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### Pastor's Message

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." John 1:1-5*

God's blessings and joy as we begin a new year! This is the beautiful and poetic Christmas story which begins John's gospel. No holy family, no shepherds, no angels, no magi, but the deep assurance that Jesus whose birth we celebrate was God in the flesh bringing life and light into the world, a light no darkness can overcome, not even the darkness of death. This is the promise that sustains a deep joy even in the face of the challenges of this earthly existence. It is the good news we are called to proclaim to the world and the reason we are "invitational" people—inviting people to come and see, come and hear, come and be part of our community as we worship, give thanks, and are nurtured in the promises of this Christian faith so that we can be sent forth into the world to be a light to all people, caring for the poor and oppressed, the blind and the captive (Luke 4:18). Begin this new year by inviting someone to join us in experiencing the life and light of Jesus Christ at St. Peter's Episcopal Church and then bringing that life and light into the world!

*Pastor Diane*

#### Sundays:

7:30am Rite II Eucharist with piano  
9:00am Christian Formation for Children and Adults  
10:00am Rite II Eucharist with organ and choir

#### Thursdays:

6:00pm Jazz Vespers (refreshments served beginning at 5:30pm)

### Outreach



THANK YOU for your faithful pledges to the ministry of St. Peter's Episcopal

Church in 2015. So far we have seen a 16% increase over last year's pledges. Your contributions support our day-to-day operations of the church and the programming within this church, the ministry of the diocese and through it the national church and international programs, and the work of local agencies who reach out to those in need within our wider community. In 2014, we budgeted support for the following agencies: Institute for Human Services, Hawai'i Food Bank, Lanakila Meals on Wheels, River of Life Mission, Family Promise, First United Methodist Food Pantry, and Special Olympics. We also provided support to A Cup of Cold Water (a ministry of the diocese to the homeless on Maui) and for five teens from St. Elizabeth's to attend the HIM Conference. During the year, we invited several of these agencies to speak at our Adult Forum at 9am on Sunday mornings to give us a better understanding of their work and the ways that we can partner in providing services to the most vulnerable within our community. This will continue in 2015.

*THANK YOU* for being part of this important ministry!

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## Happening in January

### Adult Forum

Sunday, January 11th, 9:00 a.m. - *Tour & Storytelling of our beautiful stained glass windows*

Sunday, January 18th, 9:00 a.m. - *Annual Report Discussion in the Parish Hall*

### Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 25th, 8:30 - 9:50 a.m. - *Fried Rice Brunch and Annual Meeting: a review of the past year, a look ahead at the coming year, and elections for vestry and diocesan convention*

### Children's Formation - The Loft

Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

January 4 *Epiphany*

January 11 *Parable of the Good Shepherd*

January 18 *Parable of the Good Samaritan*

January 25 *Parable of the Sower*

### 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*

### K2P2 Knitting Ministry

Saturday, January 10th and January 24th, 9:30 a.m. *in the Aloha Room*

### New, Returning, Recent Member Gathering with Vestry

Sunday, January 18th, 11:30 a.m. *in the Parish Hall*

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## Support St. Peter's with your Pledge

If you haven't turned in your pledge card for 2015, you may do so by placing your pledge card in the offering plate or by sending it to the church office. Extra pledge cards are on the Usher's Table. Your pledge of estimated giving for 2015 enables us to better manage our budget and plan for new ministry opportunities in 2015. Thank you for your participation in God's work through St. Peter's!

### From the Mailbox

*From Scott and Josette Knapp, former members of St. Peter's who moved to Turkey in September, 2014:*

Please tell everyone at St. Peter's we say hello. We are enjoying our time in Turkey, especially the food, travel, and history...just returned from Antalya, Turkey. What's fascinating is finding out the Biblical stories in these old cities. In Acts 14:25-26, Paul and Barnabas were in Antalya at the end of their first missionary journey. The Port is famous for being used by the Apostle Paul. So crazy to visit in modern times!

### Received from **Lanakila Meals on Wheels:**

Mahalo for your generous donation to Lanakila Meals on Wheels. Your gift (\$500.00) helps ensure we can be there with a nutritious meal and smile for our kupuna who need our help.



A program of Lanakila Pacific, Lanakila Meals on Wheels is Hawaii's largest and only island-wide senior meal provider. Delivering so much more than a meal, our devoted volunteers also provide a warm, caring visit and link to other assistance. These are often the key services that help our elders remain in their own homes and prevent more costly care.

To learn more about how your support is making a difference, we invite you to visit us for a tour or connect with us at [www.lanakilapacific.org](http://www.lanakilapacific.org).

Sincerely,  
Marian E. Tsuji  
President and CEO

### Received from **Family Promise of Hawai'i:**

We are so grateful for your help in securing a better future for our families. Your generous donation of \$500.00 to Family Promise of Hawai'i will truly make a difference in the everyday lives of our guests and enable us to continue serving homeless families with children here in Hawai'i. With your support, we are taking families off the streets and into safe and secure housing.



Since 2006, we have helped over **1,400** children and their parents. In 2013, 224 parents and children were helped through various programs. In 2014, we expect to

exceed our goal of assisting over 200 parents and children regain their independence. Last year, 100% of our families secured or bettered their employment and all saved money to provide a safety net should they run into unexpected obstacles.

Family Promise of Hawai'i provides 24 hour emergency shelter, numerous supportive services and welcomes homeless families with children residing across Oahu. While Family Promise is a secular program, we partner with over 63 multi-denominational host congregations and over 1,500 volunteers utilizing their facilities and members to provide shelter, meals and supportive services in a compassionate manner. Together, we are helping homeless families secure permanent housing, better jobs, education and independence. We are part of the Family Promise program which now has 182 affiliates in 41 states across the country.

With Warmest Aloha,  
Mary Saunders  
Executive Director

January  BIRTHDAYS and Anniversaries

**Birthdays**

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 Kazuo Kaneshiro  | 16 Derek Ho             |
| 3 Jasmine Gorman   | 17 Robert Wight         |
| 6 Ashlyn Kim       | 18 Catie Wiecking       |
| 9 Lynda Pang       | 22 Elizabeth Winternitz |
| 9 Colin Leong      | 22 Kyle Chang           |
| 10 Paul Yuen       | 22 Dylan Taum           |
| 10 Kristen Connors | 24 Jane Chang           |
| 11 Susan Dang      | 25 Jan Yap              |
| 13 Steven Mitchell | 30 Cedric Ching         |
| 14 Bill McKinney   |                         |

**Anniversaries**

- 9 Pam & Colin Leong
- 9 Eileen & Clyde Mark
- 24 Cheryl Ann & Hans-Gerd Bochentin



**Volunteer Opportunities at IHS**

**Point in Time Count, January 26-30--** The annual statewide Point in Time Count is a census and survey of homeless families and individuals in Hawaii. IHS is responsible for canvassing several areas including North Shore and Wahiawa, the Honolulu Urban Core, and Waikiki. Orientation for Point in Time Count volunteers is January 22nd from 12-1 pm or on January 23rd from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Evening volunteers are also needed to help with surveying in the field, and daytime volunteers needed for data entry. To learn more about this project, please contact [volunteer@ihs-hawaii.org](mailto:volunteer@ihs-hawaii.org).

**Point in Time Count Drive--** If you'd like to help with the Point in Time Count, but you're not available to volunteer

**Mahalo to the Altar Guild - the Church was Beautiful**



directly, you can lend a hand by holding a supply drive to help make the count possible. Collecting and donating items such as packaged snacks, hand sanitizer, flash lights, batteries, and clipboards will help the IHS staff and volunteers to engage more easily with the homeless individuals they encounter and ensure a more accurate count. Donations should be received by January 23rd. Contact [drives@ihs-hawaii.org](mailto:drives@ihs-hawaii.org) for more information.

**Elevator Renovation--** The guest elevator at the women and family shelter is a high traffic area that needs a little TLC. IHS is looking for a group of skilled volunteers to help with some minor repairs and renovations including replacing the vinyl tile flooring. Donations of supplies are greatly appreciated. To help with the project, please contact [volunteer@ihs-hawaii.org](mailto:volunteer@ihs-hawaii.org).

**Business Attire Drive--** The IHS employment program has seen remarkable growth in the past months and needs help to make sure the clients are ready to return to work looking their best. Men's business casual attire including collared shirts, polo shirts, slacks, black pants, belts, dark socks, dress shoes, and work boots are appreciated, especially large sizes (XXL and above). Contact [drives@ihs-hawaii.org](mailto:drives@ihs-hawaii.org) for more information.

**Ministry Corner - Soul Food**



Have you ever wondered what happens when the Soul Food Ministry cooks its delicious soups? Please join us in the Parish Hall kitchen on Monday, February 2, 2015 from about 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. As we clean and chop the vegetables, debone and chop the chickens, we chat and laugh through the mixing and stirring of the soups. While the soups are simmering, we enjoy a simple potluck dinner with a few sips of wine! If you need a ride to St. Peter's, please let Velma Lee know via phone (455-5718) or email ([vklee2014@gmail.com](mailto:vklee2014@gmail.com)).



Soul Food meets every other month, depending on the number of soups on the freezer door. The most popular soup is the Chicken Jook or Congee, so it is always on the menu. The other soup varies each time we get together.

The soups are for those who are elderly, homebound, recovering from an illness or hospitalization, or in need of nourishment that is made with TLC (tender loving care) for the body and soul.



Trolley Ride and Potluck Supper



Jazz Vespers



Coffee Hours Hosts



7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

- Jan 4 Valerie Baldovi  
Michele, Joshua, and Rene
- Jan 11 Tiare Ono, Audrey Mueh  
Adrienne Yee, Amy Ono, Sonja Barba
- Jan 18 Stephanie Goo  
Esther Chinn, Ruth Merz
- Jan 25 **Annual Meeting - Fried Rice Brunch**
- Feb 1 Jan and Willis Yap  
Karen and Robert Savala, Arlene Lum

- Margaret Chun, Haroldwyn Chang
- Sim Kau, Cheryl Bochentin
- Elizabeth Winternitz, Steve Mitchell
- Nani Ho, Rae Gorman, Mary Fiedler, Barbara Vlachos
- Margaret Chun, Haroldwyn Chang