

August 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



"A MOMENT WITH MUSIC"
POSTED WEEKDAYS ON OUR CHURCH
FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE
6:00 AM



VESTRY MEETING
ZOOM
Tuesday, August 16
6:00 PM



For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

The past month I have been immersed in the journey of aging and end-of-life care for my parents. It has been a challenging, humbling, unsettling, and tender time. The journey continues for my parents, but I have returned home while another sibling has taken over. None of us knows the circumstances under which we will face the end of our lives or when that will come, but it is tempting to become so preoccupied with obligations and distractions in life that we avoid the creeping reality of aging and the inevitable progression toward the conclusion of this earthly existence—if, that is, we are fortunate enough to have a life long enough to experience aging. In truth, we are “aging” from the day we are born, but at some point—different for everyone—the scales tip from acquiring things, experiences, relationships to letting go and, eventually, letting go even to this earthly life itself. We came into this world completely vulnerable as infants and, for many of us, the full arc of human existence will return us once again to a state of vulnerability and a process of letting go.

Our Christian faith is built on vulnerability, although we don't always want to see or acknowledge that. Jesus embodied vulnerability. He entered the world as an infant and died at the hands of others—mocked, scorned, and hung on a cross. Jesus embraced vulnerability because in it was true strength, strength that came from trusting completely in God at work. That was revealed most dramatically in the resurrection. For us, trusting in God also requires vulnerability, a willingness to believe that God's plans for us really are for our welfare and not for harm, that it is God's desire to give us a future bright with hope. Letting go of that which is no longer realistic and accepting our vulnerability is ultimately the path to being born into new life.

Pastor Diane

An Eventful Summer for Episcopalians and Anglicans Worldwide!

This summer brought together bishops and delegates for both The 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church and the international Lambeth Conference.

The 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church was held July 8-11 in Baltimore, Maryland. This brings together bishops and elected lay delegates from every diocese of the church. For a summary of actions, resolutions, elections, budget information, and videos of the 80th meeting of the General Convention, go to www.generalconvention.org. This year in addition to Bishop Bob, the lay delegation included Kim Arakawa, Ryan Kusumoto, Mary Carpenter, Faye Hee, and Willis Moore, and the clergy delegation included Steve Costa, Alison Dingley, Keleawe Hee, Jenn Latham, Paul Lillie, and Hau'oli Tomoso. Usually held every three years, this General Convention was delayed a year due to COVID. The next General Convention, therefore, will be in 2024 in Louisville, Kentucky.

The international Lambeth Conference was convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury from July 26th through August 7th and took place at the University of Kent, Canterbury Cathedral, and Lambeth Palace. Held approximately every ten years since 1867, the Lambeth Conference brings together Episcopal and Anglican bishops from around the world to discuss church and world affairs and the global mission of the Anglican Communion in the decade to come. This year about 650 Anglican bishops—including more than 100 Episcopal bishops—were in attendance. The conference theme was “God’s Church for God’s World—Walking, Listening and Witnessing Together.” Together the Bishops explored what it means for the Anglican Communion to be responsive to the needs of a 21st century world.

To hear or read Presiding Bishop Curry’s address on human dignity, go to <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/message-from-presiding-bishop-michael-curry-on-lambeth-call-on-human-dignity/>

On that page, you will also find a link for other “Lambeth Calls” covering a wide array of topics —Mission and Evangelism, Safe Church, Anglican Identity, Reconciliation, Human Dignity, Environment and Sustainable Development, Christian Unity, Interfaith Relations, Discipleship, and Science and Faith.



Choir Begins Again - Sunday, September 11th!

Following a summer break, the choir is starting up again. No singing experience is needed, just a desire to praise God through song! Rehearsals take place between the services on Sunday mornings at 9:15am, followed by sharing of the music at the 10am service. Interested? Speak with Dr. Joseph Eppink.



Congratulations, Velma and Keith Lee!

This summer was noteworthy for our Sr. Warden, Velma Lee, and her husband, Keith, whom we affectionately call our "Jr. Sr. Warden" because of his helpful, patient, loving support of Velma as our Sr. Warden and the many tasks he willingly undertakes in caring for this church. In addition to celebrating their 39th wedding anniversary on July 30th, they both celebrated their 70th birthdays within a week of one another the end of June/early July. Vibrant,

faith-filled, and committed to the ministry and community of this church, they are a blessing to us all! Congratulations, Velma and Keith!

Photo taken with son Gavin and daughter Karla at their 70th brunch celebration.

A Treasure for All in the Church!

Thanks to the brainchild of Audrey Mueh and the exceptional generosity of both Audrey and Myra Kong, Dr. Joseph Eppink was commissioned to create a treasure not only for the current St. Peter's community but for generations to come. In January of 2021, Dr. Eppink had done a series for his "A Moment With Music" online morning meditation in which he paired hymns with St. Peter's stained glass windows. Audrey and Myra thought that would make a lovely book and,



indeed, it does! Dr. Eppink's labor of love is now in book form entitled, "**Windows of Light, Windows of Hope: The Stained Glass Windows at St. Peter's Episcopal Church**".

This extensive project includes information and details about each of the St. Peter's windows as well as a hymn chosen to fit the theme. It is a treasure being made available to every household of the church free of charge. Included with the book are companion links to online videos highlighting the hymn along with additional images of the window. If you haven't received your book yet, Dr. Eppink will have copies by the organ on Sundays or you can contact him directly, josepheppink@gmail.com, to make other arrangements. He will even autograph the book for you! We are most grateful to Audrey and Myra for this gift that will be a blessing for generations to come, to Joseph for his labor of love and beautiful work, to Ruth Merz and Velma Lee who served as editors extraordinaire, and all who Joseph called upon in this project.



BACPAC Prison Ministry

For the past several years, St. Peter's has participated in the Diocesan-wide ministry to provide a backpack with basic living essentials to those being released from prison, often with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Thanks to the leadership of Co-Chairs Keisha Webster and Haroldwyn Chang, St. Peter's has been providing five filled backpacks every quarter. Keisha and Haroldwyn thank those who help each quarter to fill the backpacks after the supplies are collected (pictured below are Eunice Wong, Haroldwyn Chang, Keisha Webster, and Michael Crandall). The Quarter Two backpacks are pictured with Umi and Ben along with Keisha. Ben and Umi, participants in the BACPAC Prison Ministry program, joined us during worship and presented St. Peter's with a certificate of appreciation for St. Peter's part in this ministry. Thank you for being with us, Ben and Umi! Collection has begun for the Quarter 3 backpacks. Check the Sunday bulletin for the supplies that are needed.



Habitat Lunch Bunch

Interested in nourishing the volunteers who build houses for those who would not be able to afford a home without volunteer labor? The Lunch Bunch has been supporting Habitat for Humanity for years by providing a nutritious lunch once a month (usually the third Saturday) when "a build" is in process. Sheri Yoshida plans the meals and organizes the cooking. Contact Sheri at sheriyoshida@hotmail.com to be part of this ministry. Thank you to all the volunteers who cook at home and in the church kitchen on the day of the build and to Myra Kong and Audrey Mueh who deliver and serve the meals!





Thank you to everyone who made our first Gather in the Garden event a success! The before and after pictures tell the tale! Planting beds were revitalized and are ready to go; two pallet gardens based on the theme of the "fruits of the Tree of Life" were constructed; a compost bin was assembled; and between painting; weeding, planting, and constructing MANY popsicles were

consumed and great fellowship was shared! It was a definite team effort with snacks, tools, recyclable materials, soil, and LOTS of hard work supplied by the volunteers - who ranged in age from 6 to 70+!

Our next "Gather in the Garden" event will be Saturday, August 20th. We will share lots of USEFUL info about recycling on Oahu: what can/cannot be recycled; how to make a little pocket money via recycling; and composting as a form of recycling food scraps. If you'd like to get more info on Green team "goings on", or have an idea to share...reach out to Muffin Hein: muffinhein1215@gmail.com.

Gail H and the "before" picture



After - let's get growing!



After - a place to gather



Hard working volunteers!



Princess Ke'elikōlani Middle School Outreach

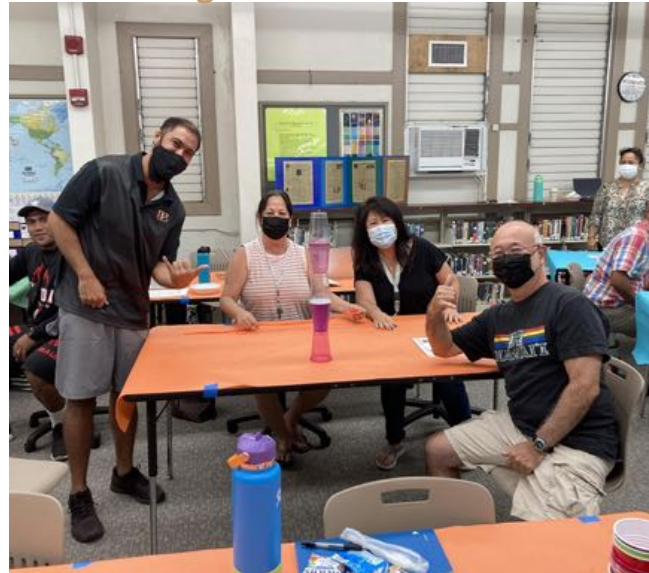
SO MUCH FUN! On Thursday, 7/28, Muffin H. delivered a teacher professional development program, (PD), for the faculty/staff at KMS. The theme of the PD was 'teamwork' and participants were given a STEM challenge to illustrate the importance and efficacy of constructive collaboration in educational settings. Much fun was had as teams tried to build the tallest tower while operating with some creative restrictions ... (e.g. must use your non-dominant hand; no verbal communication etc). Principal Joe P felt the energy in the room was 'super fun' and thanked us for the activity and the snacks! (who doesn't love snacks!)

Muffin explained that St Peter's will be coordinating an after school STEM club that will meet (we think) weekly: Wednesdays 1:30-4:00. The program will focus on collaborative STEM challenges and eventually the kids will build underwater robots and participate in local robot competitions. If you'd like to learn more about the program, can volunteer some time/snacks/ideas, PLEASE send Muffin a note. No prior educational or science experience needed! Muffinhein1215@gmail.com.

Collaboration is key!



The "winning" team!



KMS "CHECK" code: LOVE that they try to impart this to their kids!

Collaboration

Honesty

Excellence

Courage

Kindness

Talented Parishioners!

God has blessed us all with varied and unique talents. Featured here are the talents of two of our parishioners

Artist Eunice Wong:



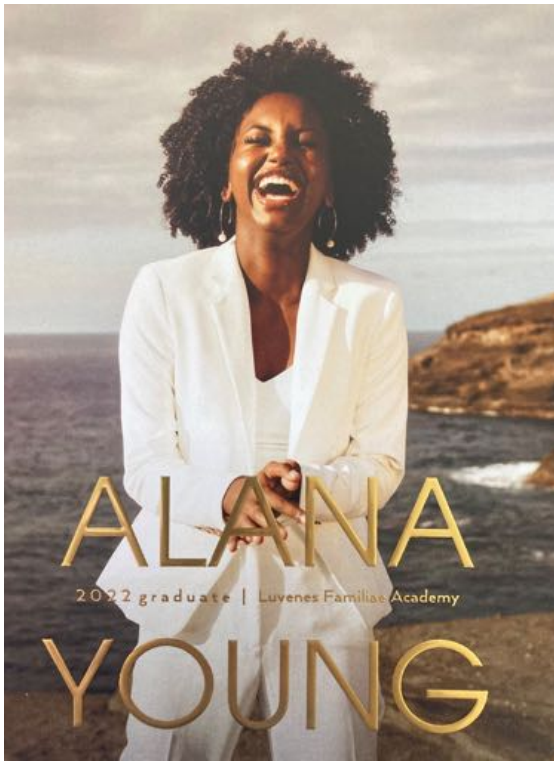
Parishioner Eunice Wong's artwork was displayed this summer in the 40th Anniversary Fiber Hawai'i exhibit at the Downtown Art Center. For this exhibit, Eunice chose a medium called "felting." Felting is one of the oldest forms of textile art involving matting, condensing, and pressing woolen fibers together. Featured in this exhibit were her whimsical pumpkins and a piece featuring felting and peyote beading.



Musician Chucky Nakao:

Many people learned of parishioner Chucky Nakao's weaving skills this past Easter Sunday when Chucky gifted the church with beautiful woven baskets from the palm branches that had been on the front gates of the church the past Sunday, but recently, the congregation also learned of his musical talent. Sunday, August 7th, Chucky shared, at both services, one of his original compositions, Trinity and You. For Chucky, writing and singing music is a way to express his faith and give glory to God.





Another High School Graduate!

In June of last year, the military moved Brian and Leah Young and their family of five children to the East coast where Brian participated in a special program at MIT. This summer, Brian and Leah proudly and joyfully notified us of the high school graduation of their eldest daughter, Alana, on August 6th. Alana plans to attend Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, North Carolina. Congratulations, Alana!

A note from Jenna Matsumoto, Class of 2022:

Dear St. Peter's Episcopal Church,
Thank you all for watching over me during my time here and I appreciate your support along my journey. My time worshipping with you has been so rewarding. Love, Jenna



Thank you from community partners:

Every year St. Peter's budgets support for various community partners who are able to do work we are not able to do on our own. In 2022, \$13,000 was designated for community support for the following partners: Institute for Human Services (IHS), Family Promise, Hawai'i Food Bank, River of Life, Kokua Mau, Honolulu Habitat for Humanity, Hawai'i Meals on Wheels, Lanakila Meals on Wheels, Hope Lodge, and Camp Mokuleia. These funds are distributed throughout the year. Recently we received letters of thank you from IHS and Camp Mokulē'ia:

We are so blessed by your continued partnership in our outreach ministry. In three months we hope to open a new triage center for homeless individuals who desire treatment and detox. Please pray for significant impact among our chronically homeless brothers and sisters!

Blessings,

Connie Mitchell

Executive Director

Aloha from Camp Mokulē'ia! Thank you so much for your generous donation! Since 1947 Camp Mokulē'ia has been a place for children and youth to connect with God in the midst of the beauty of God's incredible creation. Your gift will help us build on this strong foundation and expand our programs. Thanks again for supporting the ongoing ministry of Camp Mokulē'ia!

Mahalo,

Darrell Whitaker

Executive Director

Note: In this Diocese, Episcopal churches also take a special offering for Camp Mokulē'ia on Trinity Sunday (June 10th this year). St. Peter's contributed an additional \$475.00 from designated offerings this year.

Did you know that St. Peter's has a Columbarium?

This is an open-air Columbarium on the *mauka* side of the church that serves as a final resting place of beauty and serenity for parishioners, family members, and other Episcopalians who desire inurnment at a reasonable cost. Contact Susan in the church office for more information.

Ordering from Amazon?

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



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- AUG 01 Godfrey Fo
AUG 03 Marvis Lin Chun
AUG 06 Maile Ho-Turner
John Wang
AUG 08 Aimee Wond
AUG 09 Harley Clark
Kyle Saito
AUG 10 Ritabelle Fernandes
AUG 13 The Rev. Cn. Franklin Chun
AUG 14 Kevin Kawamoto
AUG 15 Sandy Allen
AUG 17 Lynette Yuen
AUG 26 Bruce Yamamoto
AUG 29 Barton Cox
Stanley Hino
Keisha Webster
AUG 31 Franklin Kau

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- AUG 06 Ritabelle Fernandes & Carina Agpaoa
AUG 09 Roland Tam & Kathleen Dos Santos-Tam
AUG 11 Raymond & Tiare Ono
AUG 12 Robert & Stephanie Wight
AUG 14 Kenneth & Estelle Inn