

November 2022

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Bishop's Visit, Baptisms, & Confirmations
Sunday, November 6

**VESTRY MEETING
ZOOM**

Wednesday, November 16

PLEDGE COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Sunday, November 20

PACKING OF COLLEGE CARE BOXES

Sunday, November 20

11:00 AM

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Thursday, November 24

9:30 AM

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, November 27



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Thursday, November 24

9:30 AM

Start your Thanksgiving Day with worship, giving thanks to God for the beauty of this world and the blessings of this life.

Beautiful music will be provided by Dr. Joseph Eppink, Manny Dayao, and Brayden Zanks.

Links of GRATITUDE

Make this meaningful decoration for your Thanksgiving table.

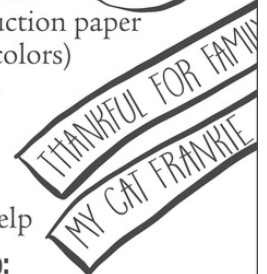


What you need:

- Construction paper (in fall colors)
- Scissors
- Pen
- Jar
- Stapler
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Cut the paper into strips about 2 inches wide.
2. Place the strips and pen in the jar. Then set it in a prominent place in your home.
3. Throughout November, have family discussions about what you're thankful to God for. Write or draw each item on a paper strip.
4. Make a paper chain by linking and carefully stapling the strips.
5. Keep adding to your decoration and display it during your Thanksgiving meal.



All Saints' Sunday, November 6

This year Bishop Bob's biennial visit to St. Peter's occurred on November 6th. It was a day of celebrating saints past, saints being brought into the Christian faith through baptism and saints affirming their faith through confirmation! We welcomed Reid Kagemoto and Andrew Miyasaka into the church through baptism, and we celebrated with Rose Baroza, Haroldwyn Chang, Ann Ho, Reid Kagemoto, Sharleen Kwok, Maiesha Stovall, Aimee Wond, Gabi Wond, and Jaime Wond who confirmed their Christian faith with the Bishop's blessing—a tremendous joy and celebration in the life of any congregation!



Thank you to Karin Kimura for the photos!



November Collections:

Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for the families at The Towers at Kuhio Park through PACT (Parents And Children Together) - At PACT's request, in lieu of canned goods, we invite you to make monetary donations to St. Peter's by **Sunday, November 20th**. Donations can be made on St. Peter's website by noting that it is for "Kuhio Park" or by making checks payable to "St. Peter's Episcopal Church" with "Kuhio Park" on the memo line. We will send a lump sum to PACT for them to provide holiday food baskets for their families. Thank you for your support of this ministry!





Care Packages
for
College Students

Care Packages for our College Students - This year we have eight college students! During this time of COVID, our acolytes grew up and headed to college. We want to let them know that they are still very much a part of the St. Peter's community and that

our thoughts and prayers are with them. Sharleen Kwok and Tricia Matsumoto are coordinating this project and invite you to bring snacks or small items to include in "care packages" for our students by **Sunday, November 20th**. You are invited to help pack the boxes after the 10am service. Thank you for your love and support of our young adults!

Commitment Sunday, November 20th

The Book of Isaiah promises that God's word shall not return empty, that it will accomplish that which God intends. As we emerge from the pandemic, we rejoice in signs of God's presence. Ministries are resuming, and new ones are taking shape. As we look ahead, we ask you to consider what you are able to pledge toward the ministry of this church in 2023. Your pledge will guide the Vestry in making important vision and planning decisions. By now, you should have received this year's stewardship letter and pledge card. If you have not, please let the church office know, and we will get one to you. Please return your pledge card on **Sunday, November 20th**. That Sunday we will pray for God's blessing and guidance upon our pledges and St. Peter's ministry in 2023. Thank you for your part in making this ministry possible!



Jr. Warden Opening!

Do you have a calling to serve your congregation as Jr. Warden? Terry Dang has served as St. Peter's Jr. Warden for over a decade. During the pandemic, he joined the newly formed Technology Team at St. Peter's and has been doing a fantastic job with our Sunday morning live-streaming as well as covering for Manny at Jazz Vespers when needed. Continuing in that role, he would like to step back from his Jr. Warden responsibilities. The office of Jr. Warden may seem daunting to some since Terry is so handy and talented at so many things, but the Jr. Warden's role is that of oversight and not that of a handyman (In fact, Terry said he is willing to continue to assist with some of the handyman projects. Thank you, Terry!). As the point person for the general upkeep of the buildings and grounds, the Jr. Warden works with the Vestry in accomplishing that which needs to be done. Known as the "people's warden," the Jr. Warden along with the Sr. Warden, Treasurer, and Clerk, serve on the church's Executive Committee, steering the church along with Pr. Diane between Vestry meetings, so love of church and a clear, reasoning mind are most helpful. Please give this prayerful thought to see if you might have a call to this position or if someone comes to mind whom you might encourage to consider this role within the life of the congregation!

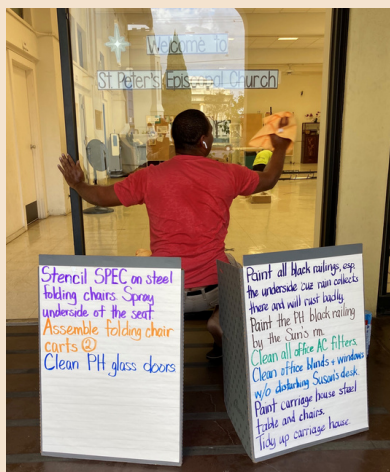


Spruce up Day at Church!

We had a great turn-out on November 5th for the church clean-up day by both St. Peter's folks and members of Tokaikolo, the Tongan congregation that meets at St. Peter's. Pews were oiled, brass was polished, the keiki area in the Bell Tower was cleaned, the Parish Hall windows were made shiny, the office dusted, new chairs identified, and chair stands were assembled amongst other projects! A huge mahalo to everyone!!



*Pew on church lanai
- before and after!
Thanks to Myron
and Beth Chang*



Stencil SPEC on steel folding chairs. Spray underside of the seat. Assemble folding chair carts @ Clean PH glass doors

Paint all black railings, esp. the underside of our main aisles. These are not just lucky. Paint the PH black railing by the Suno rm. Clean all of the AC filters. Clean all floor blinds & windows w/o disturbing Susan's desk. Paint carriage house steel frame and chairs. Tidy up carriage house.





The Parish Hall Fire Escape Got a Makeover!

Did you know there's a fire escape on the mauka side of the Parish Hall from the second floor? Probably not as you can't see it from the front, but it was a rust bucket!! Decades of pooling water had made it imperative that it be repaired and improved. Our Jr. Warden, Terry Dang, collected some bids and in early November work took place. Now it's shiny new and pitched at a slight angle so the water won't pool. Thank you, Terry!



Diocesan Education Day and Convention, October 21-22, 2022

This year we had a great showing of support from St. Peter's at the Diocesan Education Day and Convention held at 'Iolani School. Attending as voting delegates were Rose Baroza, Haroldwyn Chang, Beth Cox, Joseph Eppink, Sim Kau, and Pastor Diane. In addition, Nancy Rowe, Maiesha Stovall, and Mimi Wu attended as visitors and Joseph Eppink, Keisha Webster, and Konstantinos Karampakakis were presenters at Friday's Education Day.



Every January at our congregational Annual Meeting, we vote for representatives to attend the Diocesan Convention in October. Want to run as a delegate this January? Speak with Pastor Diane!

Below are some comments from those who attended this year:

Maiesha Stovall:

Education Day and Convention. I believe it is something all Episcopalians should experience. Education Day was a day that embraces all of us, to not only follow Christ, but to be better disciples. By being curious, present, and re-imagining the Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How, of our daily walk with Christ.

Convention was a day that explained why and how things come to be in the church. How democratic the process is, everyone truly has a voice in the shaping and growth of our faith community.

Sim Kau:

The theme for the Education Day was Peace & Reconciliation and the focus was on racial reconciliation conducted by a Task Force led by Dr. Joseph Eppink. The objective was to familiarize the delegates with the curriculum of the "Difference" course that will be introduced to congregations in June 2023. Members would be asked to learn how to actively listen to others tell their stories and ultimately to think of ways that each church could re-engage with the community to spread the love of Jesus.

I particularly enjoyed the Queen Lili'uokalani play that told us parts of her life story that was not widely known, and which showed her resilience and Christian love in the face of unhappy circumstances.

The second day was the actual Convention and the morning was devoted to church business including voting and the passing of two resolutions. The first resolution passed was related to 2023 minimum clergy compensation. The second resolution that was eventually passed was brought by a lay member. It proposed that there should be civic (i.e. voting) education in the church. There was a video presentation on Hālau Wa'a, an unconventional Episcopal mission serving West Oahu. The variety in their worship, projects, outreach activities like canoeing, was inspiring. The point made was that, going forward, the Episcopal church will have to "think outside the box" if we are to be effective in our mission.

After lunch on Convention Day, there was a choice of two presentations that members could attend, if interested. I attended the presentation given by Jonathan Kuttab about the current conflicts in Israel between the Jews and the Palestinians, exacerbated by building of Jewish settlements in Palestinian territory. He believed that peace will not be achievable by the Two State proposal arrived at many years ago by both parties and the West, including USA. Instead, there should be a One-State solution (on which he has written a book). I found the session very informative in his answers to the questions asked by the audience.

Nancy Rowe:

It was good to be back in person. I had the chance to meet folks I had only ever seen on Zoom. With the focus on Relationships, meeting in person was a good starting point. I was so proud to be from St Peter's on Friday morning and see the fruits of the work of our members of the reconciliation task force. Many thanks to Joseph, Keisha, and Konstantinos! I heard a lot of chatter asking the What's Next question. You have stirred and intrigued the delegations.

It was exciting to welcome a new mission to the diocese. Congratulations to Hālau Wa'a. In a time when churches are closing around the county, what a joy to see the church growing on the West Side. That Special Order of Business, along with that of the Camp were, for me, highlights of Saturday. I was sitting near a very young couple with a tiny baby. All those were signs of hope for me.

The campus at 'Iolani School is a perfect place to have a gathering. It is beautiful, good parking, lots of venues, and the weather was also perfect.

The second session of Education Day was disappointing for me. I chose to attend the Creation Care workshop which focused primarily on PV (something St. Peter's already has). I would have preferred to hear more about creation care initiatives such as the national church's adoption of a resolution to be carbon neutral by 2030 (I think) and how carbon offsets work.

Haroldwyn Chang:

Although I attended one of the conventions several years ago, this one was more meaningful to me. I look forward to hearing from the Racial Reconciliation Task Force as they create a process and steps in helping us become a better community.

Listening to the guest speaker and then watching the play made me realize our world today is no different from centuries ago. With conflict and suppression of people who don't think alike, our world is still broken. Will there ever be peace in the world? As Bishop Curry would probably say, "All you need is love."

Bishop Bob made a suggestion for churches to consider combining resources to offset the losses from outside income particularly from weddings. Something to think about.

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CAMP Mokuleia

Christmas Themed Stay-Cay at Camp Mokulē'ia
December 9-11, 2022

'Tis the season for aloha! Camp Mokulē'ia is offering a weekend of cookie decorating, ornament making, holiday trivia, Christmas carols, and a picture with Santa! Camp fun, paddle boarding and zip-lining will also be waiting for you and your family under the tree! For more information, go to <https://www.campmokuleia.org/family-stay-cay> or call 808-637-6241.

Dan Ching and Crew were at it again!

Shaved ice for the ballerinas took place again November 5th! Queen Emma Ballet which has their dance studio on the second floor of the Parish Hall has been so appreciative of Dan's outreach to them with his awesome shaved ice machine. Thank you, Dan, for building the relationship between the church and the Dance Studio! *(Drawing by Risa of Queen Emma Ballet)*

Dear St. Peter's Church members,

Thank you for taking time to make the yummy shave ice for us! It was super refreshing, especially after ballet rehearsals! I love it when you make shave ice for us! I get super excited when see you setting up the shave ice stand, and so does everyone else! Thanks so much!



Christian Formation at St. Peter's has been creative this fall!

Konstantinos Karampakakis led the adults through a series of sessions exploring temple imagery within creation stories and even designed an intricate temple model!

Each Sunday Stephanie Wight and Muffin Hein meet with the children in the garden, helping to deepen their appreciation of God's creation and how they can be good stewards of all that God has made.



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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



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

NOV 01 Kathleen Dos Santos-Tam
NOV 05 Jessica Kaneshiro
Marian Melish
NOV 06 Renee Baldovi
Kenneth Inn
NOV 09 Haroldwyn Chang
Jenny Pang
NOV 14 Ted Kanemori
NOV 16 Audrey Mueh
Lori Yee
NOV 18 Stephanie Vlachos
NOV 22 Lena Kimura
NOV 24 Albert Wong
NOV 27 David Camp
NOV 29 Christine Seniuk
NOV 30 Allison Yee

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

NOV 13 Ronald and Janet Kim
NOV 15 Kwai Tin and Jocelyn Choy
NOV 23 Konstantinos Karampakakis
and Keisha Webster