



January

2016

Epiphany to Ash Wednesday in Liturgical Time

Around the world January 6th is celebrated as The Day of Epiphany, the day designated in celebration of the coming of the magi, the wise men from afar, bearing gifts for the Christ child. Their gifts are signs of the significance of this child for all the world and of that which is to come. Liturgically, we then jump within less than a week from Jesus as a baby to Jesus as an adult! January 10th, known as Baptism of Our Lord, is when we celebrate Jesus' baptism and the voice of God proclaiming, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." Throughout the weeks of the Epiphany season we hear stories that make known to us who this Son is. The season of Sundays after the Epiphany concludes on February 7th, just before we begin Lent, when we hear again the words from heaven, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" It's a "sandwich" of revelation! This is God's Son come into the world to bring us the promise and hope of new life, both now and eternally.

Pastor Diane

Ordination of Ernesto "Jar" Pasalo, Jr.



Saturday, January 9th, at 10:30 A.M. Bishop Fitzpatrick will ordain Ernesto "Jar" Pasalo, Jr. to the Presbyterate in The Cathedral of St. Andrew. All are invited to attend.

A former member of St. Peter's congregation and the Lay Associate for Youth and Young Adults, Jar attended Virginia Theological School graduating in May of 2015. He was ordained to the diaconate in June 2015. Jar currently serves as curate of both Epiphany and Good

Samaritan Churches under the mentorship of the Rev. Irene Tanabe.

Please remember to keep Jar in your prayers.

Outreach in 2015

During the 2015 year, the Outreach Committee identified special projects in our community whose ministries touch the lives of our citizens in very special ways. We are proud to have provided financial support to the Institute of Human Services (IHS), Hawaii Foodbank, Meals on Wheels, River of Life Mission, Family Promise, First United Methodist Food Pantry, Hope Lodge Hawaii (ACS), Special Olympics, A Cup of Cold Water (Maui), and Camp Mokuleia.



Feasibility Study Update

Many, many thanks to all of you who took part in the Feasibility Study Report conducted for St. Peter's by the Episcopal Church Foundation for our proposed capital campaign - Phase One of capital improvements. The return was very good and the results were exceptionally favorable. During the month of January, the vestry will be at work preparing a timeline. A report will be presented at the Adult Forum discussion on Sunday, January 24th and again at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 31st. 2016 promises to be an exciting year!

Central Middle School (CMS) Homework Help

The homework help program of After School All Stars at CMS will begin again on Tuesday, January 19th.

The times will be the same as last semester:

Mondays and Fridays - 3:00-4:00pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays - 2:15-3:15pm

The school and students need our help. You can participate as often or as infrequently as your schedule allows. Contact the church office or Pastor Diane for more information.

Thank you to Velma Lee, Valerie Baldovi, Myra Kong, Audrey Mueh and grandsons, and Stephanie Wight, who provided the December 30th meal and lunch time activity for CMS students at the Winter Camp provided by the Nu`uanu YMCA.

Students loved the food and the creative activity led by Stephanie.



For over 25 years churches have collected food, raised money and volunteered to work with charities that provide shelter to the houseless, food to the hungry, and compassion to those in need.

Between now and Sunday, February 7th (Super Bowl Sunday) buy extra cans of food when you shop and bring them to church on Sundays. Watch our can pyramid grow. All food collected will be donated to the Hawaii Foodbank and the First United Methodist Church Food Pantry.

Celebrate Game Day in a whole new way!

The 24th Annual Ho'okuikahi Reconciliation Service: Honoring the Legacy of Queen

Lili'uokalani

January 17, 2016

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Harris United Methodist Church
20 South Vineyard Boulevard
Honolulu (Corner of Vineyard and Nu'uuanu)

The Na Pua Ho'okuikahi - Floral Reconciliation Ceremony
by Sensei Nalani Takushi and Dr. Ha'aheo Guanson.

The Music by: John Renke, Canon Precentor and Director of Music, The Cathedral of Saint Andrew and Choir; First Tongan United Methodist Church Choir with Alani Tuifua, Choir Director; Valerie Napualokelani Hunglu and AnaTautu'u Fisilau; Celine Carr "To Believe"

Guest Speakers and Participants: Rev. Dr. See Hee Han, District Superintendent Hawaii District United Methodist Church; The Right Rev. Robert L. Fitzpatrick, Bishop of the Episcopal Church of Hawaii; The Most Rev. Stephen Randolph Sykes, President, The Interfaith Alliance Hawai'i; The Right Rev. Walter Brownridge, President, FACE - Faith Action for Community Equity; The Dr. Kahu Kaleo Patterson, President, The Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center

Stories of Hope, Healing, and Reconciliation will be Celebrated.

Ecumenical Taize Service in observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Thursday, January 21st

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Newman Center (UH - Manoa)
1941 East West Center Road
Honolulu, HI 96822

Free parking is available at St. Francis School, 2707 Pamoia Road, Honolulu, HI 96822.

Mark your Calendars

Monday, January 18th, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Office CLOSED

Sunday, January 24th, 9am Adult Forum - Annual Report Discussion (Parish Hall)

Sunday, January 31st, 8:45am-9:45am - ANNUAL MEETING (Parish Hall)

Every Sunday:

7:30am Rite II Eucharist with piano

9:00am Christian Formation for Children and Youth

9:15am Adult Forum (Tangerine Room)

10:00am Rite II Eucharist with organ

Every Thursday:

6:00pm Jazz Vespers followed by Fellowship and Soup Supper in the Parish Hall

Red or Blue or BOTH?

Have you noticed the two boxes on the greeters' table at the back of the sanctuary?

The Blue Box is for St. Elizabeth's collection. St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church serves the houseless population a hot breakfast every Saturday morning. In addition, they have installed two showers for folks to use throughout the week. Donations of bags of rice and travel size toiletries—shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, body wash, lotion—are continuously needed.

The Red Box is for Central Middle School - composition books (wide or college ruled), binders, pens, pencils, crayons, markers and erasers, and **rubber slippers** (sizes 8-15)



Donations will be received every Sunday!



ANNUAL MEETING

Are you Interested in Running for a Term on the Vestry?

The Annual Meeting of the Parish will be Sunday, January 31st from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall. As part of the normal business of the church, elections will be held for vestry, the visionary and fiduciary body of the church. While nominations are always received from the floor, the Nominations Committee is preparing a slate of candidates to recommend to the congregation. If you feel called to serving on the vestry, please contact Pastor Diane or one of the members of the Nominations Committee: Cheryl Bochentin, Taka Kimura, Stephanie Wight, or Tim Yuen.

Successful Aging Study

Dr. Wei Zhang, associate professor of Sociology at the University of Hawai`i, Manoa, is conducting research on the ethnic Chinese longevity in Hawai`i. The survey is for those 60 years or older. Copies of the survey are available from the church office if you wish to participate. Completed surveys may be returned to Estelle in the office.

Centering Prayer Series

A six-month series following Thomas Keating's video introduction to Centering Prayer will be offered at the Cathedral for members of churches on the square once a month on Sundays at noon. Centering prayer is a popular method of contemplative prayer or Christian meditation, placing a strong emphasis on interior silence. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship.

Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer. Rather, it adds depth of meaning to all prayer and facilitates the movement from more active modes of prayer — verbal, mental or affective prayer — into a receptive prayer of resting in God. Centering Prayer emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God and as a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Him.

The series will start either in Lent or during the summer depending upon the participants' schedules and interest. Contact Pastor Diane for more information.

What Offerings Mean to Me

Jenna Matusmoto

St. Peter's church is important to me because its family is friendly and very interactive. I like how when they do the gospel or the lesson they are very enthusiastic and even if they are tired they act and look happy. So everyone else feels happy. I also enjoy being an acolyte and reading the lessons.



I think my offerings support the church because it pays for the electricity bill, renovations, and the cleaning of the church. It also pays for the AC because isn't it hot in here imagine what it would be like with no AC what a bad world that would be. Offerings are important because the church wouldn't be running and we would have nowhere to worship God. And I love coming to church because I get to meet new people, hang out with my friends, and make God happy. Coming to church makes me happy because I get to see all of you guys and when I read a lesson you always compliment me which brightens my day up after being really tired in the morning.

My mom showed me a picture on Facebook that relates to the gospel lesson that was said today and what giving offerings mean to me. It was at a church and the service was already done and they were counting the offerings. They found an envelope that had 18 cents in it and on the top of the envelope is said "Please don't be mad I don't have much. I am homeless. God bless. "That right there really spoke to me because that could be the only money he had and he gave it to church. The moral I am trying to tell you guys right now is that you could be the richest person ever and give a big amount as the extra change you have in your pocket. Or you could be the poorest person ever and give one cent so you have money for today because they may be thinking about themselves before God. But this man gave all he had and the money came from his heart. Because what came from his heart is love for the church and God and love is the difference that matters most. So everyone when you give offerings today it doesn't matter how much you give it matters if it comes from your heart.



Jenna is a 6th grader at the Priory and serves as an acolyte at the 10 a.m. service



Annual Meeting of St. Peter's Episcopal Church - January 31st, 8:45-9:45am, Parish Hall



The next Honolulu Habitat build will finally begin in February! The ground-breaking is on February 13, to which we are invited as guests. Please contact Elizabeth Winternitz for details.

And we extend our Mahalo to Habitat Volunteers who installed a sound proof wall between the Parish Hall and the Loft (Children's Formation Classroom).

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2015 Vestry

Rector: The Rev. Diane Martinson
Jr. Warden: Terry Dang

Sr. Warden: Velma Lee
Treasurer: Nancy Rowe

Term expires in 2015: Michele Baldovi, Cheryl Bochentin, Taka Kimura, Bryan Matsumoto
Stephanie Wight, Tim Yuen

Term expires in 2016: Kyle Chang, Elizabeth Winternitz, Clinton Yee

Term expires in 2017: Ron Kim, Velma Lee

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