



A Beacon of Hope, A Call to Serve

Jesus said:

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

We are back in full swing again as we move into this fall season! We're kicking the month off with a celebration of St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is October 4th. In recognition of his love for all of creation, we are welcoming our animal companions to worship this Sunday, October 2nd! St. Francis lived at the end of the 12th century. He was born into a family of means, but inspired by the life of Jesus, renounced his wealth and chose to live an austere life of poverty caring for those most in need. Along with his love for those who were the most down and out, his love for every living thing is legendary. In remembrance of this, we, along with many church communities, welcome our animal companions to worship this Sunday.

The Bible passage above is from the appointed gospel reading for the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. These words of Jesus surely must have been a source of strength for St. Francis, who so wholeheartedly threw his complete trust in Jesus. Life is a gift, but sometimes we forget that amidst the worries and concerns of our lives and of our world. Taking up the call to be Jesus' disciples in the world can be challenging, demanding vulnerability in opening ourselves to those different than us, and even controversial when we need to stand up for the gospel in a world that demeans and hurts others. But Jesus promises that in him we will find rest and our burdens, no matter how heavy, will be lighter to bear. In him, we can place our anxieties and fears and trust that God will carry us through with a strength more powerful than our weaknesses.

We have so much for which to be grateful—the stunning beauty of creation, the rhythm of music, the joy of a baby's giggle, this church community into which we will be welcoming new members who have chosen to travel this journey of faith and discipleship with us and the nineteen nonagenarian and centenarian elders we will be celebrating this month! We are blessed indeed! There is messiness in life, certainly, but beauty and God's grace amidst it are everywhere.

Pastor Diane

Sunday, October 9th, 7:30am and 10:00am - Welcome!

St. Peter's will officially welcome new members at both services. Read about the newest members in this newsletter!

Sunday, October 9th, 8:45am and 11:15am - Save a Life!

Jennifer Kawamoto will offer a quick and easy refresher on how to perform CPR and use an AED on Sunday, October 9th after both services (8:45am in the Parish Hall and 11:15am in the sanctuary). It's as easy as 1, 2, 3 and could save a life! We all prepare for unexpected things like bringing an umbrella in case it rains or stocking up on water and food for a hurricane. But, are you prepared in case someone has



a cardiac arrest? We hope you are able to join us in this hands-on CPR/AED refresher course to learn how! All ages

welcome!

Elders' Sunday Celebration October 16th

A special reception celebrating the St. Peter's members who are 90 and older will follow each service on October 16th. We are blessed to have 19 elders 90 or over (two of whom will be 100 this year!).

Please say a prayer of thanksgiving for Annette Besvold, Beatrice Bryant, Eleanor Chang, Violet Chew, Bernard Ching, Rosie Ching, Barbara Chung, Roberta Dang, Miriam Everhart, Nora Fong, Gladys Ho, Lily Ing, Eleanor Kashiwada, Stanley Kau, Theodora Luke, Lynda Pang, Helena Won, Laura Young, and Alfred Yuen.

We Are Oceania

Sunday, October 23rd at 11:30am in the Sanctuary



We Are Oceania (WAO) is a one-stop Micronesian Center, which advocates for the health of Micronesian individuals and families, empowering them to weave their indigenous skills,

knowledge, and being/values with their newly acquired knowledge of life on O`ahu.

Kathy Martin, a case manager at WAO, will introduce us to Micronesian cultures, challenges for Micronesians living in Hawai'i, and the work of WAO. Kathy is a native of the island of Piis Paneu in Chuuk in the Federated States of Micronesia. She received her Bachelors of Social Work from the University of Guam in 2005, and in 2011 she completed her Masters of Social Work from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Saturday, October 22 - Episcopalians in the Honolulu Pride Parade, 10am

St. Mark's Kapahulu invites us to walk as Episcopalians in the Honolulu Pride Parade beginning at 10am at Magic Island and concluding around noon at Kapiolani Park where the Honolulu Pride Festival will take place with live entertainment, local food and craft vendors, and keiki activities. Call the church office if you plan to walk or contact Fr. Paul Lillie of St. Mark's.

**Diocesan Education Day
St. Andrew's Cathedral**

Friday, October 28, 2016- 8:45 am - 3:15 pm

Each year in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Convention, the Diocese offers an *Education Day* as an opportunity for deeper spiritual reflection. This year the theme of the day is *On the Threshold: Baptismal Life in the 21st Century*. Over the course of the day the focus will be on what it means to be on the threshold of something new and unknown. What are the challenges and opportunities for us as individual Christians and collectively as a community of disciples in the Diocese of Hawaii? What do we need to be People of the Resurrection who participate in God's mission?

The guest speaker is the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, President of the House of Deputies, and the first ordained woman to hold this position.

Registration is open to all in the diocese. The fee, which includes lunch, is \$35 per person before Friday, October 7, and \$40 per person after Friday, October 7. Register online at: https://episcopalhawaii.formstack.com/forms/individual_registration

The 48th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i will be October 29, 2016 at The Cathedral of St. Andrew



The Annual Meeting does the business of the Diocese through the budget, reports, elections, and resolutions. The business meeting will begin promptly at 8:45 am and is planned to conclude at 4:00 pm. Bishop Fitzpatrick states, "It is through our work that we will shape the mission and ministry of our Diocese."

In addition to the normal business of the church, the 48th Annual Meeting celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Episcopacy of Bishop Fitzpatrick.

Voting delegates from St. Peter's are Pastor Diane, Norma Chun, Bill McKinney, Amy Ono, Robert Wight, and Tim Yuen. While only the delegates may vote, anyone is welcome to attend.

Repairs and Renovation Work

The Executive Committee (Velma Lee, Tim Yuen, Nancy Rowe, Stephanie Wight) and the Facilities Folk (Ron Kim, Kyle Saito, Taka Kimura, Terry Dang, and Bill McKinney along with Tim Yuen) have been busily at work meeting with our architect, Glenn Mason, to move us forward with our repairs and renovation work in response to our capital campaign.

The first project out to bid was for the acoustical soundproofing in the Parish Hall. Randall Industries, Inc. will perform the work and materials have been ordered from the mainland. Estimated lead time for the materials is ten weeks with installation taking about two weeks.



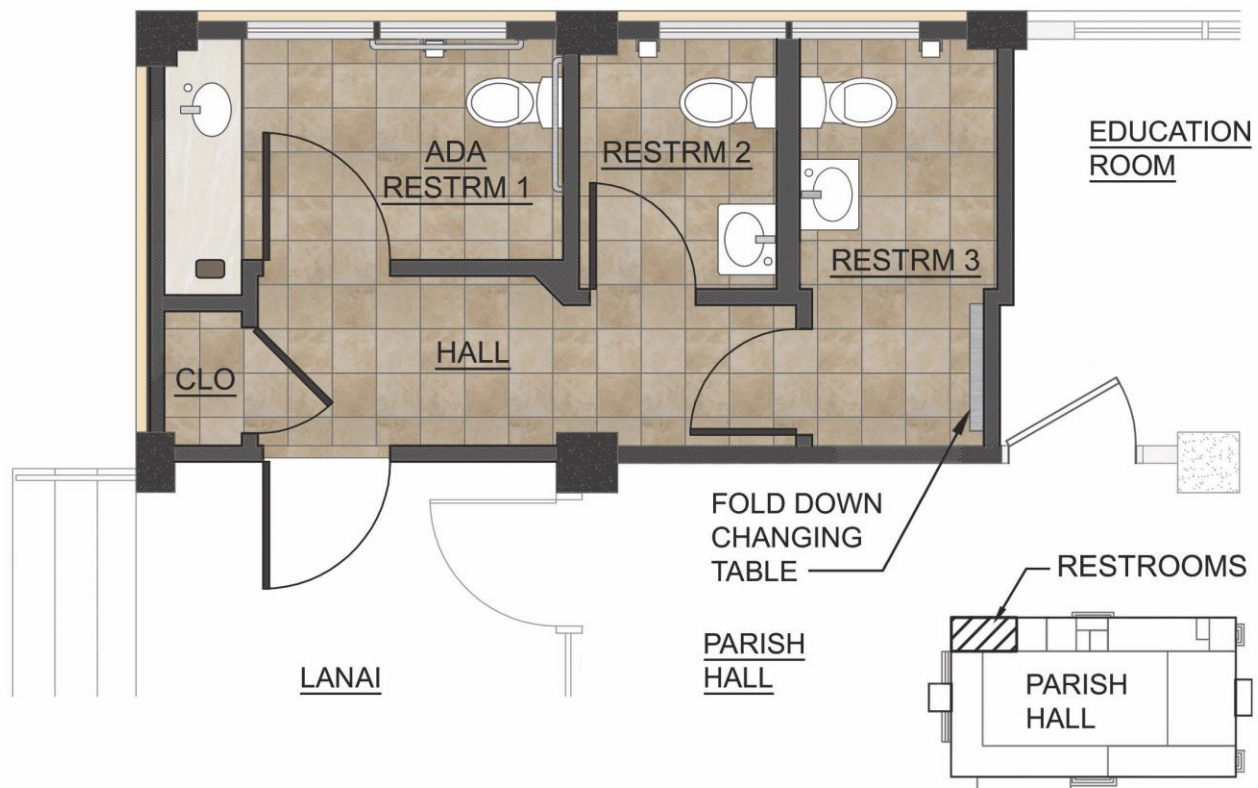
With the addition of the new ceiling material, the lighting will be lowered and updated. These improvements will greatly improve our use of what is currently an echo chamber!

The next project put out to bid is for the sanctuary work, both inside and out, the ADA bathroom addition, and repair of the fire escape. The current timeline is to get the project out for bid by the end of October with a general contractor selection in November. Work would begin after Easter Sunday which coincides well with Watabe Weddings, our tenant, whose 2017-2018 contract begins April 1st. We are working closely with them in arranging a three-month period of time when the sanctuary will be closed. During that time, we will most likely have our

services in the Parish Hall, hopefully with our new bathrooms completed before we have to vacate the sanctuary.

Great news about the new ADA bathroom--there will be two additional toilet rooms! Thanks to our sharp-eyed Executive Committee who noticed a design at St. Clement's that we could replicate, we will have three new toilet rooms, one of which will be ADA accessible. The design is included below. This will be a much needed and significant improvement to our church property!

These are exciting times! Changes are ahead and flexibility will be required of all of us, but what we are working toward is an investment that will enhance our ministry well into the future!



Please Introduce Yourself to and Welcome our Newest Members!



Mark Bishop and Jen Sablan

Jen and Mark attend the 7:30 a.m. service.

Jen Stasch

Jen attends the 7:30 a.m. service.



Carina Agpaoa and Ritabelle Fernandes

Carina Vidad Agpaoa and Ritabelle Fernandes attend the 10 a.m. service.



David and Amanda Stivers

David and Amanda attend the 7:30 a.m. service.



Nick and Aimee Wond, Lily, Jaime, and Gabi

The Wond 'Ohana (Nicholas, Aimee, Liliana, Jaime, Gabriela) attends the 10 a.m. service.



Barry James

Barry attends the 7:30 a.m.

Joseph Eppink and Ralph Panelli

Joseph Eppink and Ralph Panelli attend the 10 a.m. service. Joseph is St. Peter's director of music.



Sheri Yoshida

Sheri attends the 10 a.m. service.



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The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.

Time and Talent Survey

If you have not completed the Time and Talent Survey, please pick one up from the greeters' table and let St. Peter's know how you will be God's hands in this place. Place your completed survey in the collection plate or drop off at the church office.

Blessing of the Pets Sunday - Sunday, October 2 (both services)



In honor of St. Francis of Assisi Day (October 4) and in thanksgiving for the creatures God has created for us to love, St. Peter's will bless your pets on Sunday, October 2nd.

Please bring your pet on its appropriate leash or in its appropriate crate/cage. We want the pets as well as the people to be comfortable!

We will be collecting USED TOWELS for The Humane Society and CAT FOOD (wet and dry) as well as FOREVER STAMPS for the Cat Friends.

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2016 Vestry

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