

February 2023

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

SOUL FOOD MINISTRY  
PARISH HALL KITCHEN  
Wednesday, February 8  
6:00 PM



KNIT TWO, PRAY TOO (K2P2)  
SON/SUN ROOM  
Saturdays, February 11 and 25  
9:30 AM



VESTRY COMMISSIONING  
Sunday, February 19



VESTRY "MINI RETREAT"  
Sunday, February 19  
11:30 AM



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE  
Wednesday, February 22  
SANCTUARY  
11:30 AM and 6:00 PM



COMPLINE DURING LENT  
WITH THE CHOIR  
Tuesdays, February 28,  
March 7, 14, 21, 28, and April 4  
9:30 AM



LENTEN JAZZ VESPERS  
Thursdays, February 23, March 2, 9, 16,  
23, 30  
9:30 AM



**Ash Wednesday + February 22, 2023**  
**Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion**  
**11:30am ("In Person" and Live-streamed)**  
(Parking alongside the church is paid tenant parking during the week. Park on the street or in the St. Peter Visitor stalls alongside the Parish Hall.)  
**6:00pm "In Person"** (All stalls are open parking.)

This is the day when we enter the season of Lent, a season that leads us to the foundational event of our Christian faith—the resurrection of Christ, the stunning defeat of death and the promise of new life. But to get to the resurrection, we have to go through the cross, and the way to the cross presents some very hard truths about ourselves—how far we drift from the kind of people God wants us to be, how far we fall short over and over again, how undeniably certain our mortality is; but, also, how unwavering God is in walking beside us, always reaching out to us, inviting us to turn, to repent, to recommit ourselves to God's embrace of love over and over again.

We are a liturgical people and on this day, "Ash Wednesday," we receive the imposition of ashes smudged on our foreheads in the shape of a cross reminding us that we are dust and to dust we shall return but also of the cross, Christ's defeat of death, and God's promise of new life. Come, begin the journey.

**Compline during Lent with the Choir** - 7:00pm, Tuesdays, Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4

**Lenten Jazz Vespers** - 6:00pm, Thursdays, Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

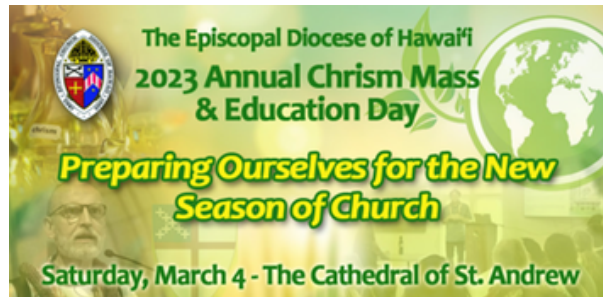
## Lenten Meditations

Enrich your Lenten journey with these resources:

- The Episcopal Church curriculum - Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent - [www.episcopalchurch.org/life-transformed-the-way-of-love-in-lent/](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/life-transformed-the-way-of-love-in-lent/)
- Episcopal Relief & Development Lenten Meditations - <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/>
- Daily reflections from the Society of St. John the Evangelist - <https://www.ssje.org/>
- d365 ("devotions 365 days a year") - <https://d365.org/>

## Do you enjoy sport competitions as well as learning about saints of the church?

Check out Lent Madness! Thirty-two saints compete through voting across The Episcopal Church for the "Golden Halo." - <https://www.lentmadness.org/>



## Diocesan Chrism Mass and Spring Training Theme: Preparing Ourselves for the New Season of Church

Saturday, March 4, 2023

The Cathedral of St. Andrew

*Everyone in the Diocese is invited and encouraged to attend!*

9am Chrism Mass and Eucharist: Renewal of Clergy Vows & Baptismal Vows

10:30am Plenary Presentation by the Diocesan Listening Team

12noon Lunch

12:45pm Workshop - Session 1

1:45pm Workshop - Session 2

2:45pm Wrapping up and sending forth

Cost: \$20 which includes lunch

**Plenary Presentation:** Hear results of 63 listening sessions held around the Diocese last year by Kim Arakawa, Tim Bostock, and Phyllis Miller—What is God calling us to do? Who is God calling us to be? Kim, Tim, and Phyllis will share their findings and invite reflection and conversation regarding next steps.

**Workshops:** How the Diocesan Portfolio Works, The Gospel Story from a Cultural Perspective, Creation Care, Q&A with Diocesan Staff, How to More Effectively Communicate Financial Information to a Non-Financial Audience

Register online on the Diocesan website or go directly to

<https://www.episcopalhawaii.org/spring-training-2023.html>

### The Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The last Sunday of January St. Peter's held its annual congregational meeting. This year, like last year, it was a hybrid "in person"/online meeting held between our two Sunday morning worship services. We had thirty-six people in the sanctuary space and another fourteen online who participated in the meeting. The 2022 Annual Report with a host of photos and interesting insight into ministries of the church is available online or in paper form. Please contact the church office if you would like a copy and haven't received one.

At the meeting, the congregation elected Dan Ching as the new Jr. Warden and Paula Choy and Chucky Nakoa as incoming Vestry members. With gratitude, we announced that Velma Lee is continuing as our Sr. Warden. Thank you, Velma! In addition, Cheryl Bochentin, Dan Ching, Joseph Eppink, Chucky Nakoa, and Keisha Webster were elected as Diocesan Convention Delegates with Muffin Hein, Stephanie Wight, Beth Cox, Maiesha Stovall and Ann Ho elected as alternates. The next Annual Meeting of the congregation takes place on January 28, 2024!



ST ANDREW'S SCHOOLS

THE PRIORY ♦ THE PREP ♦ THE PRESCHOOL

### St. Andrew's Schools Queen Emma Ball

Thursday, February 16, 2023, 5:30pm is the Queen Emma Ball on the school campus! Watch the delightful hula by The Prep and The Priory Lower School, *Nā Hala o Naue*.

<https://www.standrewsschools.org/giving/queen-emma-ball>

Auction items can be bid on from February 10-16.

In celebration of the school, consider a gift to the **St. Andrew's Schools Queen Emma Square Scholarship Fund**

The work of the churches on the Square—

St. Peter's, St. Paul's, The Cathedral of St. Andrew—is ongoing to build an endowed scholarship on the Square for students to attend St. Andrew's Schools, an outstanding college preparatory school begun by Queen Emma and grounded in the Christian tradition. We have \$7,000 to raise to meet the \$25,000 needed for an endowed scholarship. Please consider a gift to the **St. Andrew's Schools Queen Emma Square Scholarship Fund**. Once endowed, the scholarship will make a St. Andrew's education possible for students in perpetuity. Make your check payable to "St. Peter's Episcopal Church" with "School Scholarship Fund" on the memo line. Thank you!



Queen Emma Square Endowed Scholarship

### Ho'okuikahi (Reconciliation) 30th Anniversary Ecumenical Service

The 30th Anniversary of Queen Lili'uokalani, an ecumenical Ho'okuikahi (Reconciliation) service, was held on January 17th at First United Methodist Church. Kahu Kaleo Patterson, The Rev. Dr. Haaheo Guanson, The Rev. Mark Haworth and the Hālau Wa'a band and Archdeacon Steve Costa participated in the service from the Episcopal Church. Watch the service and hear heartfelt reflections from the Rev. Amy Wake and Lopaka Mansfield.

**Worship service:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NILQoEDKFM>

**Bulletin:** [https://mcusercontent.com/d09d80abc8cc6a2ef04d9acf4/files/626028a1-dd03-5de3-c84f-e5ade0b1afbc/30th\\_Anniversary\\_of\\_Queen\\_Liliuokalani.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/d09d80abc8cc6a2ef04d9acf4/files/626028a1-dd03-5de3-c84f-e5ade0b1afbc/30th_Anniversary_of_Queen_Liliuokalani.pdf)

### BACPAC "Building Acceptance and Compassion / Promoting Action and Commitment!"



#### Prison Ministry Project

Keisha Webster, Haroldwyn Chang, and Margaret Chun packed the next round of backpacks given to those leaving prison. In reentering society, they start from scratch needing even the most basic of daily necessities. The backpacks are filled with essential items collected by the congregation. The backpacks were

blessed by the prayers of the congregation on Sunday,

January 15th. The goal of coordinators Keisha Webster and Haroldwyn Chang is five filled backpacks a quarter. You can donate items and backpacks throughout the quarter. Thank you for your part in making this ministry possible!



#### List of backpack items:

##### Body Care / Hygiene (medium size for all products)

Bar Soap

Tooth Brush and Tooth Paste

Shampoo and Conditioner

Shaving Cream

Dental Floss

Body Lotion

Antiseptic Cream

Hair Brush / Comb

Deodorant

Disposable Razors

Nail Clippers

Facial Tissue

Band Aides

##### Linens (can be gently used)

Bed Sheets

Pillow Case

Pillow

Bath Towel and Wash Cloth

##### Miscellaneous

Toilet Paper

Laundry Detergent Pods

Writing Tablet

Pen / Pencil

##### Food

Cocoa Drink Mix / Hot

Chocolate

Trail Mix Nuts

Water Bottle

Forks/Spoons

Cup of Noodles

Instant Coffee

### Ke'elikōlani Middle School Enrichment SeaPerch Program

Muffin Hein, Konstantinos Karampakakis, and Dan Ching have been working with



students on the SeaPerch robotics program all school year. The goal is to

make a Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) that moves underwater. On January 14th, Muffin, Konstantinos, Dan, and their student team participated in a "build day" in Mililani with other school teams organized by the Coast Guard. A fun day was had by all as excitement grows for their competition!



### Evening Potluck "Under the Lights" in the Garden following Jazz Vespers

Christmas Jazz Vespers was held Thursday, December 29, followed by a potluck for all "Under the Lights" in the church garden behind the Parish Hall. Muffin Hein and Velma Lee along with their many helpers created a magical setting, and the food was plentiful and delicious! It was such an enjoyable evening that another potluck "Under the Lights" in the Garden is in the works following Jazz Vespers on **Thursday, March 16th**. Everyone is invited. Mark your calendars!



## 2023 Pledge Report

The Vestry gives thanks for the congregation's faithful and generous response to this year's pledge campaign. The January pledge report puts us at 60 pledges for a total of \$213,294. Together we make this ministry possible. Thank you for being part of this faith community! May God lead us into 2023, as our church motto proclaims, to be "A Beacon of Hope, A Call to Serve."

Prayers  
OF THANKS



## Confirmation in the Episcopal Church at the Easter Vigil

Bishop Bob has announced that he will be performing confirmations at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 8 at 7:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Andrew. If you are interested in being confirmed by the Bishop at the Cathedral this Easter Vigil, please speak with Pastor Diane regarding preparation for confirmation before the end of February.

## An Appeal from the Diocesan Creation Care & Environmental Task Force: Red Hill Water Crisis

The Creation Care and Environmental Task Force has been working with Hawai'i Interfaith Power and Light to spearhead a letter writing campaign to President Biden and Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin to hasten the closing of Red Hill and to allow civilian participation in the oversight committee. HIPL has created a "take action" webpage to support this effort. It describes the crisis and supplies sample letters and instructions:



<https://www.hipl.org/home/take-action/redhill>

The Diocesan Creation Care and Environmental Task Force asked two things of us:

1. Consider writing letters to both President Biden and Secretary Austin by March 1st. Samples are included on the website with the USPS addresses as well as phone numbers.
2. Share the link on social media and encourage people you know outside of our diocese to write letters in order to get broader coverage. Many people outside of Hawai'i do not know about what is happening at Red Hill.

### More folks to meet in our church community!

Following up on last month's introductions, here are a few more:

#### Cameron Andrews and Jimmy Chapman

We reside in Long Beach, Calif., and are frequent visitors to Hawai'i. We continue to discuss moving there some day. Through our research of the Islands we found St. Peter's Episcopal Church before the pandemic. We have been attending St. Peter's services online since the beginning of 2020. We were both raised Episcopalians. In Long Beach we attend in person at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Downtown. We will be returning to Hawai'i to celebrate our 25th anniversary in May.



*Photo: Cameron Andrews, left, and Jimmy Chapman, right. The photo was taken at Duke's in Waikiki in November 2019.*



#### Maiesha Stovall

My name is Maiesha Lanai Stovall, I was born 12/24/1972, at 12 noon. Not one friend, employer, or family member calls me by the same name. "I was born to love the Lord. I do not remember a time when I didn't feel a connection with Him, and it is something I am grateful for." I love cats, airplanes, trains, crocheting, knitting, and accounting. My great-grandfather was an accountant who traveled the world. He was also a Tuskegee airman in WWII. Perhaps influenced by him, I worked for a non-profit in Vancouver, WA, in employment transportation. We were able to develop a award winning bicycle program that supplemented the bus schedule. Many of my family members have served in the military and in church life. They seem to be our two family professions! I sing in the choir at 10am and love that anyone is welcome to sing. I joined my mom, Lois Gray, and my brother, Jermel Anderson, here in Hawai'i in 2019.





**2023 Vestry**  
**Senior Warden: Velma Lee**  
**Junior Warden: Terry Dang**  
**Treasurer: Nancy Rowe**  
**Clerk: Karin Kimura**  
**Rector: The Rev. Diane Martinson**

**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 06 Baptistine Ching  
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 22 Jonalyn Uehara  
Junko Kobayashi-Uyetake  
FEB 23 Connor Allen  
Colbie Chun  
FEB 24 Phil Paradine  
FEB 25 Anthea Wang  
FEB 26 Susan Sugiyama  
FEB 27 Ernelle Lum