

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



January 2021

The page has turned on year 2020—and not too many of us are sad to see it go. None of us could have imagined what was ahead when the year began. It was a year of loss and hardship for many people, not just in our St. Peter's community, not just in this state and nation, but across the entire world. But now it's 2021. The rolling out of vaccines is revealing light at the end of this tunnel, and heightened awareness of the inequities within our country raises the possibility that we can and will do better. Time moves on and new possibilities emerge.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

We look to 2021 with hope and the promise that God is with us!

Pastor Diane

St. Peter's Annual Meeting

This year our Annual Meeting, required by the canons of the Episcopal Church, will be held virtually over Zoom. **Date of the Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 31st, 8:45am-9:50am**

Besides the business of the meeting, i.e. electing vestry members and Diocesan Convention delegates, and looking ahead to ministry in 2021, this provides us an opportunity to connect after a long time of separation. We need to meet quorum for the meeting to be official, so please mark your calendars! AND, please join us the week before for a **"test run" and Q&A - Sunday, January 24, 9:00am**. If difficulties are encountered that day, we have volunteers who are willing to work one-on-one to assist everyone in getting connected.

Have you considered serving on Vestry or as a Diocesan Convention Delegate for St. Peter's?

It's a great way to serve the church and to gain a broader understanding of this ministry. Vestry members are typically elected for three year terms, although this year we will also have a one year term. We need ten people to volunteer to run for Diocesan Convention Delegate. Five will be elected delegates and five will be alternates. If you are feeling a pull to consider serving in one of these capacities, please speak with Pastor Diane or one of your vestry members.



Senior Warden Corner: Velma Lee

Kudos to Haroldwyn Chang, Cheryl Bochentin, Sim Kau, and Keith Lee for polishing the brass on one Saturday, December 5th and then polishing the koa pews and wainscoting (with Jocelyn Ching) the following Saturday. Also, kudos to Rae Gorman and Nani Ho who polished the silver communion vessels on Monday, December 21st. We greatly appreciated their time and efforts in preparing the church for Christmas!

Mahalo nui loa to the following people for taking time from their busy schedules in decorating the sanctuary for Christmas:

Terry Dang and Oriel Agcaoili for putting the Christmas tree together and decorating it with twinkling lights, and Bryan Matsumoto, Jenna Matsumoto, Sim Kau, Cheryl Saito, Margaret Chun, Keisha Webster, Konstantinos Karampakakis, Haroldwyn Chang, and Keith Lee for bringing up the various Christmas decorations from the Aloha Room and decorating the sanctuary space.

New artificial palm trees are in the sanctuary to replace the older ones because termites had made a home in the baskets that had been stuffed with the paper.

The annual meeting on Sunday, January 31st, 2021, will be conducted virtually. More details will be sent via email.

Junior Warden Corner: Terry Dang

Terry checks on the facilities of the church and parish hall 24/7 through his phone! Yes, he has a fancy app for monitoring the facilities. He's here in person plenty, too!

- Electric light problems have been corrected.
- RevoluSun has completed its installation of solar panels. After HECO installs the meters, RevoluSun can turn on the system and our electricity will be solar generated!
- The latch on the garden gate has been repaired.
- Oriel & Terry have noticed an uptick in nighttime visitors which has necessitated extra cleaning on their parts.
- Big shout out to Robert Wight, Stephanie Wight, and Oriel Agcaoili for painting Bill's office and reconstructing one of the walls.

Budget for 2021

We are very grateful for your pledges to the church for ministry in 2021. This is a challenging year as we do not have the rental income that we have had in the past. The vestry will be working on the budget this month for approval at their January 20th meeting. If you have not yet filled out a pledge card for 2021 and are able to do so, please contact the church office and we will get one to you. Thank you!



In Memory of Jane Pang

Suzi Swartman, Tiare Ono's sister and a tennis friend of Jane Pang's, created a beautiful wreath from dried magnolia leaves from Jane Pang's yard. St. Peter's, the tennis community, and all who knew Jane, were heartbroken when she died of COVID-19 on December 15th. Suzi donated the wreath to the church in Jane's memory. It is hanging on the side of the pulpit near where Franklin and Jane would usually sit. Due to restrictions during this time of the virus, the burial service in January will be private.



Beautiful Christmas Quilt and Pocket Quilts

This holiday season Estelle Inn created more unique pocket quilts with a small cross inside that have been available during worship and a beautiful quilt entitled, "Merry, Merry Christmas" with a Christmas tree. This quilt has been hanging during our holiday season above the credence table in the sanctuary. Take a close look as this quilt employs various quilting techniques. Estelle is an accomplished quilter who has won awards for her quilting. We are blessed to have one of her creations!



In this photo, our new bookkeeper, Bill Slocumb, and our new office manager, Susan Sugiyama, are holding up the quilt.

HELP NEEDED! - Service Project for 2021

Your help is greatly needed for the following service project: We have about 20 acolyte robes in various sizes that haven't been worn for the past nine months. Consequently, they are long overdue to be laundered. We need several volunteers to take a few home to wash and dry these polyester vestments. Please contact Susan in the church office, 533-1943, to arrange a time when you can pick up 3-4 robes to help us launder them. Thank you very much!

NOTE:

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and precautions, the narcissus bulb carving class will not be held this year. The class will be offered again in January of 2022.

Spring Family Stay-Cay Weekends

Camp Mokuleia had great success with the Fall Family Stay-Cay Weekends, so they are offering two more in the Spring!—February 19-21 and April 16-18. There are lodge, cabin, tentalo, and campsite accommodations. Optional activities include zip line, pool and ocean recreation, cookouts, and campfires with s'mores.

Summer Camp at Camp Mokuleia and Day Camps - Registration opens January 18th. For more information regarding Summer Camp dates, please visit: www.campmokuleia.org

**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****JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Tricia Matsumoto
Ashlyn Kim
Jason Baroza
Sheri Yoshida
Jackie Oda
Colin Leong
Kristen Connors
Paul Yuen
Lois Gray
Susan Dang
Alana Young
Bill McKinney
Sophie Choy
Robert Wight
Catie Wiecking
Kyle Chang
Jan Yap
Mischa Kawamoto
Lily Wond
Cedric Ching