



A Beacon of Hope, A Call to Serve

*“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.”*

Isaiah 55:12

May is a very exciting month for the community of St. Peter's! We have baptisms, confirmands affirming their faith, graduations, and the kick-off of our capital campaign! Early in May we celebrate the very foundation of who we are as a faith community through baptisms and confirmation. On **Saturday, May 7th, 5:30pm, at St. Andrew's Cathedral**, we join with our sister Episcopal churches in this year's Regional Baptism/Confirmation Service. We are blessed to have four baptismal candidates (three adults and one child) and six confirmands. We welcome and celebrate with Edmund and Paula Choy and their daughter, Sophie, and Bruce Yamamoto and Jaime Yamane who are officially joining the St. Peter's community through baptism and confirmation. You can read about them in the pages of this newsletter. Steve Mitchell and Elizabeth Winternitz are serving as St. Peter's sponsors for Bruce and Jaime and Taka and Karin Kimura are serving as St. Peter's sponsors for the Choy's. Taka and Karin are also affirming their baptisms through the rite of confirmation at this service. I hope you will all mark your calendars and join us for this very special celebration in the life of this diocese and our church community.

We also have two high school graduates this year—Sonja Barba from our 7:30am service on **May 28th** and Jonathan Kieffer from our 10:00am service on **May 15th** as well as Allie Yuen, daughter of Paul Yuen and Judy Nakamura and granddaughter of Alfred and Doreen Yuen from the University of Hawaii - College of Business on **May 14th**. Congratulations to all! Read about the next exciting steps in their lives in this newsletter.

On **Sunday, May 15th, 5:00-7:00pm**, we officially kick off our capital campaign—Honoring Our Past, Embracing Our Future! There is a lot of excitement and activity around planning for this Kick-Off Party. On that evening, you will hear about the sizable amount already been pledged to the campaign, and we're only just beginning! You will find more information about this further in this newsletter.

And, of course, **Sunday, May 8th**, is Mother's Day. We give thanks for Moms because without them none of us would be here! Take time on that day to remember all the women who have helped to nurture you along your path in life.

May truly is a month filled with joy! Thanks be to God for such wonderful blessings.

Pastor Diane



Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry and Bishop Bob Fitzpatrick, our diocesan bishop, have called for prayers for the people and Dioceses of Ecuador and Kyushu following destructive earthquakes in both places. In addition to our prayers, they urge Episcopalians to make contributions to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund (ERD) which provides aid to communities affected by major disasters. Because ERD receives income from investments and contributed services from the Episcopal Church to offset administrative expenses, over 90% of each donor dollar goes directly to work in the field.

Bishop Bob offers this prayer:

Compassionate God... Draw near to us in this time of sorrow and anguish, comfort those who mourn, strengthen those who are weary, encourage those in despair, and lead us all to fullness of life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

— Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints (Church Publishing: New York), page 733



Our Capital Campaign is underway!

Following more than a year of discernment and study by St. Peter's Vestry, we are embarking upon the

active phases of our Capital Campaign. Jerry Campbell, our faithful consultant from the Episcopal Church Foundation, continues to guide the process, and our Capital Campaign Leadership team is having fun bringing this campaign into the life of our church. Presently, we're in the early phase, and will formally launch the Campaign at a party on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Meet your Capital Campaign Team:

Co-Chairs: Elizabeth Winternitz and Steve Mitchell

Honorary Chair: Eleanor Chang

Rector: Pastor Diane

Campaign Counsel: Jerry Campbell

Campaign Coordinator: Joette Comstock

Spiritual Life Guide: Stephanie Wight

Communication Manager: Nancy Rowe

Events Coordinators: Velma Lee and Jan Yap

Planned Giving Advisor: Tim Yuen

Advisor: Laura Young

The Members of the Vestry

In addition to the team above, we'd like to welcome and acknowledge callers: Cheryl Bochentin, Taka and Karin Kimura, Mel Kau, and Willis Yap. This is an exciting moment in the life of our church, and we're confident the campaign – by reflecting our care and stewardship of our aging campus – will also reflect our commitment to help the Kingdom of God.

Elizabeth Winternitz and Steve Mitchell,
Co-Chairs, Capital Campaign Committee



Forward Day by Day is a booklet of daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings as listed in the Revised Common Lectionary or the Daily Office from the Episcopal Church's *Book of Common Prayer*. Published since 1935 by Forward Movement, *Day by Day* is a three-month devotional publication. The May-June-July issue, in both hand size and large print, is available on the table behind the pews.

An invitation

Sunday, May 15, 2016

5:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Heavy Pupus, Beverages

Musical Entertainment

Campaign Kick-Off

Transportation Available, Childcare Available

RSVP to the church office by May 5th

533-1943 or stpetershonoluluoffice@gmail.com

Please indicate if transportation or childcare is needed

It's Pentecost - Wear Red!

Historic Downtown Churches Walking Tour

On Saturday, February 13th St. Peter's was one of four historic downtown churches chosen by the Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF) for its walking tour. Ninety-six HHF members and friends visited St. Peter's on the tour and they seemed to appreciate refreshments of Jasmine tea, iced water, homemade almond cookies and Chinese "Lucky" candy. The visitors also enjoyed viewing and asking questions about all the old photos and Chinese artifacts on display. Each visitor was given a handout of colored pictures of the windows that included a brief overview of our parish and its outreach activities. Many folks also visited the Parish Hall after the sanctuary tour to view the "Art of Narcissus Carving Demonstration and Exhibit" prepared for Chinese New Year.

The highlight for everyone seemed to be viewing the interior of St. Peter's with its koa wood furnishings and pews, and especially the 26 lovely stained glass windows. Many said that although they had passed the church many times, they had never actually been inside. As a bonus for St. Peter's, the grand-niece of the artist who had originally designed the nave windows in collaboration with our donor families, saw the windows for the very first time and was moved to tears by their beauty.

Many thanks to Ruth Merz for coordinating the event.

Please Welcome New Members

**Jaime Yamane and
Bruce Yamamoto**



**Edmund and Paula Choy
and daughter Sophie**



Congratulations, Graduates!

Sonja Barba - Sonja graduates from Sacred Heart Academy on Saturday, May 28th. She writes, "This fall, I will be attending Chaminade University of Honolulu, and yes, I will be going on a long journey to get there. While at Chaminade, I'll be majoring in Criminal Justice to get myself a foundation in law enforcement and criminology before going to law school later on in life."



Jonathan Kieffer -Jonathan graduates from Mililani High School on Sunday, May 15th. He writes, "Next year I will be attending the University of Montana and majoring in Parks, Tourism and Recreation Management. I plan to get a job at the University of Montana. I hope to be able to continue in theater being in the stage crew and being able to see lots of musicals and plays. I also hope to be able to go on lots of hikes and meet lots of new people. I plan on returning for winter break and happy that it will be warmer here. I am looking forward to the colder climate and the chance to learn how to ski or snowboard."



Alexandra "Allie" Yuen - will work at Progressive Communications following graduation from UH School of Business.

Acolyte Celebration

On Sunday, April 24th, the St. Peter's acolytes and families participated in our first BBQ and party at church. Thanks to a gas grill donated to the church by Terry Dang and ably manned by Clint Yee, Taka Kimura, and other dads, Stephanie Wight and her wild array of yard games along with Keith Lee and his putting golf game, the play lot behind the Parish Hall provided by The St. Andrew's Schools, and sunny weather provided by Mother Nature, we had a blast!




St. Peter's is blessed to have a gaggle of young acolytes. They love serving during worship and are some of our most inclusive members quickly inviting other children they see in worship to join them. Let's hear it for our acolytes! Thank you, Acolytes. We appreciate you!!

7:30am service:
Acolytes: Ashlyn Kim, Madi Yee
Gift presenters: Allie Yee, Catie Wiecking

10am service:
Acolytes: Sela and Ella Kimura, Jenna Matsumoto, Annika and Armand Balmores, Sophie Choy
Gift presenters: Lena Kimura, Ava Balmores

Jazz Vespers:
Acolyte: Lily Dayao

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays		
3 Michele Baldovi	3	Rosie Ching
6 Elton Choy	10	Jennifer Kawamoto
13 Randall Chun	13	Theodora Luke
20 Dennis Pang	21	Robert Savala
31 Carolyn Nakao		

Anniversary
15 Elton and Paulette Choy
17 Willis and Jan Yap

If you do not see your May Birthday or Anniversary on this list, please contact the church office to update your information.

Bishop's Annual Visitation

Bishop Fitzpatrick will be with us on Sunday, June 12th. 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.

The Bishop will also be worshipping at our Jazz Vespers service on **Thursday, June 9th** and staying for soup afterwards.

Travel Abroad Without Leaving Home

Fall of 2016 the International Hospitality Center will bring eight exchange students ages 15-16-17 to St. Andrew's school from Germany, Spain and France. The female students will be placed in grades 10 and 11. All have good language skills and are able to do academic work in English. Although hosts are volunteers, a student is a great addition to any "Family". Hosts may be single, single parents, married, with children of any age, empty nesters or senior adults. Open your home and heart to a life changing experience. Exchange students live as participating members of the family, not as guests.

They do chores, take part in host activities and share culture/languages/customs. All are covered by health and accident insurance and have their own pocket money. Host for a few months, semester or school year. You will change a life and gain a new family member. In addition, the International Hospitality Center is seeking Hosts for four Russian University students on full scholarships from the US Embassy in Moscow who will attend Hawaii Pacific University. For additional information please contact: Barbara Bancel, Executive Director IHC, (808) 521-3554 <ihc@priory.net>

Pencils of Promise

Want to help build a school in Guatemala? Pastor Diane's 13 year old niece, Maria, who was adopted from Guatemala, recently learned that her birth mother was illiterate. In response, she decided to raise money for education in Guatemala. She researched and chose Pencils of Promise which, among other places, builds schools in Guatemala. 100% of online donations are spent in the field with corporate donations covering administrative costs. Maria's goal is to raise \$5,000, and she's three-fourths of the way there. If you'd like to make a donation, go to <https://fundraise.pencilsofpromise.org/fundraise?fcid=619009>. Thank you for your support of children everywhere!

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