

October/November 2023

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



"FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH" COFFEE HOUR
CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN FORMATION BEGINS!
ADULT FORUM WITH KYLIE AKINO, ACLU

Sunday, October 1
9:00 AM



COMMEMORATION OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
WITH PET BLESSINGS

Sunday, October 8



K2P2 KNITTING MINISTRY

Saturday, October 14
9:30 - 11:30 AM



CELEBRATION OF OUR ELDERS
(90 AND ABOVE!)

Sunday, October 15



ANNUAL DIOCESAN EDUCATION DAY

'Iolani School
Friday, October 20



ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION

'Iolani School
Saturday, October 21



OCTOBER VESTRY MEETING

Parish Hall
Sunday, October 22
11:30 AM



K2P2 KNITTING MINISTRY

Saturday, October 28
9:30-11:30 AM



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

"FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH" COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, November 5



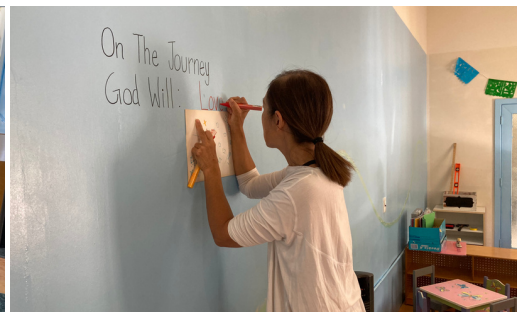
THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

Sunday, November 23
9:30 AM

Parents and Grandparents!

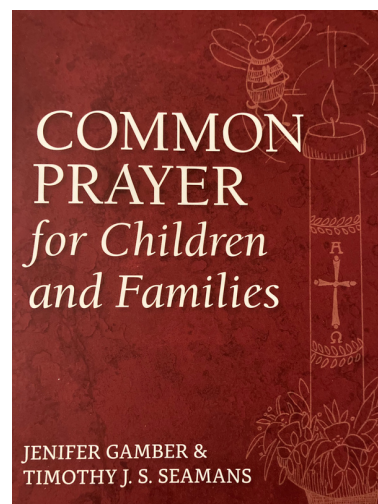
Do you have a preschooler through 5th grader? Please check out our new Children's Storymakers Space in the Parish Hall, off the garden! We have rolled out a brand new program for this fall, led by Uncle Beez, Uncle Chucky (with his guitar!), and Ms. Muffin. The adventure takes place **every Sunday at 9:00am**. This fall the adventures focus on "Stars" of the Bible!

Many, many thanks to Stephanie Wight and Muffin Hein who have worked so diligently in creating this beautiful space and to the painting crew who began the transformation!



Family Prayer Resource

For use at home, check out this excellent resource for families: *Common Prayer for Children and Families* by Jenifer Gamber and Timothy J.S. Seaman. Modeled on the Book of Common Prayer, this resource offers short prayer rituals, along with whimsical sketches, for each day of the week, for mealtime, for the special seasons of the church year, for events in the life of children, and more. I highly recommend this book as a way to instill a prayer life within your home and in the life of your children/grandchildren! You can find the book on Amazon or at Church Publishing.



Fellowship in the Garden

Sunday, September 24th, we had a lovely gathering in the church garden with the Vestry and newer worshipers of St. Peter's. Many thanks to Paula Choy and crew who did a lot of work in our garden preparing it for the evening's event and to Muffin and Bob Hein and Paula Choy who brought items from home to make our garden gathering so lovely! Thank you Velma Lee, our Sr. Warden, for coordinating a crew who organized the meal, and to everyone who brought such delicious dishes and desserts!



A New Look

If you haven't been to church in a while, you will be surprised when you look for the driveway entrance to St. Peter's. The Cluett building is no longer standing as a marker for the driveway entrance. It also no longer blocks the view of St. Peter's when coming up Queen Emma Street. Here's the new view of St. Peter's on the Square!



Annual Diocesan Convention - October 20 and 21, 'Iolani School
Friday, October 20
10:00am-3:30pm - Education Day
4:00pm - Opening Eucharist for Convention followed by Reception
Saturday, October 21
8:30am-4:00pm - Convention Day

Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in the Education Day of the Diocese and in the Opening Eucharist and Reception. This is a day for learning and conversation among our many congregations. Saturday is the business of the church. Only the official church delegates for each congregation who were voted into that role at the congregational annual meetings in January may vote, but visitors are welcome to observe. You may find more information about "Convention 55" at the following webpage: www.episcopalhawaii.org/convention-55.html. To register, contact the church office.

K2P2 (Knit Two, Pray Too)

Here's the photo of the Facebook post mentioned in last month's newsletter! The St. Peter's Knitters were honored to be recognized by the Seamen's Church Institute Christmas at Sea project on their Facebook page. This year so far the knitters have donated 82 hats, 72 ditty bags, 17 scarves, and 5 cowls. Thank you, Knitters and Crocheters! Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? Do you want to learn? All are welcome! The group meets at St. Peter's the second and fourth Saturday morning of every month. Others work from home. Contact Nancy Rowe, rowe@aloha.net, for more information.



Exciting Events in the Lives of Parishioners!



Willis Yap

As a Vietnam Vet, Willis Yap was selected to be part of the Honor Flight program which took him and 24 other veterans on an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. in early August. Beginning the trip in Honolulu, they were sent on their way by Mazie Hirono and Lt. Gov. Sylvia Luke along with Hawaiian

musicians and hula dancers. Willis wrote of their experience, "We departed HNL on a Monday afternoon after a two hour flight delay and arrived at 2:00am in Portland, OR, where we were greeted by a delegation of 'honor guard' volunteers carrying flags and welcoming signs. They obviously had been there for at least three hours. Likewise, every time we arrived anywhere there was always a delegation to greet us with signs, music, cheers. To some veterans, it was quite a contrast to their original arrivals in the U.S.A. after Vietnam when protestors booed and actually spit on them. But that's another story." To Willis and all our veterans, especially those who served during the difficult period of the Vietnam War, thank you for your service!

Leila Diamond

In addition to photography, Leila Diamond is also a Sogetsu Ikebana floral artist. She has been studying the art form since 2003. Sogetsu Ikebana is a school of Japanese floral art that Leila describes as "avant-garde." It features the use of plant materials along with other items to creatively push the boundaries of traditional expression while adhering to strict principles of the art form. Leila and other students of Sensei Linda Hamasaki had their work displayed at an exhibition at Neiman Marcus on the weekend of September 8-10. Leila had two featured arrangements—one created individually and one as a team (see photos). After viewing the location where their floral arrangements would be placed, the artists designed their work. Then after placement of the arrangements, store personnel added items that complimented and enhanced the floral display. Quite a few St. Peter's folks stopped by, including Keisha Webster, Cheryl Saito, and Velma Lee, in the photo with Leila behind her individual exhibit entry. Beautiful work, Leila!



Christy Kwok

Christy Kwok, who is a senior this year at University of British Columbia (UBC) in Vancouver, had an exciting summer! Christy, who has studied dance most of her life, has focused on K-pop recently with success both as a dancer and choreographer. Christy entered the Super Saturday K-pop dance contest at the Honolulu Convention Center on Father's Day in June and won.



She then went to Seoul, Korea. While studying abroad at Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea, Christy took third place in a K-pop video contest.

Later in August, she entered the Korean Festival Dance contest here and took second place (See the photo with Christy and her proud parents, Sharleen and Bert!).



At UBC, Christy is involved in three dance groups—the Thunderbird Dance Team specializing in Hip-Hop and Jazz for which she serves as President; Dance Horizons, a student-run, nonprofit organization with the mission to share dance with people of all skill levels and styles, for which Christy serves as Sponsorship Executive; and K-Wave's Dance Team that specializes in K-pop dance for which Christy serves as the Content Creator. Congratulations, Christy! Christy will graduate this May with a major in Psychology and a minor in Health and Society. No doubt she will find a way to continue her dancing, too! Check out her video on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBoKomQK3UU>



Dr. Joseph Eppink

Our Director of Music & Organist was featured in a recent issue of *Hawai'i Business Magazine*—not for his organ playing but for his work as an end-of-life “death doula”! Having worked a number of years for hospice and having volunteered for hospice long before that, Joseph felt called to “grief work.” In the last few years, he trained and became certified as a “death doula.” Death doulas have three parts to their role as explained by Joseph—first, working with the family before the patient's death, through advanced directives on end-of-life care and by setting up memorial services; second, being with the family during and after the patient's final moments, helping to wash and dress the body and providing support while waiting for the mortuary; and third, working with the family in addressing the grief journey. This last area is where Joseph spends most of his time. Joseph stresses that the grieving timeline is different for each person he coaches. The most rewarding part of the job, he said, is listening and connecting with people. “I love hearing their journeys, where they've been, what has made their life.” Thank you for your work, Joseph, and congratulations on the recognition in the *Hawai'i Business Magazine*!

Recognition of Our Elders

Every year in the fall St. Peter's recognizes its elders. Over the decades as we have lived longer, the age when you can claim that revered title at St. Peter's has crept upwards! Today the age stands at 90 years and above. We joke that our church motto should be “Come worship with us and live forever!”—true regarding eternal life but also regarding the longevity of the people of this congregation! This year's Recognition of Our Elders will take place on Sunday, October 15th, at both services. We will recognize two(!) centenarians—Miriam Everhart and Loretta Loo—and seventeen(!) nonagenarians—Velma Kim, Rosie Ching, Helena Won, Ellen Jean Fo, Joseph Chang, Cedric Ching, Doreen Yuen, Albert Wong, Margaret Chun, Kathleen Chang, Jerry Liu, Helen Richardson, Pauline Lum, Franklin Pang, Myrna Chun-Hoon, Jackie Greeley, and Juliette Tom. The online version of the 2023 Elders' Booklet with photos and biographical information will be emailed on October 14th. Printed copies will be available in church on Sunday the 15th. If you are unable to be with us that Sunday and would like a printed copy, please contact the church office with your request.

BACPAC Prison Ministry

As part of the Diocesan Prison Ministry, they work to supply backpacks filled with essentials for those being released from prison, often with nothing but the clothes on their backs. St. Peter's goal is five filled backpacks every quarter. We are currently collecting for the fourth quarter backpacks. Each backpack contains the following:

Toiletries:

- Wash cloth (new or gently used)
- Body wash
- Deodorant
- Body Lotion
- Tooth paste/tooth brush
- Dental floss
- Band aids
- antiseptic ointment or cream

Snacks/food:

- Cup of noodles
- Trail Mix (single bars or bags)
- Coffee or tea

Miscellaneous:

- Notebook
- Pen
- Reusable water bottle

As a reminder, linens and water bottles may be gently used. Items can be dropped off Sundays at church or during the week in the church office. Monetary donations are also accepted. Packing of the fourth quarter backpacks will take place Saturday, October 14th, beginning at 11:00am. Contact Keisha Webster or Haroldwyn Chang, St. Peter's BACPAC coordinators, if you can join in the packing! MAHALO for your ongoing support of this ministry!



Wildfire Preparedness

In these past months we have tragically learned how devastating wildfires can be here in this state. What you may not know is that we have an organization on the Big Island dedicated to wildfire education and management. The Hawai'i Wildfire Management Organization has excellent resources to help you make your home and property more resistant to the impact of wildfires. Go to www.hawaiiwildfire.org and then click on "Resources" at the top of the page. Take particular note of the resource booklet, "Ready, Set, Go! Hawai'i: Your Personal Wildland Fire Action Guide." In exploring the website, you will also find an abundance of information regarding risk assessment around the state and what we can do to advocate for safer policies.

Wildfires on Maui. The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i Creation Care Task Force is coordinating Diocesan relief efforts on Maui through the Diocesan's already established "A Cup of Cold Water" (ACCW) ministry. Make checks payable to "A Cup of Cold Water" and reference "Wildfire Relief" on the memo line and mail to: A Cup of Cold Water, 2140 Main Street, Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793. Online donations can be made through the Bishop's Pastoral Fund on the website of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i (The funds will be gathered and sent to ACCW).

Kōkua Mau - www.kokuamau.org

One of the community ministries this congregation supports is Kōkua Mau. Kōkua Mau means "Continuous Care" in Hawaiian and is an organization dedicated to providing care from this life through serious illness and death. As part of its educational mission, it makes available a host of resources for both those facing serious illness and their loved ones. Below are a few resources they highlighted in their last e-newsletter:

Dementia Care:

This summer the National Partnership for Healthcare and Hospice Innovation (NPHI), Aliviado Health, and Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC) released a new NPHI [dementia care resources guide](#). The NPHI "Dementia Care Patient & Caregiver Resource Guide" is designed to support the home care of people living with dementia and to assist caregivers, including families, with the skills and necessary information to care for, manage safety, and provide comfort for their loved one living with dementia within their home.

The new Patient & Caregiver Guide represents the best standards of care for mid-, advanced-, to end-stage dementia and was put together with the collective input of 100+ not-for-profit hospice, palliative care, and advanced illness care organizations. It offers a detailed explanation of dementia, provides tips for symptom management, and offers resources for both patients and caregivers. Click [here](#) to download the free guide or go to www.hospiceinnovations.org and click on "For Patients and Families" at the top.

Advance Health Care Directives and a POLST (Everyone should have an Advance Health Care Directive; not everyone needs a POLST): <https://kokuamau.org/polst/>

Current list of mortuaries and costs:

<https://kokuamau.org/kokua-mau-resources/making-decisions-regarding-mortuaries-in-hawaii/>

St. Peter's also has a Columbarium along the mauka side of the church where church members may purchase a niche for burial. Contact 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!



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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

OCT 02 Marc Hino
OCT 04 Reyn Ono
OCT 05 Sean Connors
OCT 06 Paulette Choy
OCT 07 Jaime Ono
OCT 13 Clinton Yee
OCT 15 Jenna Matsumoto
OCT 16 Rose Baroza
Jocelyn Choy
OCT 26 Joseph Chang
OCT 28 Christopher Greenleaf
OCT 29 Ruth Merz
OCT 30 Devan Pang
OCT 31 Ella Kimura
Alexandra Yuen

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

NOV 01 Kathleen Dos Santos-Tam
NOV 05 Jessica Kaneshiro
Marian Melish
NOV 06 Renee Baldovi
Kenneth Inn
NOV 09 Haroldwyn Chang
Jennie Pang
NOV 13 Celia Langford
NOV 14 Ted Kanemori
NOV 16 Audrey Mueh
Lori Yee
NOV 18 Jacob Subido
Stephanie Vlachos
NOV 19 Ky Wong
NOV 22 Lena Kimura
NOV 24 Albert Wong
NOV 25 Juliette Tom
NOV 27 David Camp
NOV 30 Chloe Liu
Alli Yee

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

OCT 05 Myron & Beth Chang
OCT 11 Terry & Susan Dang
OCT 17 Bertrand & Cheryl Fong

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

NOV 13 Ronald & Janet Kim
NOV 15 Kwai Tin & Jocelyn Choy
NOV 23 Konstantinos Karampakakis &
Keisha Webster