

Pastor's Message



The Season of Lent is Coming!

*Return to the LORD, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing. Joel 2:13*

Ash Wednesday - February 18

Wednesday, February 18th marks the beginning of Lent. It is a season of 40 days, not counting Sundays, leading to Holy Week and the defining moment of our Christian faith—the death and resurrection of Christ. During this period of Lent, we are encouraged to reflect upon this gift of life with which we have been blessed, the God who created us, and the God who loves us into eternity. Yet, we turn away. We become forgetful, we become convinced we can manage on our own, we become neglectful and self-absorbed. Our world cries out in pain, and we are oblivious.



Lent is a time to renew our walk with Jesus. It is a time to connect in a deeper way—in reflection and in action. Traditional disciplines of this season have been fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. Consider picking up a discipline—reading through a book of the Bible and reflecting upon it each day, providing a service to those in need, participating in an intentional pattern of prayer. As a mid-week discipline, we invite you to join us on Thursday evenings for the mid-week Jazz Vespers service

followed by a soup supper. Please note the dates and times below:

Sunday, February 15 - 8:45am

Burning of palm branches and palm crosses for Ash Wednesday
You are invited to bring your palm crosses from last year to burn into ashes for the Ash Wednesday service.

Wednesday, February 18 - 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Services with imposition of the ashes

Thursdays February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26

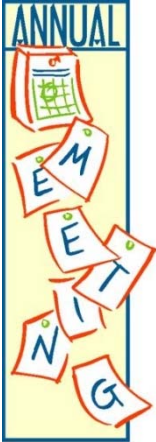
Lenten Jazz Vespers - 6:00 p.m., Soup Supper 6:45 p.m.

Pastor Diane

The Annual Meeting

On Sunday, January 25th, the congregation met between services for the Annual Meeting. There was a wonderful attendance of around 75 people. A delicious fried rice breakfast of Central Middle School Breakfast fame prepared by Willis Yap and Franklin Lum preceded the business. Many thanks to their culinary contribution to the day!

The meeting began with the assembled singing *We All Are One in Mission* led by Manny on piano. It is hard to hear in the Parish Hall when people are talking because of the nature of the acoustics in that space, but when we sing the sound reverberates and makes us sound glorious! My, this congregation can sing!



Four vestry members completed their terms this year: Haroldwyn Chang, Ron Kim, Velma Lee, and Willis Yap. We are very grateful to Haroldwyn and Willis for their service on vestry. They both have expressed a desire to continue serving at the level of the ministry areas. Ron and Velma opted to run for continuing terms on vestry. They were elected along with Sim Kau. With the Ministry Areas up and running, we are gradually reducing the size of our vestry from four per year to three per year.

Pokhui McKinney, Senior Warden, announced that she will serve a second year and reminded us of the Prayer Circle which regularly prays for people throughout the week. Names can be added to the Prayer

Circle list separately from the public list which is printed in the bulletin every week. Terry Dang, Junior Warden, reminded us that we are all Junior Wardens and that he very much appreciates it when we let him know about something that needs repair or attention.

Vestry representatives from each of the four Ministry Areas—Worship and Education, Nurture and Outreach, Facilities, and Finance—gave short introductions to the reports you can read in the Annual Report.

Nancy Rowe, Treasurer, reported that thanks to strong giving and a strong return on our investments, we ended the year in the black even with the two flat roof replacements and removal of the cracked cross.

Elected at the Annual Meeting were:

Vestry: Sim Kau, Ron Kim, Velma Lee

Junior Warden: Terry Dang

Diocesan Convention Delegates: Taka Kimura, Ron Kim, Haroldwyn Chang, Elizabeth Winternitz

Alternates: Cheryl Bochentin, Sim Kau, Fred Okumura, Clinton Yee



While the votes were being counted, Jesand Amodo showed a visual celebration of life at St. Peter's in 2014 through a slide show. As a vestry and as a congregation, we look

ahead to a busy year as we continue our mission conversations with Jerry Campbell, the consultant with Episcopal Church Foundation, with whom we are working towards a capital campaign and our work with Glenn Mason, the architect with whom we have contracted to assist us with our building repair and renovation needs. If you did not receive your Annual Report, please look for yours at the back of the church. There is one report labeled for each household in the St. Peter's community.

Lenten Soup Suppers

On six Thursday evenings during Lent there will be Soup Supper in the Parish Hall immediately following the Jazz Vesper Service. Can you help provide a soup, salad, and/or bread (no desserts) for one of the evenings? Volunteers are also needed for set-up and clean-up. The dates are February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26.

A Sign-up sheet is in the back of the church and the Parish Hall or you may call the church office.



Volunteer Opportunities at IHS

Help the homeless get back to work-- IHS is

seeking volunteer teachers for its pre-employment classes that teach vital job skills to guests who are seeking to re-enter the workforce. Volunteers will team teach classes such as Job Search, Resume Writing, and Interview Skills. The curriculum is already created. Contact volunteer@ihs-hawaii.org for more information.

Participate in the shoe drive-- The community is very generous in donating new and gently used clothing items, but IHS could also use footwear of all types for men, women, and children. Slippers, sandals, athletic shoes, and work boots are all acceptable. New arrivals at the shelter are often barefoot. For the sake of their health and comfort, please consider donating your gently used footwear to IHS. **Afternoon Childcare Volunteers Needed--** Wanting to keep the children who call IHS home safe, healthy, and happy IHS is seeking a few dedicated volunteers to help provide extra supervision for the keiki in the afternoon. Must be reliable and committed to a regular schedule. For more information, contact volunteer@ihs-hawaii.org.

Happening at St. Peter's in February

Adult Forum

February 1 - Jim Murphy, Executive Director, Honolulu Habitat for Humanity *Jim Murphy is the new Executive Director of Honolulu Habitat for Humanity, the affiliate that St. Peter's supports through the Habitat Lunch Bunch. Habitat is an important model in providing affordable housing for families in Honolulu.*

February 8 - JP Sabbithi, Director of Counseling Services for Hospice Hawai'i *Rev. Dr. JP Sabbithi has been a chaplain in various healthcare settings for 28 years. He and his wife Lissy have two college-going children. Originally from India, Dr. Sabbithi moved to Hawaii in 2002. Tending to physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being, hospice provides quality, patient and family directed, end-of-life care.*

February 15 - The Art of Narcissus Exhibit *Marvel at narcissus bulb carvings on display in the Parish Hall. For the past month and a half, students have studied under Mr. Gilman Hu, learning the ancient Chinese art of carving a narcissus bulb, a traditional symbol to welcome in the Lunar New Year.*

February 22 - David Turner, Executive Director of Camp Mokuleia. *Pastor David Turner will be preaching at both services and during the Adult Forum, he will share some of the new developments occurring at the camp and ways that we can support those efforts and enjoy the beauty of the camp.*

Children's Formation - The Loft

Sundays, 9:00 a.m.
 February 1 *Parable of the Leaven*
 February 8 *Story of the Life of "st." Valentine.*
 February 15 *Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday*
 February 22 *The Mystery of Easter*

Jazz Vespers

Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. (light refreshments from 5:30 p.m.) *A faith-based message by Pastor Diane accompanied by Jazz music featuring Honolulu Jazz artists Reggie Padilla, Starr Kalahiki, Jon Hawes, and Dan Del Negro in the Sanctuary*

Soup Suppers in the Parish Hall

Thursdays, 6:45 p.m. beginning February 19

K2P2 Knitting Ministry

Saturday, February 14th and February 28th, 9:30 a.m. *in the Aloha Room*

Pastor Diane Away The weekend of the 15th of February

Pr. Diane will be gone Friday, February 13th through Tuesday, the 17th. The Rev. Canon Franklin Chun will be leading worship services on Sunday, February 15th. Thank you Fr. Chun!

How Your Support of St. Peter's Aids our Community

In addition to the Diocesan Assessment which supports the ministry of the Diocese and of the National church body, St. Peter's also supports numerous local agencies with whom we partner in providing services to those most in need within our community.

The Outreach Committee recommended, and the vestry approved, the following designations for 2015:

A Cup of Cold Water in Maui	\$1000
Camp Mokuleia Conference Center	1500
Hope Project (American Cancer Society)	1000
IHS	1500
Foodbank	1500
Meals on Wheels	1000
River of Life Mission	1000
Family Promise	500
Special Olympics	500
First United Methodist Food Pantry	500

Throughout the year, we will be hearing more about these ministries during our Adult Forum hour on Sunday mornings.

Getting to Know Some of Our Newer Members

On the day of the Centennial Celebration, St. Peter's Church officially welcomed new and returning members to the congregation. This month meet Bryan, Tricia, and Jenna Matsumoto and Ed Casebier.

Bryan and Tricia Matsumoto and daughter, Jenna

Bryan was born in California but raised on Maui. He works for the City and County. Tricia was born and raised in Honolulu and works for the airlines. She was baptized at St. Peters. Bryan and Tricia met in 1995 at a Home Show at the Blaisdell Arena, and then got married 4 years later. In 2004, they began the process of adopting their daughter, Jenna. On July 17, 2005, Tricia went to Korea to bring Jenna home. Jenna is 10 years old and is a 5th grader at St. Andrew's Priory. She enjoys swimming and dances hula. Because of their busy schedules, Sunday is their "family day", and they spend it going to church, going for a walk at Ala Moana, then cooling off with shave ice.

Ed Casebier

Ed was born in Topeka, Kansas, and at age 9 moved to Fort Smith, Arkansas with his Mother and older brother. After high school Ed returned to Topeka where he graduated from Washburn University of Topeka, with a BA in Computer Information Systems. Ed has worked for the same company, now called Tyler Technologies, since graduation.

Ed's job has moved him a few times: Atlanta, Metro Philadelphia, Metro Charlotte, and in 2000 to Honolulu. Ed is a software analyst assisting the counties with their Real Property Tax software, working with the City of Honolulu, and traveling to Kahului, Lihue, and Hilo almost weekly.

Ed was baptized at Central Presbyterian church in Fort Smith when he was 13 years old. He was very active in Presbyterian churches until his move to Honolulu, when he reaffirmed as an Episcopalian at Saint Andrew's Cathedral next door.

Ed is a runner and completed 7 marathons in 2014 to celebrate his 50th birthday. The 2014 Honolulu Marathon was his 33rd Marathon. Ed also enjoys seeing movies in the theatre, usually seeing 2 and sometimes 3 when he goes. Ed has currently cut back on his running and movies to train for a 9-day hike to the summit of Kilimanjaro in February-March.

Ed lives close by in town and doesn't own a car, so he walks almost everywhere. He loves walking so don't be offended if you offer a ride, and he tells you that he prefers to walk. He also reminds everyone to always watch for pedestrians and don't use your cell phone while you are driving.

From the Mailbox



During the months of November and December, St. Peter's worked with the girls of The Priory to collect and bag food for distribution to Parents and Children (PACT) Kuhio Park Terrace (KPT) Family Center, students at Central Middle School who are homeless, and River of Life. The following thank you was received January 7th from PACT KPT:

Dear St. Peter's Episcopal Church & St. Andrew's School,

We thank you for your recent donation. Your commitment to helping families in our communities is greatly appreciated.

Our families were truly blessed and very grateful for the food bags they received and were very appreciative of this good deed. We also used them to say thank you to our fantastic volunteers who are so dedicated to supporting our work.

Sincerely,
Christina Simmons
Family Centers Program Director
Parents and Children Together

Mission Statement

Did you notice the mission statement on the top of the first page under the St. Peter's banner? If not, this is what it is: ***In Jesus' name, loving, welcoming, inspiring faith, living aloha.*** The purpose of a mission statement is to identify who we are and what we do in our relationship to each other and to God. After months of consideration of the Talk Story conversations, the vestry asks you to try this mission statement on for size, for the next six months or so. Then let us know if it fits. Is it St. Peter's?

A Unique Lecture Series on Homelessness

The Hawai'i United Methodist Church has invited us to its annual Britt Lecture Series. The year the series features Lorenza Andrade Smith, a United Methodist Minister who has taken a vow of poverty and has spent the last four years living with the poor and marginalized around the world. For three years she journeyed throughout the United States sleeping on the streets and relying on the hospitality of strangers to help her find food and shelter.

Rev. Andrade Smith has ministered with people in prison, in shelters, under bridges, and on sidewalks, counseling those who are fleeing violence, who are

stuck in the cycle of poverty, who are suffering from mental illness, who are battling addictions, and who are searching for a better life for their families. For the past year, she has been on a global contemplative pilgrimage, again living as a person who is homeless.

Four lectures will be offered, free to the public:
Friday, Feb. 13, 7pm - *You'll Never Be Ready: Just Go!*
Saturday, Feb. 14, 7pm - *In the Midst of Holy Chaos: Rejoicing and Giving Thanks*
Sunday, Feb. 15, 7pm - *R&R: Recognizing Renewal*
Monday, Feb. 16, 9am-12noon - *Oh, the Places You'll Go!**: Sacred Travels*

All lectures will take place at First United Methodist Church, 1020 S. Beretania St. While in Hawai'i, Rev. Andrade Smith will live among Oahu's homeless communities and share her insights on our growing homeless crisis.

February **BIRTHdays** and Anniversaries



Birthdays

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| 1 Kathleen Chang | 7 Valerie Baldovi |
| 7 Pomai Savala | 12 Norma Chun |
| 19 Roland Tam | 21 Ricardo Kobashi |
| 22 Jonalyn Uehara | 23 Colbie Chun |
| 25 Anthea Wang | 27 Pauline Au |
| 27 Ernelle Lum | |

Anniversary

- 14 Pokhui & Bill McKinney

Ministry Corner - Habitat Lunch Bunch

St. Peter's partners with the Honolulu affiliate of Habitat for Humanity by doing what our congregation does notably well -- feed people! On the second Saturday of the month, St. Peter's Lunch Bunch prepares, delivers, and serves lunch to Honolulu Habitat for Humanity volunteers, staff, and families at a home site under construction. In 2014,



St. Peter's provided an average of 75 lunches each month for volunteers who were building six houses in Waimanalo, earning the ministry the 2014 **Faith in Action Award** (for the second time!). If you enjoy cooking and would like to support Habitat for Humanity by doing so, consider joining the Lunch Bunch. The next house site will be in Honolulu and will begin in the spring when the permit process is complete.

Contact Elizabeth Winternitz for more information.



Coffee Hours Hosts

7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Feb 1	Stephanie Goo, Esther Chinn, Ruth Merz	Margaret Chun, Haroldwyn Chang
Feb 8	Susan and Terry Dang Janet and Ron Kim Jennifer Kawamoto, Jessica Kaneshiro	Sim Kau, Cheryl Bochentin
Feb 15	Mryna Chun-Hoon Rodney and Marvie Pang Ken Kau, Adele Low	Elizabeth Winternitz, Steve Mitchell
Feb 22	Lynda Hino, Norma Chun, Helen Richardson, Kristen Connors	Nani Ho, Rae Gorman, Mary Fiedler, Barbara Vlachos
Mar 1	Beth and Myron Chang Eleanor Chang	Margaret Chun, Haroldwyn Chang

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2015 Vestry

Rector: The Rev. Diane Martinson
Jr. Warden: Terry Dang

Sr. Warden: Pokhui McKinney
Treasurer: Nancy Rowe

Term expires in 2015: Cheryl Bochentin, Taka Kimura, Stephanie Wight, Tim Yuen

Term expires in 2016: Kyle Chang, Mary Fiedler, Elizabeth Winternitz, Clint Yee

Term expires in 2017: Sim Kau, Ron Kim, Velma Lee

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