



May 2018

From the Rector

14I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. 15If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery. Numbers 11:14-15



That was Moses who had been trying to lead, guide, and cajole the people through the wilderness. The needs were many, the people were demanding, and Moses had had enough. He cried out to God with more than a bit of exasperation. Well, of course!

Moses had been trying to “carry” this people on his own. God instructed him to gather up seventy elders to assist him. As I often hear our Senior Warden say, “Many hands make for light work.”

Over the past few years the leadership of this congregation has grown and expanded. People are increasingly finding ways to contribute to the mission of this church, and we continue to seek more people interested in serving as leaders and visionaries for this congregation. That’s important because the church *is* the people.

Now, St. Peter's has a new and exciting leadership opportunity that has opened to us. At the January Annual Meeting, we mentioned that the Bishop's Office was seeking curate placements for two seminarians graduating this month. We submitted St. Peter’s as a possible placement site. After the Executive Committee Skyped with Jazzy Bostock (Could there be a better named curate for a church that has Jazz Vespers?!) and unanimously felt that she would be a good fit for St. Peter’s, the Bishop informed us that he and Jazzy mutually agreed that her placement for the next two years will be at St. Peter’s! Jazzy is from Hawaii and has had an array of interesting experiences. She graduates from Yale Divinity School on Monday, May 21st. She will be ordained to the transitional diaconate, the preparatory step to the priesthood, on **Saturday, June 9th at St. Andrew’s Cathedral** along with five others, including Preston Lentz, who served as an intern at St. Peter’s, and Ha'aheo Guanson who has been active in our Jazz Vespers ministry.

Jazzy’s first Sunday with us will be **June 17th**. She will be involved in the Word and Sacrament ministry of this church—

preaching and celebrating Eucharist, but she will also provide additional needed support to our newcomer ministry, our children and youth programming, our sick and homebound visitations, and our faith and justice outreach into the community.

We will all be learning more about Jazzy in the months to come and we look forward to meeting her. In the meantime, please take a moment to read her letter of introduction below, and keep her in your prayers as she finishes up her studies and looks ahead to graduation!

A uniquely beautiful handmade ribbon lei created by parishioner Junko Kobayashi-Uyetake is being sent from the congregation to Yale for that special day.

Pastor Diane

Dear St. Peter's,

Hi, I'm Jazzy - and I am so



thrilled to be joining you for the next

two years as curate. I am currently finishing my

third and final year of the Master's in Divinity program at Yale, and after three years of very cold and long winters, I am

ready to get back to some sun! In my program at Yale I have studied Biblical criticism, preaching, ethics, pastoral care, and Christian history as part of the core curriculum - but I have also been able to take interesting classes on womanism, Pauli Murray, prophetic witness, conflict transformation, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Perhaps needless to say, my time in the classrooms here has been rich, and I look forward to coming home and being able to share some of this wealth of knowledge with your parish.

I was born in England (my dad's home), and moved to Hawaii (my mom's home), when I was eight years old. I attended Punahou, and was in the graduating class of 2008 - we are coming up on our ten year reunion! After high school, I went to college at American University in Washington, DC, where I studied Anthropology and English Literature. While I was in college the rest of my family (mom, dad, my brother Kainoa and my sisters Leilani and Grace), moved to the Big Island - Kainoa graduated Punahou and went to college at Boston University, and my sisters enrolled at HPA.

During college I took one semester's leave to pursue an internship with the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland, where I worked in a department planning for the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation. After college, I came home for a time, and then moved to New Zealand to pursue an internship with the Maori Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Needless to say, I love to travel! I also love gardening, animals, cooking, and laughing. I currently live with a cat that I foster through a program here, and my favorite Saturdays include going to the farmers market, reading for class, and cooking dinner with my girlfriend of the last year and a half, Bree.

I am holding you all in prayer as we prepare to meet one another and begin ministry together. In Gratitude, Jazzy



"The Conversation"

Sunday, May 27th, 9:00am, Parish Hall

Learn how to give thought and conversation to end-of-life decisions. This topic comes to us with the encouragement of the Bible study participants who met during Lent to discuss, "It's all about death...and life!" We will use materials from the "Starter Kit" of The Conversation Project, a not-for-profit organization that has developed a resource to guide us in thinking through and discussing what our values are and what matters to us around issues concerning end-of-life care issues.

These are conversations to have ourselves and then to have with our family members. Join us as we give thought and conversation to this important topic.

Kauai Disaster Relief Update

Christ Memorial Episcopal Church on Kaua'i has been identified as an official site to receive financial donations for flood relief. Christ Memorial, located in Kilauea, suffered no damage.

Christ Memorial has a thrift shop and hosts a food bank that serves the north shore of Kaua'i. Both of these ministries are important to the impacted community. Individuals and families related to the congregation were impacted.

Bishop Fitzpatrick encourages congregations and individuals to make donations sending the funds directly to Christ Memorial Episcopal Church at:

Christ Memorial Episcopal Church
Attn: Flood Response Fund
P O Box 293
Kilauea, HI 96754

All funds donated will be used by the congregation's priest, the Rev. Gae Chalker, to aid organizations addressing the needs of the community and individuals impacted by the flood.

As with all church funds, their use will be reviewed by the Wardens and audited.



A Message from the Office of the Bishop

Aloha,

I have been asked about providing Church funds or soliciting special donations to help Peter Pereira with his out-of-pocket medical expenses. By special action of Diocesan Council, Peter continues on the Office of the Bishop staff at full compensation and benefits for the first four months of his recovery, and will continue receiving both with a sabbatical leave of one month after those four months, if necessary.

Taking a special collection is problematic. Because he is an employee and a corporate officer, the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i cannot receive donations to pass to Peter. Gifts cannot be received by our churches (or our office) for the benefit of any individual in a way that permits the donor to take a tax deduction or that mitigates the tax burden on the employee. All of this makes receiving gifts/donations for Peter through the Episcopal Church (including congregations) difficult without tax implications for all involved. It was suggested that Peter set up a "GoFundMe" campaign, which he researched and has decided not to set up.

On Peter's instruction, and with his permission to share his home address, individuals may send cards and personal gifts to him directly to his home. Congregational and Diocesan leaders may share this information as they think appropriate. Due to the reasons listed above, there can be no formal appeal from the Office of the Bishop or by churches.

Please send any cards and personal gifts directly to:

Mr. Peter Pereira
95-1068 Puneki Street
Mililani, HI 96789

Please note that due to medical reasons, Peter is still unable to receive visitors, fruit baskets, flowers/plants, etc.

Mahalo, +Bob

The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick

Mite Boxes

Mahalo to everyone who donated to Episcopal Relief and Development and the Episcopal Migration Ministries through their mite Lenten box/bowls. A total of \$1,166.70 was split evenly between the two agencies. (We kept the buttons, dog license, foreign coins, and pins and needles.)



Eucharistic Minister and Visitor Training

Eucharistic Minister and Eucharistic Visitor training will be held at the Cathedral of St. Andrew's Von Holt Room on Saturday, June 23. The two and a half hour session for Eucharistic Ministers begins at 9:00 am. The Eucharistic Visitors must stay for an afternoon session that will last until 3:30 pm. The Rev. Giovan King, Rector at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church will be the trainer. Eucharistic Ministers serve during our worship services. Eucharistic Visitors take communion to our homebound. St. Peter's has need for both. Please register on the Diocesan website and let the church office or Pastor Diane know that you are registered. Thank you!



Senior Warden's Corner

Here are a few highlights from the April Vestry meeting.

The Lenten Soup Bowl Collection totaled \$1,166.70, split between the Episcopal Relief & Development and the Episcopal Migration Ministries.

The original altar window stained glass keepsakes were completed by Annalee Jones with help from volunteers led by Stephanie Wight. These beautiful mementos were of limited supply because the stained glass was 100+ years old and quite fragile.

Velma Lee, Senior Warden



Having received the consent of the Standing Committee, I hereby inform the Diocese of Hawai'i that on Saturday, June 9, 2018, at 10:00 AM, it is my intention, God and the People willing, to ordain

Jasmine Bostock	Christopher Bridges
Alison Donohue	Ha'aheo Guanson
Mark Haworth	Preston Lentz

to the transitional diaconate in the Cathedral of St. Andrew, 229 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu (O'ahu).

If you are available, please join us. Please remember to keep them in your prayers.

Yours faithfully, +Bob
 The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick



Another method to ring the bell is to pull the less thick, beige rope which causes the internal hammer to strike the inside of the bell. The bell remains still and does not swing.

NEVER pull on both ropes at the same time as this will cause serious damage to the bell.

If you would like to be a Bell Ringer, please see either Keith or me so we can properly train you to ring our church bell.



Terry Dang, Junior Warden

Fun Fact: The bell weighs 600 lbs.! How do you think they got that bell up there 104 years ago?!!

The Junior Warden's Corner

The Bell Rings Again!

The acolytes ring our church bell to call the faithful to worship, signaling the start of the worship service. You hear it, but have you ever wondered what's up there in the Bell Tower? Are there one or two bells up there? Not many are



able or willing to climb up a 25 foot bouncy aluminum extension ladder to find out! So, here's a description and photos of the bell that Oriel Agcaoli (our Sexton), Keith Lee, and I

saw on a recent Saturday.

There is one bell with two ropes! The bell is suspended from a headstock which swings on bearings. A thick white rope is tied to a wheel on the headstock and hangs down to the bell ringer. To ring the bell, the acolyte ringer pulls on this large rope, swinging the bell. The motion causes the clapper to strike the inside of the bell rim as it swings, thereby sounding the bell.



Busy Bags and Bulletin Boards...

March saw the refreshed and renewed busy bags for the enrichment of the youngest among us. These colorful bags you see are hanging on big plastic hooks on the back of the pew nearest the baptismal font. Families with small children are encouraged to pick one off the hook and offer it to their toddlers for them to explore. There will always be a small toy and a book (after all Episcopalians are known as people of the book). After the service the bags are returned to a collection basket near where they were picked up and are sanitized after each use.

In May, "Beginners Bulletin Boards" will also be available. These are designed for the early school aged child and older. These colorful clipboards will have the most current issue of the "Sunday Paper Junior" and a Children's Bulletin chosen for each Sunday. The "Sunday Paper Junior" will illustrate, with drawings and script, one or more of that Sunday's readings. The Children's Bulletin (we have been using this for some time now) has puzzles and questions relating to the lesson also. Inside the clipboard are also colored pencils and a note pad. The young people are invited to take

their “papers” home with them. After the service they are asked to return their “Beginners Bulletin Boards” to the box where they were picked up. An added bonus to the “Sunday Paper Jr.s” is a open letter to the child’s caregivers with each issue. This back page contains further commentary on the lessons of the week, seasonal comments and words of wisdom from one experienced child centered adult to another.

Providing child-friendly material is not simply for entertainment purposes, or to give a restless little one some diversion, it is broader and deeper than that. First, we are a faith that values the written Word, and what word is more important than *the* Word. Children can learn to revere and respect the Word of God by observing their families as they use their prayer books and hymnals and by hearing The Word read from our appointed lessons.

Another reason for providing this child appropriate material is that of hospitality. To truly feel welcome in a place, it is important to have outward and visible signs that the community has given thought to the comfort of those present, that all are welcome.

Here is the Scoop!

Great News! The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i Diocesan Council Grant Received for New Ministry!



What: a new ministry opportunity that fulfills the needs of our surrounding community and the vision of one of our beneficent congregants.

Why: to serve those in our Micronesian community who are seeking a way to learn English.

How: thanks to a bequest designated for counseling and outreach from former long-time member, Kay Wery, and a Diocesan Council Grant, we are ready. St. Peter's provides space, and possibly volunteers, and Hawaii Literacy provides a teacher, materials, and invitation to the community of English Language Learners.

Who: Hawaii Literacy and St. Peter’s as partners; the COFA and Micronesian Community as participants and recipients of these services.

Where: the Aloha Room.

When: Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting the first week of June!

Many thanks to Elizabeth Winternitz for writing the grant application and to Steve Mitchell for developing the budget for the grant.

Bishop's Annual Visitation



Bishop Fitzpatrick will be with us on Sunday, June 10th when he will preach at both services and meet with the congregation during both coffee hours.

The Bishop visits each congregation in the diocese every year, alternating between Sunday worship visits and social visits. The Sunday visit provides opportunities for the members of the congregation to meet with him in a variety of ways to share mutual concerns and joys of the ministry of the congregation and the diocese.

Capital Campaign Update



Many thanks to those who have continued to support St. Peter's Capital Campaign. As of the end of March 2018 there was

an outstanding pledge balance of \$121,155. The balance outstanding on the construction loan was \$123,410. Wow! Amazingly similar amounts. We are grateful.

If you have not yet supported the renovation of St. Peter's sanctuary, please consider doing so. The sooner that the loan is paid off, the less interest we have to pay and the more ministry we can do! Your gifts are accepted any time.

Thank you for your continued financial commitment to the Capital Campaign. Thank you for staying current with your pledge as you embrace St. Peter's future.

If you have questions about the campaign, please contact Pokhui McKinney, Post Campaign Chair or the church office.



by Myron Chang

Beth and I went to see *I Can Only Imagine* recently. While it had rave reviews and was one of the top selling movies in Honolulu, we found it to be good, but not great.

It's based on the true story of a young man, abused by his father and abandoned by his mother, who went on to write and sing the song, *I Can Only Imagine* that became one of the top songs on the charts.

The movie has some good actors and actresses, some we have seen in other Christian movies. It's a story of redemption and forgiveness that's worth seeing...but maybe not seeing twice when it comes out on TV later.

We also saw both *The Apostle Paul* and *God's Not Dead 3*. Both were excellent.

The Apostle Paul starred Jim Caveziel who also starred in *The Passion of Christ* a few years ago. It is a depiction of the time of Christ and the persecution of Christians. It's a message of love and forgiveness and well worth seeing. The casting was excellent as was the setting of the times.

God's Not Dead 3 is the third movie and, in terms of interaction, probably the best. Many of the original cast of *God's Not Dead* returned in a contemporary story of Christianity in today's world. It, too, is a message of love and forgiveness that is well worth watching.

Quick Thoughts

~Congratulations to Estelle Inn who has three quilts in the Hawaii Quilt Guild Show, May 11-20 at The Honolulu Museum of Art School, 1111 Victoria Street.

~Mahalo to Ken Kau and his committee for the 2018 church directory.

~Registration is open for Hui Pu Summer Camp at Camp Mokuleia. Details on the diocesan website at www.episcopalhawaii.org.

~Hawaii Behavioral Health is seeking foster homes for youth with mental-health or behavioral health,

challenges. See poster in the Parish Hall for more information.

~Check out the *Meet the Vestry* display on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

~Lent is over and Easter is glorious, Spring your IRA into a generous gift. If you are 70 1/2 years or older, check with your tax advisor about the possibility of making your minimum annual withdrawal a direct gift to St. Peter's.

Blast Off For Books and Houston Youth Gathering



This summer Sela Kimura, Jenna Matsumoto, and Pastor Diane along with Pastor Jeff Lilley and two youth from the Lutheran Church in Honolulu (LCH) will be attending a Lutheran national youth gathering in Houston, Texas that will bring together 30,000 youth from across the country for three days of hearing, experiencing, and living our Christian faith.

In gratitude to Houston for hosting this gathering, the youth will be collecting books to replace libraries lost during Hurricane Harvey. Coming soon, Sela and Jenna will be introducing an approved list of books selected by the school librarians of Houston.

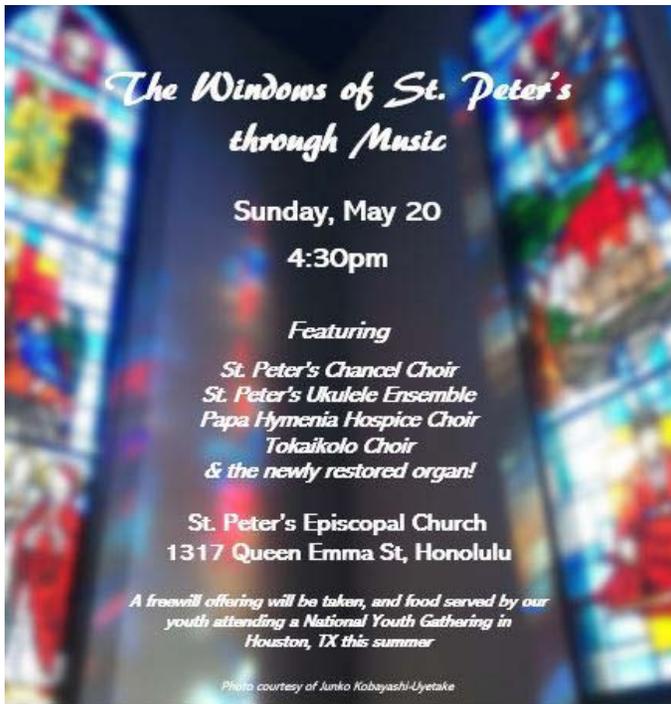
Sela and Jenna will take orders (like Girl Scout cookies!) and then they, along with their counterparts at LCH, will place one big order to send to Houston in advance of the trip (No one wants to carry books on an airplane!). Watch for details to come!



Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit

upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ. Pentecost is often thought of as the birthday of the church.

May 20th is Pentecost - Wear Red!



Don't miss the Pentecost Sunday, May 20th, Benefit Organ and Choir Concert and Fundraiser for our Youth at 4:30pm in the Sanctuary!

You will hear Dr. Joseph Eppink fill the space with the sound of organ music from fully refurbished pipes. We have not heard this for decades! The St. Peter's Choir, the St. Peter's Ukulele Ministry, Dr. Eppink's Hospice Hawaii Choir, and the Tokaikolo Choir will all be providing music.

A free will offering will be collected to support Sela Kimura, Jenna Matsumoto, and Pastor Diane in their summer trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas.

Following the concert, plan to stay for homemade chili and rice, cooked and served by the youth in the Parish Hall. Sign-up sheets are in the sanctuary. Thank you!

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