



May 2017

A Beacon of Hope, A Call to Serve

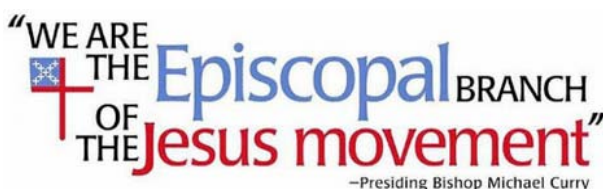
The Church is Wherever We Are

Thursday evening at our first Jazz Vespers in the Parish Hall, a visitor came up to me after the service and said that she and her congregation in Indianapolis also had an experience of exodus from their sanctuary to Parish Hall worship during a construction period—only in their case the construction lasted for three years! (Just to be clear, the closure of our sanctuary will only be for three months!) She said the joke about Episcopalians being “the frozen chosen”...was pretty much true in their case. But, a funny thing happened. Meeting in that Parish Hall kind of loosened them up, and people who had never talked to one another before began to get to know one another. The end result was that they actually had a rather nice time over those three years—and their congregation grew! Then the day came when it was time to move back into the sanctuary. She said they wondered, Was this *it*? Would they now go back to being the “frozen chosen”? No, she said with delight! It had been years since they had returned to the sanctuary, and the church had continued to carry forward the warmth that developed during their sojourn in their Parish Hall and the growth of the congregation continued, too. Frankly, I’m not surprised. This woman was positively effusive about her church. It was infectious and made me decide right then and there that if I am ever in Indianapolis, that is the church I want to visit.

This past Sunday we heard the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Jesus’ death had crushed their hopes. Even as Jesus walked beside them and reminded them of the promises of scripture, they did not recognize him. It wasn’t until they invited him into their home and were at table together, breaking bread that suddenly their eyes were opened, and they realized it this was Jesus. With that, Jesus vanished. He had accomplished what needed to be done. Ecstatic, the two disciples rushed back to Jerusalem to be with the other eleven—renewed in faith with an understanding of scripture that had eluded them.

The resurrection stories powerfully proclaim that even when we struggle to believe, even when we can’t see, even when we can’t understand, even when we aren’t in the right place or space, God is with us—just as God was with the disciples bringing new life from death, hope from despair, direction from confusion, and even incredible surprises too wonderful to even imagine. We are on that road with Jesus, whether we are worshiping in the sanctuary or in the Parish Hall. We are on that road where Jesus walks beside us, where Jesus will open our eyes and where our lives will be illumined so that we may be light for others, bringing hope and tenderness to a world that is starving to receive it.

Pastor Diane



Mahalo, St. Peter's!

Paahao Makahiki - BacPac Project

Mahalo, St. Peter's for your support of the BacPac Project! The project, for support of prisoners nearing the end of their incarceration and transitioning back into the community, provides basic

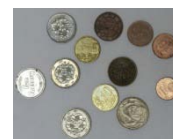


necessities for personal care and hygiene as well as other everyday items such as paper, pens, detergent, sheets, and pillows, all in a

easy to carry backpack. Dr. Ha'aheo Guanson, an originator of the BacPac project was the preacher on April 9th when St. Peter's BacPac was blessed.

Lenten Mite Boxes

Mahalo, St. Peter's for your generosity in supporting the Priority Syrian Refugee Hope



Box Project and the Episcopal Migration Ministries. \$896.68 and an assortment of interesting foreign coins was

collected.

Confirmation, Reception

Mahalo, St. Peter's for hosting the reception for the confirmands and their families and guests following the Regional Confirmation on Sunday, April 30. St. Peter's is well known for its hospitality.

Highlights from the April 18th Vestry Meeting

The vestry was informed that St. Peter's has been blessed with gifts to cover the cost of the new stained glass altar window.

A change order to Constructors Hawaii for \$38,715.00 was approved for the Altar Window frame removal and installation, the exterior protective glass purchase and installation, and scaffolding and a lift.

A contract with Glass Rainbows, a Kaneohe stained glass art studio, was approved for fabrication of the new altar window.

A proposal from Audissey for the new audio system for the sanctuary was approved.

A wonderful repertoire of music was provided by Joseph Eppink, Manny Dayao, and the Choir at the Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday services. Special guest trumpeter, Mike Lewis played at the both services, along with the congregation singing the Hallelujah chorus at 10:00 o'clock.

Robert Wight donated a frost free freezer that is now located in the Aloha Room.

The Audit Committee members have agreed to serve again and will audit the books during the summer.

-Velma Lee, Senior Warden

Bishop's Annual Visitation



If you were not at the potluck and game night with Bishop and Mrs. Fitzpatrick, you missed a lot of fun. Joseph, at the piano, kicked off the event with toe-tapping music as people gathered. A spectacular potluck in St. Peter's famous style was served, and everyone participated (whether they wanted to or not!) in the games organized by Emcee Stephanie Wight. It was a great opportunity to get better acquainted with Bishop Bob and Bea Fitzpatrick and each other.

Calling All Graduates!

Are you, or is a member of your family, graduating from high school or college this spring? Let us celebrate your achievements with you. Just contact the church office with the name of the graduate, the school he or she is graduating from, and what the graduate plans to do next.

Let Estelle in the church office know by May 22nd (stpetershonoluluoffice@gmail.com).

Green Faith at St. Peters



“But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In [the Lord’s] hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.” ~Job 12:7-10

As Episcopalians, we are encouraged to reflect on our “personal and corporate habits in the use of God’s creation; to share with one another ideas for new responses; and to act as individuals, congregations, dioceses, and provinces of the Episcopal Church in ways that protect and heal all interdependent parts of creation. The Episcopal Church affirms that the “Christian response to global warming is a deeply moral and spiritual issue.” (70th and 75th General Conventions of The Episcopal Church)

As Honolulu sees the arrival of ever more climate refugees from the Pacific, we are witnessing firsthand the relationship between social and environmental justice. For the sake of our neighbors who suffer -- and for the earth, which sustains us all -- how can we model the kind of love and care that God has for us and for all creation? We can, as individuals and as a congregation, “green” our faith through personal and corporate choices that reflect responsible earth stewardship.

As we prepare to begin afresh in our newly revived sanctuary, it is a good time to embark upon this inquiry. In partnership with Hawaii Interfaith Power and Light, we’ll begin by examining ways in which we can reduce electricity use and reduce our waste stream. Watch for more to come on this topic. If earth stewardship and social justice interest you, please contact Elizabeth Winternitz at ewinrus@gmail.com.

Did you Know that she is a Quilter?

St. Peter’s member, Estelle Inn, has three quilts featured in the Hawaii Quilt Guild 2017 Annual Quilt Show, May 4-14, at the Honolulu Art Museum School. Her three quilts are Sakura--Spring Beauties, Indian Summer in the Emperor's Garden, and A Simple Life (Red & White challenge)

Mahalo to St. Peter's from CMS

Did you know that St. Peter's members, along with members of Harris United Methodist and administrators from the Nu`uanu YMCA, meet monthly with Central Middle School administrators to support the school's mission and outreach within the school? On Wednesday, April 26, St. Peter's, Harris United Methodist and Nu`uanu YMCA received an award that says, "*Behind Every Great School is a Great Community - Thank you for supporting Central Middle School, 2016-2017*".

Many thanks to the active participants in our monthly meetings-- Haroldwyn Chang, Velma Lee, Joanne Shibuya, Barbara Vlachos, Elizabeth Winternitz, Jaime Yamane, and Pastor Diane--as well as Stephanie Wight, Keith Lee, Bruce Yamamoto, and others who assisted during the year.



Accepting the Award on behalf of St. Peter's are L-R Velma Lee, Pastor Diane, Elizabeth Winternitz.

With new leadership of Principal Anne Murphy, many exciting projects are underway at Central Middle School. As an end-of-the-year celebration, St. Peter's members are invited to campus on Saturday, May 13, 9am-2pm, when a large mural will be painted under the direction of Solomon Enos and a school-wide BBQ will be held.

Next up is the Power Scholars' Summer Program, June 5-July 14, 8:30 am to 12 noon. More to come on this, but in the past, we have provided meal and tutoring assistance; The Power Scholars program, a partnership between the YMCA, school, and our churches, targets incoming 6th graders in preparing them academically for middle school work.

The school has also received a grant in partnership with the YMCA for an exciting new tutoring program out of Harvard that will begin this fall. Certified teachers will be involved, and St. Peter's will be invited as tutors.

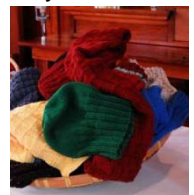
More information will be available as the program evolves. In addition to tutoring, the school hopes that we will continue our involvement through chaperoning, campus beautification projects, judging pep rallies, participating in food pantry drives, teacher appreciation week planning, and organizing the McKinley High School registration.

As you can see, there are many ways to be involved with our neighborhood middle school! Central Middle School services one of the most challenged populations. St. Peter's efforts do make a tangible difference in kids' lives and the school greatly appreciates our partnership. If you are interested in any of these opportunities in working with Central Middle School, please speak with any of the volunteers listed.

Hats Around the World

A short story about St. Peter's knitting ministry K2P2 hat (a note from Margot Johnson):

"When I attended St. Peter's one Sunday, there was a blessing of knitted hats that were going to merchant seamen; we were all wearing them. I asked if I could send one to (son) Kamuela. He had been working out of New Orleans in the Gulf of Mexico, but recently joined a ship in Sicily and is now in Scotland. Wanted to share his appreciation. Please let your knitters know.



Mom, the beanie you scored for me from the pastor at St. Peter's is the BOMB and it is going to save my ears!!! Aloha, Kamu

All the best to you,
Aloha, Margot"



Confirmation

On Sunday, April 30th, seven members of St. Peter's affirmed their baptisms at the Regional Confirmation service held at St. Andrew's Cathedral—Nicholas Allen, Tara Arimoto, Beth Cox, Junko Kobayashi-Uyetake, Bryan Matsumoto, Chris Seniuk, and Sheri Yoshida. A reception was held for everyone following the service at St. Peter's Parish Hall. Thank you to Velma Lee and Stephanie Wight and their numerous helpers for organizing that event.

Here is a little bit about each of this year's confirmands:

Nicholas Allen - Nicholas is a sophomore at Punahou School, where he is active with robotics and is currently running track. He turned 16 on May 1! He is the grandson of Eleanor Kashiwada and the son of Patrick and Sandy Allen. Nick has a younger brother, Connor,



who is in the 8th grade. His cousin and godparent is Tara Arimoto.

(Interestingly, Nick's mom is Tara's godparent and Jerry Liu is Nick's mom Sandy's

godparent. Recently, Nick has served as one of our acolytes. If you see an older male acolyte (but not as mature as Jerry!), that is Nick.

Tara Arimoto - Tara was baptized at St. Peter's when she was only a few months old. She is a third-generation St. Peter's member (daughter of Joanne Shibuya). She is an alumna of Iolani School, Santa Clara University, and Western State University College of Law, and currently works at Hawaii Community Foundation. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, trying new restaurants, and spending time with her husband, Derrick, and her family.



Beth Cox - Beth and her husband, Barton, ride to church every week on their tandem bicycle and then take a distance ride around the island—over the Pali, out to Makapu'u; you name it, they've done it! They are most famous for the fresh bread that Barton bakes every Sunday morning for Eucharist. Beth is the Admission and Assessment



Coordinator for Salvation Army Family Treatment Services. She is a vestry member, serving on the Nurture and Outreach Ministry Area, the St. Peter's Homelessness Task Force, and is a Eucharistic minister at the 7:30am service.

Junko Kobayashi-Uyetake - Junko was baptized at St. Peter's on February 12 of this year. She moved to Oahu



from Kobe, Japan, in 2008 after marrying her husband, Stuart. Junko has her own craft business, JK Craft Hawaii, making unique, original design fabric lei. You can also find her at Yakitori Hachibei at Hotel and Nuuanu

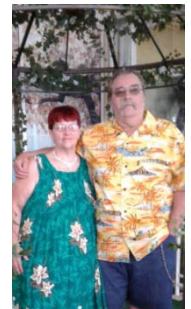
where she works part-time. Junko studied piano for over ten years while growing up and now sings in the St. Peter's Choir. Although baptized recently, God has been at work in Junko's life for sometime. In 1995, she was hospitalized in Kobe, Japan, her hometown, following elbow surgery on January 9th. There she began reading the Bible, opening randomly to First Corinthians. On January 17th, the devastating Kobe earthquake struck. Although the basement floor collapsed, the hospital stood. From her window, Junko could see fires breaking out throughout the city and a statue still standing of the Mother Mary at a Roman Catholic School. She recalled a verse she had read in First Corinthians (1 Cor. 10:13). That verse took on special meaning for her, and she chose it as her confirmation verse.

Bryan Matsumoto - Bryan is a vestry member and a regular worshiper at the 10am service at which his daughter, Jenna, is an acolyte. Tricia, his wife, joins them whenever she off from her job with United Airlines. Jenna is an 8th grader at The Priory and recently did a fabulous job performing in the school's production of Aladdin. Bryan works for the state in the real estate division.



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Christine Seniuk - Christine is a new member at St. Peter's. She was born and raised in Richlandtown, PA. She graduated from Quakertown Community Senior High. She met her husband Robert on an online dating site and they have been together since 1998 and were married on May 29, 2004. She and her husband resided in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Upon moving to Wilkes-Barre she attended Luzerne County Community College and graduated on the deans list and received her degree in Medical Office



Assistant/Transcriptionist. Christine moved to Oahu in October 2016 and her husband followed six months later after selling their home. Christine enjoys reading, knitting and crocheting. She also likes to paint ceramics. Much of her days are spent caring for her 4 guinea pigs named Momma Kona, Kailana, Bubba and Piki which she loves very much. She is also learning to play her ukulele in St. Peter's Ukulele ministry and she participates in the K2P2 ministry. She also loves helping others and donates where ever or whatever she has to give. Her biggest goal is to develop a closer relationship with God and to live her life according to the plan he has for her.

Sheri Yoshida - Sheri was baptized at St. Peter's on February 12th along with Junko who was also confirmed with her. Although originally from Kauai, for the past 20 years, Sheri has been a school counselor at Makakilo Elementary School. Sheri loves to travel, spend time with family and friends (Paula Choy is her cousin and acolyte, Sophie Choy, is her niece.) and especially enjoys baking, cake/cookie decorating and trying out new recipes.



2nd Annual Homelessness Summit

On Saturday, April 29th, Haroldwyn Chang, Beth Cox, Ritabelle Fernandes, Jen Stasch (who was a presenter), Peter and Mimi Wu, and Pastor Diane attended the Second Annual Homelessness Faith Summit sponsored by the Governor's office, IHS, and the Interfaith Alliance. The group learned of the many diverse causes and needs reflected within the homelessness population—economic and cultural challenges, drug and alcohol addictions, insufficient care for mental illness, prison release without adequate support or resources, trauma within the veteran population. The summit brought together a wide array of service providers and faith communities who are addressing various aspects of this multi-faceted problem. At the end of the day, the participants met by region to discuss what services are available and what the unmet needs are in that area. St. Peter's is located in an area with a wide



array of services, but it is also an area with a high concentration of need. There continues to be a high need for landlords willing to rent to homeless families. Supportive services are available to assist in making the transition a successful one. Discussion will continue within the St. Peter's

Homelessness Task Force. If you are interested in being part of this task force, speak with Pastor Diane.

Security Issues

Recently there have been a couple of thefts on the Square. Please remember that we are in an urban area, and precautions should be taken to minimize what our community police representative calls "crimes of opportunity." Aaron Paxton, Head of Security at St. Andrew's Schools and, by extension, the Square, and Corporal Steven Matsuda, our community police representative suggest the following tips:

1. Lock your car, and do not leave valuables or even anything that looks like a valuable, e.g. a shopping bag from a high end store, in plain sight.
2. Do not leave a room unattended. If you leave, lock the door. If the brief moment when you leave happens to be when someone takes notice who is looking for an opportunity to steal, that person can act fast.
3. If you encounter someone you are not sure about, call security on the Square, 440-7411. If you encounter a problem, call 911. Be SPECIFIC about where you are. If you are at St. Peter's, where at St. Peter's?, e.g. front of the sanctuary on Queen Emma St., back of the Parish Hall, etc.
4. If a crime or vandalism occurs, take a photo of the person and/or the situation, if possible.

The area Community Policing Officer, Corporal Steven Matsuda will be conducting a security assessment and will offer a Safety Presentation on Tuesday May 23 at 2:30pm - 4:00 pm. at St. Peter's Parish Hall. All are invited.



Priory Hope Box Project for Syrian Refugees

The Hope Box Project wraps up May 15th. If you have been gathering items to include in a box or have items that can augment a box already under construction, please bring them by Sunday, May 14th.

Make a Difference

The International Hospitality Center (IHC) is seeking Volunteer Host Families to host 1 or 2 male or female students from Japan for a one night homestay from Saturday, July 1 to Sunday, July 2. Participants are ages 14 – 15.

- * Bring the World into Your Home
- * Exchange Language and Culture

Please contact Barbara Bancel, Executive Director of the International Hospitality Center, at (808) 521-3554 or at ihc@priory.net for additional information and to volunteer.



Hospice Hawaii's annual family bereavement camp will be held June 9th to 11th at the Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center in Hauula. The camp is open to children between 7 and 17. Whether a recent loss or a loss that was some time ago, children who are grieving can benefit from connecting their grief stories with others who are their age. The last date to register for the camp is May 11th. Scholarships are available. For more information, visit: <https://www.hospicehawaii.org/special-events/family-camp/> or contact Rev. JP Sabbithi at 791-8003 or jsabbithi@hospicehawaii.org

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