



**February 2019**

*For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;  
 the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,  
 and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
 instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
 and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,  
 for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.*

*Isaiah 55:12-13*

**Thoughts upon opening a cup of yogurt...**

The other day while pulling the foil cover off a cup of yogurt, lo and behold, I found a message! It read, "We always aim to bring joy to people." Joy? I laughed out loud—not for joy but because I thought this was silly. This was a yogurt company! If anybody is in the business of joy, it should be the church, I thought. There was more: "Sometimes that means refreshing our packaging. But never our yogurt. We're all pretty happy with it." OK, I thought, I do like that brand of yogurt, but joy? I truly do believe in the importance of taking pleasure in the small things in life, but, frankly, I need more when it comes to "joy" than a cup of good yogurt. Good tasting yogurt is not enough when a parent no longer remembers who you are, or a loved one betrays you, or a family member is swept up in drugs. It's not enough when a job or relationship ends and dreams



die or when our health fails and our mortality slaps us in the face. The "joy" of a cup of yogurt just isn't enough. But, the Bible has a lot to say about joy--joy that can withstand suffering; joy that may even deepen as a result of suffering. Joy that can meet the challenges of this life and can survive suffering is promised throughout scripture. We find it in the depth of God's love and mercy for us and then through the love that we in turn share with one

another. Letting our actions be guided by love toward God and one another, we will know joy that is far more sustaining than a cup of yogurt.

*Pastor Diane*



St. Peter's Annual Meeting was held between services on January 27th. The Vestry and Coffee Hour hosts John Afong and Stephanie Goo served a refreshing continental breakfast while a slide show of 2018 Life at St. Peter's flashed across the wall. The annual meeting booklet containing reports from all of the ministry areas were passed out. Gail Kuroda, Bill McKinney, and Stephanie Wight were elected to three-year

terms on the vestry; Terry Dang was elected to a one-year term as Junior Warden; and Rose Baroza, Gail Haruki, Bill McKinney, Maureen O'Leary, and Jamie Yamane were elected as delegates to the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Convention. Reports on the Capital Campaign, the 2018 Financial Position, and the 2019 Budget were presented.

If you did not receive an annual meeting booklet, please check the table at the rear of the church for the copy with your name on it.



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Sim Kau

We thank Pokhui McKinney, who spoke at the 7:30 and the 10 am Sunday services to highlight the need for more volunteers for this program.

As a result, on January 17, we had an outstanding and successful program due to a good turnout of volunteers who made about 70 sandwiches at St Peter's. Pokhui and Bill McKinney shopped for all the ingredients and also set up the sandwich "Conveyor Belt" in the parish hall. Many hands make light work! We finished making the sandwiches with plenty of time left to deliver them to Harris United Methodist Church.

Those who helped make the sandwiches were Carla Scantlin, Joanne Shibuya, Ruth Mertz, Myrna Chun-Hoon, Glenn Pang, Rodney Pang, and Sim Kau. In addition, Dorothy (Pokhui's friend) helped to toast a whole basket of donated English muffins. Thank you, Nancy Rowe, for getting the bananas from Whole Foods. We spent about \$145 this month.

## Living on God's Earth

By Episcopal Climate News

Dress and shop sustainably. If you are shopping for new clothes this month, remember: The cheaper the clothes, the higher the cost to the environment and human labor. It can be worth it in the long run to buy fewer, but more durable, items. Here are some suggestions from the *New York Times* to keep in mind when shopping for new clothes:



- **Buy Fairtrade:** It's not just for food, but for clothes too, ensuring they were made sustainably.
- **Buy second-hand:** It's not just less expensive; it also cuts down on production and transportation. Do any vintage shops in your area benefit local charities?
- **Buy less:** Ask yourself, how many times will I wear this? How long will it last? Do I really need it?
- **Consider the fabric:** Different materials have different environmental impacts. Wool is usually better than synthetic.
- **Donate old clothes,** or use them for other purposes like cleaning rags or sewing projects. Some animal shelters will take old sheets and towels for bedding material, too.

*When the people had eaten their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the leftovers so nothing is wasted." (John 6:12)*

## Our Opala

Elizabeth Winternitz

Have you ever thought about waste; about what it is comprised of and where it goes after you toss it out? Why should waste matter to us as Christians who respect and care for God's creation? Can we become better stewards of God's creation by changing the ways in which we discard things?

This month, in the second of this short series about waste, we'll take a look at single-use (also known as disposable) products. On Oahu, most of these are incinerated at H-POWER. However, some of this waste never actually makes it to H-POWER; instead it escapes into the environment. Much of it is blown by wind into the ocean, or flushed there through the municipal storm water drainage systems. Sadly, this escaped trash carries with it high economic and ecological costs.

Of the single use products that find their way into Oahu's streams and off-shore waters, plastic bags and packaging and polystyrene foam (Styrofoam) topped the list. Oahu taxpayers foot the bill for managing this aquatic debris. While Oahu has not quantified the actual costs, jurisdictions in California report per capita costs of managing litter as high as \$71 per year.

As high as the costs are for cleaning up errant plastic bags and Styrofoam, it is negligible compared to the ecological impacts of the billions of pounds of plastic found in swirling convergences in the oceans. Plastics lead to the death of more than 100,000 marine animals and one million seabirds annually. It is often found in the stomachs or necks of dead marine animals as various species, including sea turtles and whales, mistakenly ingest the trash. The plastics break down into micro-plastics, which also have impacts on human health.

Our only hope to reverse this problem is to cut back on our plastic-use on land, lessening the amount of plastic that finds its way into the oceans.

As we approach the Lenten season — can we, as faithful stewards of God's creation — consider developing Lenten disciplines to reduce our personal use of disposable products?

Please mark your calendars for February 10 when Nicole Patterson of Zero Waste Oahu will speak during adult formation between services (9 am) on how we, as individuals and as a congregation, can reduce the opala we generate.

### Episcopal Climate News Quote of The Week:

*Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker*

"For decades, environmental issues were considered the concern only of scientists, lawyers, and policy makers. Now the ethical dimensions of the environmental crisis are becoming more obvious. What is our moral responsibility toward future generations? How can we ensure equitable development that does not destroy the environment? Can religious and cultural perspectives help solve environmental challenges? "Among environmentalists, a conviction deepens: though science and policy approaches are clearly necessary, they are not sufficient to do the job of transforming human consciousness and behavior for a sustainable future. Values and ethics, religion and spirituality, are important factors in this transformation."

— Professor Mary Evelyn Tucker, co-founder of the Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale

### Quick Thoughts

- ✓ **CMS Update:** At the end of January, the cPTA (community PTA that St Peter's is a part of to support Central Middle School), helped to organize and fund a field trip for the sixth grade class. We had a request at our January meeting from the sixth grade teaching team, who were looking for support for a day-long field trip, taking students to Hawaii Theater in the morning and Hawaii State Art Museum in the afternoon. Meeting this request was truly a testament to the strength of the community support! Harris United Methodist offered their Parish Hall for the students to have lunch; Bank of Hawaii and Morgan Stanley paid the bulk of a bento order, with some support from Harris and some support from St Peters; and the Rotary Club pitched in volunteers to set up chairs and tables. This support allowed the students to have an awesome experience in their neighborhood! The next cPTA meeting is Thursday, February 21st, at 3pm. If you are interested in getting involved, please speak to Rev Jazzy, or email her at [revjazzybostock@gmail.com](mailto:revjazzybostock@gmail.com).
- ✓ **Youth Group:** St. Peter's youth group (Middle and High-Schoolers) is up and running again, meeting on the first and third Sunday of each month, 4-6pm. February dates are Feb 3 and Feb 17th. Looking ahead, Saturday, April 27 there will be a youth rally day at Camp Mokuleia. This will be with all of the youth from this Diocese, and will be a day of fellowship and activities. St. Peter's is also planning a camping retreat, March 17-19, at Camp Mokuleia, for youth and families. Please let Rev Jazzy or Pastor Diane know if you have questions or are interested!

### Honoring the Past

*Val Baldovi and Glenn Pang*

St. Peter's Church was founded in 1887 by families from China living in Kohala on the Big Island who moved to Oahu as the first Chinese church in the Anglican communion of Honolulu. The congregation met at a store and at Pro Cathedral on the grounds of St. Andrew's Cathedral until the size of the of the congregation demanded a church of its own.

In 1914 the current St. Peter's church was completed. Several families in the church worked with artists to design and contribute to the brilliant stain glass windows and koa wood pews as they displayed today.

St. Peter's church is one of the oldest historically Chinese congregations among Asian American Episcopalian churches. It has a long, sublime and dynamic heritage. Many families, individuals, and ministers contributed unselfishly and faithfully for many

years to its rich history and to the status that it presently attains.

We would like to hear the numerous and wonderful stories about those families, individuals, and ministers who have had an iconic influence on the development, maintenance, and elevation of St. Peter's throughout the past century. We often "talk story" about the old days, and we would like to document these stories for everyone to enjoy.

When and if you are able, please sit down with one of us to relate your story so it can be recorded or you may write your story and submit it to us. Mahalo.



**Welcome!**

Please introduce yourself and welcome our newest members.



**Eunice Wong** was born and raised in Honolulu, where she attended St. Andrew's Parish and graduated from St. Andrew's Priory. She enjoyed a career as a nutritionist and occupational therapy assistant. Eunice met husband, Roland T. F. Wong, while working at University of Hawaii College of Tropical

Agriculture. She is currently a fiber artist exhibiting on Oahu and Ashville, North Carolina. She is an active member of the Moiliili Community Center and the Wong Kong Har Tong Society.

Eunice enjoys the community of St. Peter's where granddaughter, Christy Kwok, was baptized and joined the church with daughter, Sharleen Kwok (Christy's

mom), who was also baptized at St. Peter's while attending St. Andrew's Priory.

**Dianne (Middleton) Beveridge - Ms. Dianne** of Native, African, English, American heritage was born a twin October 6, 1946 in the Bronx, NY. She earned a BA/MA from Hunter College and taught with a Junior High School Math license. She worked as a Special Ed Consultant in NY DOE, City College Graduate School Adjunct and Hawaiian Kahala Elementary educator, retiring in 2011. After being widowed 8 years, she married Pete Beveridge, another widower, on March 13, 2017. She enjoys gardening, singing in a choir (music in general), real estate, being a grandma (Madalyn is 18 and a freshman) but most of all living a purposeful life. She says, "St. Peter's Episcopal Church feels comfortable as a spiritual home community where being of service, helping those that are suffering, accepting God's will is possible. I'd like to get to know more about you, so let's talk."



**Lowell P. Beveridge**, known as Pete was born in Newton, Massachusetts, in 1930, raised in Manhattan, New York, and North Haven, Maine. He holds degrees in African history from Harvard and Columbia. He was a partner in an interior planning and design firm (retired). Pete's community activities included President of Harvard Young

Progressives, Education Director of Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, Editor of *Liberator* magazine, member of Action for South Africa, Pratt Area Community Council, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, West Village Chorale and Brooklyn Community Chorus. In partnership with his late wife, Caro, he helped reunite families separated by adoption and other causes. Pete is the author of two memoirs: *Domestic Diversity* and *The Colony*. He continues to practice woodworking hobby at the Hawaii Men's Shed. He is concerned about systemic racism; over consumption; global warming; affordable housing, education and health care; and civil rights. Recently married to Dianne and moved to Hawaii. Looking for fellowship and service opportunities at St. Peter's.

**The Scantlin Family** is a multi-generational military family that has come from various other faith traditions to the Episcopal Church. The last few years have involved moves after only one year at a location and we haven't found a church home until now.

Straus is an officer in the U.S. Army and serving at U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and Carla is a Medical Clinic

Office Support Assistant at Schofield Barracks. The three Scantlin children are Jay, Addie, and Becca. Jay is interested in music, various sports, cooking from scratch, and Scouts. Addie is also interested in music, various sports, Scouts, and school activities. Becca is also interested in music, various sports, Scouts, and student government. Addie and Becca are acolytes and the first girls in their school to join the new blended Scout program offered by the Boy Scouts of America.

The Rev **Philip J. Paradine** and his wife **Carter Kimsey** were delighted when a seventh grandchild was born in Honolulu three years ago. They had visited family in Hawaii many times previously, but then decided it was time to move to Kailua.

Phil is a retired Episcopal priest now active in ministry at the Hawaii State Hospital and the Honolulu Federal Detention Center. He is also Convener for the retired clergy of the Diocese.



Phil expresses appreciation for the mid-week Bible study and in particular Pastor Diane for support of outreach ministry to the incarcerated.

The 7:30 AM service on Sunday is when Carter and Phil are usually in church.

**The Young Family** We are a Forever Family: Brian (Dad), Leah (Mom), Alana (15), Noah (13), Eden (10), Myra (10) and Caroline (5). We are one BIG, happy family.



God has blessed us with an amazing love for children. We decided early on in our marriage that we wanted adoption to be part of the way our family came together. The decision to grow our family first with the adoption of our son, Noah, was the best plan for us. Later, we discovered that adoption would be the only way we would grow our family, and we are overwhelmed with the fullness and joy that this brings to our lives each and everyday.

Brian works full time for the United States Army. He enjoys his job and is thankful for the many benefits it provides our family. His unique job provides him with the opportunity to be home at night for family dinners and the stability to live in the same location for several years to come.

Leah is home as a full time mom. We have a close relationship with our family. Some might even call it too close. Leah's parents live with us. Yes, in the same

house. Our multi-generational family was born out of the need for some help, but it has transformed our lives for the better in so many ways. Meme and Coco, as the grandkids call them, (everyone else calls them Mark and Deb) pour their hearts into our family. Being a multi-generational family is amazing both for the kids and for us. There is so much wisdom to be gained for each other and love to be shared.

We had such an amazing experience adopting our children, and our family life is so rich with the simple joys of CrossFit, ballroom dancing, fishing, and swimming. We love our home, our church, our neighborhood, and our work; we have a wonderful group of friends and loving family; we've been able to travel all over the world; and we have somehow managed to create a beautiful family.

### Noteworthy News for February



*Dr. Joseph Eppink*

St. Peter's now has a set of chimes and the music ministry is excited to use them during liturgies. They are very easy to play, so please let Joseph know if you are interested in chiming.

Choir Thursday, February 7, 21, 28. 7:15 p.m.  
Sundays 9:00 a.m. to prepare for worship and music for the following weeks

Ukulele Sundays after the 10:00 a.m. service for 20 minutes. Beginners welcome.

Chimes Rehearsal as needed

We welcome you to join us in our ministry of music. You don't need to read music or make all of the rehearsals.

### Adult Formation

*Rev. Jazzy*

Our faith needs ongoing nourishment in order to grow. Adult Forums on Sunday morning between the services and Bible Study Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. are opportunities to receive this nourishment. Topics on Sunday range from poetry to worms to Bible study to prayer to singing the psalms and Wednesdays are a Bible study on the reading for the next Sunday. Have something you would like to study? Please share it with us. Everyone is encouraged to participate in Adult Christian Formation. If the Sunday or Wednesday times do not work for you, speak with Pastor Diane or Rev. Jazzy about other times and/or individualized instruction.



