmail.com.



Christmas Choir! The choir will sing at both the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services and we’d love to have you join us! Rehearsals will be at 7:30 pm on December 8, 15, 22 as well as on Sunday mornings at 9 am. Contact Joseph if you have questions at 225-7906 or josepheppink@gmail.com.

Ukuleles! The ukulele group will rehearse following the 10:00 service on December 4, 11, 18 to prepare for the Christmas Caroling and Christmas services. This is a great opportunity to come and learn the chords even if you’ve never played before. If you have a ukulele, bring it along. Contact Barbara Vlachos for information at barkvlachos@icloud.com or 258.8401

Happy 100th Birthday Eleanor Chang!



Although Eleanor's 100th birthday fell on November 30, the congregation celebrated with her on November 27th after the 7:30 service. A delicious banana Chantilly birthday cake and always-popular dim sum were served by Eleanor's family during the coffee hour.

Born in Haleiwa, Eleanor grew up in Honolulu where she attended Kaahumanu Elementary, Washington Intermediate, and Roosevelt High Schools and the University of Hawaii. She taught 8th grade English at schools in Hilo, Pahala, the School for the Deaf & Blind, and Stevenson Intermediate.

At St. Peter's, she sang in the choir as a teenager, taught Sunday School for a short time, and was a member of the Altar Guild for many years. Lynda Pang was one of her students in her Sunday School class!

She married the late Warren Chang in 1940 and has three adult children: Cordelia, Myron, and Kevin (pictured above with spouses Beth and Lannice).

Calling all Decorators: Help Spruce up the Sanctuary for Christmas!

At Christmas time, everyone is an unofficial member of the St. Peter's Altar Guild. Please help the "regulars" dress in the church in its holiday finery.

On Sunday, December 4, from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. It is pew polishing time. The hymnals and prayer books will be put under the

pew and then the seat and back of the pew are polished. The oil and rags will be provided as well as disposable gloves. **(Note: we will finish before the Tokaikolo congregation begins its service at 1:00 p.m.)**

On Saturday, December 17, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Help the Altar Guild polish the brass and silver. Polishes, rags, and gloves will be provided. If time permits, the artificial pine trees will be brought up from the Aloha Room and the lights will be connected.

On Sunday, December 18, from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. A "bucket brigade" will carry the boxes of various sizes and decorations (e.g., poinsettia plants & pew poles) from the Aloha Room to the Sanctuary. **(Note: we will finish before the Tokaikolo congregation begins its service at 1:00 p.m.)**

On Thursday, December 22, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Finishing touches will be made to the Christmas decorations. **(Note: There is a Watabe blessing at 12:30 p.m.)** If we do not finish on Thursday, we will continue on Fri., Dec. 23.

Please contact Altar Guild Chair Velma Lee, at vklee2014@gmail.com with any questions.

Thank You, Fred!

On November 6th following both services Fred Okumura signed copies of his latest children's book, *Keoki and the Secret Island*, which lifts up the virtue of filial piety. It is with joy in his heart that Fred freely gives copies of his book to all our children (and grandparents!) Thank you, Fred, for your beautiful gift to our keiki!



St. Peter's recently received a wonderful donation in honor of Fred "for his tireless effort as an educator and former Lower School Headmaster of Iolani School. Fred's dedication and generosity has helped countless students through his leadership and now as author of two children's books (for which he receives no compensation)."

We appreciate you, Fred!

Pledge Update for 2017

Thank you for your faithful giving to the ministry of this church! Our "ingathering" of pledges for 2017 was held on November 20th. Here's where we stand to date:

As of November 28, 2016:
53 pledges for a total of \$157,479.00

At this time last year, 58 pledges had been received totaling \$172,970.00 and pledges continue to come in as we move toward the end of the year. Last year, we completed the year with 66 pledges for year 2016 totaling \$192,820.00. With your help, we can move closer to what we achieved last year. 2017 is an important year for your pledge support because we will be without rental income for three months while the sanctuary undergoes repairs and renovations. 2017 will also be an exciting time for the church, but, yes, it is stretching all of us. We are stretching ourselves not with selfish intent, but for the current and future of the ministry of this church as we reach out with God's word of hope and promise to the community around us and into the generations to come.

If you have not submitted your annual pledge for 2017, please give it prayerful consideration. Your pledges help St. Peter's plan the ministry we are able to undertake in 2017. There is new energy growing within the worship and music life of the congregation and new outreach that is letting folks know that St. Peter's is a place where God's love is lived and experienced. We are the ones, who through our gifts of time, talent, and treasure, keep this momentum going.

If you need a pledge card, you will find extras in the pew racks on Sunday or give the church office a call. Thank you!

"WE ARE
THE
Episcopal BRANCH
OF
THE Jesus movement"
—Presiding Bishop Michael Curry



Building Repairs and Renovation Update

This is an exciting time in the life of our church. After years of

realizing the repair and renovation needs of our church, we successfully launched our capital campaign last year and are steadily preparing for the accomplishment of these projects. The first renovation project is currently underway—the acoustical ceiling treatment in the Parish Hall. This work will lessen the echo chamber effect in the Parish Hall, so that we are better able to hear in that space. This will be important when we move into that space for worship while the sanctuary is closed for repairs and renovations.

The target dates for the work in the sanctuary are the week after Easter (April 16, 2017) through the end of July. Toward that end, Constructors Hawaii, Inc. has been selected as the general contractor. Not only were they the low bidder, but they also come highly recommended by our architect, Glenn Mason, and several of our parishioners who have worked with them. We are now in the process of preparing the contract and financial paperwork that will be submitted to the diocese for its three-step approval process.

None of this work is possible without all of us. Please continue to keep the process in your prayers, and we thank you for your financial commitment and three year pledges to the capital campaign.

Over the course of these three years, you will be kept informed of the progress of the capital campaign by Pokhui McKinney who has taken on the role of Capital Campaign Coordinator and will be working closely with Joette who keeps track of the contributions. As the end of the year approaches, you may want to consider whether advance payments would offer you a tax advantage in year 2016. If so, you must make these contributions by December 31st.

If have not made a pledge to the capital campaign, please join us by asking for a pledge card from the church office or from Pokhui. Together we can do great things in ensuring that God's love is experienced in and through this church for generations to come!



Congratulations to Jesand Amodo, Media Specialist at St. Peter's. She graduates from Hawai'i Pacific University on Thursday, December 15th, with a Bachelors of Science and Business Administration degree with

a concentration in Marketing. Jesand will continue to manage St. Peter's website and Facebook account while she begins her search for full-time employment. If you know someone who is hiring, let Jesand know!



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2016 Vestry

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