

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

7:30am and 10:00pm

THURSDAY JAZZ VESPERS

6:00pm followed by a light supper

11:30AM (ALOHA ROOM)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Vestry Commissioning during worship and Vestry "Mini" Retreat and Narcissus carving display, after both services in the Parish Hall

9:00AM, PARISH HALL

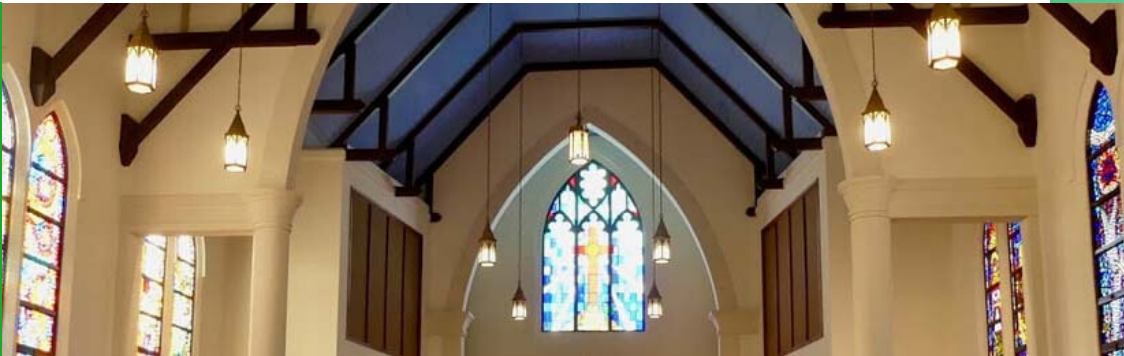
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Introduction to Lenten Hymns with Dr. Joseph Eppink

11:30AM AND 6:00PM

FEBRUARY 26

Ash Wednesday services



Annual Meeting Notes from Pastor Diane

Sunday, January 26, 2020, we had our first Annual Meeting in the Chinese New Year of the Rat and of the new decade. We had a wonderful showing of folks at the meeting between services, and John Afong and Stephanie Goo nourished us with St. Peter's signature chicken jook. We gave thanks for the year past and the dear members of this congregation who entered eternal life since our last Annual Meeting. We elected new leadership and looked ahead to year 2020. Highlights included the following:

Vestry Members

We gave thanks for the service of Edmund Choy, Kyle Saito, and Jaime Yamane who completed their 3 year terms and Steve Mitchell who is moving to Maui. Elected by consensus vote to fill the three 3 year positions were Rose Baroza, Beth Cox, and Gail Haruki. Elected to fill the remaining year of Steve Mitchell's term was Bryan Matsumoto. Welcome to our new vestry members!

Diocesan Convention Delegates

It is required by canon law that each congregation elect lay delegates to Diocesan Convention, held in October. Elected as delegates from St. Peter's were — Jason Baroza, Lin Chun, Ashlyn Kim, Ron Kim, Glenn Pang. Elected as alternates were — Dan Ching, Jr., Sarah Fargo, Gail Haruki, Janet Kim. Thank you to all of our delegates and alternates for their willingness to represent St. Peter's at this annual business gathering of the diocese! An educational day is held the Friday before Convention which everyone in the diocese is encouraged to attend.

Jr. Warden: There was overwhelming support and a unanimous vote to elect Terry Dang for another year as Jr. Warden.

Financials

St. Peter's Treasurer, Nancy Rowe, reported that we ended 2019 with a surplus thanks to the generosity of this congregation. The pledge response for 2020 has also been strong allowing for a balanced budget to be passed by the vestry at their January 15th meeting which includes a reduction from a 4% draw upon endowment interest to a 3% draw. This congregation is invested in this church's call to be "A beacon of hope, a call to serve" as disciples of Jesus in this community and the world!

Outreach Ministries of the Church

We recognized several ministries of the church that are undergoing leadership changes

Newsletter: Nancy Rowe was recognized for her years of excellent service as St. Peter's newsletter editor. As of the January 2020 issue, Jason Baroza, a graphic artist by profession, has taken over this communication ministry and has also taken on the role of webmaster for the St. Peter's website. With this, we said thank you to Jesand Amodo, who had filled that role since her days as a college student at HPU. Jesand is now employed full-time at Palama Settlement.

Jazz Vespers Supper Ministry: Giving up the newsletter editing work was largely due to the success of the Jazz Vespers Supper Ministry which Nancy coordinates. This is an outreach ministry of St. Peter's that is reaching the hearts and stirring the faith of a wide variety of people who would most likely never walk through the doors of a church on a Sunday morning. That gathering exemplifies what it means to be "a beacon of hope, a call to serve."

Habitat Lunch Bunch: With Steve and Elizabeth moving to Maui, we gave thanks for Elizabeth's creative and faithful leadership of this ministry. Elizabeth and Steve have filled many roles at St. Peter's in sharing their talents and gifts, and they will be missed. A new grandbaby beckons on Maui, though, and that's irresistible! We give thanks for Sheri Yoshida who is stepping into the leadership role for Habitat Lunch Bunch.

Family Promise; BacPac Project: We gave thanks for Tiare's leadership of both these outreach ministries. With a grandbaby coming, it is time for her to pass the baton. Anyone interested in leading one or the other of these ministries can speak with Rev. Jazzy.

Sabbatical

In consultation with the Vestry and Bishop Bob, I (Pastor Diane) will be taking a sabbatical. I am most grateful to the Vestry, Bishop Bob, and all of you! The sabbatical will begin following a gathering of the new vestry on Sunday, February 9th, and run through the end of May. Part of this time, I will be on pilgrimage and studying at St. George's College in Jerusalem. I am looking forward to the insight I will gain and can bring back from this experience! Rev. Jazzy will be the priest-in-charge while I am on sabbatical, an excellent opportunity for her as well.

Confirmation and Faith Reaffirmation

Bishop Bob has encouraged every Episcopalian in this diocese to renew his or her faith at his annual visitation. In preparation for this, he is encouraging study of a new resource called Faith Confirmed. St. Peter's has purchased copies of the book and will be offering opportunities for youth and adults to connect in conversation around the topics in the book in preparation for the Bishop's visit on Sunday, September 20th. On that day, you will have an opportunity to be confirmed in the Episcopal church or, if you have already been blessed by an Episcopal bishop in the confirmation rite, to receive a blessing of reaffirmation.

A great year of ministry is ahead as we begin a new decade! Please remember in prayer and give your support and assistance to our new Office Administrator, Eva Cotter, as she learns the ins and outs of life at St. Peter's and to Rev. Jazzy and the new Vestry as they lead the congregation over the next few months. Oh, and prayers for safe travels and much learning for me are appreciated, too!

Pastor Diane

Senior Warden Corner By Velma Lee ~ Highlights of the January 2020 Vestry Meeting

Congratulations to Jason Baroza who has volunteered to be the new newsletter editor and also edit the St. Peter's website! Many thanks to Nancy Rowe who diligently edited the newsletter these past years!

Connie Mitchell, Executive Director of IHS, gave an excellent presentation about the numerous services that IHS provides for the homeless. She also shared her personal involvement and what motivates her to do all that she can for this special population of Hawaii.

The following motions were unanimously approved by the Vestry:

- Revisions to the Columbarium By-Laws.
- Donation of the remaining 2019 local benevolence funds to Hawaii Special Olympics (\$600) and Wallyhouse (\$600), which is a Franciscan neighborhood ministry at St. Elizabeth's Church.
- Pastor Diane's sabbatical proposal, which Bishop Bob had also approved. Her sabbatical is from February 10 - May 31, 2020, and Rev. Jazzy will be the Priest In Charge, as she is scheduled to be at St. Peter's through mid-June 2020.
- Watabe Contract for 2021 with the same arrangement of \$15,000 per month with an increase in the parking stall monthly rent by \$5 to \$205 and general excise tax.

Christmas Angels

St. Peter's is blessed with a lot of angels who helped prepare the church for Christmas.

We give thanks to the following individuals for:

- Polishing the silver & brass = Rae Gorman, Ed Casebier, Barry Wood, Sim Kau, Cheryl Saito.
- Polishing the koa wainscoting and pews = Haroldwyn Chang, Jocelyn Choy, the girls from St. Andrew's Priory.
- Bringing up the decorations from the Aloha Room = Kyle Saito, Bryan Matsumoto, Nicholas and Connor Allen.
- Putting up the decorations = Terry Dang, Oriel Agcaoili, Ron & Ashlyn Kim, Sim Kau, Rodney Pang and his grandchildren, Myrna Chun-Hoon, Elaine Lo, Cheryl Bochentin, Jennie Pang, Cheryl Saito.

We are also grateful for those who came to take down and put away the decorations for the next Christmas: Keith Lee, Myrna Chun-Hoon, Willis Yap, Oriel Agcaoili, Haroldwyn Chang, Rae Gorman, Cheryl Saito.

2020 Pledge Update

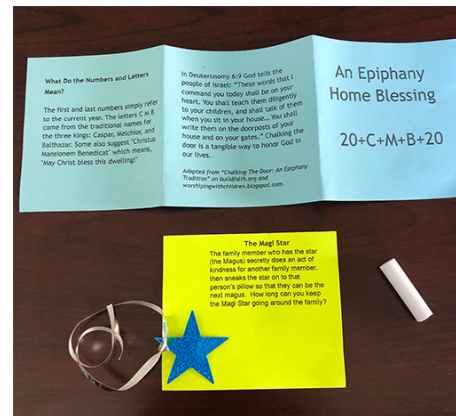
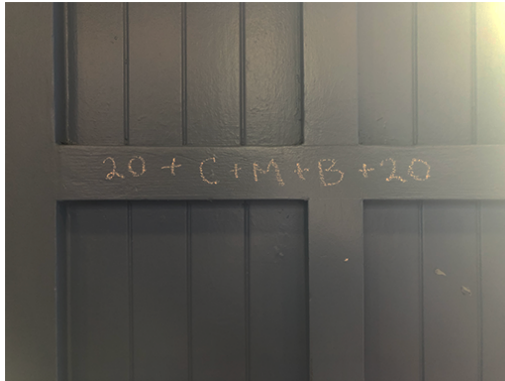
The congregation has continued to grow in pledging strength in both the number of pledges and the amount pledged. Thank you to everyone for your faithfulness and support of the ministry of this church. If you did not receive your Annual Report at the Annual Meeting on January 26, you can pick up your copy on the usher's table in the back of the church. In it are many reports of interest regarding the ministry your gifts make possible. If you have not pledged yet for 2020, you still can! Pledge cards are available in the pew racks.

Hiehie

We had a great turn out on volunteers at St Peter's, including Joanne Shibuya, Ruth Merz, Rodney Pang, Allison Yee, Frank Chun, Sheila Buttar, and Bill & Pokhui McKinney. We made 40 lunches of sandwiches, banana, orange, trail mix, water, and chips. Donuts and coffee were served. At Harris UMC, Beth Cox, Sheila Buttar, Bill & Pokhui, Haroldwyn Chang, and Sim Kau distributed lunch bags. On the other hand, we had only 15 patrons at Harris. This was due to the absence of the Hiehie shower bus. During the 2020 planning, the City accidentally has eliminated our location. So, the City, Harris, IHS, and St. Peter's representatives will get together in February to discuss our future plan. The result will be in next month's newsletter.

Epiphany Celebration

Thanks to Stephanie Wight, we had a stellar Epiphany celebration! On Epiphany we celebrate the magi who followed the light of a star to come to find Jesus. As part of our festivity's we chalked the church doors, invoking God's blessing on our church and all who come into our community. Families were sent home with chalk and instructions explaining how to chalk their own doors. We also had starry crafts in between our services, with opportunities for both well seasoned crafters and those who might be creatively challenged!



Alzheimer's Association

A member of our parish, Olivia LeBeouf, is involved in the work of the Alzheimer's Association of Hawaii. Olivia plays with our ukuleles at our 10am Sunday services. On Thursday, February 6, at 5:30pm the association is hosting a kickoff party to learn about "The Longest Day", the day with the most light. The Kickoff will be held at The Boiling Crab on 330 Coral Street, and RSVP is to Rosalie Char, rrchar@alz.org. For more information please talk to Olivia or Rev. Jazzy.

Narcissus Class

Associated with Chinese New Year, the narcissus flower signifies good fortune, prosperity and good luck. It is called seui sin faa (water immortal flowers) in the Cantonese dialect. Every January, in preparation for the Chinese New Year, a group of individuals devoted to promulgating this aspect of Chinese culture gathers to share their knowledge of how to create the beautiful, exquisite and fragrant flowering crab-claw narcissus. The crab-claw narcissus results from a technique developed by the Chinese in which the narcissus bulb is carved in such a manner to produce leaves and flower stalks that are stunted and curled. The result of this effort is surprising. A room filled with these extremely fragrant blossoms is breathtaking!



St. Peter's Episcopal Church's Parish Hall has been our home since 2011. We are extremely grateful to the parish for allowing us the use of their facility for the past 10 years to conduct our annual crab claw carving classes. Without a location from which to conduct our classes, we would not be able to continue to share our knowledge of this ancient technique. You are all invited to view the fruits of our labor on Saturday and Sunday, February 8 & 9 in the Parish Hall. The exhibit will be open to the public from 10 am through 2 pm on both days. If you are interested in learning this carving technique, join us for the class next January! If you want more information, speak with Terry Dang.

Christmas at St. Peter's

Pictured below are the young adults who grew up at St. Peter's gathered for a photo after worship on December 29th: Kyle Saito, Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Lisa Kau, Carole Kau, and Gavin Lee.



Adele Low Memorial Service

Saturday, March 7, 2pm Visitation, 3pm Memorial Service
Reception to follow in the Parish Hall

Faith Confirmed

Are you a teen or adult interested in being confirmed in the Episcopal Church or an adult who has been confirmed who is interested in growing in faith? We will be using the Faith Confirmed curriculum with many groups at church and possibly with an online option, too. Opportunities exist for those who want to lead a group as well!

Contact Rev. Jazzy at revjazzybostock@gmail.com.

Upcoming Youth Events

Youth Ministry Retreat, March 20th through 22nd, Camp Mokuleia
Episcopal Youth Event EYE 2020, July 7th -15th, University of Maryland
Summer Camp at Camp Mokuleia in June and July for Grades 1 to 12
Day Camp at St. Andrew's, led by Camp Mokuleia staff, Grades 1 to 5, June 22 through 26.

Visit campmokuleia.com or speak with Pastor Diane or Rev. Jazzy.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Available in the church office



2020 Vestry

Senior Warden: Velma Lee

Junior Warden: Terry Dang

Clerk: Karin Kimura

Treasurer: Nancy Rowe

Rector: The Rev. Diane Martinson

Curate: The Rev. Jazzy Bostock

Term expires in 2020: Karin Kimura, Bryan Matsumoto, Barry Wood

Term expires in 2021: Gail Kuroda, Bill McKinney, Stephanie Wight

Term expires in 2022: Rose Baroza, Beth Cox, Gail Haruki

Pastor Diane: pastordianem@gmail.com

Rev. Jazzy: revjazzybostock@gmail.com

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