

# 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

**Sunday, February 14th  
at 7:30 & 10am**

**Bishop Bob Visits**

**Tuesday, February 16th at 6pm  
Zoom Vestry Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 17th**

**Ash Wednesday service,  
11:30am and online**

**The First Day of Lent, Commonly called Ash Wednesday, February 17 (no ashes)  
"In person" and Live Streamed worship at 11:30am  
The service will be available "on demand" on the church website and Facebook page.**

It is that time of year again when we prepare to enter the season of Lent. Lent is a time of spiritual introspection, a time to examine our lives and our walk with God. The start of the Lenten season is marked with Ash Wednesday when we confess that which pulls us away from God. We are reminded of our mortality and the brevity of life. Often this day is marked with the sign of the cross made of ashes on our foreheads.

The use of ashes, however, is actually optional in our Book of Common Prayer. Taking into consideration the virus and the need for personal contact when imposing ashes, Bishop Bob has made the decision that there will be no imposition of ashes at the Ash Wednesday services in the diocese this year.

Bishop Bob explains, "From the time of the Reformation until the mid-Twentieth century, the vast majority of Anglicans/Episcopalians did not practice the imposition of ashes. The Book of Common Prayer 1979 is the first authorized Episcopal Prayer Book to include the practice (though it was certainly practiced in many churches during the years before the current BCP was authorized). With that, however, the day was designated as 'The First Day of Lent, Commonly called Ash Wednesday' in Prayer Books for centuries. While it is for many a helpful pious act, the imposition of ashes is not a sacramental act and is certainly not essential to the liturgy of the day."

With or without ashes, the Ash Wednesday service is an important service in the church year. It calls us to an examination of our lives, repentance for that which we have done wrong or failed to do, and a renewed, closer walk with God. This year we invite you to join "in person" with assigned seating and masks as on Sunday or online through the church Facebook page and website. We will have one service at 11:30am with live-streaming, after which the service will be available "on demand."

## **Bishop's Visit - Sunday, February 14th**

The Sunday before Lent begins, The Rt. Rev. Robert L. Fitzpatrick will be at St. Peter's for his every other year visitation. Bishop Bob will preach and celebrate the Eucharist at both services. You can attend "in person" with masks and assigned seating or watch online through the church Facebook page or website.

## Annual Meeting Report - Sunday, January 31, 2021

St. Peter's held its first ever "hybrid" Annual Meeting with 25 people attending online and 17 people attending in the sanctuary between services. This year our outgoing vestry members collectively offered to run for another term given the complexities of this time during the pandemic. Vestry meetings since the start of the pandemic have taken place entirely through Zoom. Karin Kimura, Bryan Matsumoto, and Barry Wood were unanimously elected to additional three year terms. Terry Dang was also unanimously renewed as our Jr. Warden with many accolades for the wonderful work he is doing as St. Peter's Jr. Warden.

Five of ten nominees were elected as Diocesan Convention Delegates and five as alternates. Delegates for the 2021 Diocesan Convention held the last Saturday in October are Joseph Eppink, Velma Lee, Nancy Rowe, Taka Kimura, and Tim Yuen. Alternates are Gail Kuroda, Janet Kim, Bill McKinney, Beth Cox, and Rose Baroza.

The exciting news was from our Jr. Warden, Terry Dang, who reported that the church is now on solar power. You can read about that in the Jr. Warden Report below. We also have leaking in the Bell Tower which will need to be addressed in 2021.

After anticipating a significant deficit midway through 2020 due to deep losses in rental income, St. Peter's amazingly finished the year in the black. This was due to three primary factors: 1) faithful giving by this congregation, 2) budget reductions, particularly in leaving an office position vacant through the fall, and 3) the awarding of a PPP loan and City & County grant. Tremendous thanks go to our treasurer, Nancy Rowe, who spent hours and hours and hours filling out paperwork for the PPP loan and the City & County grant. Nancy is now in the process of applying for a new PPP loan under the PPP2 program for 2021 and applying for the original PPP loan to be converted to a grant. Mahalo, Nancy!

2021 will continue to be a challenge. In 2020, Watabe was able to provide half rent. They are the tenant from whom the church receives the most significant rental income. With business from Japan still not open, however, in 2021, this will change to a per wedding amount through the end of August when it will be reassessed. The Finance members of the Vestry will evaluate the church's financial situation on a quarterly basis and keep the congregation informed.

Pledging remained strong given this time of pandemic with 67 pledges for 2021 totaling \$224,300 compared to 74 pledges totaling \$247,032 in 2020. We still have a few pledges coming in, and we thank you.

The Annual Report for 2020 is available electronically or in hard copy form. Contact the church office for the link or for a hard copy. We look ahead to 2021 trusting in God's guidance, grateful for the ministry of this congregation, and with hope for emerging relief from this pandemic!

### Sr. Warden Corner: Velma Lee

Bishop Bob informed us that there won't be any ashes for Ash Wednesday on February 17th. However, we will have a limited in-person and live-streamed service at 11:30am. The recorded service will be available online following the service.

All of St. Peter's face masks have been sold! Also, the mask has passed the "candle blowing" test, so the 3 layers of "soft B-Core moisture management polyester" prevents air from coming out of the mask.

Many thanks to Sim Kau, Keisha Webster, and Barbara Vlachos for answering the call to launder the acolyte robes and cinctures! The acolytes will be most happy wearing clean robes and cinctures when we resume actual services in the near future.

### Jr. Warden Report: Terry Dang

Let the sun shine strong and bright! After about 2 years of planning and construction, on Friday, January 29th St. Peter's and RevoluSun were given permission from HECO to operate and turn-on the photovoltaic system and the 88 panels on the Parish Hall roof! It could not have come at a better time especially during these challenging financial times as we struggle to balance the budget. A big Mahalo to Franklin Pang for his generosity and vision for a future of electrical savings!

### Jr. Warden Report: Terry Dang, continues...

The bell tower and steeple needs a lot of attention. I installed a couple of rain gutters and plastic sheeting inside the bell tower because I saw evidence of water leaking down the interior walls. After the heavy rains on January 25th, Oriel and I went up the bell tower to check the situation and saw more leaks. The steeple gutter system and supports are in very bad condition. Pastor Diane and I have been seeking advice from Glenn Mason and we are trying to schedule a Tory's Roofing site inspection. Let us also not forget the steeple cross that fell and is still resting at the bottom of the steeple in the gutter. That's another challenge because the height of the steeple and nearby high voltage power lines. I will keep you updated.



The 88 solar panels on the Parish Hall roof



St. Peter's Bell Tower

### Acknowledgements from our ministry partners!

Every month we send out outreach checks to service partners in the community with whom we partner through our budget. Over the past two months we received the following acknowledgements:

- **Parents and Children Together for The Towers at Kuhio Park food drive** - *Mahalo for the generous support. We cannot do this work without partners like you. Blessings to you.*
- **Hawai`i Meals on Wheels** - *You have been instrumental in allowing Hawai`i Meals on Wheels to carry on its mission. On behalf of all the kupuna we serve, Mahalo!*
- **Hawaii Foodbank** - *We are truly grateful for you! Without your help, we could not carry out our mission of providing food to feed Hawaii's hungry.*
- **Honolulu Habitat for Humanity** - *We rely on the support of community partners and organizations like yours to make this possible. Thank you.*

### Lenten Meditations

Enrich your Lenten journey with these resources for Lent 2021, which begins on February 17:

- For Episcopal Videos and resources, [click here](#).
- Episcopal Relief & Development Lenten Meditations (printable or receive daily emails) - [Click here to visit the episcopalrelief.org website](#).
- Forward Movement (a variety of offerings both online and printed) - [For more information, click here or the image below to visit the Forward Movement website.](#)





**Ordering from Amazon?**

Click on Amazon Smile logo below to go to the portal through which Amazon will donate a percentage of every sale to St. Peter's.

**Camp Mokuleia Stay-Cay Weekend Dates**

February 19-21, March 26-28, April 16-18

Enjoy a family get-away! (COVID precautions are followed.)

Package prices per person:

Lodge \$180, Cabins \$150, Tentals \$125, Campsite \$110

For more information regarding Stay-Cay Weekend dates, click on the Camp Mokule'ia image below.

**COVID Vaccination Information**

You can stay informed of the latest about COVID vaccination schedules at the sites listed below. Currently, health care workers, first responders, frontline essential workers, and kupuna age 75+ are eligible to receive vaccinations. Click here to visit the State COVID-19 webpage. To register for a vaccination, click here.

**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**

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Kathleen Chang

Valerie Baldovi

Joseph Eppink

Norma Chun

Taka Kimura, Rie Connors

Edward Kam, Jr.

Sophie Ono

David Thompson

Roland Tam

Eden Young

Lisa Kau

Jonalyn Uehara

Junko Kobayashi-Uyetake

Connor Allen, Colbie Chun

Ernelle Lum

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Bill & Pokhui McKinney