

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



## Our Life on this Earth God Created

With the beauty—and heat—of summer upon us, it's a good time to discuss our stewardship of God's creation. My son and his family live in the Pacific Northwest where temperatures have been 30 degrees above normal. It has been reported that the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is preparing its starkest report yet of the dangers facing our planet due to climate change. While our nation and the world have been sparring over political divides and Christianity across the world has been swept up in these fights, climate change has been steadily, relentlessly increasing, like the hardening of arteries leading to a massive and deadly heart attack. The draft language of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report is blunt, "The worst is yet to come, affecting our children's and grandchildren's lives much more than our own".

"Unlivable heat waves, widespread hunger and drought, rising sea levels forcing millions from their homes, and the extinction of many species have begun and will worsen.

Katharine Hayhoe, a climate scientist at Texas Tech University, says none of this is a surprise. She pointed out that it has been known since the 1800s that coal then and now gas and oil, produce heat-trapping gases that are wrapping an extra blanket on the planet. By 1965, scientists were sufficiently concerned about the risks that they warned President Lyndon B. Johnson. Since then, warming has only increased. "The only reason we care about it," she said, "is because it affects every aspect of our lives, from literally the air we breathe, to the food we eat, to the safety of our homes, to our economy, to the health of our children."\*

There is a problem, however. While almost three-quarters of us in the U.S. say climate change is real and that it will affect future generations, plants and animals, and people who live in other countries, she said, those who think climate change will affect us personally, drops to just over 40 percent. She said this is a myth we must change as well as the myth that there is nothing we can do. She stresses that every one of us can make a difference, and that it begins by having the conversations.

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



**JAZZ VESPERS - 6PM THURSDAYS  
IN PERSON & LIVE-STREAMING**



**A MOMENT WITH MUSIC  
WITH DR. JOSEPH EPPINK**

**Weekdays on our  
Facebook page and website**



**BIBLE STUDY BY ZOOM  
Wednesday, July 7th at 10am  
no Bible Study July 14, 21, 28**



**No Vestry Meeting in July**



**GUEST PREACHERS FOR JULY:  
July 4 - The Rev. Phil Paradine  
(Pr. Diane is serving as chaplain at  
Camp Mokuleia, July 1 thru 4)**



**July 11 - Pastor Diane  
(Pr. Diane will be on vacation July  
13 to August 2)**



**July 18 - The Rev. Dr. Haaheo  
Guanson**



**July 25 - The Rev. Jar Pasalo**



**August 1 - The Rev. Dr. Haaheo  
Guanson**





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Professor Hayhoe says cutting carbon emissions and adapting to climate change are no longer either/or options but both/and necessities. Our state has put some bold initiatives in place to move us toward renewable energy. In addition, planning is necessary to prepare our water systems, infrastructure, buildings, food systems, even national security systems, and individual actions involve moving toward efficiency, clean energy, electric cars, reducing meat intake, and eating more plants. She challenges us to ask, what can our place of worship do to help? It's an important question. As Christians, we are called to be good stewards of God's creation. How can we better do this? What are the climate and God demanding of us at this point in human history? Let's talk about this!

Pastor Diane

*\*Click here to view PBS News Hour feature video: A leaked UN report warns 'worst is yet to come' on climate change. Here's how you can help*

### **Senior Warden Corner: Velma Lee ~ Highlights of the June Vestry Meeting ~**

Special thank you to Myron and Beth Chang for providing the vestry with dinner before our June meeting! It was a wonderful treat for everyone, and the first time we've met in person since the pandemic hit.

Bill Slocumb, our part-time bookkeeper, will be leaving St. Peter's in July, because he has enlisted in the Army Reserves. We are in the process of hiring his replacement before he leaves for boot camp in August.

A digital greeter for the 7:30am service online was discussed. Anyone interested can speak with a Vestry member or Pastor Diane.

The Vestry has been working on updates to our church By-Laws from 2013. Changes in the way we communicate thanks to technology spurred the process. A draft will be available for congregational viewing once the Diocesan Chancellor reviews it.

The Vestry is also working on updating the Employee Handbook from 2015. The inclusion of Juneteenth as a holiday and changes concerning the Diocesan required Safe Church program are some of the updates.

Save the date: Rally Day will be on Sunday, September 12, which is also Grandparents' Day. There will be a special coffee hour after the first service and a BBQ after the second service. More details to come in the next newsletter.

### **Junior Warden Corner: Terry Dang**

The columbarium cracks and painting were completed a few weeks ago. Before and after photos of a job well done by Affordable Construction and Painting. Mahalo Myron and Beth!

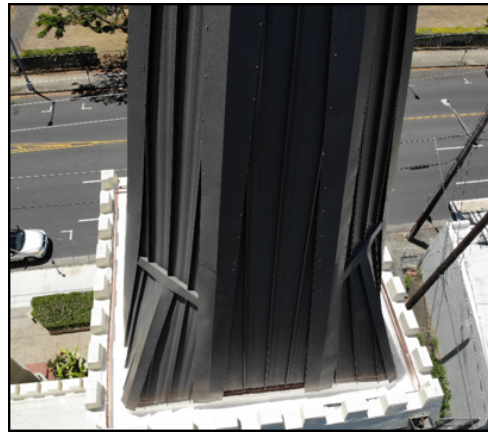




### Junior Warden Corner Continues

AC Essential installed a screen mesh for 6 AC units to protect the circuit boards from geckos sneaking in and damaging them.

We finally got nice sunny weather for Tory's Roofing to apply the white roof coating with copper flashing to the base of the steeple. A new cross is being made and once completed it will be mounted.



### A Hui Hou to the Young Family

In June, the Young Family, Brian & Leah, and children Alana, Noah, Myra, Eden, and Caroline, moved to Boston, Massachusetts, where the Army has sent Brian for a one year program at MIT.



On June 18th, a ceremony was held to transfer Lt. Col. Brian Young's command of the Support Battalion, 196th Infantry Brigade (aka Cobra Battalion) to the Lt. Col. Corey Willie. Pastor Diane provided the invocation, and Alana Young did a spectacular job singing the Star-Spangled Banner a cappella. The family is visiting friends in Los Angeles and family in North Carolina before settling in Massachusetts. They are grateful for their time at St. Peter's, excited about this new adventure, and hope to be back again in future!



### The Savalas at St. Peter's

Robert and Karen Savala, former St. Peter's members, were back at St. Peter's while visiting from Georgia. Their grandsons, Pōmai and Kawai, who live in Honolulu and used to visit St. Peter's when their grandparents lived here, came with Robert and Karen on their last Sunday before their return to Georgia. Pōmai has been in on our prayer list since last summer when he was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. After a year of grueling treatment, he has reached the maintenance phase of chemo and is looking great! With immense determination through this ordeal, Pōmai managed to finish his first year online at Kamahameha Schools—Kapalama as a 7th grader. This summer he is meeting some of his classmates in person for the first time at summer school. Pōmai Strong! Our prayers continue with you, Pōmai.



**A Note from Ashlyn Kim:**

*Ashlyn is a member of the Class of 2021 of St. Andrew's Schools.*

Dear Pastor Diane and Church Community,

Thank you all for helping me celebrate my graduation from high school. The beautiful leis made my graduation special. I am excited to start my new journey, but will miss you all! Thank you again, and God bless you all!

Love,  
Ashlyn Kim

**K2P2 (Knit Two, Pray Too)**

The K2P2 women have been busy! 150 hats were sent to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in June and 36 lap robes were delivered to the Maluhia Care Home! The group knits together on the second and fourth Saturday of the month and welcomes knitters or those who crochet.

Contact Nancy Rowe at: [rowe@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:rowe@hawaiiantel.net)

**Other Volunteer Opportunities**

Soul Food - Soothing and healing chicken jook is prepared for those who are sick or in need of nourishment. The group meets once a month on Wednesday evenings.

Contact Velma Lee at: [vklee2014@gmail.com](mailto:vklee2014@gmail.com) for more information.

**Habitat Lunch Bunch**

The St. Peter's Lunch Bunch is a favorite of Habitat for Humanity volunteers! Under Coordinator and Chef Sheri Yoshida, the Lunch Bunch prepares a nutritious, exceptional meal for volunteers every third Saturday of the month. Volunteers are being sought for food prep at home to be dropped off at church, for the Saturday morning cooking crew at church, and to deliver and serve the meals. Contact Sheri Yoshida at: [sheryoshida@hotmail.com](mailto:sheryoshida@hotmail.com) to find out more!

**Wallyhouse at St. Elizabeth's** - Volunteers are always welcome at our neighbor Episcopal church on N. King St. Opportunities include packing of food bags (any ages, can be done solo) and distribution of food bags and other services to guests during weekdays. For more information, speak with St. Peter's Vestry member, or Beth Cox at: [bethkurren@gmail.com](mailto:bethkurren@gmail.com). At St. Peter's we continue to collect travel size toiletries, e.g. shampoo, lotion, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc., for distribution at Wallyhouse.

**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.



### 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 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, charitable remainder trusts, 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 ensure the ongoing ministry of St. Peter's Episcopal Church!

### Got an iPhone 8 or newer that you are no longer using?

St. Peter's can use it! The worship services that we livestream on the church Facebook page and website are thanks to the use of iPhones and an app called Switcher. The iPhones are used only as cameras, so it's a perfect way to get rid of an old phone! The more phones we have, the more camera angles we can provide to the worship services you experience at home. Currently, the church has two phones. Other angles are provided by the phones of worship team members, but when someone is gone, we are missing that camera. If you have a iPhone 8 or above that you are no longer using, speak with any of the members of the Worship Team.

### Acknowledgement from one of the partner agencies we support through St. Peter's:

From [River of Life Mission](#):

*We are so privileged to partner with you to provide a "home" for the homeless who visit the Mission. Your faithfulness does make a huge impact in the lives of those who are needy and alone. Thanks so much, St. Peter's! We so appreciate your constant support.*



### 2021 Vestry

**Senior Warden: Velma Lee**

**Junior Warden: Terry Dang**

**Treasurer: Nancy Rowe**

**Clerk: Karin Kimura**

**Rector: The Rev. Diane Martinson**

**Term expires 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**



### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Lowell Chung  
Keith Lee & Gary Karr  
Cheryl Fong & Janet Kim  
Carina Agpaoa  
Caleigh Chun  
Jaclyn Greeley  
Tara Arimoto, Cheryl Bochentin &  
Laura Jean Thue  
Gail Haruki  
Barry James

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Lynette & Stanford Yuen  
Glenn & Jennie Pang  
Peter & Mimi Wu  
Nick & Aimee Wond  
Sean & Kristen Connors  
Haroldwyn & Ken Chang  
Timothy & Pamela Yuen  
Keith & Velma Lee