



*A Beacon of Hope, A Call to Serve*

*O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures for ever.*

How did we get to the month of November already?! Soon it will be Thanksgiving and then Advent. If we can forget about the Christmas displays that are already popping up in the stores, we can actually give thought to this month of Thanksgiving that leads into the quiet beauty of Advent.

We have much for which to be thankful this month. Here's a sampling:

- \* A wonderful new group of folks has joined us in ministry at St. Peter's!
- \* Fred Okumura has blessed us with generous sharing of his new children's book.
- \* Our partnership with Central Middle School, the Nu`uanu YMCA, and Harris United Methodist is expanding and the positive impact upon the students is growing.
- \* We have a fledgling choir beginning again under the tutelage of Dr. Eppink, and he is making our organ sound glorious.
- \* We have awesome acolytes who serve during worship, and we love them!
- \* We celebrated eighteen 90+ year old elders who are pillars of this church, and we love them!
- \* St. Peter's received a "Spark of Hope" award by the Interfaith Alliance for our Jazz Vespers soup fellowship led by Nancy Rowe and Stephanie Goo.
- \* We have a host of outreach opportunities in which folks can participate.
- \* Our construction project is out to bid and much will be happening to move us ahead in this month.

We are part of God's work in and through this community of St. Peter's, and there is indeed much for which to give thanks. This month you will be receiving your pledge cards for the annual operating budget. Yes, it's that time of year again when we need to prepare the budget for 2017, and your pledges are an important part in providing direction to the vestry regarding this. Please prayerfully consider raising your pledge this year. We don't want to lose momentum in our ministry while our sanctuary is closed for repairs and renovation in 2017, but we will be losing rental income for those three months. Every Jazz Vespers, I conclude the service with the words from our prayer book, "Glory to God whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine." That is absolutely true, and we *can* do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, not because we want to benefit ourselves but because we are part of something larger—the ministry of Jesus Christ which provides hope, reconciliation, and transformation in this world. On **Sunday, November 20th**, please bring your pledge cards with you to worship. On that day, we will pray God's blessing upon these pledges and commit ourselves anew to the work of Jesus in and through the community of St. Peter's. **Thank you** for all you do in touching people's lives with the love of Jesus through the ministry of this church.

*Pastor Diane*

**IMPORTANT DATES in November:**

**Commitment Sunday, November 20, 2016 -**  
Pledge cards and commitment to ministry in and through St. Peter's in 2017

**Thanksgiving Service, Thursday, November 24 - 9:30am** – Special service featuring music by our musicians

**First Sunday of Advent, Sunday, November 27 - 7:30am and 10:00am** – Lighting of the first candle on the Advent wreath

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*Beth Cox worships at the 7:30am service. She and her husband ride their tandem bike to church every morning with a hot loaf of bread Barton has made for eucharist each Sunday morning! Beth is one of our eucharistic ministers.*

**Why the ministry of St. Peter's is important to me...**

St. Peter's Church is one of the most important parts of my life and this congregation represents what I believe to be the true essence of what Christianity is all about. I became a Christian 6 years ago because I believe that Christ is the path towards salvation and most of all love. The new covenant; "Love Thy Neighbor as Thy Self" truly is the essence of Christianity and what I experience in St. Peter's. The first time I walked into St. Peter's and saw those beautiful stained glass windows and felt the warmth from the people inside I knew I was home.

I have had the very good fortune to serve as a member of the Vestry. I have served on many boards and committees before and I have to say that I have never seen a group of people work so well together and were that dedicated to being in service as I have with this Vestry. I have also been very impressed with the outreach St. Peter's does in our neighborhood and community as a whole.

I always want St. Peter's Church to be around for generations to come and to shine in its glory. These are the reasons why it is so important to invest in our future.

Beth Cox

**Education Day and Diocesan Convention XLVIII**



This year the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, President of the House of Deputies of The Episcopal Church, addressed the assembly during the Education Day on Friday, October 28. Convention business was held on Saturday, October 29. Norma Chun, Amy Ono, Bill McKinney, Robert Wight, and Tim Yuen represented St. Peter's as voting delegates along with Pastor Diane. Discussion regarding the homelessness crisis and revisiting Resolution 5 from last year's convention which called upon all congregations to make addressing this crisis a priority was a focal topic this year.



## Greeting our Homeless Visitors - What Churches Need to Know

*On Saturday, October 1st, Willis Yap represented St. Peter's at a Homelessness Outreach Training offered by the Institute for Human Services (IHS). This is his report of that training:*

It's a Sunday morning and the service is over. Folks are gathering for coffee and snacks when an unkempt individual approaches the Parish Hall, walks into the room and wordlessly starts to help himself to food and drink. Some greet him "Hello and welcome to St. Peter's. May I help you?" He stares, nods "no", and finds a seat by himself. People anxiously stand nearby and wonder what's going to happen next. The stranger eats silently - everyone just waits - watching, not sure what to do.

We at St. Peter's have had this experience. Here's another scenario: What if the person barges in, grabs excessive amounts of food, then in response to "Welcome" curses the person and otherwise behaves badly. We stand puzzled, nervously looking at one another and wondering what to do next.

Well, Justin Phillips, IHS Homeless Outreach Field Manager would know how to handle both situations and shared his knowledge and experience with over 30 church members who attended the September 30th training session at the Church of The Crossroads.

Justin's purpose and that of his associates Connie Mitchell (Executive Director), Vinesia Bartola (Outreach Program Administrator) and Chaplain Terry Yasuko Ogawa, was to educate us about "safe zones," drop-in centers, why a team of men and women approach works better with the homeless, why we need to practice dialing 911 (who knew?), when to call 211 instead of 911, why grieving can lead to homelessness, how we can "shelter" someone who doesn't want to be sheltered, and why it makes perfect economic sense to pay for someone's plane ticket back to the mainland.

These are just some of the topics discussed at this potluck event - we were all happy for the goodies each provided - intended to educate churches about the homeless and develop protocols any church can use in developing specific outreach programs and what to do when faced with the

situation of a homeless person in obvious distress coming on to church property.

### So, what protocol should you follow in our scenario first mentioned above?

1. Welcome the person. If you see that a St. Peter's person is engaging someone about whom you may have a concern, join the person so that both of you are extending the welcome together. If there's any uncertainty about whether someone is stable, it is always recommended to respond in pairs.

2. If the person is non-threatening and this is an event in the Parish Hall with other people and food (e.g. Jazz Vespers soup fellowship, Sunday morning coffee hour), extend hospitality. The person is either hungry for food or for social contact or both.

3. Make sure the person has the food and beverage they need. If others are seated, invite him or her to have a seat and sit with that person so they aren't alone. Engage him or her in conversation if they seem open to this. Introduce yourself and let the person share what he or she is comfortable sharing about his or herself. Let the person guide the conversation. If the person doesn't seem interested in talking, simply sit and be a presence so the person isn't sitting alone. It's fine to have a conversation with another person sitting beside you.

We've had several "drop-ins" such as this on Thursday evenings at the Jazz Vespers soup fellowship. The encounters have gone well, and the group has been welcoming and friendly.

\* A word about bathroom usage: It's fine to let guests use the restroom (We all need to use the toilet!), but monitor the time that they spend behind a locked door. If it seems unusually long, knock on the door and let them know that they need to hurry up. We've had some concern expressed by the AA folk that people are using the bathrooms for activities other than using the toilet.

### If the person seems angry or hostile, take these steps:

1. Call St. Andrews' Security at 440-7411 (24/7) or 911 if there's any doubt about being able to handle the situation. Note: Even if the person is not a threat, do not hesitate to call the St. Andrews' Security number if you do not feel comfortable handling the situation. Security personnel are

physically present on the Square during day and evening hours and will come to speak to the person. They are also accessible 24/7 by phone.

2. Make a visual assessment for weapons. If you see a weapon, call 911 and do not make contact.
3. If no visible weapons: Don't respond alone - bring friends and work as a team with at least one male and one female.
4. Never corner a person.
5. Stay calm.
6. Ask clear questions.
7. Keep an arms' length away if you sense anger or the potential for violent behavior.
8. Dogs should always be leashed.
9. Use universal precautions.

There really isn't enough space here to present solutions or give answers to the questions posed above, but if anyone wants to know more, please see me or e-mail me at yap.willis@gmail.com as there is so much more to share.

### Exciting dates in the life of Annalise Castro, former staff member at St. Peter's!

**Ordination to the Priesthood** - Saturday, January 14th, 2017, at 10:00 AM, the Cathedral of St. Andrew, 229 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu (O'ahu).

**Wedding of Annalise Castro and JR Pasalo** - Wednesday, June 14, the Cathedral of St. Andrew

### Power Scholars YMCA Camp @ Central Middle School - Summer 2016

This past summer St. Peter's and Harris United Methodist were community partners with the Nu'uano YMCA in providing a "Power Scholars YMCA Camp" at Central Middle School. The goal of the camp was to close the summer gap in learning and accelerate students' reading and math achievement. Students were called "scholars" to demonstrate high expectations and were encouraged to "Be Extraordinary," the program's motto. Program goals included:

- ⊙ Increase scholars' literacy and math skills and help them avoid summer learning loss

- ⊙ Strengthen scholars' self-confidence, social/emotional development, and physical health and well-being
- ⊙ Increase parental engagement
- ⊙ Build a stronger connection between Central Middle School, its youth, and the YMCA of Honolulu
- ⊙ Provide a place for community members to be involved and serve our youth

The day included Breakfast and Community Time, Literacy Instruction, Math Instruction, Enrichment Courses (Hip Hop, Digital Arts Media, Fitness, STEM, Sports and Games, Watercolor Painting, Hula-Hooping), Field Trips (KCC, Camp Erdman, kayaking, Ronald McDonald House, Kokua Kalihi Valley) and Guest Speakers.

RESULTS: Before and after testing demonstrated a three month gain in both reading and math skills!

### Sparks of Hope Recognition

On Sunday, October 23rd, Nancy Rowe & "Soup After Jazz" was honored as one of the recipients of a 2016 Sparks of Hope Award by The Interfaith Alliance Hawai'i. Nancy and Stephanie Goo began this time of fellowship following Jazz Vespers. They and their faithful crew of volunteers have built a wonderful new community that gathers every Thursday evening—and the homemade soup is always DELICIOUS! Nancy and Pastor Diane represented St. Peter's at the event. Thank you, Nancy, for your inspiration, commitment, and coordination to this ministry!

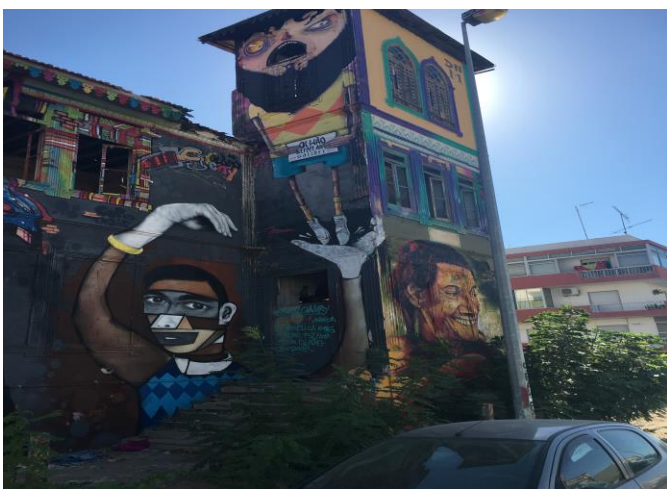


## Barton and Beth Biking and Church in Portugal

We've read that Christianity is dying in Europe, but our experience sadly seems to validate that claim. Riding the 20 Km to church Sunday the streets seemed strangely deserted. There were a great many old (and very old) Catholic churches, but they all had empty parking lots. In the picture to the right the Anglican (US: Episcopal) church we attended in Almancil used a small room in the village's Community Center.



There are a great many abandoned (and repurposed) churches in Al Garve. One happened to be in the center of Olhao where we stayed for eight days. It illustrates one rather charming aspect of the area. Much of what we'd call graffiti is really quite artistic, and (as far as I know) there is little or none of the ugly practice of gang "tagging" there. This is a photo of that church:



## Public Opening of The American Cancer Society's HOPE LODGE

251 Vineyard Street  
(mauka of St. Peter's Parish Hall)  
[hopelodgehonolulu@americancancersociety.org](mailto:hopelodgehonolulu@americancancersociety.org)

**Saturday, November 19, 2016**

**12noon-4pm**

The American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge® in Honolulu, Hawai'i serves as a home away from home -- free of charge -- for adult cancer patients and their caregivers. Hope Lodge, a non-medical facility, offers a sense of community and comfort to cancer patients who must travel to Honolulu for lifesaving cancer treatment, typically not available in their home community. Hope Lodge is one of 33 lodges throughout the nation, and is the only one located in the State of Hawai'i. Hope Lodge stands to serve thousands of cancer patients and their caregivers in the years to come.

## Caregiving, Aging, and Intellectual Disabilities

**Thursday, November 17, 2016 - 4:30-6:30pm**  
**JABSOM Auditorium (John A. Burns School of Medicine), 651 Ilalo St.**  
**Medical Education Building, Honolulu, HI 96813**

**FREE event. Refreshments provided.**  
**Register by phone or email: 295-2624 or [jmishan@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:jmishan@hawaii.rr.com)**

An overview of aging in adults with Intellectual and Development Disabilities (IDD) and ways to help support older adults with IDD for quality of life and health. Dr. Kathleen M. Bishop, a trainer for the National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices, and Kathryn Pears, MPPM, dementia expert with over 30 years of personal and professional experience, will address dementia in the IDD population and recommend ways to promote health care advocacy.

## Honolulu Chinese Christian Chorus

The Honolulu Chinese Christian Chorus presents the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Concert on Sunday, November 13, 5:00pm, at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 2313 Nuuanu Ave., Honolulu, HI. This concert is being co-sponsored by the Central Seventh-Day Adventist Church and the Chinese Christian Association of Hawaii. Admission is free. Questions? Call 924-9988.

**Narcissus Class Registration**

Learn the Chinese art of carving a narcissus bulb, and create a traditional symbol to welcome in the Lunar New Year. Mr. Gilman Hu has taught the art and cultivation for many years and passes on this tradition in this annual workshop. Classes available for Beginner, Returning students, and Advanced Workshop.

Workshop: Saturdays, 8:30am – 11:30am  
Jan 14 – Feb 4, 2017.

Exhibition: February 11-12, 2017 (Saturday and Sunday) Display of students' works

Location: St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
1317 Queen Emma St., Honolulu  
Phone 533-1943

Registration required, please register by Dec 10, 2016.

For more information email:  
[narcissus747@gmail.com](mailto:narcissus747@gmail.com)

**Sanctuary Preparation for Christmas!**

**Sunday, December 4, 11:30am** - Plan to help us polish the koa pews.

**Sunday, December 18, 11:30am** - Plan to help us decorate the sanctuary for Christmas!

**Saturday, December 17 - 9:00-11:00am** Help the Altar Guild polish the brass and silver

**Thursday, December 22 - 9:00-11:00am** Final touches to the Christmas decorating

November  and Anniversaries

**Birthdays**

01	Kathleen Tam
02	Tracy Pang
03	Brandon Ching
05	Jessica Kaneshiro
05	Marian Melish
06	Renee Baldovi
06	Kenneth Inn
08	Adrienne Yee
09	Haroldwyn Chang
14	Ted Kanemori
16	Audrey Mueh
16	Lori Yee
18	Stephanie Vlachos
22	Lena Kimura
25	Adele Low
28	Jen Stasch
30	Eleanor Chang
30	Jade & Lily Oakland
30	Allison Yee

**Anniversaries**

13	Ronald & Janet Kim
15	Kwai Tin & Jocelyn Choy

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**2016 Vestry**

Executive Committee:

Senior Warden: Velma Lee

Clerk: Stephanie Wight

Junior Warden: Tim Yuen

Treasurer: Nancy Rowe

Rector: The Rev. Diane Martinson

Term expires in 2016: Kyle Saito, Elizabeth Winternitz, Clinton Yee

Term expires in 2017: Michele Baldovi, Beth Cox, Ron Kim

Term expires in 2018: Bryan Matsumoto, Pokhui McKinney, Stephanie Wight

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