



January 2018

From the Rector

A joyous Epiphany and Happy New Year!

January is a full and exciting month. In the church we transition from the Christmas season to the season of Epiphany, the season when we celebrate the revelation of who this baby Jesus was, the “manifestation” of the Word of God in the flesh. We begin the season with the story of the magi who came from afar bearing gifts for the baby Jesus, a sign that this child would be the Savior of the entire world. This is the good news we are entrusted to bear to the world today. That together with the turning of the



calendar year has us looking ahead with anticipation, with hopes and dreams of that which can and will be. In that spirit, we hold our Annual Meeting at the end of January, a time to review the year past and to look ahead at the year to come. Please mark your calendars for the following important events:

Sunday, January 21, 9:00am-9:45am - Opportunity for Q & A prior to the Annual Meeting (The annual report will be available.)

Sunday, January 28, 8:45am-9:50am - Annual Meeting (A light breakfast will be served.)

In the Episcopal Church, the vestry is tasked with passing a budget for the year to come. That work is being done during this month in preparation for its January 16th meeting when the vestry will vote to approve the 2018 annual budget. A report on the annual budget, as well an update regarding the status of the capital campaign receipts and the loan repayment schedule, will be presented at both the Q&A on January 21st and again at the Annual Meeting on January 28th. Together we make God’s ministry possible in and through St. Peter’s Episcopal Church.

Thank you for your part in touching people’s lives through the ministry of this church. Help us to dream and make real where the Spirit desires to lead us in 2018!

Pastor Diane



ANNUAL MEETING

On **Sunday, January 28th**,
8:45am in the Parish Hall

- Presentation of the reports from year 2017
- Presentation of budget for 2018
- Voting for vestry and diocesan convention delegates

Is God giving you a nudge to consider serving on vestry or as a diocesan convention delegate? Pastor Diane welcomes the opportunity to speak with you about this.



Historic Hawaii Foundation Preservaton Grant

St. Peter's was honored to receive a grant from Historic Hawaii Foundation for our renovation project. Dedicated to saving Hawaii's historic places, Historic Hawaii Foundation helps facilitate funding that saves valuable places of history which might otherwise be lost. Its recent newsletter reported "A few of the projects completed in 2017

were **Heeia Fishpond** - thousands of square feet of invasive mangrove were removed from its waters and 500 feet of kuapa (fishpond wall) were restored; **St. Peter's Church** in Honolulu finished a beautiful restoration of its sanctuary roof, exterior walls and stained glass window frames; The **Kona Coffee Living History Farm** on Hawaii island, the roof and infrastructure of its historic farmhouse were repaired."



We were proud to host representatives from HHF and the Freeman Foundation in December for a tour of our sanctuary. Pictured are Kiersten Faulkner, Executive Director of HHF, and Alec, Graeme, and Shereen of the

Freeman Foundation and Ruth Merz.

Christmas at Sea

Since 1898, during the Spanish American War, volunteers of the Seamen's Church Institute have knitted, collected, packed, and distributed gifts to mariners who are miles away from home during the holidays. Knitting groups around the country connect with SCI knitting garments as symbols of SCI's mission of hospitality. Each year, SCI distributes these warming gifts to mariners far away from home.

K2P2 (Knit 2 Pray 2), the Knitters of St. Peter's, are counted among the 4,000 from across 12 time zones who support Christmas at Sea. They were able to send two FULL boxes to Christmas at Sea in 2017. For more information, check out the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Altar Flowers Every week, except during Lent and Advent, the altar is decorated with lovely floral arrangements. You may sponsor the altar flowers on a special Sunday in thanksgiving, celebration, or in memory or honor of a person or life event. If you wish to sponsor the altar flowers, contact Estelle in the

church office, stpetershonoluluoffice@gmail.com a week or two in advance with the details.

The Altar Guild accepts donations for the flowers any time during the year. A check can either be put in the offering plate or be mailed to the office. The average cost is about \$75 for the two bouquets. If you would like specific flowers, please let Velma Lee, yklee2014@gmail.com, Altar Guild chairperson, know about your preferences. Thank you!

Last Call for Stained Glass Window Mementos

Brochures detailing the lovely selection of hand crafted items made from the glass of St. Peter's



historic altar window are in the pew racks. There has also been a display of the items after the services for the last month or so. Because each item is made to order, the artists ask that all orders be placed by Sunday, January 7th.

Contact Stephanie Wight with any questions. Mahalo.



Mahalo to all who have made a pledge of financial support to the ministries of St. Peter's Church for 2018. It is

exciting to report that 65 pledges have been received for a total of \$210,086. Thank you for affirming St. Peter's as a Beacon of Hope in 2018! If you have not yet made your pledge for 2018, it is not too late. Pledge cards are in the pew racks.

The Family Promise Hawaii Ministry is an important outreach ministry at St. Peter's.



Family Promise is a program that helps families with children experiencing homelessness transition back into sustainable independence. Led by Parish Members, Amy Ono and Tiare Ono, St. Peter's is a supporting church, providing meals for the families at UCC Judd Street.

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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

Term expires in 2019: Edmund Choy, Kyle Saito, Jaime Yamane

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