

FEBRUARY 2022

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT  
7:30 AM AND 10:00 AM  
IN PERSON & LIVE-STREAMING



JAZZ VESPERS  
6:00 PM THURSDAYS  
IN PERSON & LIVE-STREAMING



A MOMENT WITH MUSIC  
WITH DR. JOSEPH EPPINK  
Weekdays on our Facebook page



*Mission: Joy*  
Movie at the Cathedral  
Sunday, February 13  
5:30 PM



VESTRY MEETING  
Wednesday, February 16  
6:00 PM via Zoom



Ash Wednesday  
(beginning of Lent)  
Wednesday, March 2



*We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose...For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 8:28, 38-39

### Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, January 30th was the Annual Meeting of the congregation. Due to the pandemic, for a second year this was a "hybrid" meeting with some people participating in person and others online through Zoom. With the sanctuary sound system, we were able to integrate the sound so that both "in person" and online participants could hear one another. Many thanks to Manny Dayao for serving as our tech guru for this meeting.

We are blessed to have Velma Lee's willingness to serve another year as Senior Warden and Terry Dang's willingness to serve another year as the congregation's Junior Warden. We thanked Gail Kuroda, Bill McKinney, and Stephanie Wight for completion of their three-year terms on Vestry, and welcomed Sue Jennings and Janet Kim as new members of Vestry along with Stephanie Wight as a returning member.

Over the course of the past year, the church's outreach ministries began resuming and new ministries like the Green Team were begun. With strong giving by the congregation as well as the PPP and PPP2 monies, the church finished the year in the black and is able to carry funds forward to assist with year 2022. This is needed as the Japanese wedding tenant has not been able to resume activity since the pandemic hit. You can read more about the ministries and finances of the church in the 2021 Annual Report. If you did not receive the 2021 Annual Report, it is available both in electronic form and in print. Contact the church office for either to be sent to you.

We are blessed as a church to be a community of people who truly care for one another and this ministry of making Christ's love known in our world!

Pastor Diane

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**Senior Warden Corner: Velma Lee**  
**Highlights from January 2022 Vestry Meeting**

Congratulations to Oriel and Caridad Agcaoili who became grandparents on Jan. 4, 2022 with the birth of their first grandchild, Charlotte Jade! Happy parents are Berna and Jared.

When asked about the status of the Bell Tower interior beams, Jim Harvey said he was primarily concerned with the gutter area that has since been repaired by Tory's Roofing and doesn't have too much concern beyond that. Earlier he had reinforced an interior beam that had water and termite damage.

Beth Cox reported on the progress of St. Peter's newly formed Green Team: A timer will be installed on the water heater to regulate the use of electricity in the Parish Hall building.

Tim Yuen and Ron Kim joined our Zoom meeting to explain the use of the ionized bi-polar AC rods that will be attached to each AC unit in the sanctuary. This is a generous gift being offered by Franklin Pang to provide added cleaning protection of the air against the COVID virus. After a lengthy discussion regarding electrical usage in the sanctuary and the Aloha Room AC unit, the vestry passed a motion to accept Franklin Pang's gift pursuant to confirming that the electrical draw will be nominal.

The vestry approved the 2022 Budget Proposal that the Finance Committee worked on under the expert leadership of Nancy Rowe, Treasurer.

**God's blessings on the journeys ahead...**

In last month's newsletter, we heard from **Bill and Pok-hui McKinney** who are moving to Florida to be closer to their grandchildren. We said a fond farewell to Bill and Pok-hui on January 30th when they attended the Annual Meeting (Bill was recognized for his service as a Vestry member and Pok-hui as a former Senior Warden.).







We also said a fond farewell to **Olivia LeBoeuf**, a 10am worshipper, who has been transferred to Mississippi. This photo is from a recent workday at church. Olivia sent this note:

*Happy New Year! I was visiting my sisters and family in Louisiana, which was lovely. Unfortunately, I got covid and needed to stay away for awhile.*

*The next chapter of my military service starts next week; I am being sent to Columbus Airforce Base in rural Mississippi. I will be quite the change of scenery!*

*St. Peter's has been a little home away from home for me, and I want to thank you and everyone for welcoming me so warmly and being so kind.*

*I'm doing well and wish you all the best!*

*Olivia*

### **Responding to the Volcano Eruption and Tsunami in Tonga**

The Hunga Tonga – Hunga Ha’apai underground volcano eruption on January 15, 2022, caused a tsunami that damaged many Tongan islands with 5-10 foot waves. Additionally, ash from the eruption contaminated water and food supplies.

We have a close relationship with our Tongan brothers and sisters from the Tokaikolo congregation that has met at St. Peter’s since 2014. St. Peter’s also has a historic connection with Tonga through Rev. Mark who arrived as priest of St. Peter’s from Tonga. After many days with no communication due to a severed cell phone cable, members of the Tongan Tokaikolo congregation have received word that all their family members are OK. Recent rains have helped to wash the layers of ash away and water, food, and electricity are currently OK, except on the islands that received the brunt of the tsunami. All the islands have need for massive clean-up from the ash and debris, and there is concern whether crops will survive. Tonga’s Honorary Consular Agent, Annie Kaneshiro, reports that there will be an upcoming drive on Saturday, February 26th, for essential items (particularly cleaning supplies and tools). Details, she said, will be forthcoming, but a list of the needed supplies is available in the church office.

While there are multiple ways to make financial donations, Bishop Bob recommends that donations be made through Episcopal Relief and Development at [www.episcopalrelief.org](http://www.episcopalrelief.org). Click on “Donate Now” and then scroll down and click on “International Disaster Response.” Episcopal Relief & Development, in collaboration with the Anglican Alliance, is supporting the Anglican Diocese of Polynesia and Anglican Missions in their relief efforts, distributing supplies such as tools, building materials, water containers and purification tablets, food and hygiene kits.

### **Movie Time!**

On Sunday evening, February 13, 5:30pm, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, St. Peter's is invited to a screening of the film **MISSION: JOY - Finding Happiness in Troubled Times** featuring Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama. The documentary explores the enduring friendship between these two faith leaders. With the Archbishop's recent passing, the film is particularly poignant, and the messages in the film are powerful. An RSVP is necessary for in-person participation or to receive a link to watch this movie at home. Contact Lauren in the Cathedral Office at [lauren.houghtailing@cathedralhawaii.org](mailto:lauren.houghtailing@cathedralhawaii.org) for more information. Masks are required for "in person" viewing.

### **Volunteers Needed at The Pantry**

The Pantry, an e-commerce food pantry located at 2522 Rose Street in Honolulu, is seeking volunteers on Wednesdays and/or Fridays. Over the past 20 years, they have served O'ahu community with a "grocery store style" experience so those who are food insecure can choose the food they want and when they need it, ultimately eliminating food waste. For more information, contact Leona at [volunteer@thepantry.org](mailto:volunteer@thepantry.org).

### **Ordination of Brianna "Bree" Lloyd**

Bree Lloyd, the spouse of The Rev. Jazzy Bostock, will be ordained to Word and Sacrament ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) on Sunday, February 20th, 5pm, at Lutheran Church of Honolulu (LCH). The service will be live-streamed at 5:00pm at [www.lchwelcome.org/streaming](http://www.lchwelcome.org/streaming) and [facebook.com/lchwelcome](https://facebook.com/lchwelcome). Following an internship at LCH, the congregation extended a call to Bree in the Fall of 2021. Rev. Jazzy is currently serving both St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in Ma'ili and Maluhia Lutheran Church in Wai'anae.

### **Jazz Vespers Dinners**

When COVID hit, our Jazz Vespers community dinners on Thursday evenings had to be suspended. No one imagined that this would extend over several years. During this time, St. Peter's Jazz Vespers dinner coordinator, Nancy Rowe, retired from this ministry. We are indebted to her for initiating, along with Stephanie Goo, a very special ministry that brought together a wide and eclectic mix of people—some in need of food for the body and some in need of food for the spirit. During those years, a host of people volunteered in making those dinners possible, and a community formed that supported one another while every week also welcoming those who dropped in. We continue to receive inquiries from those longing for those gatherings to return. For that to happen, however, we need someone to coordinate this ministry. Might that be you? Please give this thought and prayer and speak with Pastor Diane.

### **Did you know that St. Peter's has a Columbarium?**

This is an open-air Columbarium on the *mauka* side of the church that serves as a final resting place of beauty and serenity for parishioners, family members, and other Episcopalians who desire inurnment at a reasonable cost. Contact Susan in the church office for more information.



### Chinese Congressional Medal

Did you know that 20,000 Chinese Americans served in WWII (approximately one out of five) and approximately one thousand of those were from Hawai'i. This was at a time when 40% of these men and women (Yes, women served, too!) could not be citizens of this country due to discriminatory laws.



On Sunday, February 6th, two of Keith Lee's relatives—Capt. George Lee (Father's side) and Capt. Clement Chun (Mother's side)—were honored. Keith and Velma Lee attended the ceremony at the Hilton Hawaiian Village along with many military and government dignitaries. Keith's uncle, George Lee, was specially recognized for his service in the Air Force as one of the "Flying Tiger" pilots. Keith accepted the medal on behalf of his uncle.

Each Congressional Gold Medal is specially designed for the group being honored. The Chinese American Congressional Gold Medal was designed over a period of seven months in 2019. On one side are six men and one woman in service uniforms representing the service of Chinese-Americans in all branches of the service—Army, Marines, Navy, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, Army Air Forces and Army Nurse Corps. The other side has a selected piece of military equipment representing land, sea, and air and symbolism representing all four theaters of war where Chinese-Americans served—Pacific/Asia, Atlantic, North Africa, and Europe. The 100% gold medal prototype is held in the American History Museum of the Smithsonian Institute. The medals awarded to the service members are solid bronze, crafted at a United States mint.

After the Congressional Gold Medals were presented first to those veterans still living and then to family members of the service members, a final special award was presented by the Japanese-American community to Hung Wai Ching. A YMCA executive at the time of the Pearl Harbor bombing, Hung Wai Ching formed a group called the Council for Interracial Unity that convinced the authorities not to do mass arrests of Japanese-Americans as happened on the mainland. Deep gratitude was expressed on behalf of Japanese-American veterans, families, and community to the Chinese-Americans who stood by the side of their Japanese neighbors and made it possible for them to serve in the 100th, the 442nd, and the Military Intelligence Service, thereby showing that they were Americans, too.

You can watch this moving ceremony on the AARP Hawai'i Facebook page or by clicking this link: <https://www.facebook.com/AARPHawaii/videos/296482229211768>

### Legacy Gifts

At our Annual Meeting, our Treasurer, Nancy Rowe, commended the ancestors of this congregation who had the foresight to establish the healthy endowment that St. Peter's has today. They did this by leaving legacy gifts. Have you considered St. Peter's in your estate planning? By remembering St. Peter's, you ensure a lasting legacy to God's ministry in and through this church. Some of the planned giving options that 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, and qualified charitable distributions. Designating gifts for "unrestricted use" is best as that allows the vestry to make decisions regarding best use of the bequest over the decades to come. Thank you for considering a gift that will be ensure the ongoing ministry of St. Peter's Episcopal Church!

### Ordering from Amazon?

Go to St. Peter's website, [www.stpetershonolulu.org](http://www.stpetershonolulu.org), and click on Amazon Smile. This takes you to the portal through which Amazon will donate a percentage of every sale to St. Peter's!



#### 2022 Vestry

**Senior Warden: Velma Lee**

**Junior Warden: Terry Dang**

**Treasurer: Nancy Rowe**

**Clerk: Karin Kimura**

**Rector: The Rev. Diane Martinson**

**Term expires in 2022:**

**Rose Baroza, Beth Cox, Gail Haruki**

**Term expires in 2023:**

**Karin Kimura, Bryan Matsumoto, Barry Wood**

**Term expires in 2024:**

**Sue Jennings, Janet Kim, Stephanie Wight**



#### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb 01 Kathleen Chang  
Feb 07 Valerie Baldovi  
Feb 10 Joseph Eppink  
Feb 12 Norma Chun  
Feb 14 Rie Connors  
Taka Kimura  
Feb 16 Edward Kam, Jr.  
Feb 18 Sophie Ono  
Feb 19 Roland Tam  
David Thompson  
Feb 21 Lisa Kau  
Feb 22 Jonalyn Uehara  
Junko Kobayashi-  
Uyetake  
Feb 23 Connor Allen  
Colbie Chun  
Feb 27 Ernelle Lum

#### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 16 William & Pok-hui  
McKinney