

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



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

With the latest Delta variant, it is clear that the COVID virus is not done with us yet. In response, we must continue to support the measures that will protect our keiki and most vulnerable, e.g. wearing masks, getting vaccinated, maintaining physical distancing, supporting the roll-out of vaccines around the world to prevent additional variants from developing.

At church, we will continue the precautions we have already put in place in accordance with the Diocesan Customary, CDC guidelines, and state and city/county mandates. That means, however, that we have postponed, until a future date, the September 12th coffee hour and BBQ announced in the August newsletter. Instead,

we had a sign made announcing the live-streaming of our services! This pandemic has pushed us into the 21st century with technology. What a blessing it has turned out to be in keeping us connected as a community.



Many thanks to Paula Choy and Jaime Yamane who contributed the design work for the sign and to Terry Dang and Manny Dayao who do the live-streaming on Sundays and Thursdays!

From high tech to low tech—can you guess the subject of this photo? Check out the pole holding up the carport. It's wrapped in carpet! That particular pole was a menace to drivers who would have trouble seeing it. More than once we've heard the sound of a car scraping alongside that pole. Thanks to Terry Dang and Oriel Agacoili that pole wrapped in carpet gives cars a nice buffing now instead of an auto body shop bill!





Senior Warden Corner: Velma Lee

The following are some highlights from the August Vestry meeting:

- The Rally Day coffee hour between services and BBQ after the second service will be postponed until a future date, possibly in October.
- Bishop Bob expects the current diocesan restriction against in-person indoor and outdoor coffee hour gatherings to continue at least through the end of September.
- Online Sunday school is in the works for this fall.
- An Evensong at the Cathedral has been discussed for October 10 to coincide with the recognition of Episcopal Schools and featuring an appeal for the St. Andrew's Square Scholarship.

Pending items include by-law revisions that add technology options currently being reviewed by the Diocese, the new steeple cross currently being manufactured, employee handbook updates, and a stained glass window book project.

Our Jr. Warden, Terry Dang, has been very busy accomplishing a long list of repair and maintenance items in church, Aloha Room, and Parish Hall.

Jr. Warden Corner: Terry Dang

A wireless doorbell was recently installed on the Parish Hall stairs for delivery personnel, but you're welcome to use it too if you need to get to the church office but find the stairs double doors locked. Push the button, the doorbell rings in the office then wait and see if anyone comes to open the door for you. If not try calling one of the phone numbers listed on the sign.

Please remember that the office is closed on Wednesdays and open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9am to 1pm.

You may have noticed that we're NOT running more than 5 A/C units in the sanctuary during the service. HECO sent us a letter to make us aware of a possible change from Rate Schedule "G" to Rate Schedule "J" when peak demand is greater than 25 Kilo Watts (KW) three times in a 12-month period. We are in the process of testing and troubleshooting our sanctuary A/C system with HECO because of recent peak demand KW usage. HECO tested our sanctuary A/C meter and found it to be working properly. They installed a data usage meter so it can show us date and time of peak demand KW usage during this next testing phase. We will be operating the units normally like we did 2 months ago so we can determine time of demand surge. HECO will waive the peak demand criteria during this phase. Your patience and understanding are appreciated during the troubleshooting and test phases.

Also, please let me know if you see any of our A/C units with a green blinking light as it may be indicating a possible problem with the unit.





Children's Christian Formation

Stephanie Wight from St. Peter's and Beth Young and Emily Jackson from the Cathedral are working on an online Children's Christian Formation program for this fall in collaboration with the Cathedral's media staff person. The aim of the program will be to enhance and encourage personal relationships with God using stories, music and prayer. Stephanie says of the program, "It will be geared to younger children, but will by no means be inappropriate for youth and adults with child-like hearts."

Time & Talent

Watch for this fall's "Time & Talent" brochure available in church and online in September! Even though we are still functioning under the restrictions of the pandemic, ministry continues and new opportunities exist for you to use your time and talent in service to the church. Want to learn how to live-stream? Send "care boxes" to our college students away from home? Assist with a special coffee hour in remembrance of those who have died? Be part of a "green team"? Do hands-on tasks around the church? There are many more opportunities!



Foodland "Give Aloha" Program: September ONLY

St. Peter's is once again enrolled in the Foodland "Give Aloha" Program. Throughout September, you can designate a donation up to \$249 for St. Peter's (#79022) at any Foodland. Foodland will add a percentage to the donated amount and send the total to St. Peter's in October. 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 donated amount and name of the organization will appear on your receipt. Your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law, but for your donation to appear on your church giving statement you must submit a copy of your receipt to our bookkeeper, Richert, in the church office. Foodland does not give us the names of donors. We thank Foodland and you for your support of St. Peter's through this matching program!

Faithful Care of the Church

In August, Velma Lee, Altar Guild Chair, organized two Saturdays of volunteers. On August 21st, Haroldwyn Chang, Jocelyn Choy, Velma and Keith Lee polished the brass. On August 28th, Olivia LeBoeuf, her friend Brendan O'Neill, Minh Nguyen Duc, and Velma and Keith polished the Koa pews and Haroldwyn Chang and Jocelyn polished the Koa wainscoting. During week, Nani Ho and Rae Gorman polished the silver. Thank you, Velma and Crew, for making the church shine! As Velma said, everything is looking "ship shape"!



Amazon Smile

Ordering from Amazon? On the St. Peter's website, click on "[Amazon Smile](#)." The same products are available on Amazon Smile as on the regular site. The only difference is that Amazon gives a percentage to the church with every purchase when you order through the Amazon Smile webpage!

Parishioners in the News:

John Afong was featured in the July 18-24 Dining Out section of the Star Advertiser! You might think, "Isn't John an electrical contractor?" You would be right, but in October of 2019, John also became the Owner and General Manager of Kabuki Restaurant & Delicatessen in Waimalu Shopping Plaza. A long-time dream of John's to own a bar/restaurant became a reality when the owner of Kabuki wanted to retire and needed someone to carry on the business. In business for 56 years, the restaurant has a loyal customer base from around the island. "The style of cuisine," John said, "is basic old-style Japanese food with a lot of different options, all with traditional cooking methods." Sounds delicious!



Our Senior Warden, Velma Lee, and family—husband, Keith, and grown children, Gavin and Karla—have eaten at Kabuki and shared this: *"Despite the COVID, we have enjoyed dining at Kabuki about once a month. When you enter the dining room, our temperatures are taken, we can use a hand sanitizer to wash our hands, and there is a plexiglass between the booths that separates diners from each other. Since Kabuki reopened in April, we've all tried different selections and liked them all. But I'm partial to the jumbo shrimp tempura, Keith likes the different fish, Gavin likes the tonkatsu, and Karla prefers the chiirashi. The waitresses are very helpful and nice!"*

"We've also ordered delicious okazuya for lunch from the delicatessen: the old-fashion cone sushi, maki sushi, shoyu chicken, marinated fried chicken (Thurs. only), nishime, and namasu. Although the line may look long because of the 6" distancing, it goes quickly. We prefer calling in our order the night before or early in the morning, and when it's our turn, the box is ready to be picked up and paid!"

Congratulations, John, and "Itadakimasu!"



Beth Chang appeared in the Star Advertiser's August 19th "On the Move" column as one of ten Coldwell Banker Realty affiliated agents on Oahu selected by The Asian Real Estate Association of America for their 2021 A-List. Beth and her colleagues were recognized for their dedication to representing the interests of the Asian real estate market in North America. Congratulations, Beth!



BACPAC Project

The Prison Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese has committed to providing ten backpacks a month to men and women being released from prison, often with nothing but the clothes they are wearing. The backpacks are filled with the basic essentials listed below. Thanks to your donations we blessed six completed backpacks during our Sunday service on September 5th! We will continue to fill additional backpacks as supplies come in. Thank you to Keisha Webster and Haroldwyn Chang for coordinating this effort!

Large size backpacks or duffel bags

Body Care / Hygiene

Bar Soap; Tooth Brushes and Tooth Paste; Shampoo and Conditioner; Shaving Cream; Dental Floss; Body Lotion; Antiseptic Cream; Hair Brush / Comb; Deodorant; Disposable Razors; Nail Clippers; Facial Tissue; Band Aides

Linens: Bed Sheets (dbl. size); Pillow Case; Pillow; Bath Towel and Wash Cloth

Food: Cocoa Drink Mix / Hot Chocolate; Trail Mix Nuts; Water Bottle Containers; Forks/Spoons (plastic); Cup of Noodles; Instant Coffee

Miscellaneous

Toilet Paper' Detergent; Writing Tablet; Pen / Pencil



Diocesan Education Day, October 22, 2021

This year's ONLINE Diocesan Education Day on October 22nd is being planned by the Diocese of Hawai'i's Reconciliation Task Force (Our former Curate, Rev. Jazzy Bostock, serves on this Task Force.) with guest speakers Dr. Jonathan Okamura, Dr. Akiemi Glenn, Dr. Jonathan Osorio, and Dr. Jamaica Osorio. The theme is "Reconciliation," and there will be opportunities for discussion in online breakout groups following the presentations. Bishop Bob encourages everyone in the Diocese to attend. Regarding this Diocesan Education Day, Bishop Bob wrote, *"Issues of racism, colonialism, imperialism and the related reality of economic injustice are at the core of many of the problems facing these Islands and the United States. Further, as a Church and as individuals, we have participated and been impacted by that reality. Personal and collective reflection, repentance and amendment of life are at the core of true reconciliation. How can I participate in making things right - pono - in my life, in my community, and in my Church? I think this is the most important Education Day in years. While I might dream that every Episcopalian in Hawai'i will participate, I know that is not practical. I do urge all Clergy and lay leaders (Delegates, Wardens, Vestry/Bishop Committee members, and Diocesan leaders) to attend."*

To register and for more information, visit episcopalhawaii.org.

53rd Annual Diocesan Convention, October 23, 2021

This year's convention will be ONLINE only. Besides our five delegates elected at our Annual Meeting in January, anyone can "attend" as a Visitor. This year's theme is "Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before." For more information and registration, [click here](#). The Constitution of the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i requires that the Holy Eucharist be celebrated at any meeting of the Convention. On the Chancellor's advice, the Bishop has announced that Sunday, October 17th, will be the official "Diocesan worship" held at each of our churches. On that day, we will remember all who have died since the pandemic began in keeping with the theme of this year's Convention.



St. Elizabeth's Wallyhouse

We continue to collect travel-size toiletries for Wallyhouse. Wallyhouse is a ministry to the houseless in the Kalihi neighborhood of St. Elizabeth's. Especially needed are bars of soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and travel-size shampoo, lotion, etc.

Preventing Medicare Fraud

The Kukui Gram newsletter is a new resource of the Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) devoted to providing information to better protect yourself from healthcare fraud, errors and abuse. Sign up for the newsletter at smphawaii.org. You can also access information on their [SMP Facebook page](#).

If you have interest in volunteering for the Senior Medicare Patrol, contact:

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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



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

04	Wei Mei "Mary" Fo
06	Pauline Lum & Kenneth Kau
07	Jermel Anderson
08	Lily Dayao & Jaime Yamane
10	Sim Kau
12	Gail Kuroda, Verna Lum & Jarrett Inn
13	Madison Yee & Nancy Rowe
15	Monica Wu
16	Myra Kong
17	Myron Chang
19	Joanne Shibuya
23	Maureen Wong
26	Paula Choy
27	Estelle Inn
29	Eunice Wong

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

03	Barton & Beth Cox
07	Taka & Karin Kimura
09	Joseph & Kathleen Chang
09	Bryan & Tricia Matsumoto
18	Joseph Eppink & Ralph Panelli
25	Robert & Laura Jean Thue
25	Thomas & Sarah Fargo