

April/May 2023

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



## St. Peter's Easter Sunday Celebration was Glorious!

The Easter gospel message and eucharist along with—  
Stunning flower arrangements designed by Velma Lee  
and the Altar Guild,  
Stupendous music by Dr. Joseph Eppink, Manny Dayao,  
and Mike Lewis on trumpet,  
Sparkling elementary school acolytes at the 7:30am  
service and  
Stellar high school acolytes at the 10:00am service,  
Spiritually blessed backpacks for those beginning anew  
following a time in prison,  
And lots of Smiling people!





Grateful thanks to the creative artists who designed this year's Easter flower arrangements under the attentive direction of Velma Lee: Cheryl Bochentin, Haroldwyn Chang, Jocelyn Choy, Rae Gorman, Ann Ho, Sim Kau, Jennie & Glenn Pang, and Cheryl Saito.



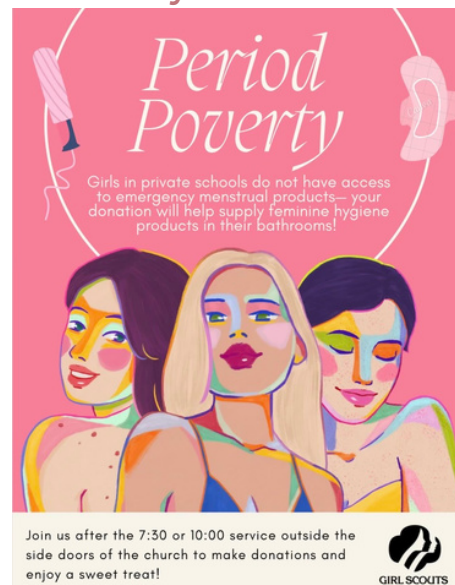
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR! April 30th - AED/CPR training  
CPR/AED Refresher, Sunday, April 30th,  
in the sanctuary following both services**

Did you know that we have AED (automated external defibrillator) devices in both the sanctuary and the Parish Hall? Look for the device shaped like a red heart. These devices save lives. They are easy to use, but it's important that we all know where the devices are and how to use them. Sunday, April 30th following both services, Chucky Nakao and Jennifer Kawamoto will lead us in a refresher course in using both the AEDs and in performing CPR on mannequins. Don't miss this important training!



### Support Alli Yee and her fellow Girl Scouts in Ending Period Poverty Sunday, April 30th

Aloha! Alli, Mari, and Tamara are Girl Scouts with troop 723 at 'Iolani school, and we are working on a take action project about sisterhood. Our hope is to destigmatize periods to empower girls and provide pads and tampons for the girls at St. Andrew's Priory. In order to purchase these emergency products, we are asking for your gracious donations to help us reach our goal. For just \$20, we would be able to provide them with over 60 pads and 30 tampons, a perfect beginning supply for one bathroom. As a token of our appreciation, we baked some sweet treats to share with you all. We will be at both congregations on April 30, and look forward to seeing you!



### Getting Ready for Easter - What happy “polishers” we have in this church!

Thank you to the many who polished pews and brass for our Easter celebration and to Velma Lee, Chair of the St. Peter's Altar Guild, for coordinating the activity. Here are just a few of our happy “polishers” (clockwise from left - Lily and Jasmine Dayao, Terry Dang, Rae Gorman, Cheryl Bochentin, Myrna Chun-Hoon):



### Palm Fronds for Palm/Passion Sunday!

Grateful thanks to Cheryl Bochentin for supplying palm fronds used in decorating the church for Palm/Passion Sunday, the making of palm crosses, and the weaving of baskets!



### 200 Palm Crosses Folded - Saturday, April 1st

Thank you to Cheryl Saito, Instructor for the palm cross folding. All who participated had great fun folding 200 palm crosses!—yes, 200!! The tradition is to keep your palm cross through the year as a reminder of your walk with Christ. Then before Ash Wednesday 2024, you can return it to church for it to be burned into ashes for Ash Wednesday. Special thanks to Father Frank Chun who officiated and preached on Palm/Passion Sunday while Pastor Diane was in Wisconsin at her father's funeral.



### Basket Weaving Workshop - Saturday, April 8

Last year Chucky Nakoia gifted the church with beautiful woven baskets from the palm branches on the front gate of the church. This year he taught others how complicated this art form is! Eager and enthralled students were Cheryl Bochentin, Mei Ching, Lin Chun, Terry Dang, Ann Ho, Sue Jennings, Junko Kobayashi-Uyetake, Maiesha Stovall, Barbara Vlachos, and Keisha Webster & Konstantinos Karampakakis.



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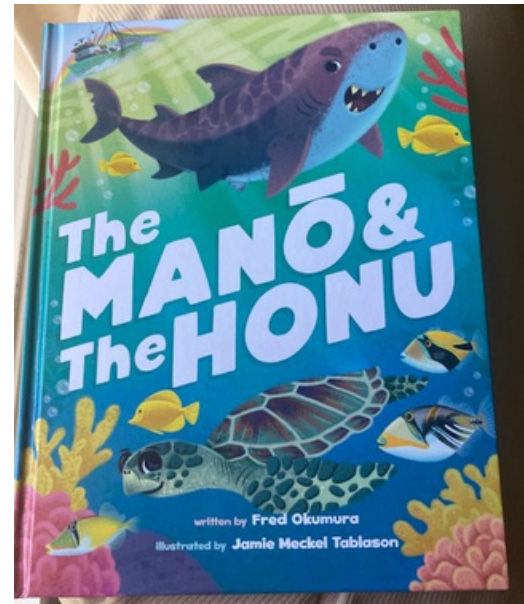
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Members of the Hawaii Quilt Guild range in age from middle-schoolers to great-grandmothers and from beginners to accomplished artists with works shown in juried shows across the country. One of the accomplished artists who has received numerous awards for her quilts is



St. Peter's member, Estelle Inn. Here she is with her quilt entitled, "Double Happiness." Stop by the show and check out the intricate detail of Estelle's quilt and many more beautiful pieces of quilting art!

### Fred Okumura has a new book!

Fred Okumura, St. Peter's very own children's book author, has written his fifth book! This book is titled *The Manō & The Honu*. Based on an Aesop's fable, it guides young readers in learning to be kind to one another and to help each other. Fred distributes his books free of charge to lower elementary school children of Title 1, low-income household schools on O'ahu. However, once again, Fred also wants to make this book available to families of the congregation who have children or grandchildren who are age seven or younger—one book per family, please, so that as many families as possible may receive a book. If you have a child or grandchild who is seven or under, please give the church office a call, 808-533-1943, to sign-up for book by Sunday, May 7th.



### Episcopal Youth Event 2023 (EYE23) Delegation

After needing to cancel the Episcopal Church's triennial youth event in 2020 due to COVID, Episcopal youth from all over the country are ready to meet again in 2023! This July they will gather at the University of Maryland for a fun-packed five days of worship, guest speakers, workshops, and service projects. The Hawai'i delegation consists of thirteen youth and three chaperones from churches on O'ahu, Maui, and the Big Island. Our own Martina ("Marmar") Richards is one of them. We are excited for you, Martina!

### We have a new neighbor! Lydia House

Our closest building to St. Peter's on Queen Emma Street, the building just mauka of the church, is now called "Lydia House," and is run by the Lili'ūokalani Trust. Lydia House is a drop-in day center for youth ages 16-26, with their target population being vulnerable youth coming out of the child welfare or juvenile justice systems. While many resources are available for those under age 18, these services end when the young person becomes a legal adult even though they may not be prepared to survive on their own. Lydia House aims to fill that need by providing a safe, welcoming space rooted in the spirit of aloha in honor of the Queen. The day center offers hot showers, meals, a laundry facility, computer access, video games, a music room, a craft center, and other services. This is the first of its kind in the islands, so they are taking a gradual start with a limited schedule of operation on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-4pm. The days and hours will expand as time progresses.

Lydia House also runs the attached apartment building on the corner of Queen Emma and Old Vineyard. In addition to the drop-in day center, the Trust is able to offer apartments to unhoused youth between 16-26 who are of Hawaiian ancestry.

There are ways we will be able to assist Lydia House once they are up and running. If you are interested in helping to build this relationship, please speak with Pastor Diane. For more information, go to [www.lydiahousehi.org](http://www.lydiahousehi.org)

### BACPAC Project

By now, you probably know that we collect enough supplies every quarter to fill five backpacks with basic items to begin life again after prison—body care products, bedding and towels, food, and miscellaneous items like toilet paper and laundry detergent



Pods. But do you know what BACPAC stands for? It's an acronym for "Building Acceptance and Compassion/Promoting Action and Commitment!" This is part of a Diocesan-wide ministry to the incarcerated. When those who have been incarcerated have served their term, the prison door is opened, but then they are on their own. These backpacks with essential daily supplies get them started along their path of reintegration into society. On Easter Sunday, we blessed another five backpacks on their way. Thank you to coordinators, Keisha Webster and Haroldwyn Chang and to Cheryl Bochentin, Morley Chian, and Maiesha Stovall who assisted with the packing this quarter.

### March 16th - "Under the Lights" potluck

A second delicious and enchanting potluck was held in the garden after Jazz Vespers on March 16th. Many, many thanks to Muffin Hein who added so many special touches, to Velma Lee with her organizing skill, to Ann Ho for the generosity and abundance of her participation, and the "supporting cast" that made this evening such a wonderful time of fellowship!





**The Church is Gathering in Baltimore!** The Episcopal Church is calling everyone to Baltimore July 9-12, 2023 for a festival entitled, "It's All About Love: A Festival for the Jesus Movement." Featuring Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, President Julia Ayala Harris of the House of Deputies of the Episcopal Church, and theologian Brian McLaren, there will also be a host of other speakers and workshop leaders engaging participants in issues and action around evangelism, reconciliation, and creation. If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Diane know. For more information, go to <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/its-all-about-love/>



### Camp Mokulē'ia Summer Opportunities

Registration is open for Camp Mokulē'ia's summer camps for youth!

**CAMP** *Mokule'ia*

Early Bird Registration Deadline: May 5, 2023  
(\$50-100 savings)

Scholarship monies are available for **all** campers. Speak with Pr. Diane. For more information, visit [www.campmokuleia.org](http://www.campmokuleia.org)

#### Residential Camps:

**Mini-Camp for Grades 1-2** - July 9-11

**Elementary Camps for Grades 2-5** - June 18-23, June 25-30, July 9-14, July 16-21

**Middle School Camps for Grades 6-8** - June 18-23, June 25-30, July 9-14, July 16-21,

\*NEW\* **Adventure Camp**, July 23-28 (off-site hike, surfing, kayaking)

**Adventure Camp for Grades 6-8** - July 23-28

**Senior High Camp for Grades 9-12** - June 18-23

#### A message from Pastor Diane:

Thank you for your understanding, thoughtfulness, prayers, and generosity during this time of my father's challenging illness, sudden death, and funeral. I am most grateful for all of you and truly blessed that you called me to be your pastor. I want to give a special, heart-felt "shout out" to Father Frank Chun for leading worship while I was away over Palm/Passion Sunday. Thank you!





### **Graduate in the Family?**

The end of the school year is fast approaching! Do you have a graduate in the family? Let us know! We would like to congratulate and include your graduate in the newsletter. Please call the church office and let us know your graduate's name, the school of the graduate, and where and what the graduate will be doing next!

**Giving Statements** - This year giving statements will be sent at mid-year. If you would like a first quarter giving statement, you may request one by contacting the church office and speaking with Richert, our bookkeeper.

### **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.



#### **2023 Vestry**

**Senior Warden: Velma Lee**

**Junior Warden: Dan Ching**

**Treasurer: Nancy Rowe**

**Clerk: Karin Kimura**

**Rector: The Rev. Diane Martinson**

#### **Term expires in 2023:**

**Karin Kimura, Bryan Matsumoto, Barry Wood**

#### **Term expires in 2024:**

**Sue Jennings, Janet Kim, Stephanie Wight**

#### **Term expires in 2025:**

**Paula Choy, Chucky Nakao**



**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

APR 02 Kelly Pang  
Diane Martinson  
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 Barry Wood  
APR 13 Edmund Choy  
APR 14 Michael Turner  
APR 15 Sharleen Kwok  
APR 16 John Afong  
Willis Yap, Jr.  
Cheryl Saito  
APR 20 Nikki Nakamoto  
APR 21 Ron Kim  
APR 24 Carole "Dani" Kau  
APR 25 Dawson Jones  
APR 27 Gavin Lee  
APR 28 Mary Fo  
APR 29 Loretta Loo  
Jasmine Dayao  
APR 30 Marley Connors

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

MAY 01 Nicholas Allen  
MAY 03 Michele Baldovi  
Rosie Ching  
MAY 06 Elton Choy  
MAY 07 Sue Jennings  
MAY 08 Gabriela Wond  
Jamie 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

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

APR 09 Kevin & Jennifer Kawamoto  
APR 23 Gary & Elise Karr

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

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