



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

...a faith community in the heart of downtown Honolulu

A Beacon of Hope...A Call to Serve!

December 2018

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill
shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough
ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*

Luke 3:4-6

Advent has arrived! Unlike the shopping countdown before Christmas, these four weeks in the church are a time of expectant waiting, of hoping and praying. We are reminded that we are not only making our way to a remembrance of Jesus' birth on this earth, but that Jesus continues to come to us now, in our everyday lives, even as we look ahead with hopeful anticipation to that day when God's reign of joy and victory will be made complete over all the forces of evil. Amidst the frenzy of secular Christmas preparations, take time to prepare the way of the Lord through worship this season of Advent.

Advent Services

Sundays: December 2, 9, 16, 23

Advent Jazz Vespers: November 29, December 6, 13, 20

Christmas Services

December 24, 2018

**5:30pm Family Christmas service at the Cathedral of St. Andrew's
(joint service of St. Peter's, St. Paul's, and St. Andrew's)**

8:00pm Carols and Festive Worship with Eucharist at St. Peter's

Featuring an array of special music from 8-8:30pm from talented folks that may surprise you!

December 25, 2018

**9:30am Festive Worship with Eucharist at St. Peter's
Dr. Joseph Eppink on organ and Mike Lewis on trumpet**

**Christmas Jazz Vespers - Thursday, December 27,
6pm**

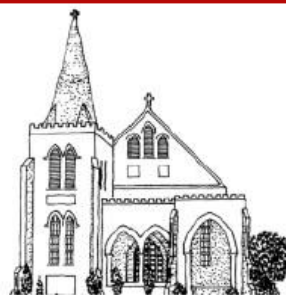
Sunday, December 30 - Christmas Potluck and Trolley Ride, 5-8pm

Sign up at church or call the church office.

The Day of Epiphany - Sunday, January 6

7:30am and 10:00am

The day we welcome the magi from afar!



By the Grace of God

The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick
Bishop of the Diocese of Hawaii

will ordain
Jasmine Hanakaulani Bostock

to the Presbyterate

Saturday, the twenty-second of December
Two thousand eighteen
at ten 'o clock in the morning

St Peter's Episcopal Church
1317 Queen Emma Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Reception immediately following in the Parish Hall.

Your prayers and presence are warmly invited.
Please RSVP to revjazybostock@gmail.com

All stalls are open and there will be further parking on the Square.

Clergy are invited to vest in red stoles.

Online Advent devotions:

The Episcopal Diocese of Virginia

<https://thedioceseadvent.weebly.com>

Weekly offerings during the four weeks of Advent to inspire us to be still and know Christ's presence in our lives—during, before and after Advent.

#AdventWord, <https://www.adventword.org>

This popular Advent practice returns in 2018. Christians across the world are invited to celebrate the season of Advent through an interactive, multilingual online calendar. Create an advent calendar through images shared by mobile phones. Sign up to receive the daily word used as a focus for prayer and image sharing.

Support our Neighborhood Middle School!

DonorsChoose is a non-profit organization that connects the public to public schools. It makes it easy for anyone to help a classroom in need, and is making it easy for St. Peter's to support Central Middle School!

As you may know, the majority of Central Middle School students reside in government and affordable housing complexes or transitional and homeless shelters, while others live with relatives or in multi-generational homes. More than three quarters of the students live in low-income households.

The DonorsChoose CMS projects include Personal Hygiene Packs and snacks.

Personal Hygiene Packs: In PE, students are competitive and enjoy getting outside and having fun while sweating a lot. They may also have body odor they never used to have and many of them are too embarrassed or poor to buy deodorant. Unfortunately, sometimes these odors can be a distraction to learning or become a cause for bullying or teasing. The PE teacher, Mrs Patton, would love to give them the peace of mind of having the personal hygiene essentials they can keep in their backpacks to use during school.

Snacks: The second CMS DonorsChoose project, also submitted by Mrs Patton, would provide healthy snacks to students who arrive late to school and miss the school breakfast. Once they are fed, they will be able to focus on the teachers' instruction. Often times, the students lack focus in the classroom because they are hungry.

Please consider supporting these projects by visiting the DonorsChoose at www.DonorsChoose.org, and typing in Central Middle School, Honolulu in the search box or drop a check in the plate with CMS DonorsChoose on the memo line.

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Looking for a meaningful way to contribute this Christmas season? Consider donating to Central Middle School! As part of our new community PTA venture with CMS, the PTA has asked if we would help to support its "Bulldog Christmas Store". Throughout the year, students are awarded "Bulldog Bucks" for displaying core school values. Hosting a Christmas Store would allow these students to use their earned bucks to purchase gifts for family and friends. You may give monetarily (by putting in the memo line "CMS") or you may purchase items recommended, including: Bath and Bodyworks hand soap and lotion; stuffed animals; power banks for phones; earbuds; chocolates; hats; skateboards; shirts; umbrellas; speakers; towels; candles; throw blankets; cooking utensils.

The deadline for donations is **December 15th**.

The Art of Narcissus



The Art of Narcissus will have its annual Narcissus Carving Workshop beginning January 12, 2019. Offerings include a four-week instructional workshop for first time and returning students. There is also a four-week advanced workshop for former students or those who have a good understanding of carving and caring for the narcissus bulb and are able to

work independently.

Registration is required. Forms are available on the ushers' table at the rear of the church.

Church-wide Epiphany Bible Reading Initiative Begins January 7, 2019

Forward Movement, along with partners from across the Episcopal Church, invites all Episcopalians to participate in the **Good Book Club**, a church-wide Bible reading initiative. The **Good Book Club** will focus on Paul's Letter to the Romans, with participants reading a section of scripture each day during the Epiphany season, starting on January 7, 2019.

ChurchNext, a ministry of Forward Movement, will offer two six-week live Bible studies led by the Rev. Jay Sidebotham, author of *Conversations with Scripture: Romans* and director of RenewalWorks. The studies can be found at <http://www.goodbookclub.org>.

"When we commit ourselves to reading God's Word, we open ourselves to the opportunity for transformation," said Richelle Thompson, deputy director and managing editor of Forward Movement. "Although Paul wrote this letter to the Romans, the message of salvation and redemption through the risen Christ is one we all need to hear and embrace today."

The **Good Book Club** began during Lent and Easter of 2018 with tens of thousands of Episcopalians reading the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts. Survey results from participants showed a hunger and desire to continue the initiative and provide more opportunities for people to read and discuss scripture together. Romans was the first choice of participants for the next **Good Book Club**.

Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry supports and encourages individuals and congregations to join the **Good Book Club** as a way to engage in "Learn," one of the seven Way of Love practices for a Jesus-centered life (Go to <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/explore-way-love> to learn more about the Way of Love practices.)

Diocesan Study: Study of the Gospel of Matthew

In mid-October, Bishop Bob began the diocese on a daily reading of Matthew leading up to Presiding Bishop Curry's visit the end of March, 2019. A list of the daily readings can be found on the diocesan website. Go to <http://www.episcopalhawaii.org> and click on the blue box on the right that says, "Bishop's Bible Study." There you will also find instructions on using the *Lectio Divina* method of Bible reading.



2018-2019 50th Anniversary Shirts Final Order

These special shirts made their debut at the 50th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i in October, and they are available to order one last time! A sample is available at the Diocesan Support Center.

Deadline to order is **Monday, December 10, 2018**, or when available supplies run out. Shipping is slated for the first week of March 2019, just in time for Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's visit to the islands.

Order forms are on the ushers' table at the rear of the church.

Alternative Gift Giving Options

Trying to figure out what to get someone for Christmas who has everything they need? Or for a child that will teach them that Christmas is about more than receiving presents? Consider a goat or a flock of chickens, fruit trees or mosquito nets! Check out the gift catalogs of Episcopal Relief & Development and Heifer International at the links below or on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Episcopal Relief & Development "Gifts for Life" catalog - <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/gifts>
Heifer International "Gift Catalog" - <https://www.heifer.org/gift-catalog/index.html>

If you are looking for a gift to put under that Christmas tree, check out SERRV and the Heifer International Marketplace. Both offer uniquely crafted, global gifts where profits go directly to the artisans.

SERRV - <https://www.serrv.org>

Heifer International Marketplace - <https://www.heifer.org/marketplace/index.html?isource=HIJIB18HP0001>

Advent Adult Discussion - *The Way of Love*

The Adult Forum will journey through the Way of Love curriculum during the advent season. Slow down what can be a busy season and focus preparing your hearts for the birth of Jesus. The sessions are: *Saying Yes to the Journey, Journeying with Family and Friends, Journeying with Community; and Journeying in the World.*

Discussion will follow each service in the Parish Hall.

Senior Warden's Corner

Velma Lee, Senior Warden

Pokhui McKinney has graciously volunteered to chair the Hie Hie Project - a partnership of St. Peter's, Harris United Methodist Church, and I.H.S. St. Peter's responsibility in this outreach project is to provide coffee refreshments and sack lunches for the homeless. In August, we provided 30 lunches, and in November the number doubled! If you can spare a few hours on the third Thursday of each month to help us, please contact Pokhui.



The Community PTA of Central Middle School will have a Christmas store for the students to buy gifts for their family using the "Bulldog bucks" that they have earned for being good citizens. Help is needed for a few hours to wrap the presents that the students "buy": Wednesday, December 19 for the 6th graders, Thursday, December 20 for the 7th graders, and Friday, December 21 for the 8th graders. If you like to wrap presents and can assist the students in this worthy project, please contact Rev. Jazzy for more information.

In planning ahead to December 15 from about 8:00-11:00 am, much help is needed to polish the brass, the koa pews and walls, various brass crosses, and various silver Holy Eucharist vessels. Polishes, rags, and instructions will be given that day.

On December 23, after the second service from about 11:30-12:30, the Altar Guild needs help to bring up decorations from the Aloha Room. Whatever can't be completed, we will finish up on the morning of Dec. 24 from about 8:00-10:00 am.



Support the ministries of St. Peter's by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to St. Peter's. Shop through the Amazon Smile button on St. Peter's webpage.

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Help Define the Future of the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i

Interested in meeting other Episcopalians in the diocese and guiding the diocese into the future? How can you help to define the future of the Diocese? By joining one of the Design Teams (Phase II) or Task Groups – there

are a total of six to choose from.

- Spiritual Growth Design Team Phase II
- 'Ohana Design Team Phase II
- Communications Design Team Phase II
- Worship Task Group
- Reconciliation Task Group
- Creation Care Task Group

For details about each Team or Task Force, contact Pastor Diane or Rev. Jazzy. Nominations are due Dec. 14th.

Celebrate with us during the Twelve Days of Christmas! Sunday, December 30 - Christmas Potluck and Trolley Ride, 5-8pm (Sign-Up Sheets in the Sanctuary)

A great event for the family! The event begins in the Parish Hall with Christmas music and a potluck.



Please bring a favorite dish to share. Although there will be paper products, we encourage you to bring your own reusable plates, cutlery, and glasses to aid the environment. After dinner, we will set out in two groups—one to enjoy a trolley ride around town to see the lights and the other will be dropped off at Honolulu Hale to enjoy the Christmas displays. The two groups will then switch. Space is limited, so please reserve a spot by calling the church office or by signing up at church.

Capital Campaign Update



Many thanks to those who have continued to support St. Peter's Capital Campaign. The construction loan balance due as of 10/31/18 is \$76,786 with

outstanding pledges of \$77,454. We have been receiving payments toward this from capital campaign pledges averaging \$3,000 per month. This campaign is approaching the end in about seven months. We need and appreciate the ongoing support of your pledges. Because the circumstances of some who pledged have change, new and additional gifts toward paying off the construction loan are always gratefully received.

Pokhui McKinney, Capital Campaign Pledge Coordinator

2018 Canned Food Drive Success!



The annual canned food drive has ended. Many thanks to everyone who contributed food to the drive and to the volunteers, who helped collect, sort, bag, and deliver. With help from Cheryl Bochentin, Haroldwyn Chang, Carolyn Ejercito, Velma Lee and Keith Lee, 35 bags of food were delivered to the Kuhio Park Terrace Family Center. They were very grateful to receive so many bags!

Pledge Update

Thank you to those of you who have turned in your pledge cards for 2019. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider your support of the ministries of St. Peter's Church, write it on a pledge card (can be found in the pew racks), and place it in the offering bowl or mail it to the church office. Thank you for being a partner in ministry!

Pledge materials were mailed in November. If you did not receive a packet, pick one up from one of the Greeter's Tables.





St. Peter's Church: A Beacon of Hope

Thoughts from members of the vestry

I am Barry Wood, a member of the vestry. Pastor Diane asked me to "Share from the heart: Why I support this church; why it's important for me to be part of a faith community." As a relatively recent returning member of St Peter's, and a brand new member of the vestry; honestly, I didn't pay that much attention to the 'mission statement.' So, I thought I should do some research first. I've been involved with mission statements in other organizations, but never for a church.

The following are brief excerpts about mission statements. A statement to convey your organization's reason for being to your staff, board, stakeholders and members of the community. Each statement should be clear, powerful, and broad enough to guide your decision-making and help explain your organization's efforts to potential investors and funders. I'm sure those involved in writing St Peter's mission statement took time and care in choosing just the right words, concise and specific, vibrant and exciting...really clear about its passion and values...to create dynamic, visual images and inspire action...focused on what the church does and its objectives. I also looked up the words, 'beacon' and 'hope'. For beacon the two that resonated best with me were: one: 'a lighthouse or other signal for guidance'; and two: 'a source of light or inspiration.' I'm reminded of words from Matthew Chap 5: Verses 14-16: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." For 'hope', the definition - 'desire accompanied by expectation of or belief in fulfillment' - seemed to fit best.

With all that said, I believe St Peter's is a beacon of hope to help fulfill my spiritual needs to become a better God-centered Christian, to follow His lead and

accept His will in everything I do. I also believe this is St. Peter's mission for the congregation as a whole. Thus, my desire is that St. Peter's congregation can be a beacon of hope for the greater community outside this sanctuary. It's a challenge with potential risks since being a vocal Christian in today's world can be much more dangerous than when I was a youngster coming to St. Peter's.

In closing, I am inspired by words from my favorite hymn that we used to sing every Sunday before leaving the parish hall: *Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war with the cross of Jesus going on before.*

Thank you for being here this morning.



I am Nancy Rowe, a member of the vestry and church treasurer. A Beacon of Hope? My guess is that people come to church seeking that hope - when they are facing life's challenges; when the children are old enough for Sunday School, when they are celebrating life's joys; or... We came to St. Peter's hoping to find a faith community, and we found you.

St. Peter's offers hope through preaching, teaching, fellowship, care, prayer. We receive that hope and carry it into the community where we live or work. Hope flows out when lunch is prepared and served to Habitat volunteers; when sack lunches are served to the clients of Hie Hie, when food is collected for Kuhio Park Terrace, when support is offered to Central Middle School. Hope flows out when we care for and about each other, pray for each other, are community.

The church renovation project was a witness that St. Peter's presence into the next generations is important to us. Our continued support of St. Peter's makes ministry happen here. I invite you to be part of the circle of hope and service as you consider your pledge to the 2019 commitment campaign.

St. Peter's Church: A Call to Serve

I am Pokhui McKinney and I am on the vestry. I felt that I was living out my faith in serving Christ 6 years ago when I was asked to be a member of St. Peter's vestry. After Fr. Andrew's departure, I was asked to be a member of the search committee for our new rector and with God's blessing and guidance we found Paster Diane. Also, it was an honor to be asked to be a Senior Warden. Two years in that position gave me a far better understanding of how the church is operating, both spiritually and otherwise. For many years, I simply went to church

and what we think we can offer, we pledged and contributed to the church. I realized being a good Christian is not just going to church only.

During my 2nd year as Senior Warden, we started Jazz Vespers that we were going to try out for just three months. But, as you all know this ministry has continued on and is now — surprisingly — in its fourth year. Of course, this was possible principally because of Pastor Diane's and Manny Dayao's dedication and guidance, plus the unselfish and hardworking weekly efforts to make soup/salad. I made soup only once a month and tried to help as much as I can. I know many other people got involved making salad, bringing bread, set up/clean ups.

This ministry has grown not only by St Peter's Ohana but more so by non-St Peter's members participation and generous contributions. It is amazing how many people are coming back on their annual vacation time and want to help/participate. You should come to see/feel the camaraderie.

Bill and I decided to become involved in Hie Hie Ministry. We only participated once, but we feel this is the project we need to do in serving Christ. I ask everyone to participate and get involved in serving Christ because this is our church and we are one Ohana. Thank you.



I am Jaime Yamane and am serving my second year as a Vestry member. Let's go back a few years ago. At the time, I was searching for a new church that would not only be a place of worship, but also an opportunity to serve. Before I visited St. Peter's for the first time, I looked at the website and happily discovered that this congregation is involved with many outreach ministries. I dabbled in a few areas and realized that it is true that our congregation is really good at cooking and feeding people! Habitat for Humanity, Family Promise, Soul Food Ministry and Jazz Vespers are just some of the ways we provide nourishment to the community. Over the next couple of years I also learned that besides outreach, there are many opportunities to serve right within our own church. We are a community and it does "take a village" to make this church function smoothly. St. Peter's really needs every member to share their respective talents in order for our church to continue to make strides in implementing new programs, keeping the facilities in top shape as well as serving God and spreading his message.

If I can be perfectly candid, when I first studied the "Time and Talent" survey, I didn't really think I had concrete skills that our church would need.

However, after I started serving on the vestry, I realized that our needs are varied and things arise that you'd never expect... and you discover that you actually CAN contribute. I would have never dreamed that my knowledge of a horrible topic like termites would come in handy, or that my passion for design would be of use during the renovation. And as it turns out, previous experience in finance is also being put to use. Recently, through the recommendation from Pastor Diane, I was appointed by Bishop Bob to a three year term on the newly created Commission for Investments for the Diocese.

Looking back, the little ways in which I have served seem so random, but I continue to try and follow where God leads me. It is my hope that each one of us takes Peter's message to heart. "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."



Have You Thought About Leaving a Legacy Gift to St. Peter's?

Did you know that you make a lasting gift to St. Peter's through your estate plan? Remembering St. Peter's in your will or trust is as simple as asking your legal advisor to update your documents.

It's easy. The following language is an example of how a bequest to benefit St. Peter's may be worded: I give, devise and bequeath to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, a qualified 501(c)(3) charitable organization located in Honolulu, HI, _____percent of my residual estate to be used for _____ (a specific ministry, program or unrestricted use.).

The Diocesan website (episcopalhawaii.org) also has information on planned giving that you may find useful. An informative brochure is available at this link. http://www.episcopalhawaii.org/uploads/2/5/4/8/25486559/ho%E2%80%98ike_ulu_legacy_society_brochure.pdf

We recommend "unrestricted use" because that allows the vestry at the time to make decisions regarding the best use of the bequest over the decades to come.

Leave a lasting legacy ensuring God's ministry in and through this church. Some of the planned-giving options you can discuss with your estate planner include: bequests, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, memorial endowment funds, gifts of stock and real estate, donor-directed distribution agreements, charitable remainder trusts, qualified charitable distributions.

Thank you for considering a gift that will ensure the ongoing ministry of St. Peter's Episcopal Church!

Quick Thoughts

- ✓ Weston Yap was featured in the Crave section of the Star-Advertiser for his recipe for an Ulu alternative to a traditional turkey stuffing. The "savory flavors of sausage, vegetables and herbs will be familiar, but breadfruit stands in for the bread, to make a delicious stuffing (or call it a dressing, if you're cooking it outside the turkey). Weston Yap of Kaimuki has perfected this flavorful dish using traditional vegetables of onions, garlic and celery to make the mixture seem familiar."
- ✓ The Knitters made more than 150 hats this past year. Fifty two went to the Seamen's

Church Institute Christmas at Sea Program, 55 went to a local medical mission group headed for Nepal this month, and the rest went to the Pineridge Reservation. A representative of Pineridge wrote: *Many thanks to all those in your group for the very nice, warm hats. They will be much appreciated and put to good use on the reservation. The morning temperature is now in the single digits and the highs are below freezing, so warmth in any form is desperately needed. Thank you to everyone for your continued interest in and faithful support of the work of Naphtali.*



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Term expires in 2019: Edmund Choy, Kyle Saito, Jaime Yamane

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