

APRIL 2022

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Beacon of Hope...A Call to Serve!

SUNDAY WORSHIP
IN PERSON & LIVE-STREAMING
7:30 AM AND 10:00 AM



JAZZ VESPERS
IN PERSON & LIVE-STREAMING
Thursdays at 6:00 PM



Saturday, April 2
DIOCESAN CHRISM MASS
& SPRING TRAINING
at the CATHEDRAL
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

PEW AND WAINSCOT POLISHING
at ST. PETER'S
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM



LENTEN STUDY
LIVE-STREAMING
Sundays on April 3, 10, 17
1:00 PM



SOUL FOOD
Sunday, April 6
at 6:00 PM



Sunday, April 9
PALM CROSS FOLDING
PARISH HALL
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

BRASS POLISHING
SANCTUARY
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES
APRIL 14 - 17



VESTRY MEETING
via ZOOM
Sunday, April 20



We are approaching the most important church season of our journey as Christians, and this year we can gather in person with masks optional! Join us in immersing yourself in the core transformational events of our faith. Each service during Holy Week immerses us into deeper contemplation of who we are and whose we are and the merciful and life-renewing presence of God.

Holy Week and Easter Services

(All services except the 10am Sunday services will be live-streamed.)

Palm/Passion Sunday - April 10, 7:30am and 10:00am

We will have the traditional walk with palms as we remember Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem and then hear the dramatic story of the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus.

7:30am - We begin the walk in the Parish Hall.

10:00am - We will join the Cathedral and St. Paul communities in processing around the Square. Those not joining the procession can wait for us in the sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday - April 14, 6:00pm

Optional foot washing from the Gospel of John and eucharist. We depart in silence following the stripping of the altar to return on Good Friday.

Good Friday - April 15, 11:30am

Easter Sunday - April 17, 7:30am and 10:00am

Festive Worship with Choir and Trumpeter, Mike Lewis

Senior Warden Corner: Velma Lee
Highlights of the March 2022 Vestry Meeting

The Vestry expressed appreciation to Fred Okumura for his generosity in distributing his latest children's book.

St. Peter's Parochial Report was accepted by email vote on February 27, 2022 and submitted to the Diocese Office.

Oriel is painting the newly crafted high steeple cross to match the color of the church, and Jim Harvey is negotiating to get a crane to place the cross on the high steeple.

The bi-polar A/C air purifier devices will be installed in April. Many thanks to Franklin Pang for his generous donation of the devices that will help purify the air in the sanctuary and Aloha Room!

Two of the stained glass windows have small holes from rocks that vandals threw. Fortunately, Jim Erickson is a master restorer of stained glass windows, and St. Peter's church insurance will cover everything over the deductible for repair and restoration. Because we have evidence that the damage was caused on two separate dates, the vestry authorized Jim Erickson to cover the bottom two susceptible panels with Lexan, a strong polycarbonate material, and the remaining six panels with plexi-glass per his recommendation. This will provide immediate protection against further damage until a permanent, more aesthetic solution is selected.

Stephanie Wight has created a Pop Up Series of lessons from the Bible for our children preschool through 3rd grade. They meet in the Bell Tower either after the 7:30 service, or before the 10:00 service. They have fun while learning about the good Lord!

Bipolar Ionization Air Purification System Added to the Sanctuary and Aloha Room

Over the course of this pandemic, we have increasingly come to understand that the virus is primarily transmitted through the air. As a result, we have been very diligent in keeping all of the doors and jalousie windows lining both sides of the sanctuary open during worship services. Now, thanks to a generous gift by Franklin Pang, bipolar ionization air purification devices have been added to every air conditioning unit in the sanctuary as well as the Aloha Room. These devices are regularly used in public indoor spaces to assist in killing pathogens such as viruses, bacteria, and mold. These devices have been installed and are fully operational just in time for our Holy Week and Easter services. We are grateful to Franklin for this added measure of protection at St. Peter's!

Two St. Peter's Ministry Needs!



1. St. Peter's Website - You can claim the fancy name of “webmaster” or not! Basically, we need someone willing to learn the Weebly platform on which our website is constructed. We will assist you in this! The basic upkeep of the website is not complicated but is essential as it is the primary way that visitors find out about St. Peter’s and through which others worship online. Beyond that, you can get as creative as you like with the changing out of photos and updating of the site. This is an important part of our ministry! Please speak with Pastor Diane.

2. Meal fellowships on Thursday evenings following Jazz Vespers - Two years ago, the pandemic suspended an amazing time of fellowship and outreach that had developed following Jazz Vespers. Many of those who made this ministry happen have moved or are no longer able to continue. We are hearing wistful longings for the fellowship to resume. Is this a ministry to which God might be calling you? Can you help us reimagine what is possible? Please speak with Pastor Diane.

Ke’elikōlani Middle School (formerly Central Middle School)

Volunteer Needs:

1. **Coaches** for volleyball, chess, basketball, soccer, football.
2. **Tutoring** - Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 1:30-4:00pm (Help is welcome at any time, but a commitment to at least once a week is greatly appreciated.)



Ke’elikōlani is the school across the street from St. Peter’s. This church has had a long history of involvement at the school. The school is challenged with a high percentage of students learning English and who live under the poverty guidelines. The pandemic made the situation worse. Based on testing, the school is currently at the bottom of the ranking of middle schools on O’ahu—7% proficient in math, 24% proficient in English. They welcome and need our help and are particularly asking for coaches and tutors. Please speak with Pastor Diane if interested.



Queen Emma Square Endowed Scholarship

St. Andrew's Schools Queen Emma Square Scholarship Fund Update

In September of 2020, we began an appeal to raise \$25,000 for a scholarship in support of our Diocesan school, St. Andrew's Schools.

This is a nurturing, academically rigorous school begun by Queen Emma with the partnership of the Anglican Church as a place where Christian beliefs and values are taught and promoted along with a quality education. Generations of girls have advanced in careers and are active today in the churches of this Diocese because of the education they received at The Priory. Today The Priory (K-12) is joined by the Queen Emma Preschool and The Preparatory School for Boys (K-6) under the "St. Andrew's Schools" umbrella.

To date, we have raised \$17,822.50. Thank you! We are getting close! Once we hit the \$25,000 mark, the scholarship will be endowed and will continue to benefit students in perpetuity with the opportunity for a nurturing, academically rigorous, Christian faith and values imbued education. Please remember this scholarship when considering special gifts that you wish to make. Checks can be made out to "St. Peter's Episcopal Church" with "St. Andrew's Square Scholarship" on the memo line. Thank you!

St. Andrew's Schools Summer School and Summer Adventure



ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOLS
THE PRIORY ♦ THE PREP ♦ THE PRESCHOOL

Summer School for grades K-12 (June 6 - July 16) To view the catalog, click on [Summer Guidebook](#)

Summer Adventure for grades K-8 (July 18 - August 12) To view the catalog, click on [Summer Adventure](#)

To register for all programs, please go to: <https://standrews.campbrainregistration.com/>

Camp Mokulē'ia: *Sacred Place of Rest, Recreation, and Renewal on the North Shore*
www.campmokuleia.org or 808-637-6241
Families only need to pay the deposit for our youth to attend Camp this summer!
Contact Pastor Diane for more information.



Check out the Camp website for information on the following opportunities:

Open House, April 24 - Register online.

Family Stay-Cay Weekends at Camp Mokulē'ia—Four weekends are offered: April 15-17, 2022, June 10-12, 2022, October 28-30, 2022, December 9-11, 2022.

Each will be unique and families will be able to stay in the lodge, cabins, tentalos, or their own tent, www.campmokuleia.org/copy-of-camps-programs

Summer Camp at Camp Mokulē'ia for youth from 1st through 12th grade! Week long camps will be offered June 12-17, June 19-24, July 10-15, July 17-22. Mini-camps for 1st and 2nd graders are offered July 10-12 and July 13-15. To learn more, go to www.campmokuleia.org/residential-camp-programs

BACPAC Prison Ministry

The BACPAC Prison Ministry of St. Peter's has a goal of five backpacks per quarter. This quarter not only did the congregation manage to fulfill its goal, but four additional sets of backpacks were filled by The Key Club of 'Iolani School! We blessed them on their way in worship on March 6th.



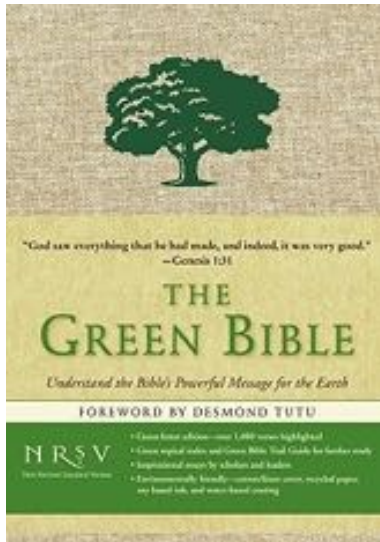
These were smaller backpacks this month, so each “backpack” was a set consisting of two smaller backpacks tied together in order to contain the required items—a bonus backpack for the recipients! Thank you to everyone in the congregation for supporting this ministry and to Keisha Webster and Haroldwyn Chang for their leadership. These backpacks contain essential everyday items that assist those newly released from prison in getting back on their feet again. The next quarterly ingathering will be for distribution in June.



Children's Christian Formation Pop-Up!

Stephanie Wight has begun a Lenten pop-up series for preschool through 3rd graders in the St. Peter's Bell Tower on Sunday mornings between the worship services. Stop by and check out how inviting she has made this space for young people! Currently, she is running two sessions—the first for children following the 7:30am service and the second for children prior to the 10am service. In the photo (Photo credit to Rachel. Thank you!), Ms. Stephanie is helping Jacob and Caleigh to learn

about the parable of the unproductive fig tree that the owner wanted to cut down, but the gardener convinced the owner to let him nurture the tree to see if it might produce figs. The series runs through Holy Week after which we will evaluate what the next “pop up” will be! Already ideas are percolating for a special Easter series.



Green Team Book Suggestion Corner

This month: The Green Bible

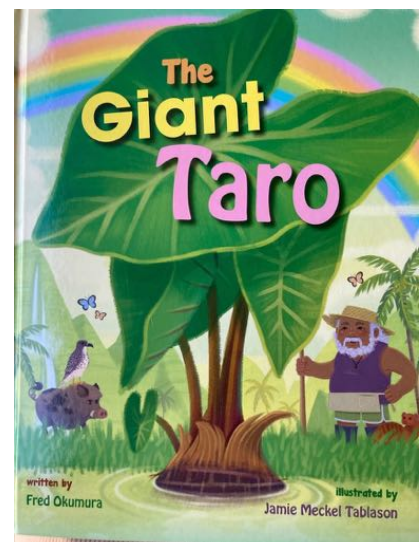
You might know about the “red letter” Bibles which have Jesus’ words printed in red. Some might also be familiar with the “rainbow” study Bibles that use different colours to identify recurring themes in Scripture. But you might be surprised to hear that there exists a “green letter” Bible called the **The Green Bible**, an edition of the New Revised Standard Version that tries to identify all Bible verses concerning Creation by having them printed in green.

Of course, just like the “red letter” Bibles, a “green letter” Bible is prone to the danger of focusing on specific parts of the Bible and missing the overarching narrative. But this Bible is not trying to *focus* on the “green” parts, but to be a study Bible that highlights the Creation themes that might go unnoticed to the student who is learning about the Bible. In order to achieve this, it is enriched with various tools for studying the Creation theme in depth, including a “Green Subject” Index and a “Green Bible Trail Guide” that can be used as a devotional for those who want to reflect on this side of Scripture.

By far the most impressive element of this Bible edition is a hundred plus page collection of essays from various scholars and church leaders. The collection begins with a foreword by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and includes writings of Pope John Paul II, Anglican bishops James Jones and N.T. Wright, Episcopal priest and academic Barbara Brown Taylor, Evangelical pastor Brian McLaren, Jewish rabbi Ellen Bernstein, theologian Ellen F. Davis, and environmental scientists J. Matthew Sleeth and Calvin B. DeWitt. Although each of these authors writes from the viewpoint of his or her tradition or expertise, it is striking how much overlap and agreement exists on the issue of humanity’s duty towards God’s creation and the relevance of environmental justice to the Christian vocation.

Congratulations to Fred Okumura who has completed his fourth children's book!

Fred’s latest book is *The Giant Taro*. In this delightful story, a taro plant of an old farmer and his wife grows and grows until it is so big that the farmer cannot pull it out. A pua’a (boar), manakuke (mongoose), and ‘io (Hawaiian hawk) all try to help, but the taro does not budge. It takes a little honu (Hawaiian sea turtle), who was made fun of as too small and weak, to be clever enough to gnaw through a thick root that had wrapped itself around a rock. In the end, they all enjoy a delicious meal of poi made by the farmer and his wife.



Fred has a quiet but powerful ministry with these books. He does not sell them. Rather he writes and gives them away to children in the public school system, particularly those from impoverished backgrounds. As the retired Dean of the Lower School at 'Iolani School, he knows how important reading skills are to a child's success in life. He has also generously gifted the children of St. Peter's with his books. Thank you, Fred! You have enriched the literacy skills of many children and brought joy to children and adults alike.



**Hawai'i Quilt Guild Show at Honolulu Hale,
April 29 - May 13, Monday through Friday,
8:30am-4:30pm**

Estelle Inn, St. Peter's parishioner and quilter who has received numerous awards and accolades for her work, will have four quilts on display at the Honolulu Hale show. This photo is one of the four. It's called "Tweet Tweet Home!" and is pieced with hand and machine appliqué, bead embellishments, and a ladybug button for good luck. Always eager to expand her skills, Estelle added pinwheel blocks along

the border, an especially challenging technique. Congratulations, Estelle!

**The Pantry: Volunteers Sharleen Kwok
and Christy Kwok**

The Pantry is a unique e-commerce food pantry in Honolulu and the only one in the country operating weekly, year-round, to provide free, nutritious food. If your income does not exceed 185% of the 2022 Federal Poverty Level for Hawai'i, you qualify. Ten items can be ordered per household member every seven days. To register, go to www.thepantry.org.

To eliminate waste and to ensure that clients receive food they want to eat, clients order their food items online and volunteers fill the order prior to pick-up. Sharleen Kwok and her daughter, Christy Kwok, while home from college, gave it a try. They loved it! Sharleen reported that you work at your own pace, it was easy, and it was a fun way to help out. Interested in volunteering? Contact The Pantry at info@thepantry.org.





The Church got a shower!

With St. Peter's situated on a busy city street, the window ledges and decorative elements of the exterior of the church had become black with soot. Thanks to our Jr. Warden, Terry Dang, and Sexton/Custodian, Oriel Agcaoili, the church got a pressure wash this month!

Holy Week Preparation Activities

Saturday, April 2, 9:00-11:00am - The koa pews and wainscoting need regular polishing to maintain their beauty and value. Join us! Polish, gloves, and rags will be provided.

Saturday, April 9, 9:00-11:00am - Two options!

Parish Hall - Learn how to make palm crosses with Cheryl Saito. Baskets of palm crosses are made for the next day, Palm/Passion Sunday, April 10th. Thank you, Cheryl!



Sanctuary - Help the Altar Guild folks polish the brass. Polish, gloves, and rags provided.

Diocesan Chrism Mass & Spring Training - *Clergy and laity are encouraged to attend.*

Saturday, April 2nd, 9:00am - 3:00pm

The day begins at the Cathedral with the Chrism Mass & Eucharist along with the Renewal of Clergy Vows & Baptismal Vows. A plenary by the Racial Reconciliation Task Force will follow, then lunch and two sessions in the afternoon during which a variety of workshops will be offered. Registration is at www.episcopalhawaii.org/spring-training-registration-2022

Thank you, Altar Guild and Friends!

The Altar Guild hosted another pew polishing event organized by Velma Lee, Altar Guild Chair, on April 2, 2022. The response was great! A big mahalo to Velma & Keith Lee, Rose Baroza (and Ollie, their dog!), Cheryl Bochentin, Haroldwyn Chang, Dede Chinn, Jocelyn Choy, Sim Kau, Tricia & Jenna Matsumoto, Barbara Vlachos, and Keisha Webster for polishing the pews and to Nani Ho and Rae Gorman for polishing the silver!

And now a way that you can help the Altar Guild!

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the altar in the sacristy? The Altar Guild prepares the Holy Eucharist for the services and cleans up afterwards. We also fill the candles with oil, and check the water level of the flower bouquets on the altar. Just twice a year we polish the koa pews & wainscoting, as well as, the brass items and silver vessels.

We are in need of a team of two people to join the Altar Guild and serve on the third Saturday of every month. Most teams average an hour to complete their tasks. We hope you will answer the good Lord's call to serve in this ministry! Please email Velma Lee, AG chairperson, at vklee2014@gmail.com.



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Go to St. Peter's website, www.stpetershonolulu.org, and click on Amazon Smile. This takes you to the portal through which Amazon will donate a percentage of every sale to St. Peter's!



2022 Vestry
Senior Warden: Velma Lee
Junior Warden: Terry Dang
Treasurer: Nancy Rowe
Clerk: Karin Kimura
Rector: The Rev. Diane Martinson

Term expires in 2022:
Rose Baroza, Beth Cox, Gail Haruki
Term expires in 2023:
Karin Kimura, Bryan Matsumoto, Barry Wood
Term expires in 2024:
Sue Jennings, Janet Kim, Stephanie Wight



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

APR 02 Diane Martinson
Kelly Pang
APR 04 Ashlyn Thompson
APR 06 Greyson Kawamoto
Rodney Pang
APR 07 Mimi Wu
APR 08 Karla Lee
APR 09 Miriam Everhart
APR 11 Velma Kim
APR 12 Douglas Wood
APR 13 Edmund Choy
Arielle Lei Formoso
APR 14 Michael Turner
Mark Vlachos
APR 15 Sharleen Kwok
Roland Lum
APR 16 John Afong
Cheryl Saito
Willis Yap, Jr.
APR 20 Nikki Nakamoto
APR 21 Ron Kim
APR 24 Carole Kau
APR 25 Dawson Jones
APR 27 Gavin Lee
APR 28 Mary Fo
Lily Ing
APR 29 Jasmine Dayao
Loretta Loo
APR 30 Marley Connors

APRIL ANNIVERSARY

APR 23 Gary & Elise Karr