



August 2017

We're Back!

We're back in the sanctuary! After three months of "camping out" in the Parish Hall and lots and lots of repairs and renovation work on the sanctuary, we are back in! With concrete repairs and fresh paint, new carpeting, a new altar window, new organ grille fabric, A/C units that have been moved off the DH wall, and a new sound system, the space looks, feels, and sounds great! In fact, it practically shines! The pews are "home" after a time in storage, everything is back in its place, and we are working on remembering the routines that used to make everything run so smoothly.

Yes, we are physically "all in" again, but now more than ever is the time to remind ourselves that being back in the sanctuary is not what makes us a church. When the gospel asks us to be "all in," it is not taking about being back in a physical space. "All In" is about living with the gospel at the center of our lives—personally and as a community. "All In" is why we dug deep into our pockets—and are, *and will still be*, digging deep!—to ensure that this church will continue to be here well into the future, well beyond *us*, just as those forebears did in planting this church, a sacred space where people now and through the generations to come, will continue to hear and grow in the Word of God, a place where lives will be healed, strengthened, and transformed and where the community will leave this place to go out into the world to live out our baptismal vows:

- to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ;
- to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- to strive for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being.

People who are hurting, who feel threatened, who feel abandoned, who feel lost and alone need to know that they are loved—by God and by us, and they need to know that they are welcome in this house of God.

With a refreshed and refurbished building and with new things, the temptation will be to want to guard and protect what *we have*. But, we must resist that temptation because this is not ours. It is God's. If you doubt that, you should sit down and hear the long version of how St. Peter's ended up with that new stained glass altar window. You would have no doubt that God's hand was upon this. That is just one glimpse, one affirmation of God's holy presence leading us in answering the call *to be* the church. We are *not* a country club formed for its members. We are a church built to bring in the world and then to go and be the church in the world. Certainly we are to be good stewards of that with which we are blessed, but good stewards for the sake of mission in this world, for the sake of sharing and spreading God's love.

Inviting everyone to feel at home at St. Peter's should be a source of great joy for all of us, this beautiful, sacred space where souls can be healed and spirits fed, and having modern toilet rooms available with ADA

accessibility should be a source of great satisfaction in sharing that hospitality with others.

That is what it means to be "All In" as a church. Our mission statement, "A Beacon of Hope, A Call to Serve" is what it means to be "All In" as a church. Will it be uncomfortable at times? Yes. Will it demand some risk-taking? Yes.

Will it change us? Yes, it already has, and it will continue to do so. That's what God's Spirit does. It transforms lives and leads us to that hidden treasure, to that pearl of great value, to that mustard seed sowed

with generosity and love that rapidly spreads and becomes not an undesirable weed but a home for birds, and yeast, thought to be an impurity, that causes our spirits to soar.

The ancestors of this church, Christians in China, trusted God completely when they risked coming to Hawaii. Later they took another risk in building this church because they kept inviting people in and more room was needed.

Generations through the years have cared for this church and the ministry that grew from it. They were "All In" and now we are the ones who are "All In"—"All In" in the sanctuary and "All In" as disciples of Jesus in this world. God bless and guide us as we continue to grow in our faithfulness to that calling—"A Beacon of Hope, A Call to Serve." And thanks be to God for God's guiding presence.

Pastor Diane

Rejoice in the return to the sanctuary on Sunday, August 6th, when we will celebrate with Sundaes on Sunday!



And Behold, A New Altar Window!

There is a stunning new altar window at St. Peter's! When it was discovered that the original window, installed in 1914 as a memorial to the father of the Rev. Canon Yin Tet Kong (priest of St. Peter's from 1896 to 1927), was compromised beyond reasonable repair, the Liu, Kong, and Kau Families joined together in gifting St. Peter's with this new window in memory and honor of lifelong members Samuel P.K. Liu, Sarah Kau Kong, and The Rev. Ernest Kau, brother of Sarah. Samuel and Sarah served as a team at St. Peter's, Samuel as a long time treasurer and Sarah as a long time secretary. The basic motif of the central red cross on rock was carried over from the original altar window. A ti plant rising from the rock was added to acknowledge this congregation's roots in Hawai'i and is constructed of



glass harvested from the original altar window. Six variations of blue were chosen for the background to blend in with the dominant blue tones of the other windows in the sanctuary. St. Peter's was blessed by the talent of two local stained glass artists who worked together in creating this window--James

Erickson, the designer, and Annalee Jones, the fabricator. A photo is pleasant to behold, but the window is stunning in person! Since the light "plays" on the glass in different ways through the day and the year, we can look forward to much joy in getting to "know" the beauty of this window.

Annual Children and Youth Day Event Needs our Help

Suzanne Chun Oakland, member of a long time family of St. Peter's, former Hawaii Senator, and now the Program Coordinator at Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, is coordinating the assembly of "goodie bags" for the 24th Annual Children and Youth Day event. The "goodie bags" will be assembled at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Davies Hall over two weeks--Monday to Friday, September 18 to 22 and September 25 to 29, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Susie invites our participation and appreciates whatever help we can give. Please let her know when you can assist by giving her a call, 778-9146 or emailing her, susiechunoakland@gmail.com.



Hospice Hawaii... Me?



If someone had told me just over a year ago when we were leaving NY that I would be at a wonderful parish and working full-time at Hospice Hawaii, I would have given them my teacher look. You know, that's the one eyebrow raised in total disbelief. I was a teacher my whole career and that's what I intended on doing. But God had other plans for my journey and I was about to see this journey unfold.

In November, I was hired for per diem work doing therapeutic music. I worked directly with patients and families using music to calm, bring peace, talk story, and even laughter. I had been a Hospice volunteer for 10 years in Indiana but using music brought me closer to those that needed its healing powers. My passion for this work began to increase tremendously and soon being in the classroom was not the "me" I had for so long held on to as my persona.

In April, another opportunity presented itself as I was asked to take the lead Volunteer Coordinator in addition to the therapeutic music position. This was not a full-time position. I accepted and now am training volunteers, working with families, planning continuing education for volunteers, beginning a support group for volunteers and propelling the Papa Himeni choir. I haven't left teaching at all, as education *is* this position but my paradigm had to change. Every day is different and yet the mission of Hospice Hawaii is consistent... "Bring hope, Reduce fears, Impact lives."

The story doesn't end there however. Ralph was also hired a few weeks ago! We worked together for 13 years at St. Andrew's Episcopal in NY and it's a joy to be able to work with him now at Hospice Hawaii. He's out taking care of patients and families and is also loving his job. He is amazing at what he does!

God really is good and things absolutely work out as the journey unfolds. Both Ralph and I couldn't be more blessed with St. Peter's and now Hospice Hawaii. My mantra since high school has been "the will of God will not take you where the grace of God cannot keep you."

In music we find our strength, our vulnerability, and our peace be it at a service or at the bedside of one transitioning. May our challenge be to "be there" for those that need all of us the most.

In your light we see light,

Dr. Joseph Eppink
Director of Music

Getting Ready for Another Ministry Year



Fall 2017 Rally Day!
Sunday, September 10th
Start of Christian Education in the Parish Hall

There will also be information at both services about new ministry opportunities this fall!



9am: Godly Play - Ages 3 to 4th grade (The Loft)
9am: The R.O.C.K. - Grades 5 to 8 (The Son/Sun Room)
9:15am: Adult Education (The new classroom)



Choir Begins! Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 7 at 7:15 in the sanctuary. Participation in the choir is open to all who would enjoy making music and being part of our choir family. There

are two rehearsals a month on Thursdays and then every Sunday at 9:00. The choir's first Sunday back will be Sept 10th. We'd love for you to join us!! For information, contact Joseph Eppink at josepheppink@gmail.com or 225.7906



Choir & Ukulele Retreat! Sunday, August 20. The retreat is a perfect opportunity to see if you would enjoy being part of the choir or the ukulele ensemble! We'll be rehearsing music, considering our goals for the season ahead, and having a great time

being together once again. We'd love for you to join us! For information and to let us know you'll be attending, contact Joseph Eppink at josepheppink@gmail.com or 225.7906

Highlights from the June 20th Vestry Meeting

From 6:00-7:00 pm, the Vestry participated in the Diocesan Mutual Ministry Review in the Von Holt Room at St. Andrew's Cathedral with four other churches, returning to St. Peter's for the regular vestry meeting.

Screens are needed for the windows of the Parish Hall offices.

More extensive spall damage than expected was discovered in the sanctuary.

Elizabeth Winternitz has agreed to serve as the environmental advocate for St. Peter's. She has requested that we consider discontinuing the use of styrofoam for disposal dinnerware. Hospitality will no longer purchase styrofoam products when the current

supply is depleted and will research the cost of more eco-friendly dinnerware.

Highlights from the July 18th Vestry Meeting

Construction updates and photos have been uploaded to St. Peter's website blog under "News & Events." Jesand will also add a "Photos" page to the website where photos of events throughout the year will be featured and can more easily be put into slide show format for the annual meeting.

Audrey Mueh's grandsons, Dawson and Wyatt, have assisted Annalee Jones, their other grandmother and the stained glass artist who is fabricating St. Peter's new altar window, by placing the red glass highlights into the frame. One of the honorees for whom the window is given is Dawson and Wyatt's great-grandfather, Samuel Liu, Audrey's father.

The vestry authorized Queen Emma Ballet Studio (on the second floor of the parish hall) to install an air conditioning unit.

The vestry expressed construction fatigue and decided to postpone painting of the Parish Hall until a later date.



Building Construction Financial Update

Please remember to keep your pledges for the capital campaign and if you have not made a

contribution yet, we invite you to join us.

The original contracted amount with our contractor was for \$767,911.00 plus the cost of upgrading the sound system. We incurred about \$40,000 of additional repair work on the building (about a 5% increase), due primarily to concrete spall repairs, damage under the surface of the exterior due to rebar that was either too close to the surface or had been damaged through water intrusion, in addition to some smaller electrical and plumbing revisions and limited termite damage repairs. We have been greatly pleased with the working relationship we have enjoyed with our contractor, Constructors Hawaii Inc. who has looked out for the church's best interests every step of the way.

We are in the process of securing a \$350,000 loan to cover construction costs that are due now that the project is completed. As pledges and gifts are received, we will pay down the loan. Thank you for your ongoing support of the beautification and repair of St. Peter's Episcopal Church!

Shoes and Slippers, Oh My! Michele Baldovi



Thank you to all of you who have donated shoes to Central Middle School throughout the past year! The generosity of the St. Peter's congregation and community resulted in CMS receiving waayyy more than enough footwear to meet the needs of its students at this time. What a success! With so many people still wanting to share their gently used shoes, Pastor Diane was thoughtful in suggesting that the overflow footwear be shared with students at Dole Middle School. Why Dole?

I am a school counselor at Dole Middle School in Kalihi where approximately 80% of the student population receives free or reduced meals due to low-income status. Many of Dole's students don't have shoes for PE class or an extra pair to keep at home. Currently, students share the donated shoes for the PE class period. I've already received quite a few donations and have passed them on to our PE teacher who was so thankful for the shoes (he was bringing in his own kid's outgrown shoes!) They will be put to good use! Some of the donated shoes were so nice and well kept that I gave them to our Dole Dollar Store for "sale". What is the Dole Dollar Store?

The Dole Dollar Store is a place where our students can "purchase" school supplies, stuffed animals, shirts, games and various other items that have been donated (mostly by staff) using virtual Dole Dollars. Students can earn Dole Dollars for demonstrating positive behaviors, including being on time to school and class, wearing their uniforms or using their planners. They can also earn dollars for demonstrating PRIDE (persistence, respect, integrity, determination and excellence). The "dollars" are electronically loaded onto a student's ID card and can be used like a debit card to "purchase" items, rent sports equipment and participate in school activities. This electronic program is called "HERO" and was purchased by our school for use. What is great about this system is that it focuses on positive behavior.

With a new school year starting, I am humbly asking for a donation of rubber slippers that can be "sold" at the Dole Dollar store, with some held in the counselor's office to use as loaners or to give freely as appropriate. All sizes are welcome but we could definitely use some of larger sizes, too! So, if you happen to be out purchasing school supplies and/or see the classic black rubber slipper on sale somewhere, please consider donating a pair to the students at Dole Middle School. I know the staff and students would be extremely grateful. If you have any questions, please contact me at mbaldovi@hotmail.com or at 383-4278. Thank you!

Team Melish

For almost two decades, this "hip" couple has roller bladed together in places like Idaho, Florida, Nantucket, Quebec, Burgandy, Luxembourg, Germany, and Switzerland—sometimes on self guided tours and sometimes with tour groups, traveling 15, 20, 30 miles a day over five to six days. Who are these mysterious world travelers on in-line skates? They are fellow parishioners of yours here at St. Peter's—none other than longtime members, Dr. John and Dr. Marian Melish!

John was the first one to venture into roller blading and, according to Marian, he, having wonderful balance as an experienced square dancer (another talent you probably didn't know he had!), was a natural. Even so, at first she thought he was crazy! But, Marian was encountering this from two directions because not long after that her sister, who also roller blades, invited Marian on a "roller blade tour" to Switzerland! Although this was not a "novice" tour and although Marian had never been on roller blades, Switzerland—and her sister!—beckoned and so she went. She loved the trip, and the adventure of roller blading. Needless to say, she became as dedicated to roller blading as John. (Note: Marian grew up on ice skates in winter country. No doubt that proficiency aided her transition to roller blading.)

You know a couple takes their roller blading seriously when they practice their hobby inside their home on tiled floors! I asked what their children thought of this, and both John and Marian looked at one another as if to say, "Why would they have an opinion on this?" This is one adventuresome couple!

So what advice does this roller blading couple have for those of us who have never been on skates but may be tempted to catch the bug? First, learn how to stop. Initially, John and Marian's technique was to either run into a parked car or grab a stop sign. That's a strategy that works, but there are better stopping methods that can be learned.

Second, wear a helmet, knee pads, elbow pads, and, most importantly, wrist guards. As medical doctors they can tell you that the most common injury for those who roller blade or skateboard is wrist injuries. We naturally extend our arms to catch ourselves when we fall and the wrists can't bear the weight. Wrist guards add the strength that is needed to protect those wrists. While touring on roller blades, John and Marian say they average 15mph. Most of the route is along asphalt or other paved surfaces, often old railroad tracks that have been reconditioned as pathways for roller blading or cycling. When an unpaved section is encountered or when leaving the path, the technique is to jump onto the

grass and run while you slow to a walk. You can see why dance skills definitely come in handy! Touring on skates is not only great exercise but a wonderful way to meet people, too. Some of the tours in which John and Marian have participated have had as many as 20 people, and John and Marian have found that they are by no means the oldest. By carrying sandals in packs around their waists, they can easily stop and do some exploring along the way or enjoy lunch with new found friends. Who knew that there is such a dynamic social scene associated with roller blading?!



K2P2 - How God is Knitting Us Together

St. Peter's Knitting Ministry

Blessing of the Knitting
 Sunday, August 13th at both
 Services

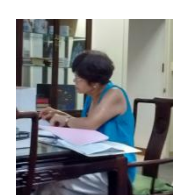
The second and fourth Saturday of each month you can find a group of knitters laughing and knitting somewhere on St. Peter's campus. During the renovation K2P2 met in the Sun/Son Room and may make it the permanent home because of the excellent lighting. K2P2 is a charity knitting group, but we knit on our own projects as well.



Items lovingly crafted will be blessed on August 13th before they are sent off to Seamen's Church Institute and the Pineridge Indian Reservation. Baby blankets and lap robes stay at St. Peter's for our ministries.

Audit Underway

Mahalo to the audit team of Sim Kau, Chair; Janet Kim, Kyle Saito, and Robert Wight who are reviewing the financial records and protective systems in place for 2016. When they have finished their work, a report will be presented to the vestry and to the diocese.



49th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i

October 20 & 21, 2017

*So live in Christ Jesus the Lord
 in the same way as you received him.*

*Be rooted and built up in him,
 be established in faith, and overflow with
 thanksgiving just as you were taught.*



The image of the full mature kalo (taro) plant represents the Church being offered up in gratitude (ho'okupu). The side shoots represent the next generation and new growth.

In conjunction with the annual meeting is the annual Education Day on Friday, October 20, some of which will involve continuing work and discussion on the new Strategic Plan being developed for the Diocese that was introduced at last year's meeting. Mutual Ministry Review sessions around the Diocese have already begun, and input from these gatherings will be a part of the process. All in the Diocese are welcome to attend Education Day, and lay leaders from all churches are encouraged to attend. More information and registration will be coming soon.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The Office of the Bishop is seeking volunteers to help prepare and assist with these events We are asking that all volunteers register ahead of time so that enough meals and badges are ordered. To view the different opportunities available, visit the Volunteer webpage. If you have any questions, contact Rae Costa at [\(808\) 536-7776, ext. 326](tel:8085367776), or e-mail her at rcosta@episcopalhawaii.org.

It's a Phenomenal Pentecost Picnic - Wear Red!



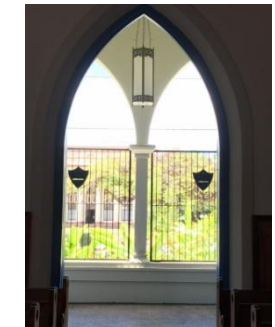
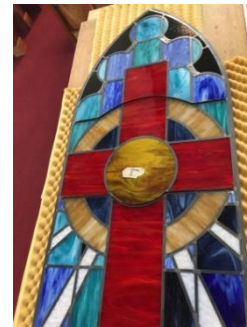
CMS Summer Camp



Serving Lunch to Habitat



Steps Along the Way



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