



*A Beacon of Hope, A Call to Serve*

**2016**

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Luke 18:16*

Recently fourteen of our acolytes along with three intrepid parents and I had a sleepover at the church. The word "sleepover" is really a misnomer and would be better understood as "sleep over," as in "no more," but, even so, we did manage a few hours when the floor of the Son/Sun Room, the room at the back of the Parish Hall, was completely covered with resting bodies. It was a beautiful sight to see that room filled with young people who are a genuine delight and who care for one another with such Christian kindness. (Many thanks to Paula Choy and Gus and Kerrie Balmores who stayed the night with me, Amy Ono who provided creative games and prizes, Karin Kimura who took photos, and all the parents who provided delicious food!)

The very next day in worship, friends of the congregation who visit us periodically, mentioned how much they appreciate "the breath of enthusiasm and hope" that they feel when they come to St. Peter's. The young people of our church who serve so eagerly on Sundays as our acolytes are some of our finest contributors to the enthusiasm and hope of this church, and I don't mean just because of their youthful energy. Consistently, they have reached out to welcome any young person who walks through the doors of this church and eagerly invite and include him or her in the activities of worship. Consistently, they help one another in getting robed and take turns sharing responsibilities. They are joyful participants in worship, not only learning about Jesus and the way of the gospel but living it.

This month marks the beginning of a new year of Children's Christian Formation. Godly Play for ages 4 to 4th grade and The R.O.C.K. (Relationships, Outreach, Christ, Kids), for grades 5-8, begin September 4th and are held each Sunday at 9:00am. Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and neighbors! This is some of the most important work that we do as a congregation—teaching the Christian faith to the next generation. If you are interested in becoming involved in this ministry, see me or Stephanie Wight, our Children's Christian Formation Coordinator. We thank you for your involvement in the lives of our children and youth within whom we see the enthusiasm and hope of the gospel in our midst. Next time you speak with one of our acolytes, be sure to thank them for their service during worship and for following the way of Jesus in our world!

*Pastor Diane*

## **Happy 100th Birthday Roberta Dang**

Roberta Dang was born in Waimea, Kauai, on August 21, 1916. One of six children, she grew up on the west side of Kauai in Waimea where she attended Waimea School and graduated from Kauai High.

Roberta's family had a general store and she also worked on the sugar plantation. Roberta remembers working at her parents' store as a child, wrapping and delivering pork to customers in Waimea Valley, driving a Model-A truck to make deliveries.

She started work as a secretary for the Kekaha Sugar Plantation, and then as a dietitian for Waimea Hospital. She married the late Fred Dang of Hanapepe, Kauai and they had two sons, Fredric, "Ricky" and Terrence, "Terry". The Dangs moved to Honolulu when Terry was nine months old. On Oahu Roberta worked at F.W. Woolworth's in Kahala Mall as the Personnel Manager until her retirement.

Roberta's granddaughters are Jennifer Kawamoto and Jessica Kaneshiro and great grandchildren are Greyson Kawamoto and Alessandra Kaneshiro. Her advice for the younger people: Make sure you get enough rest and take care of yourself.

## Music at St Peter's!

*Through music comes healing and  
through Christ's healing comes music.*

It is a joy and blessing to begin at St. Peter's! Music ministry is an amazing opportunity for Christ to work through the wonderful gift and power of music and I'm excited to see the program that we can build... together! It's not about me but, rather, what we can do as a community of believers to enhance our worship, liturgies, special events and our spiritual journey.



Leaving the Albany area was a HUGE decision for Ralph and me. We knew we always wanted to live on O'ahu but we were far from retirement. It's funny how life changes very quickly and, through prayer, we knew we needed to leave. Being in Hawai'i is much more than the beauty and beaches. It is about the amazing people that we've learned so much from and have so much more to learn. It is about people that extend Christ's love through aloha and it is about multiple cultural communities living as one and the experiences associated therein. With that, I begin my journey here.

So what's ahead for us? The possibilities are endless! If you like to enjoy life and laughter, like to take the steps to grow musically and spiritually, like to strategize and enjoy being part of liturgy there's a place for you. ALL are welcome to participate in this music program. I'm not concerned if you have no experience with music or are a music guru – there IS a place for you. A willing spirit is all it takes and everything else will align. We have such an opportunity here at St. Peter's to create a music program that is engaged, creative and spiritually guided through the people and resources within this parish.

Step one... favorite hymns! What are yours? Maybe they're from the hymnal or from another source but I'd like to know. It may be one that you just like to sing or one that comes to you often when the challenges are there. Please feel free to call, chat or email me your thoughts. My first step

to is know this congregation better. My contact information is below.

Step two and beyond... action! We do need a core group of people that would be willing to start ministering through music during our liturgies.

Let's recreate what that group would be together. At my interview rehearsal, a group rehearsed the piece *God Be in my Head* and sang it a cappella in the sanctuary! Wow – it was beautiful!! What a wonderful place to start. Want to join us??? Please let me know!

Thank you for the warm welcome I've received. I look forward to getting to know and work with all of you. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us!!

Aloha, Joseph

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## Soul Food Ministry

The Soul Food Ministry invites St. Peter's members to join them at their next gathering on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the kitchen of the Parish Hall! No culinary skills are needed to clean and chop the vegetables and other ingredients as they will be preparing their "signature soup" Chicken Jook, as well as chili. While the soups simmer on the stove, they enjoy a light potluck supper with some wine. For further information, please chat with John Afong, Myrna Chun-Hoon, Laura Young, Joanne Shibuya, Keith Lee, Velma Lee, Anthea Wang, John Wang or Pastor Diane.



"WE ARE  
THE  
Episcopal BRANCH  
OF  
THE Jesus movement"  
—Presiding Bishop Michael Curry



St. Peter's extends grateful thanks to those who have pledged to the capital campaign. Your generosity is one of the

key reasons that St. Peter's remains a place of vibrancy, hope and caring for so many in need.

You may write a check and return it to the church office, you may make your contribution online: <http://www.stpetershonolulu.org/donate.html>, you may also place your envelope in the offering plate any Sunday morning. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact the church office at 533-1943.

If you have not made a pledge yet, you will find capital campaign brochures on the greeter's table.

Know that your support will strengthen and grow St. Peter's so that we may constantly serve those God has placed before us. We greatly appreciate your participation.

### Healthy Lunchtime Challenge

**Janice Yap** and her granddaughter, **Kaira Grace Pan (KG)** were winners of The Healthy Lunchtime Challenge & Kids' "State Dinner" which invites kids, ages 8-12, to create an original lunch recipe that is healthy, affordable, and tasty. The contest supports the First Lady's *Let's Move!* Initiative helping kids and families lead healthier lives. Each entrant was encouraged to reference

*ChooseMyPlate.gov* to ensure recipes met the USDA's recommended nutrition guidelines. Entries represented each of the food groups, either in one dish or as parts of a lunch meal, including fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean protein and low-fat dairy. In addition, in celebration of the *MyPlate, MyState* initiative, the 2016 Healthy Lunchtime Challenge put a spotlight on homegrown pride across the country and encouraged entries to include local ingredients grown in the entrant's state, territory, or community.

For KG's recipe using the Aina Wheel because grandmother, Jan, is an Aina docent and wellness teacher at Liholiho elementary school, she created

a traditional Hawaiian dish *Poke 'Me Ke Aloha* (Poke' with Love) that usually is made with cubed raw fish, seaweed, Hawaiian salt, soy, sesame oil and ground roasted kukui nuts. Instead she substituted and made individual poke's: *ulu*, which is a breadfruit, grape tomatoes, *edamame* and baked tofu. She included blanched choy seasoned with oyster sauce and sesame seed oil, Asian guacamole seasoned with fish sauce, a little ginger, garlic and sesame oil. Rather than rice she used quinoa with a Korean flavor of soy and sesame oil. She substituted the seaweed with Japanese *Furikake*, and the kukui nut with ground macadamia nuts. To balance the meal she submitted a kale sorbet made with frozen bananas, coconut and soy milks, and dates garnished with honey yogurt, mint leaves, granola and macadamia nuts.



There was one winner from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands). The winning chefs serve as healthy food ambassadors for their state or territory and were flown to Washington D.C. with a parent or guardian to attend the Kids' "State Dinner," hosted by Mrs. Obama at the White House this summer! Winners also had the opportunity to learn from television personalities and members of the President's Council on Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition, Rachael Ray. They toured Julia Child's kitchen at the Smithsonian and watched a kids' cooking demonstration. The experience was truly awesome and surreal! Please visit the Healthy Lunchtime Challenge website for a video of the event and the winning recipes.

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/lunchtimechallenge/home/>

## CMS Summer Lunch Program

St. Peter's partnered with the Nuuanu YMCA to furnish "Uncle Herb Chun's Fried Rice" breakfasts to summer school students at the Central Middle School cafeteria attending the "Power Scholars Summer Camp" over four Wednesdays in June and July. Chefs Franklin Lum, Michele Baldovi, and Willis Yap opened our kitchen at 6 am and stir-fried healthy portions of brown and white rice, ham, veggies, and eggs, mixed together with oyster sauce and other wonderful ingredients. The steaming servings and fresh cut fruits were then taken by Haroldwyn Chang, Audrey Mueh, Jaime Yamane, Maya Yamane and Joanne Shibuya to feed about 15-20 students and counselors. While hard to believe, there were leftovers but nothing was wasted as students either took food with them to indulge as snacks later on or to share with their families.

Power Scholars, a national program of the YMCA, was brought to CMS through the coordination of the Nuuanu YMCA and the CMS and DOE administration. The program was directed toward incoming 6th graders, although some returning students also participated. After breakfast, students participated in academics, sports, and field trips. Harris United Methodist Church also provided breakfasts at other times for the program.

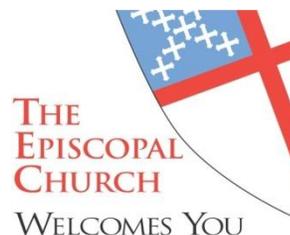
Mahalo to those who cooked and served for this wonderful ministry for our keiki.

## 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 love that you are worshiping with us! Interested in making this your church home? Join us on the upcoming dates:**

### **Sunday, September 18th, 9:00am (Parish Hall) -**

We will discuss what makes this church "Episcopal" and also talk about ministry at and through St. Peter's and ways you can be involved within the four ministry areas of the church—Worship & Education, Nurture & Outreach, Finance, and Facilities. Bring your questions!

### **Sunday, September 25th, noon-2:00pm (Parish Hall) -**

We will enjoy lunch and then get to know one another better with leaders from the congregation and others chosen to be your companions to assist you in feeling at home here at St. Peter's.

**Sunday, October 9 (7:30am or 10:00am) -** At whichever service you attend, we will "officially" introduce and welcome you as part of the St. Peter's community!

**Please RSVP** to the church office, 533-1943, or to Pastor Diane at [pastordianem@gmail.com](mailto:pastordianem@gmail.com), if you plan to attend on the dates above.

## 2015 Audit

Many thanks to the audit team of Sim Kau, Haroldwyn Chang, Janet Kim, and Robert Wight who have examined the books and the financial practices of St. Peter's Church.

We are very grateful for the gifts of their time and talents.

**JW's Corner \*\*****Parish Hall Sound Improvement Project: Full Speed Ahead!**

Bids were solicited last month from four contractors to install acoustical tiles below the current ceiling height and install new lamp fixtures in the main hall of the Parish Hall and a contract has been awarded. The scheduling factor is the lead time on the acoustical tile to be utilized as recommended by our Architect Glenn Mason. The earliest projected date of the actual install would be the latter part of October or November. It is anticipated that the Parish Hall will be closed to our use for 1-2 weeks for this installation. Stay tuned! Coffee Hour and Soup after Jazz Vespers will move to the lanai during construction.

**Sanctuary: Air Conditioning Design**

Conceptual work has been drafted by the Architect's team last month and discussions with the Facilities team have been held for an update on the impact to the exterior and interior of the sanctuary. The Architect has well considered our concerns for minimal impact in this area but also knows our need for a comfortable/ conducive worship environment.

**ADA Bathroom at the Parish Hall**

Final design is being worked on with the Architect.

**Painting and Spalling Work**

Working with the Architect to effectively time it around the work needing a permit.

These are a few of the projects actively in discussion. St. Peter's has much to be thankful due to all of your help and contributions to have St. Peter's stakeholders being called to a place that is truly a Beacon of Hope, A Call to Serve!

Tim Yuen, Jr. Warden

\*\*Junior Warden

**Various Ways to Give to the Church**

Sim Kau, CPA

I thought this is an appropriate time to remind parishioners that when considering giving to the church capital campaign or at any other time, the Internal Revenue Service offers taxpayers a nice tax break. Instead of cash, you can choose to donate long-term APPRECIATED stocks, mutual fund shares, or other securities listed on the exchanges and easily liquidated by the church.

If you were to sell the stock first, you would have to report the appreciation (capital gains) in your tax returns and then turn around and give the cash to the church. If, on the other hand, you transfer ownership of the stock to the church, not only do you avoid reporting capital gains but at the same time, you get to deduct the fair market value of the stock transferred in your tax returns.

But be aware that charitable contribution deductions may be limited for those with higher reportable income. It would be prudent to consult with a tax advisor prior to making any such gifts.

The reason I capitalized the word "appreciated" is because this double-benefit only works if the stock has appreciated over time. If you were to transfer stocks that have lost value, you would be better off to sell the stocks and deduct the loss in your tax returns, and then giving the cash to the church.

Another charitable tax break that has been made permanent and only applies to taxpayers who are age 70-1/2 and older is for owners of Individual Retirement Accounts. Up to \$100,000 annually can be transferred from the IRAs directly to the church. These transfers count as part of the Required Minimum Distribution. Unlike other IRA distributions, these DIRECT gifts (they have to be made directly to the church) are not included in your taxable income and so they do not reduce the value of your itemized deductions or personal exemptions or trigger a Medicare premium surcharge for the higher income taxpayers. However, you cannot deduct the donation in your tax returns.

Please contact the church office before making any gifts of this nature.



**The Final Stretch?**

*As is said in the construction industry, "We are 95% complete, only 10% to go."*

Some projects seem to take forever and, to several of you, the Organ Restoration is one of those projects. The Organ Restoration Committee started out by determining what needed to be done, as well as planning for the future needs of St. Peter's, and also how much the restoration would cost. The Vestry approved the Committee's plan, and you, the congregation, helped raise the money in outstanding, record time. Bravo!

The Plan included overcoming certain challenges:

- ~ No disruption of church services
- ~ No disruption of other users' schedules, specifically Watabe.
- ~ Insure that the organ was functioning during the entire process.

Previously we have reported that the new console was ordered, delivered, and installed. The installation of the new console provided a full complement of "voices" (notes or sounds of different instruments and combinations) both originally available as well as the additional digital voices that were added.

From the beginning of the project, Terry Schoenstein worked quietly and diligently to restore the existing pipes that were in place: a tedious and repetitive job, pipe by pipe. Also replaced were some of the damaged cases holding some of the pipes. The pipes that Terry could not repair locally had to be replaced, which required

contracting with a mainland firm privy to the ratios of tin-to-lead used by the original manufacturer, as well as the size and shape. Terry did the research. Great job! The new pipes were ordered, manufactured, and installed.

*Final Steps: We are almost there.* We need to bring Stephen Wittman (Rodgers Organ Representative) from Canada to switch some of the digital voices back to the newly refurbished pipes. Terry will then be able to do the final tuning. Dr. Joseph Eppink, Director of Music, Organist/Choirmaster, has noted that there are some calibration issues that need to be addressed. He and I will have a meeting with Terry and with Bill Sanders, the Rodgers dealer, to schedule the final work.

Lest we forget, the final work will include the proper rehangng of the sagging grille cloth at the pipe chambers, a constant reminder to me during every service.

*Chan Rowe  
Organ Restoration Committee Chair*

**Children's Formation Returns September 4<sup>th</sup>  
9-10 a.m.**

Godly Play and The R.O.C.K. are back in action on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. **Godly Play** teaches children the art of using Christian language—parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action—to become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives in a "prepared environment" in the tradition of the Montessori method of education. Godly Play is for children enrolled in preschool through the 4th grade. **The R.O.C.K** stands for *Relationships, Outreach, Christ, Kids*. The R.O.C.K is for 5th through 8th graders who love to learn about God and what it means to be a child of God.



Happy Birthday to Roberta Dang!



Habitat Lunch Bunch Serving at the Build



Happy Birthday, Oriel!