

JANUARY 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



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
Thursday, January 6



BUDGET MEETING
Sunday, January 16
4:30 PM via Zoom



VESTRY MEETING
Wednesday, January 19
6:00 PM via Zoom



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Q&A
Sunday, January 23
8:45 AM in the Sanctuary and via Zoom



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, January 30
8:45 AM in the Sanctuary and via Zoom



A blessed New Year to everyone! The year ended with rain, and the new year has begun with rain—lots of it! We are getting a very good “washing” as we begin this new year. Diamond Head, which is so often brown, is completely green. As God’s people and followers of Jesus, we look ahead to 2022 with hope. Hear the prophet Isaiah’s call to abundant life in God:

*For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.*

Isaiah 55:10-11

January is the month when we hold our Annual Meeting of the Congregation. This year it will take place on Sunday, January 30th at 8:45am. We will once again hold a “hybrid” meeting with both “in person” participation in the sanctuary and Zoom participation by those of you at home. Please also join us the Sunday before, January 23rd, for a Q&A and to test your Zoom connection. The Annual Meeting is a time when we look back over the past year and ahead to the year to come. It is a time to connect as a community across our multiple service times. Please mark your calendar!

Pastor Diane

Senior Warden Corner: Velma Lee
Highlights of the December Vestry Meeting

Thank you to all of St. Peter's Angels who polished the koa pews and wainscoting on Dec. 4, and/or then polished the brass items on Dec. 11: Sim Kau, Willis Yap, Aimee Wond, Gabi Wond, Jocelyn Choy, Haroldwyn Chang, Cheryl Bochentin, Keisha Webster, and Konstantinos Karampakakis. Special thanks to Rae Gorman and Nani Ho for polishing the silver vessels. Two angels flew in from CO to help us polish the brass: Ed Casebier and his partner, Kirida Sin.

Due to the generosity of the people of St. Peter's and the PPP and PPP2 monies that covered our lost rental income, we will be able to balance the budget for 2021. Many thanks to everyone!! Thank you also for your faithfulness in pledging for 2022. Due to the COVID situation in Japan, we will not be able to count on the income from the Watabe blessings next year, either. The wedding company is hopeful that once travel opens up again that their business will begin to grow again.

Stephanie Wight and Rachel Na'ai are working with the children's Christian formation representatives at the Cathedral to prepare an online weekly Bible story related to the church calendar. The goal is for this to begin in February. In person gatherings may be offered periodically at St. Peter's. If you have interest in being part of this, contact Stephanie, Rachel, or Pastor Diane.

Konstantinos Karampakakis is leading St. Peter's "Green Team" in determining what we can do to reduce energy waste, implement "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle," and make creation care and environment justice a priority for everyone. The Team consists of Terry Dang, Willis Yap, Beth and Barton Cox, and more people are welcomed to join them in this important effort.

Thank you to Sybil Nishioka, Editor and Communications Contractor of The Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii, who is providing us with some assistance with our website.

Serving on Vestry and as a Delegate to Diocesan Convention

Have you considered serving your church as a member of the Vestry? This is the leadership and visionary body of the church. Vestry members are elected for three-year terms, although if plans change in a person's life, we can adjust.

Diocesan Convention delegates represent St. Peter's at the Saturday convention of the Diocese held the end of October. Every congregation elects its delegates at the annual meeting of the congregation. We will be electing five delegates and also elect five alternates as availability changes between January and October.

Speak with Pastor Diane or any of the Vestry members before January 16th about being on the ballot for Vestry and/or as a delegate for Diocesan Convention!

Aloha to Bill and Pok-hui McKinney:

For those who haven't heard, Bill and Pok-hui McKinney are in the process of moving to Florida where they will be closer to their grandchildren and oldest daughter and her husband. Not an easy decision, they are trusting that God opened doors for them when they went to visit a retirement community that has supportive services, golf courses, is within three hours of their grandchildren, and where they already have friends! With the closing of the sale of their O'ahu home in early February, they will be leaving mid-February. Bill, a current vestry member, wrote the following to the St. Peter's community on behalf of himself and Pok-hui, who served as our Sr. Warden for two years before our current Sr. Warden, Velma Lee:



Pok-hui and I are blown away by the sincerity and depth of feeling expressed by comments to us as members of the SPEC family regarding our forthcoming move. We joined St. Peter's shortly after we arrived in Honolulu in 2005, following several months of visiting other Episcopal churches here. As you will recall, during the 2007- 2012 period SPEC endured several lengthy clergy-searches efforts. During this period SPEC had to rely on visiting or substitute priests, all of whom gave their best efforts. But, they weren't ours....



This experience would have destroyed most churches...but not SPEC. Its strong congregation kept the Church running until our hard working search committee struck "gold" and convinced Pastor Diane to accept our offer to take the reins and lead us to new heights, as signified by the church renovation project, jazz vespers, over-flowing coffee hours, etc/etc.

Separately, Pok-hui's selection as senior warden, vestry member, dinner-maker and other contributions, along with my efforts, has given us a deep, warm feeling to be part of SPEC.

To all, Pok-hui and I send BIG MAHALOs for the happy times St Peter's has given us over the past ten years. Please pass these regards on to all our friends.

With warmest feelings,
Pok-hui & Bill

Thank you, Bill and Pok-hui, for your dedication, service, and love to the St. Peter's community! We will miss you and pray God's blessings upon this move!

2022 Pledge Report

Thank you for your generous support of the ministry of this church! We are in the midst of a strong pledge response. To date, we have 63 pledging units for a total of \$246,420.00. This is close to our pre-pandemic giving that we reached with 73 giving units. Thank you! If you haven't made a pledge for 2022 yet, it's not too late! We welcome your pledge. The pledging of the congregation guides the Vestry in its budget work. We will finish 2021 in strong position with a surplus thanks to the generosity of this congregation and the PPP and PPP2 monies we received. This is significant because we will need those additional funds in 2022 to cover rental income loss from our wedding company tenant that has not been able to resume operations due to the pandemic. They hope to be able to resume business again mid-year, but that will depend upon travel restrictions in Japan. This year's surplus and strong pledging will get us through 2022. By 2023, we will have a better sense of the degree to which the church can continue to rely upon rental income from this wedding company, a tenant that has been a significant part of the budget prior to the pandemic.

K2P2 is keeping busy!

This past month St. Peter's knitting ministry gave lap robes to the Mililani Dialysis Clinic to keep patients warm while receiving treatments. Jennifer Kawamoto, St. Peter's member and nurse, wrote:

Thank you to everyone who made these! They were beautiful! Even the staff were tempted to snatch one up for themselves (haha but no fret, it will definitely be given to the patients who can use it). Merry Christmas!

Note from one of our college students:

In November, care packages were sent to our college students. Christy Kwok is studying in Canada at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver.

Dear St. Peter's 'Ohana,

Happy Holidays! Thank you all so, so much for the wonderful care package! My apologies for such a late letter; I have been very excited to be back home with my family.

Unfortunately, there was serious flooding in the B.C. area around Thanksgiving, so I did not receive the package until mid-December. Nevertheless, it came at a perfect time! I was just beginning my final exams and the package definitely made me feel a lot better. I ate the snacks very quickly (haha) and I love the scarf and hat (so perfect for the cold weather)!

I am truly thankful for all the thought and love that was put into making the package. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and remain healthy and safe! Happy New Year!!
Sincerely, Christy Kwok

Thank you's from community organizations we support as a congregation...

From Hawai'i Meals on Wheels:

As the need for home-delivered meals for seniors continues to increase, our need for financial support also increases. You have been instrumental in allowing Hawai'i Meals on Wheels to carry on its mission. On behalf of all the kupuna we serve, mahalo!

Michelle Cordero-Lee, Chief Executive Officer

From Lanakila Pacific:

Thank you for supporting Lanakila Meals on Wheels. With this gift, you are helping us to ensure that our community remains fed, connected, and empowered in times of great need. Together, we inspire purpose and build independence.

Rona Yagi Fukumoto, President & CEO

From Parents and Children Together (The Towers at Kūhiō Park):

Mahalo for the generous support of our mission. We are grateful for the confidence and partnership to support our communities, families, and individuals. Thank you for your compassion and care.

Rayn Kusumoto, President & CEO

Remember our guest musicians on November 21st?

On Christ the King Sunday, also the date when we commemorate King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma in this Diocese, we had two guest musicians—Kū Koanui-Souza at 7:30am and Kings Kalohelani at 10:00am. Kū and Kings along with Kekoa Woodward formed a trio in 2018 called Walea. They released their first album of Hawaiian music, Lei Pāpahi, on December 31, and it hit #1 on the iTunes world chart! You can download the album or individual songs at www.waleamusic.com/release.

"Begin at the Barre" Dance Class

Elizabeth Lentz-Hill, daughter of our former intern, Preston Lentz, now an ordained priest, is an accomplished dance instructor who is offering a new beginner level class, appropriate for anyone who has never danced ballet before or who wants to start back with the basics—"Begin at the Barre." The class will be offered online or in person (1024 Queen St., across from Whole Foods) on Wednesdays, 5:45-7pm beginning January 5th. She also teaches an intermediate class, "Return to the Barre" on Monday evenings. Sign up at <https://stillandmovingcenter.com/2021/12/begin-at-the-barre-elizabeth-lentz-hill/> or contact Elizabeth with questions, elizabeth.lentz00@gmail.com.

Thank you to Amy Ono who designed this edition of the St. Peter's newsletter!



**Mahalo
to our
Altar Guild
and
Friends!**

Many thanks to Konstantinos; Aimee & Gabi; Willis; Haroldwyn, Cheryl B., Sim, and Keisha; Ed and his partner K; and Keith pictured above and the entire Cleaning and Polishing Crew!



2022 Vestry
Senior Warden: Velma Lee
Junior Warden: Terry Dang
Treasurer: Nancy Rowe
Clerk: Karin Kimura
Rector: The Rev. Diane Martinson

Term expired in 2021:
Gail Kuroda, Bill McKinney, Stephanie Wight
Term expires in 2022:
Rose Baroza, Beth Cox, Gail Haruki
Term expires in 2023:
Karin Kimura, Bryan Matsumoto, Barry Wood



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Jan 03 Tricia Matsumoto
- Jan 06 Ashlyn Kim
- Jan 08 Jason Baroza
- Jan 09 Colin Leong
Jackie Oda
Sheri Yoshida
- Jan 10 Kristen Connors
Lois Gray
Paul Yuen
- Jan 11 Susan Dang
Susan Lumja
- Jan 14 William McKinney
- Jan 16 Sophie Choy
- Jan 17 Robert Wight
- Jan 18 Catherine Wiecking
- Jan 22 Kyle Chang
- Jan 25 Mischa Kawamoto
Liliana Wond
Janice Yap
- Jan 30 Cedric Ching

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- Jan 09 Colin & Pamela Leong