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# December Newsletter

*A Beacon of Hope, A Call to Serve*



## **Sunday, December 24th Worship**

**9:30am** - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

**NOTE:** One service time only; No Children's Christian Formation

**5:30pm** - The Christmas Story at the Cathedral  
*with St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, St. Peter's and  
St. Andrews and 'Iolani Schools*

**8:00pm** - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at St. Peter's

## **Monday, December 25th Worship**

**9:30am** - Christmas Day Festive Worship at St. Peter's

## **Sunday, December 31st Worship**

**9:30am** Worship

**NOTE:** One service time only; No Children's Christian Formation



## 2023 Episcopal “Journeying the Way of Love” Advent Calendar - Downloadable

To accompany the “Journeying the Way of Love” curriculum, use the Advent calendar, which offers daily suggestions for engaging in the seven practices that encompass the Way of Love: turn, learn, pray, worship, bless, go, and rest. The calendar can also be used as a standalone resource—keep it at your desk or on your fridge and refer to it every day!

[Download the Advent Calendar](#)

or go to <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2023/09/EN-2023-Advent-Calendar-for-Design-2.pdf>

## Consider Alternative Gift Ideas this Christmas



These are “gifts that keep on giving” as well as fair trade marketplace gifts to consider!

**Episcopal Relief & Development** offers “Gifts for Life” in the name of loved ones and friends. Check out their catalog at [episcopalrelief.org/gifts](http://episcopalrelief.org/gifts) or call 1-855-312-4325. There are a wide variety of gifts. Here are just a few: beehives \$35, flock of chickens \$25, mosquito nets & training \$12. This can be a fun “shopping” experience with kids and grandkids!

AND

Uniquely crafted, global gifts where profits go directly to the artisans:

**SERRV** - <https://www.serrv.org>

**UNICEF Market** - [www.market.unicefusa.org](http://www.market.unicefusa.org)

## Senior Warden Corner: Velma Lee Highlights of Fall Vestry Meetings



Children's Christian Formation is off to a great start with new leadership: Uncle Beez (aka Bryant Zane), Uncle Chucky (Nakoa) and Miss Muffin (Hein).

Cameron Andrews and Jimmy Chapman who join us online every Sunday from California came by the church in October to greet us! They were very happy to meet Pr. Diane and to pray in the sanctuary amidst the stained glass windows!



In addition to everyone listed on p. 19 of the Elders Booklet, we are grateful to Nancy Rowe and the K2P2 ladies for knitting the lap blankets and shawls. The special Elders appreciated these items to keep them warm in the A/C care facilities where they reside. We also appreciate the handiwork of Ann Ho who braided 20 beautiful ribbon lei for all of the Elders. They enjoyed wearing them!



Thank you very much to everyone who came to polish the koa pews and wainscoting on Sat., Oct. 21. The pews and wainscoting really needed the polishing, just in time for the holidays!



Several outreach ministries were completed:

- A buffet lunch for the 60 faculty members at the Ke'elikolani Middle School (formerly known as Central Middle School),
- 20 individual box lunches for the working crew of Habitat for Humanity in Waimanalo,
- 35 containers of the signature chicken jook by the Soul Food Ministry group.
- Refreshing Shave Ice was prepared for the ballet students

Many maintenance jobs were completed with the following replacements: 3/4" parish hall garden hose bib valve, two broken parish hall exterior floodlights, and exterior fire escape floodlight bulb. The plumber fixed the leaks in the kitchen faucet and Joseph's toilet; also, the pedestal fan cord's 3 wire plug was repaired. Special thank you to Leonard from AA who used a lot of elbow grease and a special cleaner to get the dirty Parish Hall floor in better condition for the ballet students who practice on Saturdays.







**Highlights from Velma (continued)**

A 55" large screen TV was donated by Elaine Lo's Family, and placed on a rolling TV stand obtained by Manny Dayao from 'Iolani School. It is now kept in the Education Room secured by a locked door.

Stephanie Wight and Nancy Rowe are working diligently to put up signage around the church and Parish Hall for the safety of everyone.

Chucky Nakoa will provide special music for our Thanksgiving Day service at 9:30 a.m. on Thurs., Nov. 23, 2023.

There will be a intergenerational gathering between St. Peter's and the Tokaikolo congregations on Sun., Dec. 3 from 3:30-6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Sign-Up sheets for this potluck event are available at each door.

Nominations for three vestry members and 10 delegates to the Diocesan Episcopal Convention in Oct. 2024 are being taken by Karin Kimura, Bryan Matsumoto, and Barry Wood. Please contact them or Pastor Diane if you are interested in participating in either or both the vestry or the convention.

Everyone should have received their pledge statements up until October 31, 2023. The balance of your pledge is much appreciated and needs to be received by the church office on or before December 31, 2023, for it to appear on your 2023 donation statement. We are ever so grateful for all contributions!

**Kupuna Transportation Project** - Are you 55 years or older and drive? Catholic Charities needs you! They are looking for those 55 and up to drive and assist kupuna to appointments and on errands so they can remain independent in their homes. Contact Julie Chang, Program Volunteer Coordinator at 808-527-4783 or email [julie.chang@catholiccharitieshawaii.org](mailto:julie.chang@catholiccharitieshawaii.org).



*Need a Ride?*



**Note: IRS Reminder regarding 2023 Donations**

Per the IRS, all donations and pledge contributions need to be postmarked by December 31st in order to appear on your 2023 Giving Statement. Thank you for your faithfulness in continuing to support the ministry of this church through this pandemic!



## Fun & Learning in Children's Christian Formation!

### Circle time on the carpet with Uncle Beez and Uncle Chucky in the Adventure Room...



### In the Garden with Ms. Muffin...

Commented Ms. Muffin: We reflected on how the miracle of one sunflower producing hundreds of seeds in the next generation was similar to the miracle with Sarah and Abraham and their promised descendants.



That's one **big** sunflower!



## Care Boxes for Students

November 5th care boxes were packed and shipped to thirteen St. Peter's college students and two high school students studying off island! Students have been writing in to express their thanks. One student's comment summed up what many wrote, "Thank you for so much for the kind gift you sent me in the mail! I was really starting to miss snacks from Hawai'i and really appreciate the church thinking of me." Many thanks to the congregation for donating the snack items and to Sharleen Kwok and Tricia Matsumoto who coordinated the collection, organized the packing of the boxes, and for sending them on their way!



## From the Environmental Justice Task Force of the The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i:

**FOOD WASTE: A MESSY PROBLEM AND THE GOOD NEWS** - The New York Times recently reported on an initiative taken by the South Korean government to eliminate food waste (see [HERE](#)). In 2021 the [Hawai'i State Legislature noted](#) that nearly 523 million pounds of food is wasted each year here in Hawai'i, approximately 26% of the state's total food supply. Though the bill introduced by the legislature in 2021 did not ultimately pass, food waste is a pressing and important issue to address in Hawai'i. The good news is while the state is not yet taking action, others are. The City of Honolulu is conducting its own pilot program to test a different path for food waste (<https://www.resilientoahu.org/ocp>). A second project builds on the first pilot, taking the food waste from seven Windward schools and converting it to compost. Here are some ways to reduce or recycle food waste:

- **Shop Smart** - Be mindful of how much food you purchase and store, that spoils or goes uneaten - multiple small trips to the store may be helpful.
- **Learn to Worm!** - Learn about vermicomposting [HERE](#).
- **Countertop Composting** - No backyard? Check [this review](#) of the 5 best countertop compost systems.



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- DEC 03 Philip Yuen
- DEC 04 Sara Yap
- DEC 08 Ale Kaneshiro
- DEC 09 Joshua Baldovi
- DEC 11 Sela Kimura
- DEC 12 Austin Thompson  
Kevin Ho  
Philip Chun  
Rae Gorman
- DEC 15 Karin Kimura  
Char Sinclair
- DEC 16 Rebecca Ching
- DEC 17 Amy Ono  
Dan Ching  
Rachel Naai
- DEC 19 Lindsey Ono
- DEC 23 Margaret Chun
- DEC 24 Maiesha Stovall
- DEC 25 Edmund Wong
- DEC 29 Peter Wu
- DEC 30 Kekoa Turner  
Sarah Fargo  
Tyler Dos Santos-Tam

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**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

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Have you considered serving on Vestry or as a St. Peter's Delegate for Diocesan Convention? Want to learn more? Speak with Pastor Diane or any of the current Vestry members!



Muffin Hein, Konstantinos Karampakakis, and Dan Ching (behind the camera) were up to something at Ke'elikōlani Middle School on Halloween! Ask them about it!