



Summer 2017

*Jesus said to his disciples, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
Acts 1:8*

We have arrived again at that time of year of graduations and flying termites! How quickly time flies (no pun intended!). Last year at this time, we were wrapping up our capital campaign appeal. Now, one year later, we are an active construction zone! The sanctuary is receiving much needed repairs and improvements—concrete repairs, painting, improved A/C cooling system, new carpeting, a functional sound system, a new altar window, and more. In the Parish Hall, an ADA accessible bathroom is taking shape along with two additional toilet rooms. All three toilet rooms will be connected by a hallway accessed through an exterior door from the lanai (Ewa, mauka side). The work is on schedule for our return to the sanctuary the first week in August.

In the meantime, we are holding our Sunday services and Thursday Jazz Vespers services in the Parish Hall. It's working! All of you, give yourselves a pat on the back—and then your neighbor's!—because it has been wonderful how everyone has been pitching in to be accommodating, making things quite comfortable and friendly. Fr. Frank Chun reminded me that some of you have been through this before back in 1980 when the church was closed—for a year! We are fortunate because our exodus from the sanctuary is only for the summer. We can and are managing to do this well. I especially want to acknowledge our Executive Committee—Senior Warden Velma Lee, Junior Warden Tim Yuen, Treasurer Nancy Rowe, and Clerk Stephanie Wight. They, along with assistance from the rest of the vestry, have worked extra hard to make this transition as comfortable and smooth as possible. Please give each of them at least two or more pats on the back!

And lastly, and certainly importantly, a huge Mahalo to all of you who have and are steadily contributing to our capital campaign over these three years, thus making all this possible. Since construction must be paid as we go, St. Peter's is in the process of entering into a five year loan for \$350,000. It will be paid down as our pledged amounts come in. I'm guessing we can do this in less than five years. The challenge is on!



Although your leadership is still all deep into the day-to-day work that this renovation period requires, your vestry is already looking ahead to the future and the ministry that is before us. Our mission statement is "A Beacon of Hope, A Call To Serve." While we must take care of our physical plant, that is

not our reason for being. We exist as a congregation and as Christians to be disciples of Jesus in this world, offering hope to a hurting world and serving those who are the most challenged amongst us. That is the legacy that has been handed down to us by the generations who have preceded us at St. Peter's. It was their love of God, their commitment to the way of Jesus, and their willingness to be led by the Holy Spirit in new and varied ways that brought us to where we are today. That same Spirit is still guiding us today. Come, Holy Spirit, our souls inspire!

Pastor Diane

Are you receiving the email updates and photos of the construction? If not, call the church office (533-1943) and give us your email address. A lot is taking place. Don't miss out!

Phenomenal Pentecost Picnic June 4th following Each Service - Wear Red!

Many thanks to the St. Peter's vestry who is hosting a "Phenomenal Pentecost Picnic" for the community on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th. This awesome picnic features a BBQ after each service under a tent in the garden area behind the Parish Hall. Games for the youth will be provided in the grassy play lot DH of the Parish Hall. The Spirit is moving!



Meet our Stained Glass Artisans! Jim Erickson and Annalee Jones

St. Peter's simply has THE BEST stained glass artisan team on the island! For the past 40 years, Jim Erickson has specialized in church window design and restoration with a studio on the North Shore. His knowledge and experience in the field are vast. He is St. Peter's stained glass consultant and the one who worked with us in designing the new and improved window. A colored pencil rendition of it currently resides in the church office.

Annalee Jones is the fabricator of the new window. Her studio, Glass Rainbows, is on the windward side. Annalee has an art background and entered the world of stained glass in 1995. She quickly became known for her meticulously crafted, beautiful work. Both Jim and Annalee consider the way their partnership for this project evolved to be, well, divinely guided! (Are we surprised? I think not! dm)



The old altar window that is deteriorating will be "taped" to keep it together as well as possible for removal and then carefully lowered in sections beginning June 6th. The pieces will be crated and saved for future cleaning (lead residue needs to be cleaned off) and then designed into mementos or

perhaps used in other places in the Aloha Room and/or Parish Hall.

The replacement of this altar window is an emergency project, the need for which was discovered after the construction contract went out to bid. We are very, very blessed: the original altar window was a gift from the Kong family in memory of Rev. Kong's father; the descendants of Rev. Kong, as well as the Kau and Liu families, are gifting St. Peter's with the new window in gratitude for their faithful family members who loved and were dedicated to this church. What a beautiful tribute, and huge gratitude from us!

Laundry Ministry Opportunity

St. Peter's acolytes need someone who can wash their robes. Are you someone who loves a sense of accomplishment in actually seeing that you have made a difference? St. Peter's needs you! In addition to the satisfaction of a job well-done, you will be given secret laundry tricks. You will be able to watch with pride as those acolytes process down the aisle! Contact the church office or speak with Velma Lee or Stephanie Wight if you can assist with this needed ministry. Thank you!



You are Invited

Ernesto "Jar" Castro Pasalo Jr. and Annalise Marie Castro request the

honor of your presence at the celebration of their marriage on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at 10:00 in the morning, at The Cathedral of St. Andrew. A cake reception will follow.

Gift registries can be found at the knot.com/us/annalise-and-ernesto

Be Safe on the Square!

On Tuesday, May 23rd, Officer Steve Matsuda (pictured far right), our Neighborhood Police



Officer, along with his team, L-R Officer Edmund Ho, Officer Robert Sterling, and Officer Alan Ibra were at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. They offered a Power Point presentation to eight staff and parishioners on St. Andrew's Square. The presentation covered deterring crime, suspect identification, and pedestrian safety.

Officer Matsuda explained that most theft is a result of "Crimes of Opportunity." He explained that those who want to commit a crime are carefully watching for an opportunity and are ready to act fast. Officer Sterling introduced the "Crime Triangle," a combination of desire, ability, and opportunity coming together. A common mistake, he said, is leaving valuables, e.g. a purse, laptop, cell phone, in plain view in a car. It takes no time at all to break a window and grab the valuables. Lessen the opportunity and the likelihood of crime drops.

Officer Ho gave a tutorial on suspect identification. Pay attention to things like hair length and color, glasses or not, the color and style of clothing including footwear and/or hat, complexion, whether something is in a hand (weapon?), and other identifying characteristics such as tattoos, scars, speech impediment, accent, or limp. If someone gets away, look outside and see if you can identify a vehicle or a license plate number.

Officer Ibra spoke about pedestrian safety. HPD is working hard to lower pedestrian fatalities. He stressed making eye contact with drivers to be sure they see you and not making the assumption that because you are in a crosswalk that they see you. Better to be safe, he said, than small kine "mah-ke." Mahalo to our community officers who are attentively watching and keeping us safe!

Congratulations, Graduates!



Graduating from High School

- ❖ Evan Turner, son of Maile Ho-Turner and Michael Turner and grandson of Nani Ho, graduated summa cum laude from Kaiser High School on May 19th. He will be attending Montana State in Bozeman in the fall with an interest in bio-engineering.
- ❖ Ryan Vlachos, son of Mark and Renee Vlachos and grandson of Barbara Vlachos, graduated on May 20th from Caastle High School. He will be attending trade school on Oahu in carpentry.



← Evan Turner



→ Ryan Vlachos

Graduating from University

- ❖ Carole Kau graduated from the University of Redlands in California on April 22, 2017 with a degree in global business. She is returning home to Honolulu and is applying for internships involving media, marketing and also looking into teaching English as a second language in either Japan or Taiwan. If she finds that she enjoys teaching, she might seriously consider pursuing an Education certification in the future. She will also look into finance jobs or similar positions that can use her business background.
- ❖ Sydney Wight-Brown, daughter of Stephanie and Robert Wight, graduates from Pierce College School of Nursing on June 11. She can't let down after graduation, however, since she takes her national board examination the first part of July.



Highlights from the May 16th Vestry Meeting

Special kudos to Robert and Stephanie Wight for purchasing and refurbishing the green chairs in the Parish Hall! Everyone finds them most comfortable to sit in.

Easter offerings were very generous. And Mite box offerings totaled \$896.68. \$300 was sent to St. Andrew's Schools to ship their Hope Boxes project to Syrian refugees and \$596.68 was sent to Episcopal Migration Ministries for their Stand to Support Refugees appeal

Two new pledges were received for the Capital Campaign.

St. Peter's sent an orchid plant to Eve Walstrum, co-founder of Queen Emma Ballet, on the occasion of her retirement after 27 years. Congratulations, Eve, for your 27 years teaching and working with students. (The Queen Emma Ballet Studio is on the second floor of the Parish Hall.)

A special thank you was sent to Ruth Merz for her many hours of extensive research in completing a grant proposal for Historic Hawai'i Foundation for repair of the stained glass window frames in the bell tower and to replace the exterior cross.

Planning for the Pentecost Sunday BBQ picnic. It's Pentecost. Wear Red!

As part of the ongoing Strategic Initiatives project of the Diocese of Hawai'i, Bishop Bob asked six questions of every congregation: recent successes, short-term goals, worries, needs, and dreams. Each vestry member wrote their responses on post-it notes and Pastor Diane compiled the responses to send to the bishop.

Planning ahead: A Painting Party! Everyone is invited to help paint the walls of the Parish Hall on Sunday, August 27th followed by a Sundae Sunday.

-Velma Lee, Senior Warden



If your graduate is not included here, please contact the church office so he or she can be recognized next time.

Calling all youth entering 8th through 12 grade this fall! We are heading to Houston, TX, for the 2018 Youth Gathering organized by the ELCA!

30,000 youth from around the country will gather for upbeat, inspired worship, Bible discussion by teens for teens, service opportunities, workshops addressing teen issues, and lots and lots of fun activities. The theme is "This Changes Everything" with the theme verse from Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

Visit the website: www.elca.org/youthgathering.

A \$150.00 deposit for each youth is due by September 1st. St. Peter's will work together to raise the rest of the funds. Talk with Pastor Diane for more information and to let her know you are interested in attending.

Thursday is Community Night at IHS

Chaplain Irene Willis Hassan of the Institute of Human Services (IHS) has begun a weekly Community Night on Thursdays at the Kaaahi Women and Family Shelter from 6:30-8:00 pm. A Spiritual Book Study, a Creative Writers' Group, guest-led live music, board games, and healthy snacks are offered to provide fellowship and fun, easing the burdens of homelessness.

Volunteers are needed weekly, monthly, or even just one time to play games with the children, talk story with the adults, set up and clean up, or possibly host a special topical group. If you attend Jazz Vespers, there is still time to participate at the shelter after Vespers.

Chaplain Irene writes, "*We envision our shelters as places where people are held in love and belonging, and a place where they can heal and feel supported in their journey forward. Involvement of the community is crucial to transforming lives and we appreciate your dedication to this population.*"

You can reach Chaplain Irene at 808-447-2842 (o) or 504-327-7498 (c).

St. Peter's Connection to the Episcopalians in Kenya

Fr. David Gierlach from St. Elizabeth's asked churches for vestments that he could take to Kenya, where he is spending a three month sabbatical in a poor area of the country. The timing of this plea was ideal for St. Peter's because it coincided with the emptying of the sacristy and Aloha Room for the church closure for repairs and renovation.

Velma Lee and Stephanie Wight mended and cleaned garments that are no longer used or needed at St. Peter's with the blessing of Joseph and the choir. Stephanie worked her magic on the old choir robes that were mismatched in size and were looking pretty worn. According to Fr. Geirlach, the folks in Kenya couldn't be more happy. His letter to Velma and Stephanie on behalf of St. Peter's read in part, "*The bishop is so very happy and grateful to you, as am I! Blessings!*"



From China to Hawaii to Kenya, God's praises are sung around the world!

Central Middle School



Central Middle Bulldogs

For the past few years, administrators and folks from the Nu'uuanu YMCA, Harris United Methodist, and St. Peter's Episcopal have partnered with Central Middle School (CMS) to support the school's staff and students. Last year a new program called the Power Scholars Academy was brought to CMS by the Nu'uuanu YMCA, a nationwide program of the YMCA that combines academic courses taught by licensed teachers in reading and math as well as enrichment classes, and physical fitness. Harris and St. Peter's assisted in providing hot meals.

Although last year's enrollment in the program was less than capacity (24 out of 60), it was so well received that this year there are already 50 rising 6th and 7th graders signed up with capacity at 96! The Power Scholars Academy, whose theme *Camp's Got Talent*, will run from June 5th-July 14th. The goal is to find and highlight each scholar's talents. Enrichment includes Aikido, Break Dancing, Street Hip Hop, Street Art, Basketball, STEM, Sports, Swimming, and Digital Media.

The YMCA received a grant to cover breakfast and lunch for each scholar throughout the duration of the Academy. Valuing our partnership, they have asked us to help provide healthy snacks and as well as volunteers to serve lunch (generally 12noon-12:30pm at CMS). CMS administrators have requested snacks such as crackers with spreadable cheese, frozen ice pops, sun chips, Oreos, pretzels with spreadable cheese, chips, and animal crackers. Snacks can be dropped off on Sundays or in the church office during the week. If you can serve lunch once, twice, or more this summer, please speak with Pastor Diane or call the church office, 533-1943.

Curry Leaves

Did you know there's a curry leaf tree in St. Peter's garden? *Murraya koenigii* is a tropical to sub-tropical tree in the family [Rutaceae](#), and is native to India and Sri Lanka. Its leaves, generally called by the name 'curry leaves,' are used in many South Asian dishes. (Wikipedia) The glossy green leaves are very aromatic, and they have a unique flavor all their own. There is a citrus element, along with something else that's hard to put your finger on -- some say asafoetida, and others anise. In her book *Classic Indian Cooking*, Julie Sahni describes the leaves as having "a bitterish taste and a sweetish, pungent aroma almost like lemon grass." (Food 52)

Besides offering an interesting flavor to your curries, curry leaves may be good for your health. According to Ayurvedic medicine, curry leaves are believed to have medicinal properties, such as anti-diabetic, antioxidant, antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, anti-carcinogenic and hepato-protective (capability to protect liver from damage). (Organic Facts, Top 11 Benefits of Curry Leaves)

Curry leaves taste best fresh, and will keep in the refrigerator for a few days. They can be dried or frozen, though not without some loss of flavor.

Help yourself to some curry leaves, and try one of the recipes posted on the Parish Hall bulletin board.

St. Peter's Curry Leaf Tree



Music Ministry

It's hard to believe that June is upon us! It seems like yesterday when I was getting my office set up, choosing music, and pondering what the months ahead would be like at my new parish. It has been a delight and I can't thank everyone enough for their support of the music ministry here at St. Peter's. It is this support that helps those in the Chancel Choir, the Jazz Vespers, and the Ukulele Ensemble do what they do!

The Chancel Choir has spent hours this season rehearsing, listening to clips in order to learn new music, and has accepted the challenges of pieces both

easy and difficult. This is a group that prayed, laughed, struggled, and learned at rehearsals. This is also a group that came each week to services. They've given so much and we are blessed because of them!

Those participating in the Jazz Vespers continue to do an outstanding job each week! This group has created an amazing worship experience for those who attend on Thursday evenings.

The Ukulele Ensemble has increased its participation at our 10 o'clock services and has added so much to our worship experience. This group spends a great deal of time practicing individually and together.

I would be remiss if I didn't also thank Pastor Diane, Manny Dayao, Estelle Hayashi for bulletin support, and the Vestry for their leadership and involvement. What a wonderful team to work with!!!!

The choir will be on summer break after Trinity Sunday, June 11. We look forward to another choir season ahead!

Laudate Dominum,

Dr. Joseph Eppink
Director of Music

Chancel Choir

Ed Casebier
Mel Kau
Taka Kimura
John Melish
Michael Miyashiro
Barbara Vlachos
Tim Yuen (and Cat!)

Ritabelle Fernandes
Sim Kau
Junko Kobayashi-Uyetake
Steve Mitchell
Ralph Panelli
Elizabeth Winternitz

Jazz Vespers

Reggie Padilla
John Hawes

Dan DeNegro
Starr Kalahiki

Ukulele Ensemble

Linda Abbott
Nani Ho
Barbara Vlachos

Rae Gorman
Melvin Kau
Barry Wood

Make a Difference

The International Hospitality Center asks you to spread the word about hosting 14-15 year old high school students (male/female) from Osaka and Kyoto for a ONE NIGHT Weekend Homestay from July 1-2.

Students can be placed 1 or 2 per host family and anywhere on the island of Oahu. Volunteer Hosts (unpaid) are asked to provide bed and food with the family. Pickup and drop off: IHC office at St. Andrew's Schools in downtown Honolulu (If preferred, drop off can be arranged at the Tokai International College in Kapolei). The students will be taking part in an intensive English Language program while living at the dorm at Tokai International College/West Oahu, prior to the homestay. Students are eager to have the opportunity to spend time with hosts and participate in their activities. Contact Barbara Bancel-(808) 521-3554



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2017 Vestry

Executive Committee:

Senior Warden: Velma Lee

Junior Warden: Tim Yuen

Clerk: Stephanie Wight

Treasurer: Nancy Rowe

Rector: The Rev. Diane Martinson

Term expires in 2017: Michele Baldovi, Beth Cox, Ron Kim

Term expires in 2018: Bryan Matsumoto, Pokhui McKinney, Stephanie Wight

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