



**April 2019**



The most important season of the year and of our Christian journey takes place this month. Immerse yourself in this year's Holy Week services. They will bring deeper insight and joy to your Easter celebration.

**Holy Week and Easter Worship Services**

Palm/Passion Sunday - April 14, 7:30am and 10:00am

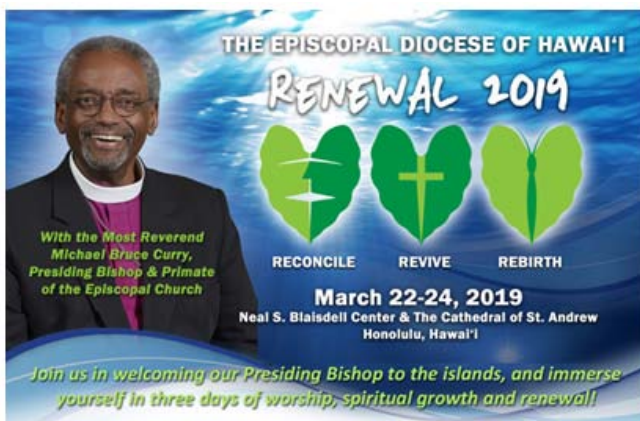
Maundy Thursday - April 18, 6:00pm

*We depart in silence following the stripping of the altar to return on Good Friday.*

Good Friday - Journey to the Cross - April 19, 11:30am and 6:00pm

Easter Sunday - April 21, 7:30am and 10:00am

Guest trumpeter: Mike Lewis



If you were unable to attend Renewal 2019, or wish to experience it again, check out the diocesan Facebook page. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry gave a powerful sermon at The Cathedral on the last day of Renewal 2019, March 24! It was preceded by a short 5 minute interview in the Sanctuary with Barbara Tanabe. Later in the day, Barbara Tanabe conducted a "Talk Story" interview with the Presiding Bishop in a wonderfully candid conversation. People lined up afterwards for his autograph and selfies.

Sunday morning the Bishop's sermon was about The Way of Love. Listen to it here

<https://youtu.be/oQsbf6ye6gwh> <https://www.facebook.com/EpiscopalDioceseHawaii/videos/378883752667050/>

**St. Peter's Receives**

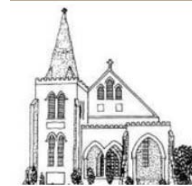


**Preservation Award**

Word has been received that

Historic Hawai'i Foundation will recognize the Preservation of St. Peter's Episcopal Church with a Preservation Award at the 45th Annual Preservation Honor Awards Ceremony. The award will be presented to MASON (Glenn Mason Architect), the Congregation of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Constructors Hawaii (Contractor), Mechanical Engineers of Hawaii, Inc., Douglas Engineering, and James Erikson Studios (Stained Glass Designer).

The letter from Kiersten Faulkner, Executive Director of Historic Hawaii Foundation states, "The project is being awarded for preservation that accomplished repairs, improvements and upgrades to the historic church while maintaining the character-defining features. The award also recognizes that the St. Peter's congregation was very involved and financially supported the project. We congratulate you on your exemplary preservation efforts."



**Senior Warden's Corner***Velma Lee, Senior Warden*

Highlights from the March Vestry Meeting for the April 2019 newsletter

**Discernment for Ministry****Committee has been formed for Maureen O'Leary.**

Meetings have begun with Michele Baldovi (Chairperson), Elizabeth Winternitz, Barry Wood, Cheryl Saito, and Bill McKinney. At the end of summer, a decision whether to make a recommendation to the Bishop will be made concerning Maureen's call to ministry.

**Kitchen Renovations are underway:** The laminate was selected for the cabinets' new face and counter top. Items from the kitchen have been placed in the blue room; thank you very much to Stephanie Wight and Glenn Pang! Selection of the frost free freezer will happen soon. [Follow-up: the carpenters have finished with the cupboards, counter top, and cabinets on the left side of the kitchen. The frost free upright freezer has been ordered and will arrive on Tuesday, April 9.]

**Chinese Christian Association Meetings:** At one of the meetings, a revised version of the Scholarship Application was adopted. If someone needs financial aid as he/she pursues a degree in theology, the person can apply throughout the year.

**The Vestry unanimously approved the following motions:**

- Withdrawal of funds from the Organ Repair Fund of the Reserve Fund invested in the Diocesan Portfolio to complete the payment of the final invoice to Stephen Whitman, organ specialist.
- The 2018 Parochial Report as prepared for submission to the Diocesan Support Center of the Episcopal Church in Hawaii.
- Provide Joette Comstock with a parting gift in recognition and thanksgiving for her years of service to St. Peter's.
- Designated splitting the 2019 Lenten offerings 50/50 between the Episcopal Relief & Development and Episcopal Migration Ministries.
- Adopted the Safeguarding Policy of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii.

**YMCA celebrating 150 years on Sat., Apr. 27:** Rev. Jazzy, Gail Kuroda, and Steve Mitchell volunteered to work together on selecting the games for St. Peter's Booth.

**PV Proposal:** Terry Dang and Ron Kim will co-chair the investigation of a PV proposal for St. Peter's. Research on NEM and PV panels has begun.

**NEEDED: Gifts of love to finish off the construction loan!**

Three years ago, the members of this congregation dug deep and made substantial monetary pledges toward the repair and renovation of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. The results are beautiful, and the church has continued to pay off the \$252,000 construction loan as pledged gifts have been received. Over these three years, however, some who pledged have died, moved away, or had life changes that impacted their giving. As of February 28th, there was a balance of \$38,686.00 due on the construction loan with a targeted end date to repay this loan of July. Are you able to help finish this off? Can you provide an additional gift of love? We are so close! Thank you in advance for giving this prayerful consideration.

**What's next?**

The vestry has decided that once the construction loan is paid off, attention can be turned to the challenge of putting a new cross back on top of the high steeple. Did you notice that it's missing? Eleanor Chang, our oldest member, noticed!

That high steeple can be seen from many different vantage points around the wider neighborhood, but there is no longer a cross on top telling the community that this is a Christian church. The wooden cross that used to be on that high steeple was a casualty of Hurricane Lane. Fortunately, through the use of a drone, it was determined that there is no gaping hole at the top; rather, a rusted base caused the cross to tumble. Unfortunately, the Episcopal Church's hurricane deductible is a percentage of the entire property, making it in the range of \$250,000. The cross will not, thank goodness, cost more than that to replace; however, it will be costly. When the vestry sought bids, two companies declined the job because the steeple is so high and a third estimated \$70,000 just for the lift and labor without the cost of a replacement cross. More to come on this...once the loan is paid off!

**Learn the Art of Making Palm Crosses**

Learn to make palm crosses for the Palm Sunday worship service. Cheryl Saito and her crew will demonstrate the art of palm folding on Saturday, April 13, 9:00am in the Aloha Room. On Sunday, April 14th, each worshiper will receive a palm cross that will be blessed at the start of the Palm/Passion service.

Your palm cross serves as a reminder and symbol of our Christian faith throughout the year. The week before Lent next year, you are invited to return your cross to be burned for ashes to be used at the Ash Wednesday services.

## What's new at St. Peter's?

Pastor Diane

Every year begins with something new and this year began with staff change announcements. Joette Comstock, St. Peter's Bookkeeper and Property Manager, decided, after well more than a decade at St. Peter's, that February 28th would be her last day. Estelle Hayashi, our Administrative Assistant, with a son and his family moving to Las Vegas, announced that she would be retiring the end of May. A temp has been filling in as Bookkeeper since March 1st as the Executive Committee and I interviewed candidates. Starting this month, Eva Cotter, will be joining the office staff as a "temp to hire." She will be in training with both Estelle and Barb, the temp Bookkeeper, to take over as our full-time Office Administrator and Bookkeeper as of May 1st. Eva recently moved to Hawaii from California, following her husband whose position was transferred to Oahu. Eva has an MBA, is a certified acupuncturist, and has run her own business. Please give Eva a chance to work with Estelle and Barb and learn the routine of the office and then we'll give her a proper introduction to everyone!

As you know Joette's departure was without fanfare. That was at her request. The vestry wanted to honor that request, but to also honor her years of service to St. Peter's. In response, the vestry authorized a monetary gift to say Mahalo and aloha. Joette responded with this note:

*Dear Diane, Executive Committee, Vestry and St Peter's Ohana,*

*My sincerest thanks for the generous parting gift and lovely pikake lei. Please accept my appreciation for your thoughtfulness. I feel blessed to have known all of you and am confident the good works of the church will go on in your capable hands.*

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*Sincerely,* *Joette Comstock*

From all of us at St. Peter's, may your future endeavors bring you much joy, Joette!



This is a note from Ruth:

*Carla (especially) and the gang did a great job on preparing the lunch bags for Hie Hie. Carla's 2 girls (Addison & Rebecca) showed up to help too, and I would have brought Arielle along (spring break) had she not had tennis practice at school at the same time.*

*Thirty seven folks showed up at Harris. St. Peter's has a good team who all know their particular "jobs" during the assembly line process.*

*Pokhui McKinney*



Camp Mokule'ia and the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i are excited to announce the first inaugural **YOUTH DAY** on Saturday, April 27, 2019, from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m.).

Youth day is for students in grades 6-12, and will feature guest speaker and worship leader, Easton Davis. Youth will enjoy a full day of worship, lunch, zipline, games, kayaking, paddle boarding and swimming in the pool! Cost is only \$10. Register by calling the church office, 533-1943.

**Summer Camp plans are also underway.** Camp Mokule'ia offers week-long camp sessions for children (currently in 2nd-5th grade) and youth (currently in 6th-12 grade) to experience the love of God in the midst of creation. A shorter camp session is available for younger children (currently in 1st-2nd grade). While living in Christian community, campers will be engaged, empowered, and equipped to love God, to love others, and to be good stewards of God's creation. Campers will have the opportunity to:

- Make new friends
- Learn social skills through fun games
- Learn the value of being in a Christian community
- Experience the unconditional love of God through a shared spiritual experience
- Have fun exploring their sense of wonder
- Bask in the wonder of God's beautiful creation

For details, visit

<https://www.campmokuleia.org/summer-camp>

## Pledge to Care for Creation - 1,000 pledges sought by Earth Day, April 22

[March 29, 2019] Episcopalians and friends concerned about all of God's creation are joining Presiding Bishop Michael Curry in pledging to take action to protect and renew God's world and all who call it home. The goal is to gather at least 1,000 pledges with concrete, personal commitments by Earth Day, April 22.

As Bishop Curry noted, "Many of us are ready to pledge and help to care for God's creation. Like the Bible said, God so loved the world that he gave his only son. That means the real world: all

of us and all of it. And this is one way we can participate in helping to care for God's creation. This is dear and near to my heart and the heart of God."

"We hope people understand this is more than adding your signature to a petition," said the Rev. Melanie Mullen, director of reconciliation, justice and creation care. "Pray with the pledge and the Reflection Guide during Lent. Think about what you love in God's Creation, where your heart breaks over environmental injustice, and how you'd like to simplify your life – consume less, share more. Then, by Easter Monday – Earth Day – let's celebrate our shared commitment."

The three overarching elements of both the vision and the pledge - loving, liberating, and life-giving - arise directly from the call to live as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement and as people who live the Way of Love:

Learn more about the ministry of Creation Care in the Episcopal Church at [www.episcopalchurch.org/creation](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/creation)

**Noteworthy News for April**



*Dr. Joseph Eppink*

St. Peter's needs 8 chime ringers for Easter Sunday! Rehearsals for members of the 7:30 a.m. congregation will be at 8:40 a.m. on April 7 and 14. Rehearsals for members of the 10:00 a.m. will follow the service on April 7 and 14. They are very easy to play, so please let Joseph know if you are interested in chiming.

Choir Thursday, April 4 and 11 at 7:15 p.m.  
Sundays 9:00 a.m. to prepare for worship and music for the following weeks

Ukulele Sundays after the 10:00 a.m. service for 20 minutes. Beginners welcome.

We welcome you to join us in our ministry of music. You don't need to read music or make all of the rehearsals.

Contact Joseph with any questions.

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Treasurer: Nancy Rowe

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Term expires in 2020: Karin Kimura, Steve Mitchell, Barry Wood

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