

October 2022

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



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



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



"A MOMENT WITH MUSIC"
POSTED WEEKDAYS ON OUR CHURCH
FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE
6:00 AM



SUNDAY ADULT FORUM
Parish Hall
8:45 PM



CONFIRMATION
ZOOM
Sundays
1:30 PM



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
ZOOM
10:00 AM



SOUL FOOD MINISTRY
Wednesday, October 5
6:00 AM - 8:00 PM



K2P2 KNITTING MINISTRY
Son/Sun Room
Saturday, October 8 and October 22
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM



ELDERS' CELEBRATION SUNDAY
Sunday, October 16
Coffee Hour at 8:45 AM



VESTRY MEETING
ZOOM
Wednesday, October 19
6:00 PM



DIOCESAN EDUCATION DAY
'Iolani School
Friday, October 21



DIOCESAN CONVENTION
'Iolani School
Saturday, October 22



GATHER IN THE GARDEN
Saturday, October 29
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Diocesan Education Day, Saturday, October 21 Begins at 9:00 AM, Convention Eucharist at 4:00 PM Place: 'Iolani School

All in the Diocese are invited and encouraged to attend. Contact the St. Peter's church office. St. Peter's will pay the registration fee.

St. Peter's Director of Music, Dr. Joseph Eppink, who is a co-leader of the Diocesan Racial Reconciliation Task Force that will be presenting a new curriculum at the Diocesan Education Day, wrote the following:

We are on the verge of renewal in our Diocese and you won't want to miss this year's education day! Dr. Joseph Eppink has been facilitating the Racial Reconciliation Task Force in creating and writing a 10-week curriculum using the Difference course along with our own Hawaiian sessions currently being written. The opening plenary session will be an engaging time for all participants as Joseph, Fr. Andrew Arakawa and the task force (including our own Konstantinos and Keisha!) will lead the group to reimagine our parishes and Diocese as beloved community. You will also get a preview of the curriculum! There are great speakers throughout the day that you will thoroughly enjoy! Everyone is invited and the cost will be covered by St. Peter's. See Joseph Eppink with questions and contact Susan in our parish office to make a reservation!



Diocesan Annual Convention - Saturday, October 22

Place: 'Iolani School

While the Friday before Convention is a day of education, Saturday is the day that the business of the Diocese takes place. The theme for this year's Annual Convention is "The True Love of Peace." St. Peter's will be represented by five voting members elected at the Annual Meeting in January of 2022—Rose Baroza, Haroldwyn Chang, Beth Cox, Joseph Eppink, and Sim Kau—along with Pastor Diane. All members of our churches are welcome to attend as guests. Register online at www.episcopalhawaii.org/convention-54.html



Senior Warden Corner: Velma Lee

Highlights of the September 2022 Vestry Meeting

There are 13 people who have signed up for the confirmation class! They meet via zoom on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. Does anyone want to be baptized on November 6 when Bishop Bob comes to confirm and baptize others? Please see Pastor Diane.

A condolence card with a gift card from the people of St. Peter's was sent to Pokhui and Bill McKinney in memory of the unexpected passing of their son-in-law, Jason Jenkins. Pokhui wrote a nice card acknowledging the card.

Carl Shiroma of JC & Co. Welding Service will begin repairing the fire escape. The stairs will be finished with Epoxy paint, two part primer and finish gray. Spot treatment needs to be done every year. Total cost includes disposal of used materials = \$39,735 with a one year warranty.

A columbarium request was approved because the deceased is a family member of a member of St. Peter's.

Christian Formation 2022-2023: Growing Faith in the Garden

Young people from age 4 through grade 4 are invited to gather in the Garden of St. Peters every Sunday to participate in Faith Formation offerings for children.



It seemed fitting to choose the Garden for our activities and lessons. We will have abundant fresh air, sunshine, shadows, wiggle room and all sorts of growing things. (both human and vegetable). Our children will engage many aspects of the wonders of God's creation (us and everything else). How tenderly and deeply God loves what God has created. God charged the first people with the care for this creation, we will learn how we can live out our responsibilities by becoming stewards of creation.

The children will gather every Sunday at 9:00 AM and will end by 9:50AM (so that those serving as acolytes can have time to vest before the 10:00 AM service. Occasionally we may meet either in the Loft or the Bell tower. There will be ample signage on those exceptional days.

The adult guides for this group will use lessons from science and scripture to reveal the wonders of God's creation and the unique position we can play in its care. Questions and/or suggestions, please contact Stephanie Wight, Children's ministries; Muffin Hein, Green Team; or Pastor Diane on Sunday mornings or by contacting the church office.

Note to parents and guardians: Children younger than 4 years of age can be considered for this gathering. Please discuss your request to enroll your younger child with one of the group leaders.

Please:

Fill out a registration form with information on each child enrolled

(We really need this to assure a safe environment for your child.)

Feed your child something before our group begins.

(We will be providing a light refreshment but it won't equal breakfast.)

Take your child to the restroom before the session begins.

Pray for us, that we may faithfully serve God in this place.

God's peace to all,
Stephanie Wight



And another word from Stephanie Wight!

A word or two in defense of "Stuff"

Any visit to my home will confirm the rumor that I am a "Stuffologist." What separates a practitioner of "Stuffology" from a hoarder is a very thin line, yet I feel confident in drawing it. The difference is: a hoarder doesn't know why they save things, how they might use these superfluous things and where to find these objects of discussion. A "Stuffologist" knows why they save things.... after all, you may never have the chance to acquire these little treasures again, and

can give you at least four suggestions about how each little horde of goodies could be used, and given a few hours, can be retrieved. (using old notes scribbled on the backs of envelopes)

Why am I putting this truism on paper? Every Stuffologist would agree with me: "Stuff" is a treasure chest of wisdom, ideas, thoughts, memories, some of it even quite useful. For example: In planning 2022-23's Children's Formation sessions, I wrestled with some of the realities when working with the young people at St. Peter's. How to find a time that children from both services can participate? Did we need to have two equal but separate sessions each Sunday? Should we let our children's formation be done from the pew?

Many educators feel a well-crafted Sunday service should be sufficient for all ages within the congregation; others feel it can be done on-line or by other electronic systems. St. Peter's renewed and refreshed garden area proved to be inspiration. Perhaps we could develop a program with the children using the framework of the garden. Stewardship of the whole world seemed pretty overwhelming, I was looking for something that could start small, and grow from there.

Which brings us back to "STUFF." I rummaged through my files, my book piles, my memory and even the garage..... (lots of great stuff there) and found this following quotation from Everett Hale tucked in an old Vacation Bible School notebook:

I am only one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything but I can do something.

What I can do, I should do, and, with the help of God, I will do!

A flash of inspiration! We will use "best practices" throughout our children's formation offerings, using recycling, reuse and imagination to demonstrate that little things can make big change. Don't be surprised if you receive announcements and handouts on reused/recycled paper. Don't be surprised if you get a call to donate odds and ends for specific projects. Don't be surprised that we will be creating a whole new generation of Stuffologists. Don't be surprised!

Sunday Morning Christian Formation Series, 8:45 AM

Konstantinos Karampakakis has been offering an intriguing architectural exploration of Genesis 1 on Sunday mornings. Konstantinos is offering the remaining sessions on October 9 and 23 at 8:45am and on October 16 at 9:15am following the fellowship time in honor of our elders.



The Annual Elders' Celebration: Ninety Years and Above! Sunday, October 16

This year we celebrate with one centenarian, Miriam Everhart, and fourteen nonagenarians—Joe Chang, Kathleen Chang, Cedric Ching, Rosie Ching, Margaret Chun, Ellen Jean Fo, Velma Kim, Jerry Liu, Loretta Loo, Pauline Lum, Helen Richardson, Helena Won, Albert Wong, and Doreen Yuen! The elders will be recognized at both worship services with a coffee hour held after each service. Thank you to Velma Lee and Haroldwyn Chang for coordinating this special day! They are once again working on a special "Elders' Booklet" that will be sent out by email and also available in print that Sunday.



Blessings from Worship into the Community!

The Quarter 3 backpacks for the Diocesan Prison Ministry program were packed and blessed on Sunday, September 18, with acolyte Devan Pang assisting. St. Peter's commitment is for five backpacks every quarter filled with basic essentials for those newly released from prison.

In the meantime, a request arrived from the palliative care unit of the VA department at Tripler for handmade lap robes. St. Peter's K2P2 (Knit Two, Pray Too) ministry answered the call—abundantly!

Four tubs of brightly colored and intricately stitched lap robes were blessed in worship on Sunday, October 2nd, and delivered to the VA at Tripler.



Let **everything**
that **breathes**
praise the
LORD!

Psalm 150:6, NRSV



We also blessed a host of dogs, cats, fish, birds, rabbits, a hermit crab, goose, tortoise, and turtle online and in person in our worship services on Sunday, October 2nd when we celebrated St. Francis whose feast day is October 4th. St. Francis was known to have a special relationship with animals due to his deep love for all of God's creation.

What a treat!

Thanks to the generosity of Dan Ching and his trusty partner (and sister!), Cheryl Bochentin, Saturday, September 24th, the young ballerinas in pink from Queen Emma Ballet were treated to cool and refreshing shaved ice in delightful colors and delectable flavors. It was such a hit that Queen Emma Ballet has asked them back in November.

Thank you, Dan and Cheryl, for building this relationship



between St. Peter's and the dance studio that has shared space with the church office on the second floor of the Parish Hall for decades.





St. Peter's steeple in the background.

Beauty on the Square

Ever wonder what's on the other side of the rock wall separating St. Peter's property and Hope Lodge, the American Cancer Society's lodging for cancer patients mauka of the Parish Hall? A beautiful meditation garden!



Photos are taken from the first floor of Hope Lodge.



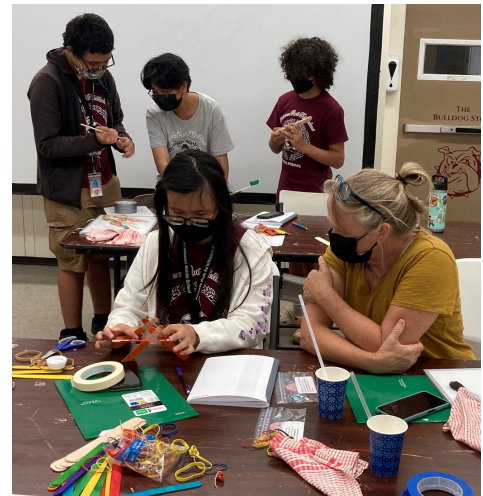
St. Peter's and Ke'elikōlani Middle School

Those of you who attended Central Middle School may be wondering where Ke'elikōlani Middle School is. It's our neighborhood school across the street! They have proudly claimed the name of the Princess whose home once stood on the site of the school. St. Peter's has a long history of involvement with the school.

Currently, Muffin Hein is leading an afterschool, enrichment, engineering program affiliated with the Sea Perch competition

(similar to robotics competitions but underwater!). You are invited to support Muffin and the students and to join in the fun on Thursdays at 1:30pm. Contact Muffin, Konstantinos, or the church office for more information.

In addition, the Vestry awarded the school a \$9,000.00 grant from St. Peter's Kay Wery Outreach and Counseling Fund to support a pilot social work project within the school. Principal Joe Passantino has hired a staff of four Pacific Islander social workers to support and build a partnership of trust with the families of their students, many of whom are not comfortable in the English language. This is the first effort of its kind in the DOE. St. Peter's vestry is excited to be able to support this pilot project.



Look who stopped by!

Maureen O'Leary, who moved to Virginia in August of 2019, stopped by the church office in mid-September while on a business trip here in Hawai'i. Maureen worshipped at the 10am Sunday service and sang in the St. Peter's Chancel Choir. While at St. Peter's, she had also begun a process of discernment for the priesthood. Although she put this on hold during COVID, she is beginning to consider starting the process again. While in Hawai'i, Maureen worked for Humanity for Humanity. Currently, she works for another church related non-profit.



Interested in being baptized, confirmed, or reaffirming your faith when Bishop Bob is with us on All Saints' Sunday, November 6th? Speak with Pastor Diane.



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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

OCT 02 Marc Hino

OCT 04 Reyn Ono

OCT 05 Sean Connors

OCT 06 Paulette Choy

OCT 13 Clinton Yee

OCT 15 Jenna Matsumoto

OCT 16 Rose Baroza

Jocelyn Choy

OCT 25 Elaine Lo

OCT 26 Joseph Chang

OCT 27 Brayden Zanks

OCT 28 Christopher Greenleaf

OCT 29 Ruth Merz

OCT 31 Ella Kimura

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

OCT 05 Myron and Elizabeth Chang

OCT 11 Terrence and Susan Dang

OCT 17 Bertrand and Cheryl Fong