

June/July 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



VESTRY MEETING
ZOOM
Tuesday, June 21
6:00 PM



***But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.
Isaiah 40:31***

We have reached another season of graduation and with it the excitement of accomplishment and degrees earned, journeys completed and new adventures to be embraced. I remember well that giddy feeling of completing one dream while looking ahead to the next. A poster on the wall of my college dorm room had the above quote from Isaiah 40:31. At that time, it spoke to me as a young woman looking ahead to a future that was unknown but filled with possibilities. Now as I reflect back, I realize that this verse has served me well as a compass through many new adventures and changes as well as challenges in life.

Today I feel more of the challenge than the adventure. Hanging over this graduation season are the hateful killings in Buffalo and Uvalde, both by 18 year olds, young men who should have been preparing for graduations and new adventures, not plotting mass killings with military style weapons. I pray for the Lord to lift up those who are weary and broken-hearted with grief, and I pray for the hard work we must do to reach our lost youth and to remove easy access to firearms, particularly those designed for no other purpose than killing as many people as possible as quickly as possible.

The vast majority of the youth we celebrate during this graduation season are filled with passion and determination, dreams and vision for a better world. They give me hope. They care about the safety of our communities and the well-being of our planet earth. Let us surround them with our prayers that they will be lifted up in the strength of the Lord, that they will run and not be weary, walk and not faint, that love will be their guiding star leading them—and us—into the future.

Pastor Diane

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

In May, the Vestry met in person and enjoyed a delicious Chinese meal catered in by Myron and Beth Chang. The Vestry extends a huge mahalo to Myron and Beth!

Architect David Miller who designed the church renovations in the 1980's passed away on April 10, 2022.

Ke'elikōlani Middle School (formerly known as Central Middle School) will have a graduation ceremony for their eighth graders on Thurs., May 26. Martina Richard, daughter of Martin Richard and Fana Kovac, will be graduating with honors! Principal Joe Passantino is organizing a pilot project for the fall aimed at keeping students in school and is seeking funding. The Vestry expressed interest and requested a formal grant proposal for use of the Kay Wery funds.

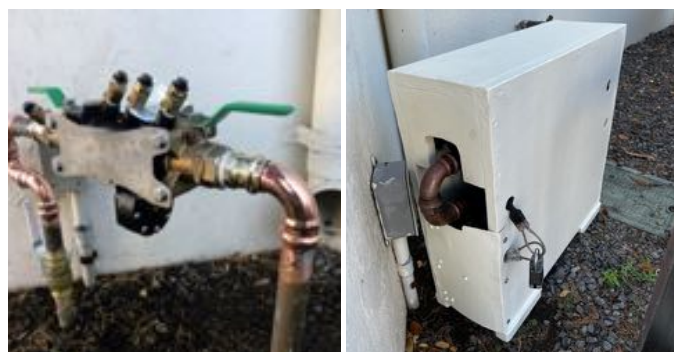
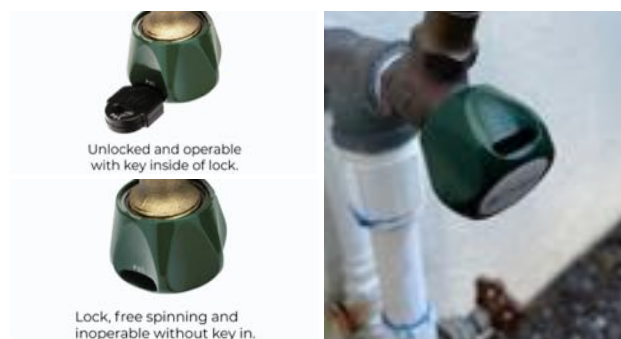
The balance of the funds gifted for the restoration of the steeple will be transferred to the Capital Improvement Funds because St. Peter's is over 100 years old. There seems to be an endless list of things that need to be repaired or updated.

Bishop Bob per the Diocesan Council requested "mission driven" ideas for use of the Cluett Apartment building. The Vestry had some discussion and Pastor Diane asked for any additional ideas to be given to her before a scheduled meeting of "stakeholders" on the Square on May 26th.

We have multiple graduates this year. Please read further in this newsletter for their photos and plans for the future.

Junior Warden Report: Terry Dang

We recently had some unauthorized use of our water, so a faucet lock was installed on the hose bibb. This lock has a unique free-spinning design to secure faucets and hose bibbs from unauthorized use, tampering and water theft. A magnetic key is needed to remove the lock otherwise the lock only spins.



About 6 months ago our water backflow manifold was replaced with a newer type. Unfortunately, someone was tampering with the valves and shutting off the water supply to the church property. Thanks to Keith Lee for designing and building a manifold cover to secure it from unwanted valve operation.



Sunday, June 5 was PENTECOST SUNDAY! What a spectacular day we had at St. Peter's. Special guest and liturgical dancer Elizabeth Lentz-Hill choreographed a dance to an arrangement of the hymn "Spirit of the Living God" and the song "Colors of the Wind" by Manny Dayao that beautifully led us from the sermon to the font where three young girls were baptized—Rie Connors and Arabella Nakamoto at 7:30am and Kennedy Thompson at 10:00am.



Intermittently throughout the service, we waved "Flaming Spirit Wands" created by Stephanie Wight that had brightly colored red, orange, and yellow fabric and ribbon. Our first Sunday of the month coffee hours were held after the services making this an extra-special festive day!



We also had a visit from Camp Mokulē'ia Executive Director, Darrell Whitaker, and four summer counselors—Dominic, Laura, Sidney, and Joey at the 10:00am service. After the service Camp Mokulē'ia summer counselors who worshiped at the Cathedral and St. Paul's joined together in St. Peter's Parish Hall for lunch organized and served by Velma and Keith Lee. A big mahalo to everyone who made Pentecost Sunday so special!



Lenten Mite Offerings

Through the season of Lent, people collected change and bills at home and in a large jar on the greeter's table on Sunday mornings for the Tonga Relief Fund of Episcopal Relief & Development. The grand total through those weeks reached \$885.87 and then a generous donor topped it up to \$1,085.87. In January of this year, an enormous underwater volcanic eruption and tsunami hit the Kingdom of Tonga. These funds will assist in the long process of recovery, particularly on the harder hit outer islands, that is ongoing.



PRESCHOOL

Mischa Jade Kawamoto is the daughter of proud parents, Kevin and Jennifer Kawamoto, and grandparents, Terry and Susan Dang. Mischa graduated preschool from Grace Fellowship Children Center. Jennifer writes that Mischa majored in "ABCs and 123s." Her next step is Kindergarten at Mililani Mauka Elementary School.



Lucas Honda is the grandson of our Bookkeeper, Richert Au Hoy and his spouse, Maria, and son of Matt and Cathy (Au Hoy) Honda. Lucas graduated from Angels at Play Preschool which is located at St. Peter's sister church, St. Mary's Episcopal. Gung Gung Richert has been the piano accompanist for the school music programs since 2017, and was thrilled and proud to be the accompanist for Lucas' graduation ceremony! Lucas will begin attending 'Iolani School in June.

MIDDLE SCHOOL



Martina Richard was promoted from Ke'elikōlani Middle School (formerly Central Middle School) at an outdoor ceremony at the school on May 26, 2022. Martina will be a freshman at McKinley High School in the fall. Martina is the daughter of Fana Kovac and Martin Richard.

HIGH SCHOOL



Sela Kimura graduated June 4 from 'Iolani School. Sela wrote, "Over the summer I am going on a few trips to see some concerts along with working as a TA at 'Iolani summer school. In the fall I will be attending the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, majoring in kinesiology. I am currently interested in going into physical therapy." Sela is the daughter of Taka and Karin Kimura.



Jenna Matsumoto graduated on June 4 from Hawai'i Baptist Academy at a ceremony held at the Convention Center. Jenna will attend Seattle University in the fall and plans to major in psychology. Jenna wrote that her summer plans are to "live up my last summer before school and work." Jenna is the daughter of Bryan and Tricia Matsumoto.



Madi Yee graduated from 'Iolani School on June 4 at an outdoor ceremony held on campus. Madi will attend Seattle University in the fall and plans to major in nursing with a possible minor in psychology.

Wyatt Jones graduated from Mid-Pacific Institute on May 28, 2022. In the fall, he will be attending St. Martin's University in Washington. He plans to major in Accounting. Wyatt is the son of Nikki Nakamoto and grandson of Audrey Mueh and of Annalee Jones who fabricated the 2017 altar window. Wyatt participated in that project by placing one of the red pieces into the window!



Hope Takazawa, granddaughter of Albert and Maureen Wong, graduated from 'Iolani School on June 4. Hope will attend Seattle University in the fall with a major in Biology. Her plans are to become a doctor in the future.

COLLEGE



Bernadette Agcaoili received a BS degree from the School of Nursing at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa on May 6th. Bernadette works at Queens Medical Center. Bernadette's first child, Charlotte Jade, born on January 4, 2022, was with her to celebrate. Proud parents and grandparents are Oriel and Caridad Agcaoili, St. Peter's Sexton and Custodians.



Join St. Peter's Green Team (Creation Care)!

Each congregation of the Diocese has been encouraged to organize a Green Team to bring issues pertaining to care of our earth to the forefront of congregational life. St. Peter's Green Team has been meeting by Zoom once a month, usually on

Wednesdays at 5:00pm. Many exciting ideas have surfaced. The work of the team is so important that this team of five would like to expand to include a few more people. Please prayerfully consider if you are someone being called to this work. Speak with Barton or Beth Cox at the 7:30am service or Konstantinos Karampakakis, Muffin Hein, or Velma Lee at the 10:00am service to learn more.

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

Another class of young women graduated from The Priory of St. Andrew's Schools on **Sunday, June 5th**. To celebrate the

outstanding work of this college preparatory school grounded in the Christian tradition of the Episcopal Church and begun by Queen Emma 155 years ago, please consider a gift to the **St. Andrew's Schools Queen Emma Square Scholarship Fund**. To date, we have raised almost \$18,000 toward the \$25,000 needed for the scholarship to be endowed. Once endowed, it will continue to make a St. Andrew's education possible for students in perpetuity. Checks can be made out to "St. Peter's Episcopal Church" with "School Scholarship Fund" on the memo line. Thank you!



Queen Emma Square Endowed Scholarship

Two St. Peter's Ministry Needs!

We continue to look for help with our website and brainstorming for the Thursday Jazz Vespers community.

St. Peter's Website - The basic upkeep of the website is not complicated, but it is essential as it is the primary way that visitors learn about St. Peter's and through which others worship online. The platform is Weebly and training will be provided. Please speak with Pastor Diane.



Meal fellowship on Thursday evenings following Jazz Vespers - We have a community of people who are eager to gather over a meal again once the virus isn't such a concern. Can you help us brainstorm what is possible? Contact Pastor Diane.

Sunday, June 12 - Camp Mokulē'ia Sunday
www.campmokuleia.org or 808-637-6241



The Diocese has designated Trinity Sunday (June 12 this year) as Camp Mokulē'ia Sunday and encourages special gift offerings for the camp. This jewel of the Diocese is located on the North Shore on the way to Ka'ena Point. Generations of young people have had life and faith enriching experiences at this camp. The survival of the camp depends upon our support. This year the camp celebrates its 75th anniversary! Consider a gift of \$75.00 or in increments of \$75! Checks can be made out to St. Peter's with "Camp Mokulē'ia" on the memo line or donations can be sent directly to Camp Mokulē'ia by mail or online at www.campmokuleia.org. Also, consider RSVPing to attend the 75th anniversary celebration at the camp on Saturday, September 3rd. The Rev. David Kennedy who became Board Chair in 2016 will be honored. Thank you for your support of this "Sacred Place of Rest, Recreation, and Renewal on the North Shore"!

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. Families only need to pay the deposit for your youth to attend Camp this summer! To learn more, go to www.campmokuleia.org/residential-camp-programs. Contact Pastor Diane for more information.

Family Stay-Cay Weekends at Camp Mokulē'ia - 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

A Life and Death Rescue by the USS Joseph Strauss

St. Peter's member Ron Kim retired this June after 47 years of affiliation with the Navy, first at the U.S. Naval Academy then active and reserve duty and most recently with civil service. Recently, he and his fellow officer shipmates from 40 years ago gathered for a reunion. Although it was their first reunion in all those years, they had a close bonding experience over their 6+ month deployment that has kept them close over the years.



The ship on which they served, USS Joseph Strauss, was involved in a rescue in 1980 in which every member of the Strauss association, whether they were on board at the time or not, has felt tremendous pride. Ron was assigned to the ship just after this historic rescue, and the reunion featured a keynote speaker from that rescue operation, Shelley McElheny.

In 1980, the crew of the USS Joseph Strauss, sailing in the South China Sea, received word that there was a 45-foot riverboat overflowing with refugees adrift in the ocean. Coming aside the little boat, they found 45 starving, dehydrated Vietnamese refugees. Forty-four survived. An infant was buried at sea who had been too weak to survive.

A teenager rescued that day was Ngoc Giang. She was 17 years old and traveling alone because her family could only afford to send one person. She, along with the others, boarded the riverboat in the middle of the night in South Vietnam, avoiding small arms fire as they made their way down the river before emerging into the sea. The plan was to motor south to Indonesia or Malaysia, a journey of several days at most. But the sea is not like the river. They lost their bearings, and then the engine stalled from water-diluted fuel that they had been sold. They drifted for 13 days until they were spotted by a Lockheed P-3 Orion aircraft which radioed the USS Joseph Strauss to make the rescue. Taken to Subic Bay Naval Base in the Philippines, and then a relatively brief stay in a refugee camp, Ngoc Giang and eight other young refugees eventually settled in a small apartment in Los Angeles, where she said they subsisted on stale bread and wore donated clothing. Ngoc Giang worked hard at learning English, attended a community college, and eventually earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and later a master's degree. Today, Ngoc Giang is known as Shelley McElheny, the keynote speaker at Ron's reunion. She is a Lockheed Martin Space Systems engineer, working for the very company that manufactured the plane that spotted her refugee boat and sent the USS Joseph Strauss to rescue them. What an inspirational reunion! Thank you, Ron, for sharing this story and for your service!

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.

Legacy Gifts

Have you considered St. Peter's in your estate planning? By remembering St. Peter's, you ensure a lasting legacy to God's ministry in and through this church. Some of the planned giving options that you can discuss with your estate planner include: bequests, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, memorial endowment funds, gifts of stock and real estate, donor-directed distribution agreements, charitable remainder trusts, and qualified charitable distributions. Designating gifts for "unrestricted use" is best as that allows the vestry to make decisions regarding best use of the bequest over the decades to come. Thank you for considering a gift that will further St. Peter's ministry for years to come!

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



JUNE BIRTHDAYS		JULY BIRTHDAYS	
JUN 04	Bertrand Fong	JUL 02	Lowell Chung
JUN 05	Denton Pang	JUL 03	Gary Karr
JUN 06	Rosa Dayao		Keith Lee
	Nani Ho	JUL 05	Cheryl Fong
JUN 07	Kennedy Thompson		Janet Kim
JUN 08	Kwai Tin Choy	JUL 07	Carina Agpaoa
JUN 09	Barbara Vlachos	JUL 16	Hailee Yamada
JUN 10	Melvin Kau	JUL 23	Caleigh Chun
JUN 11	Franklin Lum	JUL 24	Jaclyn Greeley
	Bryan Matsumoto	JUL 29	Tara Shibuya Arimoto
JUN 12	Christy Kwok		Cheryl Bochentin
JUN 13	Thomas Fargo		Laura Thue
JUN 14	Lyn Yee	JUL 30	Gail Haruki
JUN 18	Sheldon Tyau	JUL 31	Barry James
JUN 19	Konstantinos Karampakakis		
JUN 23	Pauline Young		
JUN 25	Glenn Pang		
	Robert Thue		
JUN 26	Tiare Ono		
JUN 27	Sonja Barba		
JUN 29	Velma Lee		
	Muna Richard		
	Doreen Yuen		
JUN 30	Myrna Chun-Hoon		

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES		JULY ANNIVERSARIES	
JUN 07	David & Ashlyn Thompson	JUL 01	Lynette & Stanford Yuen
JUN 13	Chandler & Nancy Rowe Jr.	JUL 02	Glenn & Jennie Pang
JUN 19	The Rev. Franklin & Norma Chun	JUL 07	Peter & Mimi Wu
	David Camp & Diane Chinn	JUL 08	Manny & Rosa Dayao
JUN 25	Robert & Karen Savala	JUL 10	Nick & Aimee Wond
JUN 28	Michael Turner & Maile Ho-Turner	JUL 14	Sean & Kristen Connors
JUN 30	Sharleen & Egbert Kwok	JUL 18	Haroldwyn & Ken Chang
		JUL 21	Timothy & Pamela Yuen
		JUL 30	Keith & Velma Lee