

DECEMBER 2020

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

**SUNDAY AT  
7:30AM AND 10:00AM  
LIMITED "IN PERSON" WORSHIP**  
(with masks and assigned seating)  
Online live streaming at 7:30am

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

Posted on our Facebook page  
at 6am Weekdays

**JAZZ VESPERS AT 6:00PM**  
Posted online every Thursday



**We've begun a new church year and a new season — Advent!**

This is the time of expectant waiting for God's word to speak to us anew, a time to open our hearts to the mystery and joy of God's presence with us. Here are some ideas from The Episcopal Church to enrich your journey through these four weeks leading up to Christmas:

#AdventWord - Sign up to receive a word for contemplation each day of Advent brought to you by Virginia Theological Seminary and Forward Movement. In this seventh year, podcasts have been added to the meditations that accompany each day. Go to: [adventword.org](http://adventword.org)

The Episcopal Church Journey of Love Advent Calendar: [Click here to Download.](#)

Advent ideas for the whole family from the Episcopal Relief & Development: Go to: [episcopalrelief.org](http://episcopalrelief.org)

Godly Play offers an online "Season of Wonder" video every Sunday Advent to inspire a moment of wonder for you and your families. Go to: [godlyplayfoundation.org](http://godlyplayfoundation.org)

See the next page for important information about this year's Christmas services.





### Christmas Services 2020

In this era of COVID, the options for Christmas worship services are different than in years past. Please read below and select that which works for you. Note that tickets and notification are required for "in person" worship experiences.

#### Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24

**5:30pm and 7:30pm** - "Drive-In" Worship with Bishop Bob and the Clergy of St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, and St. Peter's A COVID-19 safe worship experience featuring the telling of the Christmas story and carols! This is like the old time "drive-in" movies on the Beretania street side of the Square with the worship officiants on the stairs at the Cathedral entrance. An FM transmitter will allow you to listen --and SING-- in your cars. Professional parking attendants will direct you to your reserved spot.

**Note: As a safety precaution from the virus, only ONE household per car. There will also be limited spots for "bring your own" chairs or blankets on the lawn.**

**TICKETS are required! 14 vehicle tickets and 5 lawn tickets per service Contact Pr. Diane.**

#### Christmas Eve at St. Peter's, Thursday, December 24th, ONLINE ONLY

**8:00pm** - "Live Premiere" on the Church Facebook page and Website; Available "on demand" after the "live viewing - Featuring vocal and instrumental music; YOU can be part of this service! *Please send photos of YOU with your family creche (any variety of Baby Jesus, Mary, and Joseph) or of a family Advent wreath fully lit or of your Christmas tree. Send these to Pastor Diane at her email address asap, no later than Dec. 20th.*

#### Christmas Day - Friday, December 25th

**9:30am** - Christmas Day at St. Peter's - Limited "In Person" and Live Streaming Online (Church Facebook page and Website) "In Person" requires masks, assigned seating, no singing, communion in "one kind" (bread) only. **RESERVED SEAT required. Contact Pr. Diane.** We don't want to turn anyone away at the door!

## Your Vestry at Work!

The work goes on via Cyber-space! Your vestry has become quite proficient at Zoom, even adding "virtual backgrounds" (Yes, Zoom has some interesting features!).

Please thank your vestry members for continuing the work of the church during this challenging time.



**Top Row: Bryan Matsumoto, Pr. Diane, Beth Cox, Terry Dang (Jr. Warden)**  
**Middle Row: Velma Lee (Sr. Warden), Karin Kimura (Clerk), Barry Wood, Gail Haruki**  
**Bottom Row: Bill McKinney, Nancy Rowe (Treasurer), Rose Baroza**  
**Absent: Gail Kuroda, Stephanie Wight**

## Senior Warden Corner: Velma Lee - Highlights of the November Vestry Meeting

Junior Warden Terry Dang has been kept busy in the last couple of months answering several night calls based on what he can see from the security cameras, e.g., an intruder stealing cleaning supplies from the men's bathroom behind the carriage house, someone trying to get into the parish hall by removing the exterior screen on the window in the education room, etc.

While Bill is on vacation, Terry, Oriel Agcaoili, and Stephanie Wight moved the file cabinets from Bill's office into the middle office so Robert Wight could remove the deteriorating cork board from the wall and rebuild it with new drywall. Terry and Oriel painted the room. Beautiful work, and it looks great!

John Afong's electrician fixed the electrical wiring problems in the office so the ceiling lights and the exterior flood lights of the parish hall are now working!

Part of the Soul Food Ministry group (John A., Sheri Y., Pastor Diane, Keith & Velma) cooked two new batches of the chicken jook. The 30+ containers are now in the freezer in the kitchen for anyone who is in need of nourishment for the body and soul. Please call the office at 533-1943 to let them know what time you are coming to pick up a container or two.

RevoluSun received "permission to operate" so the church and parish hall will be getting electricity from the photo-voltaic module that has been installed on the roof of the parish hall in a couple of weeks.

**A Word from our Treasurer, Nancy Rowe:**

St. Peter's was fortunate to receive a PPP loan in the spring as part of the CARES Act passed by Congress. The PPP made it possible to retain all staff members and continue our ministries in the early months of the pandemic. We have been notified by our bank that we can now apply to convert the loan to a grant. That work will begin shortly. We have also received a City & County Small Business/Non-Profit Relief & Recovery CARES fund grant. With the reductions in rental income, these grants and your generosity have enabled the ministry of this church to continue.

**Welcome to Susan Sugiyama, our new Part-Time Office Manager!**

If you hear a new voice when calling St. Peter's, it's Susan! Susan began her work at St. Peter's mid-November, and we are so happy to have her on staff. Recommended by Estelle Hayashi, Susan comes with years of experience and an infectious warm personality. She is in the office Mondays and Fridays from 9am to 1pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 2pm. She is off on Wednesdays.

Born and raised in Honolulu, Susan attended the University of Hawaii. After going on exchange to the University of Massachusetts, Amherst where she enjoyed the change in seasons, she transferred to UMASS and graduated with a degree in hotel management. After working in Southern California, she returned to Hawaii, and worked in Waikiki and recently downtown Honolulu. She and her husband Glen enjoy golf, traveling, and gardening. They have family in Seattle and London, whom they very much miss visiting this year.

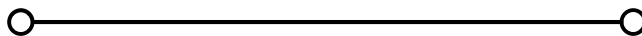
**IRS Reminder regarding 2020 Donations:**

Per the IRS, please note that all donations and pledge contributions need to be postmarked by December 31st in order to appear on your 2020 Giving Statement. Thank you for your faithfulness in continuing to support the ministry of this church during this challenging year when we have needed to pivot to new ways of connecting.

**2021 Pledges:**

If you haven't turned in your pledge card, you can mail it to the church office or scan and email it to Pastor Diane or Bill, our Bookkeeper. If you didn't receive one, please contact Pastor Diane. The vestry will begin working on the budget for 2021 this month. We are grateful for the pledge cards and generous response we have been receiving, especially during these challenging times. With the reductions in rental income, every pledge is important. We are the church together, doing the work of Jesus in this world!





### Holiday Concert - Friday, December 18, 7:00pm ONLINE ("on demand" after the premiere)

Dr. Joseph Eppink and the St. Peter's Choir and hospice friends invite you to a very special holiday concert—Joyeux Noel—featuring carols and readings. It will initially be posted for viewing at 7pm on the church Facebook page on Dec. 18th. Hear a message of hope and see the marvelous work of Dr. Eppink in safely bringing the choir and instrumentalists "together" to create music during this challenging time of COVID.



### Support of St. Andrew's Schools, our Diocesan School on the Square

We are blessed to have a diocesan school on the grounds of the Square that we share with the Cathedral, St. Paul's, and the Diocesan Support Center. St. Andrew's has a history dating back to Queen Emma in educating girls and more recently included an elementary school for boys on the Square. A preschool exists on the Pali.

Several years ago St. Peter's was gifted with a generous bequest from St. Peter's member Kay Wery to be used for counseling and outreach. The Vestry created an endowed fund and in September sent earnings from that bequest to St. Andrew's Schools to assist them in the counseling support of their students. In response, Dr. Ruth Fletcher, Head of School, wrote the following:

*Dear Pastor Diane and St. Peter's Episcopal Church,*

*Thank you so much for being such a strong supporter of our school. It is wonderful to partner with you on Queen Emma Square to create a spiritual and educational oasis in downtown Honolulu.*

*Mahalo for your aloha, love, and kindness, Ruth*

Members of St. Peter's, Albert and Maureen Wong, have also seeded a student scholarship that will become an endowed scholarship of the churches on the Square. Several of you also contributed to that scholarship through the Foodland Give Aloha campaign. Dr. Fletcher wrote in response to these gifts:

*Dear St. Peter's Episcopal Church,*

*Thank you for your most generous donation to the Episcopal Churches on the Square endowed fund! Because of your significant contributions, we will be able to educate more children in Hawai'i to become our leaders of tomorrow.*

*With deep gratitude and love, Ruth*



## Consider a different kind of Christmas gift this year!

Episcopal Relief & Development offers "Gifts for Life" in the name of loved ones and friends. Check out their catalog at [episcopalrelief.org/gifts](http://episcopalrelief.org/gifts) or call 1-855-312-4325. There are a wide variety of gifts. Here are just a few: goat \$80, chickens \$25 or a flock \$135, pig \$100, seeds, tools & training \$45, disaster relief kits \$50, COVID-19 relief kits \$45, mosquito nets \$12 per net, vitamins & preventive medicine \$65, micro-credit loans for women \$200, literacy groups \$25 per student.

## Outreach Near and Far Through Our Church

Did you know that your offerings to St. Peter's support a number of local partners doing important work in our community? Yes, they do! Here are some of the organizations St. Peter's supports: Institute for Human Services (IHS), Family Promise, Hawaii FoodBank, River of Life, Honolulu Habitat for Humanity, Hawaii Meals on Wheels, Lanakila Meals on Wheels, Kokua Mac, Hope Lodge, Camp Mokuleia. Together, we help to meet the needs within our community!

We also support important outreach through our Diocesan assessment. Bishop Bob announced that in response to the COVID crisis, the Diocesan Council has approved \$22,000 to be distributed proportionally by population to the food banks in each county of Hawaii and \$10,000 to Episcopal Relief & Development for COVID relief with a portion going to the Philippine Episcopal Church and the Philippine Independent Church to provide aid following recent storms and the Micronesian Church to aid Filipino contract workers in Saipan without work due to COVID. Together through the Church, we help to meet needs that are near and far!



### 2020 Vestry

**Senior Warden: Velma Lee**

**Junior Warden: Terry Dang**

**Treasurer: Nancy Rowe**

**Clerk: Karin Kimura**

**Rector: The Rev. Diane Martinson**

**Term expires in 2020:**

**Karin Kimura, Bryan Matsumoto, Barry Wood**

**Term expires in 2021:**

**Gail Kuroda, Bill McKinney, Stephanie Wight**

**Term expires in 2022:**

**Rose Baroza, Beth Cox, Gail Haruki**



### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jane Pang, Philip Yuen

Colleen Yap Lunasco

Micki Hall, Ale Kaneshiro

Joshua Baldovi

Sela Kimura

Austin Thompson, Kevin Ho,

Rae Gorman, Philip Chun

Karin Kimura

Rebecca Ching

Dan Ching Jr., Amy Ono

Margaret Chun

Edmund Wong

Darryl Lum

Peter Wu

Pokhui McKinney, Kekoa

Turner, Sarah Fargo, Tyler Dos

Santos-Tam

Violet Chew