

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



Welcome back, Sunday, September 12!

Mark your calendars for our first coffee hour of the year and a BBQ! A special coffee hour will take place after the 7:30am service and a BBQ will be served after the 10:00am service on Sunday, September 12th. Come to one; come to both! Interested in helping with one or both? Great! We need you! Contact Pastor Diane or our Sr. Warden, Velma Lee, vklee@gmail.com.

A new year of Children's Christian formation will begin on Sunday, September 19th. This year we will introduce a new Spark curriculum for ages 4 through grade 4 in conjunction with the Cathedral. Watch for further details in the September newsletter.

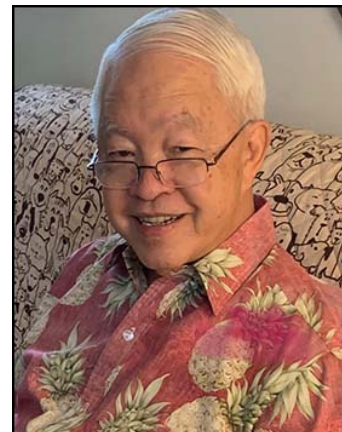


God's Blessings, Bill!

We are grateful for Bill Slocumb's year of service at St. Peter's as our bookkeeper. Bill concluded his employment with St. Peter's mid-July to prepare for his departure for basic training with the Army Reserve. Originally from Texas, Bill's hope is to return to Hawai'i, serving within the chaplaincy program of the Army Reserve

Meet Our New Bookkeeper, Richert Au Hoy!

A native of Honolulu, Richert retired in 2015 after over 42 years as an engineer for the Navy. During this time, he also completed 30 years of service in the Army Reserve, got a degree from UH in accounting, and served as Treasurer for both Lutheran and Episcopal churches. After teaching Physics and Math to shipyard apprentices for the past five years, Richert has decided to get a retirement job that requires more sitting than standing. The Au Hoy family moved from Hanalei, Kauai to Hiram Lane in Liliha over ninety years ago so he is looking forward to renewing friendships with those at St. Peter's who remember the family from many decades ago.



A visit from descendants of a St. Peter's stained glass window!

Have you noticed the stained glass window in the front of the church on the makai side with the five clergymen? These five—Woo Set Am, Woo Yee Bew, Yin Tet Kong, Ernest Tsyat En Kau, Wai On Shim—are some of the first Chinese Episcopal clergy in Hawai'i. On June 30th, descendants of Woo Set Am and his son, Woo Yee Bew, visited St. Peter's. In the photo, from left to right are Alden Woo and his wife Lisa, Don McKinnon and his spouse, Diane (Woo) Soo Hoo, and grandson Austin Loui. Alden and Diane are Woo siblings and grandchildren of Woo Yee Bew. Woo Set Am converted to Christianity in China. In a book written by Diane and Alden's father (a copy is available in the church office), he said that Woo Set Am became an itinerant preacher in China who walked from village to village with a pole on his shoulders and two dangling baskets, one with Bibles and books and the other most likely with medicines and herbs, concerned for both body and soul. His son, The Rev.



Woo Yee Bew, was the first Chinese speaking priest-in-charge of St. Peter's when it was a mission from 1888-1896. Diane, husband Don, and grandson Austin live in Arizona and California. Alden and his spouse, Lisa, live in Hawai'i Kai. Grandson Austin will be entering 9th grade in the fall and already has a year of Chinese under his belt. He is looking forward to continuing his language study in high school.

Following the ribbon of the stained glass window, The Rev. Yin Tet Kong's ministry at St. Peter's was from 1896 to 1927, following The Rev. Woo Yee Bew. The Rev. Dcn. Ernest Kau overlapped for part of that time from 1918 to 1920. The Rev. Wai On Shim served at St. Peter's from 1934 to 1936. St. Peter's still has relatives of The Rev. Kong, The Rev. Dcn. Kau, and The Rev. Shim within the congregation today!



Two sisters united to celebrate a birthday!

June 29th was Doreen Yuen's 92nd birthday and helping her celebrate was her 90 year old sister, Kathleen Chang! Due to the pandemic, this was their first face-to-face visit without speaker phones and a window between them. What a lovely birthday celebration!





Have you been to Camp Mokule'ia?

Camp Mokule'ia is a jewel on the North Shore of Oahu on your way to Kaena Point State Park. An Episcopal camp since 1947, extensive expansion and renovation took place in the 1980s and 1990s. Besides summer camp for youth and families, reservations can be made throughout the year for a relaxing getaway. Accommodation options include the lodge, cabins, tentalos, or your own tent. Visit campmokuleia.org or call (808) 637-6241 and speak with Tara Lee Tani, the Office Manager. Delicious, filling, healthy meals are served in the dining hall.



Lodge



Cabins



Tentalos



Personal Tents



Dining Hall



Beachfront



Foodland "Give Aloha" Program during the month of September

Like last year, St. Peter's is once again enrolled in the Foodland "Give Aloha" Program. During the month of September, you can designate a donation up to \$249 at Foodland for St. Peter's. Foodland will add a percentage and send the donation and percentage to St. Peter's. Donations can be made in the form of cash, check, or credit card at the checkout counter. You will need a Maika'i card, but if you don't have one, you can receive one at checkout. The donation amount and name of the organization will appear on your receipt. You can submit a copy of that receipt to the church office for posting on your giving statement. This additional donation by Foodland is only offered during the month of September. St. Peter's donation number is 79022. We are grateful for your support of St. Peter's through this matching program offered by Foodland!

Acknowledgement for COVID-19 support in India:

Dear Friends,

June 27, 2021

On behalf of Samaritan Medical Outreach Ministries and Bangalore Baptist Hospital, thank you so much for your gift to aid the hospital and its outreach work during the COVID crisis in India. These last few months have been devastating to countless thousands and to the economy of the country. The hospital, a 340-bed acute care facility in Bangalore, was required as a private hospital to allocate 40% of beds for COVID patients sent by the government. They were unable to charge these patients and were reimbursed by the government at about 50% of the cost of care. At one point they had 240 COVID patients and now the numbers are trending down. In addition, they have been active in caring for people in city slums and rural villages where they work routinely by providing health care and distributing food. Amidst all this, they have been able to share Christ with many who otherwise would never have heard the Gospel.

Your partnership through your gift and most importantly your prayers is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rebekah Naylor

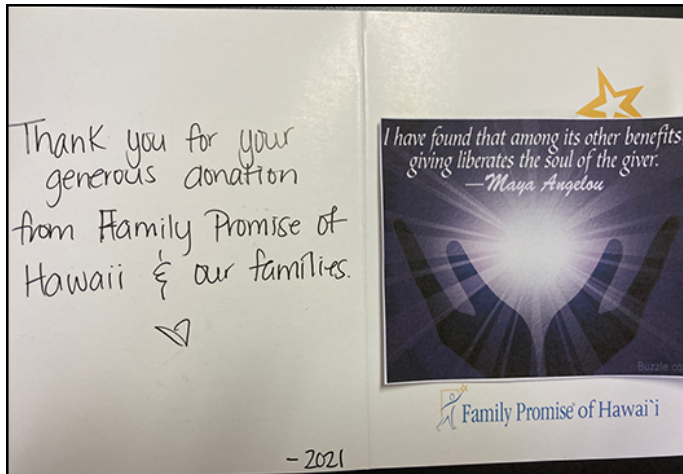
Acknowledgement from the Institute for Human Services, Inc. (IHS):

IHS is one of the community agencies with which St. Peter's partners with monetary support
Dear St. Peter's,

Mahalo for the generous gift of \$2,000.00, received on 6/8/2021. Your support helps those in need to rebuild their lives and come back stronger. We are hoping and praying for continued progress out of this pandemic as we also anticipate the impact of the eviction moratorium being lifted. Thank you so much for standing with us through this crisis!

Blessings to you all!

Connie Mitchell, Executive Director

Acknowledgement from Family Promise:**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!

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****AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 01 Godfrey Fo
- 03 Lin Chun
- 06 Maile Ho-Turner
- 08 Aimee Wond
- 09 Kyle Saito & Harley Clark
- 10 Ritabelle Fernandes
- 13 The Rev. Franklin Chun
- 14 Kevin Kawamoto
- 17 Lynette Yuen
- 26 Bruce Yamamoto
- 29 Stanley Hino & Barton Cox
- 31 Franklin Kau

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 06 Ritabelle Fernandes & Carina Agpaoa
- 09 Roland Tam & Kathleen Dos Santos-Tam
- 11 Raymond & Tiare Ono
- 12 Robert & Stephanie Wight
- 14 Kenneth & Estelle Inn
- 18 Jason & Rose Baroza