

OCTOBER 2020

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

9:30AM

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

On the church website and
Facebook page



WEDNESDAYS AT 10:00AM

Bible Study on Zoom
Contact Pr. Diane for
the Zoom link.



THURSDAYS AT 6:00PM

Jazz Vespers on church website
and Facebook page

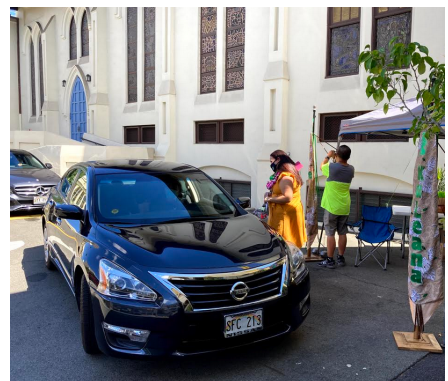
A Beacon of Hope... A Call to Serve!



Rev. Jazzy's Farewell

For the past two years and three and a half months, St. Peter's has been blessed with the presence of Rev. Jazzy as our Curate. She came to us from seminary, newly ordained as a transitional deacon in The Episcopal Church. She began at St. Peter's filled with enthusiasm, joy at being back in the islands, and eagerness to begin her ministry as a priest. We quickly learned of the sincerity of her faith, her intelligent and thoughtful engagement with scripture, and her infectious laughter. On December 22, 2018, as Curate of this parish, we celebrated her ordination to the priesthood, and over these past few years with the love and support of this congregation, Rev. Jazzy has blossomed into the priest we know her to be today. Our Diocese did well to raise up such a fine priest, and The Episcopal Church and this Diocese will be blessed by her ministry for decades to come.

Rev. Jazzy will take the month of October to prepare and celebrate her wedding to Brianna (Bree) Lloyd on October 17th and then begin as priest-in-charge at St. John the Baptist in Ma`ili on November 1st. Like everything else during this time of the virus, our celebration of her ministry was unlike any in the past, but it was heartfelt and great fun nonetheless. On Friday, Sept. 25th, a Zoom Party was held and on Sunday, Sept. 27th, a "Drive Through" Celebration and Farewell took place. Thank you to Terry Dang and Keith Lee for setting up a wonderful "greeting" area with a tent in the parking lot and to Stephanie Wight for making the two beautiful banners for Rev. Jazzy to take with her to use at St. John the Baptist. Thank you to the many of you who were able to participate in one or both of these events and to the many others who contacted Rev. Jazzy directly by phone, email, or by letter. Continue to pray for Rev. Jazzy as she looks ahead with joy to her wedding and her new start at St. John the Baptist.



St. Peter's Face Masks

The first batch of 50 face masks have arrived! Thank you to everyone who ordered them! Most people picked them up after the drive through at the Parish Hall on Sunday, Sept. 27. Others will have them mailed to their homes. In case you forgot to order yours, a second batch of pre-orders are being taken by Beth and Velma. Usually, the men fit the Adult L/XL combo and the women fit the Adult S/M combo. We have four (4) Youth L/XL combo that may fit children in grades 4-6. Each mask is \$5.50, which includes tax. As soon as we reach 50 pre-orders, we will order a second batch. The masks are produced in increments of 50.

To order, please email/contact:

Beth Cox, bethkurren@gmail.com

OR Velma Lee, vklee2014@gmail.com

We will need to know your name, number of masks and sizes. You may arrange to pick them up at the church office or have them mailed at a cost of \$3.50 per mask.



Creative Activities of our Parishioners during a Pandemic, Featuring: Dan & Mai Ching and Estelle Inn

Dan Ching designed a hydroponic system using materials easily obtained from your local hardware store. A pump in a tub of water (Solar power could be used.) pushes the water to the top of the unit. Fertilizer is mixed with the water in the tub eliminating the need for fish. Dan and Mai had previously done aquaponics with fish in Waianae, but a less complicated system was desired in town. Leaves can be cut and the plants will continue to grow. Besides the efficient use of water, another benefit is clean vegetables. No dirt!



Dan Ching, the engineer and Mai Ching, the gardener, are growing their own leafy greens in their carport hydroponic garden.



Water flows down the wells set on a slight decline, hydrating the root systems of the plants. The water exits at the end, returns to the tub and is then pumped back up again.



The plants begin in spongy "oasis" for two weeks. They are then moved to the smaller holes for two weeks and finally the large holes for a final two weeks.

Dan and Mai have a ten foot module but for a family of four people, Dan estimates that a three to four foot module would be sufficient. Currently, the Chings are growing two kinds of bok choy, butter lettuce, baby romaine, red oak, and Swiss chard. While they are focusing on greens, other kinds of plants can be grown with larger hole sizes and netting. A benefit of this visit was being gifted with a sampling of the produce! I can honestly say these hydroponic greens made some of the most delicious salads I have ever eaten! If I had three thumbs, this would be a three thumbs up operation!

Estelle Inn - Pocket Prayer Quilts

Estelle is an award winning quilt maker. With oodles of scraps of fabric from various projects, Estelle got creative and made "Pocket Prayer Quilts." Inside each 2x2 quilt, she lovingly placed a small cross with this message: "This 'Pocket Prayer Quilt' was made especially for you to slip in your pocket. Throughout the day when your fingers touch the cross inside the quilt, be mindful of God's love and grace for you. Keep it as a tangible symbol of God's peace." That is always an important reminder, but especially in these challenging days! The "Pocket Prayer Quilts" were handed out by Velma Lee at the "Mask Station" during the "Drive Through" for Rev. Jazzy on Sunday, September 27th, a day that just happened to be Estelle's birthday! Thank you, Estelle, for the beautiful gift!



Bible Study and Discussion on the Sunday Readings

Every Wednesday at 10:00am, from the comfort of your own home by way of Zoom, a group of folks spanning several decades in age, discusses the readings for the coming Sunday. This is a great opportunity to gain insight into the Sunday readings from a multitude of views. Contact Pastor Diane for the Zoom link.

"Kids Kit" Christian Formation

During the pandemic, our children aren't meeting in person for Christian Formation, so Rev. Jazzy and Stephanie Wight have been preparing "Kids Kits" that are mailed to the home. In September the kids learned about Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and made sheep. Greyson and Mischa Kawamoto and Caroline Young enjoyed that lesson! Kids Kits for October are in the mail and Kids Kits for November and December are in the works.



October Elders Celebration

Every October we recognize our elders 90 years and older. This year we can't celebrate in person, but we will honor and remember them in our prayers of intercession on October 18th. This year we have four centenarians to celebrate:

Nora Fong, 102
 Bernard Ching, 102
 Miriam Everhart, 101
 Violet Chew, 100

And, thirteen nonagenarians:

Lily Ing, Loretta Loo, Stanley Kau, Velma Kim, Rosie Ching, Helena Won, Adrienne Yee, Joseph Chang, Ellen Jean Fo, Cedric Ching, Doreen Yuen, Albert Wong, and Margaret Chun.

What an honor to have these elders amongst us! God's blessings be upon them! In remembering our elders, we also remember with gratitude those who died in this past year: Eleanor Chang, Annette Besvold, David Lee. We will honor them in our prayers on November 1st, All Saints Day.

Financial Giving

Thank you for the faithfulness with which you have continued to support the church during these challenging times. Although we aren't meeting in person, services continue online, Bible study, Christian Formation, and meetings continue through Zoom, and our budgeted benevolence dollars continue to support local organizations assisting those in need. Your staff continue the work of the office and Pastor Diane is working to stay connected by phone and through appointments. Your contributions can be mailed to the church office or be made online by clicking on "Make a Donation" on the church website. Thank you also to those who made donations through the Foodland "Give Aloha" program. We will learn the totals toward the end of October and report the results in the November newsletter.

Community Update:

This week we received a note from Dave and Amanda Stivers and son, Barrett ("Bear"), who were relocated by the military from Hawai'i to Texas this summer:

In the craziness of COVID and PCSing, we forgot to let you all know that we were moving this past summer. We left in July and we are now cozy in our beautiful new home in San Antonio, Texas! Dave and I have started getting into a flow with our new jobs, and Barrett just tested into advanced Pre-K!

We are happy, healthy, and grateful for this new home. I am so sorry that I forgot to let you all know. We have received some things in the mail from St. Peter's for Barrett—he enjoyed them very much. Thank you all for keeping us in your thoughts and hearts despite us not being around all that often. Hope you all are safe and healthy! Thank you for being part of our Hawaii family.

Love and Peace, Amanda, Dave, & Bear

Return of "In Person" Worship

With Pastor Diane in the Seattle area for part of October for her son's wedding and then a quarantine period upon returning home, we will continue with the 9:30am "online only" Sunday worship through October. Assuming the community virus transmission continues to decline, we will return to limited "in person" worship again in November.

**2020 Vestry**

Senior Warden: Velma Lee

Junior Warden: Terry Dang

Clerk: Karin Kimura

Treasurer: Nancy Rowe

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

Pastor Diane: pastordianem@gmail.com

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Marc Hino

Reyn Ono

Sean Connors

Paulette Choy

Clinton Yee

Jenna Matsumoto

Rose Baroza

Jocelyn Choy

Elaine Lo

Joseph Chang

Caroline Young

Christopher Greenleaf

Ruth Merz

Devan Pang

Ella Kimura

Alexandra Yuen

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Terry & Susan Dang

David & Amanda Stivers

Bertrand & Cheryl Fong