

May 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, May 7
AMELIA LAO MEMORIAL SERVICE
10:00 AM Visitation
10:30 AM Service

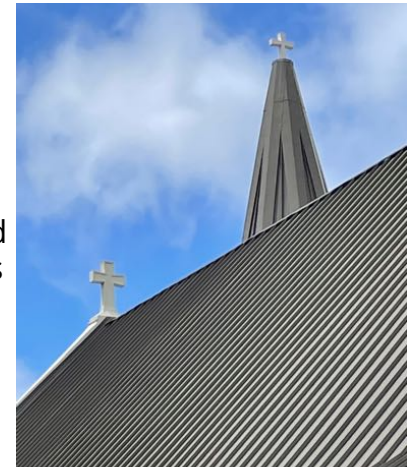
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
Sunday, May 8

VESTRY MEETING
Parish Hall
Tuesday, May 17
5:30 PM Dinner
6:00 PM Meeting



Lift High the Cross, the Love of Christ Proclaim!

St. Peter's had an Easter like no other this year. In August of 2018, the high winds of Hurricane Lane toppled the cross off the high steeple of the church. Drone photos showed the steel plate at the top of the steeple intact which provided time to design which provided time to design and fabricate a new cross. Later the old, damaged cross and pieces of a rotten wood base would be found when repairs were made to the high gutter.



The new cross was designed by St. Peter's architect, Glenn Mason, as a replica of the original cross, but like the old cross the goal was for it to



last another 100 years! That involved a master wood craftsman, Wayne Kieselbach, who carefully selected a piece of solid Western Red Cedar which he prepared by giving it three soakings in a turpentine and linseed oil mixture to make it resistant to rot and termites. After crafting the cross, it was given a coat of oil based primer, two coats of oil based gloss white paint, and then a lead "skirt" and cap were specially made for the cross. Following that, the cross was given several additional coats of paint to match the exterior of the church. Jim Harvey shepherded the cross through all these steps and then arranged with Constructors Hawai'i, the excellent contractor who did St. Peter's 2017 repairs and renovation, to supply a massive crane that would reach the top of the high steeple. Not certain what they would find when they reached the top with

numerous scenarios possible that would have delayed and/or extended the project, all went smoothly in half a day. The rusted plate was removed, a hole drilled, a plug inserted, a lead piece in the cross placed in the hole with cement around it to secure it and then additional adhesive to fasten it. With Pastor Diane on a cell phone eyeballing the cross from the middle school across the street and Jim Harvey and Jonathan from Constructors in the aerial bucket with another cell phone, the cross was positioned and sealed.



Of course, there's one other critical part to this story—the money needed for this project. Back in 2018, the first parishioner to realize that the cross was missing from the high steeple was St. Peter's oldest member at the time, Eleanor Chang. At 101, she was still in the pew every Sunday. That very week, she seeded a fund to have the cross replaced. After her death, her family gifted the church with additional funds to complete the project. With grateful thanks to Eleanor Chang, baptized at St. Peter's two years after the church was built in 1914, and her family, a cross is once again lifted high into the sky on top of the St. Peter's steeple proclaiming the love of Christ for generations to come!



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

Pastor Diane received new oils from the Chrism Mass and Spring Training on Apr. 2. She uses the oils to bless individuals at baptism and for healing.

Since Japan has relaxed some of their COVID restrictions, the Watabe staff will receive a refresher course about St. Peter's before their first wedding occurs in June.

Bishop Bob will visit St. Peter's on All Saints Sunday, November 6. Baptism, confirmation, and reaffirmation of baptismal vows will take place when the Bishop is with us. Baptisms will also take place on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th. Please contact Pastor Diane if you are interested in baptism, confirmation, or reaffirmation.

There has been no change in the electricity bill since the installation of the new water heater regulator, possibly because we haven't had any large gatherings in the parish hall so there was no need to turn on the water heater.

Pastor Diane will be attending the required ELCA Pacifica Synod Assembly in California from May 18-22. Father Phil Paradine will be our guest preacher at both services on Sun., May 22.

Thank you to Velma Lee and the Altar Guild Members!

Velma, St. Peter's Altar Guild Chair, is also a skilled arranger of floral bouquets having worked at Stanley Ito Florist in earlier years. She designed the two altar bouquets for Easter Sunday, a tulip bouquet, and embellished the Easter lilies by the font with baby's breath and ferns. The results were magnificent! Cheryl Saito, Haroldwyn Chang, Rae Gorman, Myrna Chun-Hoon, and Cheryl Bochentin designed the daffodil and tulip bouquets for the chancel railings. How beautiful the church looked on Easter morning!



Thank you also to the many helpers who polished the pews and brass. We had some photos in last month's newsletter. Here are a few more:



Thank you to Cheryl Saito!

Once again, Cheryl taught eager pupils how to fold palm leaves to make crosses. St. Peter's has a tradition of folding palm crosses the Saturday before Palm/Passion Sunday. The crosses are blessed at the Sunday service and then folks can keep them through the year, returning them the next year for burning to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.



Beautifully Woven Easter Baskets



Did you see the coconut palm fronds on the gate of St. Peter's on Palm/Passion Sunday, April 10th? Every year, Cheryl Bochentin graciously gifts the church with beautiful fronds from her trees. This year, Chucky Nakoa took those fronds and created beautiful woven baskets for our Easter Sunday celebration. People were delighted to see the beauty of these functional works of art. Multiple requests have come in for Chucky to teach a class, and conversations are underway. If you are interested, let us know!



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, including a survey that will come out soon with a host of creation care ideas and opportunities to consider. 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 Muffin Hein, Velma Lee, or Konstantinos Karampakakis once he returns from Greece at the 10:00am service.

Children's Christian Formation Pop-Up

Stephanie Wight will continue the Sunday morning Children's Christian Formation Pop-Up with "Tales from the Bell Tower" through Pentecost Sunday, June 5th. This experience is designed for preschoolers through 3rd graders. It is held between the services in the Bell Tower at the back of the sanctuary. Contact Stephanie or Pastor Diane for more information.

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

Another class of young women will graduate 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 are still looking for help with our website and meal fellowship 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 are hearing wistful longings for this fellowship to resume. Please consider being part of a team to brainstorm what is possible. Contact Pastor Diane.

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Bristol Hospice

OR SCAN HERE TO GET STARTED!

From Dr. Joseph Eppink: Opportunities for Teens (and Adults)!

Did you know that Dr. Eppink, St. Peter's Director of Music, coordinates and trains the volunteers for Bristol Hospice? Joseph is excited about new volunteer opportunities for teens.

Here's Joseph:
Bristol Hospice has started a new volunteering program for teenagers 14 and older! This is a great opportunity for youth to work with patients, families, and veterans throughout the community. Bristol Hospice has a large and very active We Honor Veterans program (See article below.) and the year ahead will focus on houseless veterans.

Teens are invited to apply and choose from a wide variety of opportunities which include visiting patients and families, sending cards, phone and zoom calls, walking the family's dog, arts, crafts, playing games, spending time showing patients places they've lived via an iPad, working with veterans around the community. Other opportunities include community events such as working the Bristol booth at the Alzheimer's Walk or Pride Festival or taking part in the walks.

All volunteers receive excellent training on how to be a volunteer as well as end-of-life care, veteran issues, houseless issues, eco-friendly burial, and much more. Continuing education is open to all staff, volunteers, and the community. Moreover, volunteers have

a rare opportunity to build great relationships with other volunteers of all ages and to become part of a community of people who do what they can for people who so need them and are extremely appreciative!

Teens go through the same volunteer training including the Medicare requirements such as a 2-step TB, etc. In addition, a parent or guardian needs to sign their paperwork and also become a volunteer to make sure our teens are safe and have the best volunteering experience possible.

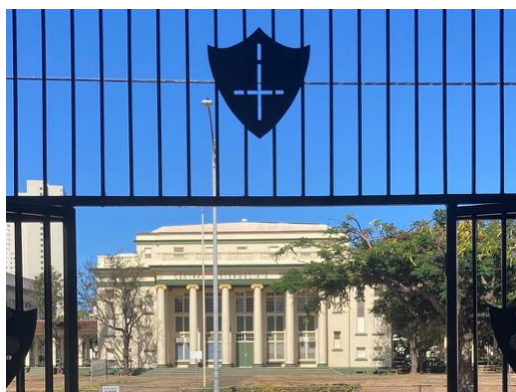
To become a volunteer of any age, go to www.bristolhospice-volunteer.com and create a free account. Joseph Eppink will be in touch with you soon after that. Please feel free to ask him any questions on Sundays or email him at joseph.eppink@bristolhospice.com.

We Honor Veterans Vietnam Welcome Home Program

As part of the We Honor Veterans program of Bristol Hospice, Joseph presented pins and certificates to three of St. Peter's Vietnam veterans who worship regularly at the 7:30am service—Harley Clark, Robert Wight, Barton Cox. The



certificates were in conjunction with the National Vietnam Veterans Day on March 29, 2022, and were presented at the April First-Sunday-of-the-Month Coffee Hour between services (Barton was off island). The certificates read, "In honor and recognition of your service and the service of all in the Vietnam War, we pay special tribute to you for your military service to America and for advancing the universal hope of freedom and liberty for all." Thank you, Robert, Harley, Barton, and all other Vietnam veterans within the St. Peter's community, for your service to our country.



Another Community Volunteer Opportunity:

Ke'elikōlani Middle School (formerly Central Middle School) is looking for athletic coaches and academic tutors who can commit to once a week, 1:30-4pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. St. Peter's has had a long history of involvement with this school across the street. The school is challenged with a high percentage of English learner students and those who live under the poverty level. Math and English scores are the lowest on Oahu. They need and welcome our help. Please speak with Pastor Diane for more information.

St. Andrew's Schools Summer School and Summer Adventure



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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:

Family Stay-Cay Weekends at Camp Mokulē'ia - Four weekends are offered: 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

Do you remember reading about the Congressional Gold Medal that was awarded to Chinese Americans in a special ceremony in February? (Read about it in St. Peter's February newsletter.) Originally, the ceremony was to be held in 2020, but the pandemic caused it to be postponed. One member of that august group, **Gilbert Hong Hin Hee**, however, died the day before he would have received his medal. Gilbert Hee is the uncle of St. Peter's Jr. Warden, Terry Dang. On May 4th, the Congressional Gold Medal was posthumously awarded to Uncle Gilbert. Terry's Aunt Ethel received the medal on behalf of Gilbert before a gathering of family, in person and by Zoom. The ceremony was featured in a special segment on Hawaii News Now. Retired U.S. Major General Robert Lee, who is one of those spearheading this effort to recognize the service and sacrifice of Chinese American veterans, spoke at the ceremony. He explained, "Why is this so late in coming? That's how it was back then. Chinese Americans, most Asian Americans, weren't nominated for combat awards." The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest civilian award issued by Congress. Congratulations to the Dang family and to all those veterans who valiantly served this country but were not given the recognition they deserved at that time.



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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



MAY BIRTHDAYS

MAY 01 Nicholas Allen
MAY 03 Michele Baldovi
Rosie Ching
MAY 06 Elton Choy
MAY 07 Sue Jennings
MAY 08 Gabriela Wond
Jaime Wond
MAY 10 Jennifer Kawamoto
MAY 13 Randall Chun
MAY 18 Fana Kovac
MAY 20 Dennis Pang
MAY 22 Ryan Ono
MAY 31 Liana Kanuha
Carolyn Nakao

MAY ANNIVERSARY

MAY 05 Douglas & Rizalina Wood
MAY 15 Elton & Paulette Choy
MAY 17 Willis & Janice Yap Jr