

NOVEMBER 2020

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

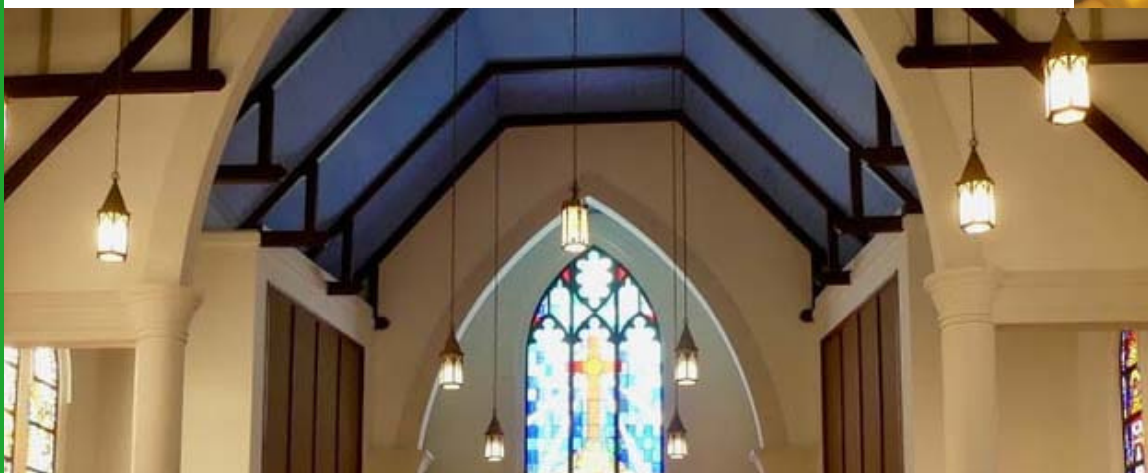
**SUNDAY AT  
7:30AM AND 10:00AM  
LIMITED "IN PERSON" WORSHIP**  
(with masks and assigned seating)  
Online live streaming at 7:30am



**A MOMENT WITH MUSIC  
WITH DR. JOSEPH EPPINK**  
Posted every weekday morning



**JAZZ VESPERS AT 6:00PM**  
Posted online every Thursday

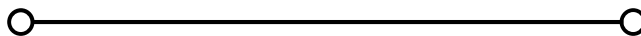


## Thanksgiving Worship: Thursday, November 26, 9:30am

In this time of COVID, our Thanksgiving service will be online only. We are working on special additions to the service that aren't possible in person during this time of the virus. The service will be broadcast at 9:30am on November 26th on the church website and Facebook page. On the Facebook page, you can greet one another in the comment section. Our lives have been turned upside-down and we have encountered many challenges with this virus, but there is still much for which to be grateful. Add worship to your Thanksgiving Day, giving thanks to the God who made us and is beside us every step of our lives!



## THANKSGIVING *Service*

**From Rev. Jazzy:**

Aloha St. Peter's 'ohana! I hope you all are well. In the last month I've been clearing out my office, and cleaning and organizing my new office space at St. John the Baptist. I took some time at my parent's house on Big Island to get married to Bree, and in just a week I begin my new call. God is good, all the time!

For those of you who might be interested, I've been continuing to offer morning prayer online, on the St. John the Baptist Facebook page. It's a bit confusing, because there are two pages when you search for St. John the Baptist - I've been posting on "St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church - Maili". If you have any problem finding it, please let me know!

As we move into Thanksgiving and soon enough Advent and Christmas, I will be keeping you in my prayers. Stay healthy, safe, and well!

**Stewardship**

As Christians, we place our trust in God's created goodness and look with gratitude upon all that God has created and the gifts and talents with which God has blessed us. When we speak of stewardship in the church, we are referring to the way that we use our time, talents, material possessions and money for the service of God in this world.

With the calendar turning to November, your vestry will begin working on a budget for year 2021. This is only possible with the support of the members and friends of this congregation. You will be receiving the 2021 pledge materials in the mail this week. Please give prayerful consideration to what you are able to pledge to the ministry of this church for 2021. It has already been a challenging year for rental income given the impact on our tenants. Within our congregation, some have been financially challenged, others have remained steady, and some have even thrived. It has been heartwarming to see some who have had the means make the decision to give generously during this time to help others and the church. Thank you.

Traditionally, our Commitment Sunday when we return pledge cards has been the Sunday before Thanksgiving. That makes the date this year—Sunday, November 22nd. During this time of COVID, we ask that you mail your pledge card to the church office before that date if you are not worshiping in person. Safety and wellness first! On that Sunday, we will include all the pledge envelopes in the offering bowl for a prayer that day.

**Senior Warden Corner = Highlights of October Vestry Meeting 2020** By Velma Lee

Music Director Joseph Eppink is putting together a virtual choir for the Christmas service. If you are interesting in participating as a singer or playing an instrument, such as ukulele or guitar, please contact him. Through the Diocesan Technology grant, we now have WiFi in the sanctuary and Aloha Room! This has allowed us to have the live streaming of the Sunday morning services.

Joanne Shibuya and Dennis Pang from the Soul Food Ministry group made two batches of St. Peter's "signature" chicken jook. The containers are stored in the freezer in the parish hall kitchen. If you know of anyone in need of some nourishment, please call the office to arrange a time for pick up.

Sunday, November 22nd, has been designated as the Commitment Sunday when we make our pledges for 2021. Despite the pandemic restrictions, we know that everyone is most grateful for all of God's blessings. Therefore, please participate in the annual pledge in-gathering.



**Senior Warden Corner = Highlights of October Vestry Meeting 2020** By Velma Lee  
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Instead of an in-person service on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, we will have the virtual service live at 9:30 a.m. Feel free to access the service on demand from the church website any time afterwards!

The St. Andrew's School scholarship has been started by Albert and Maureen Wong! Please contribute to this fund to help students who are in need at St. Andrew's Schools.

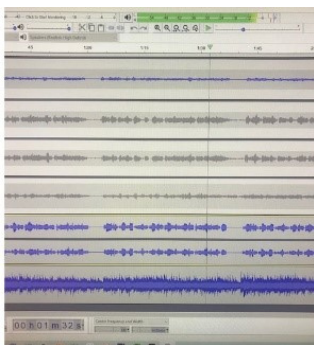
**News from Dr. Joseph Eppink, St. Peter's Director of Music:  
A Virtual Choir is in the Works!**

Had someone told me in January that I would be doing a daily weekday program called A Moment with Music highlighting hymns and scripture, I would have just shook my head and raised the eyebrow. Had they told me I'd be doing it for 9 months with no apparent end in sight, I probably would have given a double eyebrow look. I wasn't one to put myself on social media!! Had they continued the thought and told me I'd be creating virtual music with musicians from Hawaii and on the mainland, I would have definitely considered them insane.

Here we are 9 months into the pandemic and here I am doing AMWM and beginning my journey with virtual choirs and instrumentalists. The learning curve has been extremely steep and I'm so glad to have accepted the challenge!

Several weeks ago, Pastor Diane forwarded an email and wrote "in case you're interested, this looks interesting." I started to crumble right there. Yet, the challenge was accepted and 4 weeks of webinars to learn the basics began. Furthered intense and detailed learning was accomplished via Music Pro Director training sessions. I am a member of this organization and the community support of choral directors all over the nation has been amazing. Interestingly enough, we church musicians are learning this all at the same time! It has allowed thinking outside of the box and I see folks newly energized to bring music to their churches!

So here's the equation:



SYNC THE VOICES



SYNC VOICES WITH VIDEOS



CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE FINISHED PRODUCT

Ok.. that looks pretty simple! But there's a catch: 4 audio tracks are made combining groups of singers and musicians and 4 synced videos are then created after graphing who is in what square. But oh yes, you have to manipulate the sizes and places of the squares before the master is put together. Only then can the title, text, and credits be added. Each step of the way is extremely detailed work but this is the essence of what I'm doing. Hymn of Promise took me 14 hours to complete so I'm hoping to get that down to 9 on the next piece. We have a Christmas Spectacular to do!

How did the singers and instrumentalists do it? They were emailed the music, listened to an accompaniment I created for them in their headphones and took the video with their phone of them singing or playing. The video is of them singing or playing... alone... and everyone sounds horrible. Many apologies are included when the video is emailed back to me. It is then the magic wand is waved to make the finished product.

### CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR!!

Yes, you CAN be a part of this. The concert will feature holiday music and readings. Please email me so I can get you on the group list. We will be starting Christmas music this week! The reality is that musicians have felt this horrible empty feeling since the pandemic hit. I keep hearing the sentiment of how good it is to make music again. We may be in the box but we are definitely venturing out of the box!

Keep on keeping on!  
Dr. Joseph Eppink  
Josepheppink@gmail.com

### The 52nd Annual Diocesan Convention

This year the Convention was held on Saturday, October 24th and was 100% virtual! Gracious thanks go to St. Peter's voting delegates—Dan Ching, Jr., Lin Chun, Ashlyn Kim, Ron Kim, and Glenn Pang—none of whom knew what the learning curve would be when they were elected last January at the St. Peter's Annual Meeting! Each persevered in learning Zoom and new features that made the Convention run smoothly.

Lin Chun spoke for all of us when she mentioned how impressed she was by the preparatory work of Rae Costa well before the day of Convention. Through emails, Zoom trainings, and online tutorials, she and the rest of the Diocesan Support Staff trained us well! Sybil Nishioka also did an outstanding job in creating video from around the Diocese that made us feel connected—even through cyberspace!—and as the necrology is an official report presented at Convention each year, this year she made a visual remembrance that was so beautiful that it brought tears to many of our eyes. Sybil will be posting this on the diocesan website.

Bishop Bob's Convention address should be listened to by all in the Diocese. That can be found on the Diocesan website at [www.episcopalhawaii.org](http://www.episcopalhawaii.org), or at <https://youtu.be/5MeYbRk7qs0>. He spoke of the change that is upon us as churches and as a Diocese and raised questions for all of us to consider as we envision the future of the Church and of this Diocese.



DIOCESAN CONVENTION SET-UP



DIOCESAN CONVENTION CREW

Congratulations and gratitude are due to St. Peter's treasurer, Nancy Rowe, for her election to Diocesan Council and for her willingness to serve. Her knowledge of the church, her business expertise, and her deep faith will make her a very valued member of the Diocesan Council.

Ruth Merz participated as an online "Visitor" and was impressed not only by how smoothly everything proceeded (8 hours in person meeting time into 3 hours online!), but by how polished Canon Sandy's disembodied voice is! Canon Sandy Graham made announcements throughout the meeting and has a professional background in voice and music training. We could tell! For more details regarding the Convention, [click here!](#)



### **Foodland/Western Union "Give Aloha" Results**

Thank you to all who participated in the Foodland/Western Union "Give Aloha" program during the month of September. This was the first year St. Peter's participated in this program. We received the results at the end of October. Twenty-nine people made a donation for St. Peter's at Foodland totaling \$4,713.93. \$3,895.93 was designated for the operating budget, \$200 for outreach, \$120 for the new St. Andrew's Scholarship, and \$498 for the building fund. Foodland/Western Union added an additional \$1,080.62 and informed us that St. Peter's had a "top 100 finish." Thank you to all who generously participated and to Foodland/Western Union for this program and their matching funds!

### **Honoring Our Elders**

This year Sunday, October 25th, was our annual celebration of our elders 90 years and older. We honored three Centenarians and twelve Nonagenarians in our prayers that day.

Centenarians:

Nora Fong (102), Miriam Everhart (101), Violet Chew (100 on 12/31/2020!)

Nonagenarians: Joseph Chang, Cedric Ching, Rosie Ching, Margaret Chun, Ellen Jean Fo, Lily Ing, Stanley Kau, Velma Kim, Loretta Loo, Helena Won, Albert Wong, and Doreen Yuen.

The 2020 Elders Booklet is available for download online or as a hard copy. Velma Lee and Haroldwyn Chang are sending out hard copies to our elder honorees. If you would like an electronic or hard copy of the 2020 Elders Booklet, contact Pastor Diane by email or through voicemail at church, 533-1943. Although we weren't able to gather in person, we still want our elders to know—St. Peter's loves you!

### **All Saints' Day**

November 1st, All Saints' Day, is a major festival in the church calendar year. As a result, we always celebrate the Sunday closest to November 1st as All Saints Sunday, but this year Sunday is All Saints' Day! Each year on that Sunday, we name those who have died within the last year, sounding a bell tone with each name during the prayers. Those within the St. Peter's community who died since All Saints' Day 2019 and that we remember with love and thanksgiving this year are Hans-Gerd Bochentin, Eleanor Chang, Annette Besvold, Adele Low, David Lee, Audrey Effler, Stanley Chong, Sr., Lisa Pang, Bernard Ching, Adrienne Yee. All of the above, except for Bernard and Adrienne who died close to the date of this year's Convention, were included in the Diocesan necrology video that was prepared for this year's Diocesan Convention. That video will be posted on the Diocesan website. Bernard and Adrienne will be included in next year's necrology report at Diocesan Convention.

### Family Promise Volunteer Opportunities

Family Promise is one of the organizations within the community with whom we partner as a congregation. Looking for an opportunity to serve? Keep reading!

From Family Promise:

Although this pandemic has changed the ways we interact in person, it has not changed the desire to be of service to the community. So, we are very excited to let you all know of new volunteer opportunities! Through December 2020, we will be hosting monthly drive-thru service fairs to provide resources to families whose income has been negatively impacted by COVID-19. Additionally, we are providing dinner to families in our Emergency Shelter through our Contactless 'Ohana Meal Program, if you would like to provide a meal explore the link below. Lastly, this holiday season will be difficult to say the least. Help bring struggling families joy by providing candy for Halloween and hosting a donation drive for the Christmas holiday. If you have any questions, email: [Volunteer@familypromisehawaii.org](mailto:Volunteer@familypromisehawaii.org). We look forward to serving with you all!

#### Drive-thru Service Fairs

Items that will be given out during the fairs need to be packed into boxes the day before. We are looking for volunteers to help with this as well as be present on the day of the fair to load them into cars when the attendees arrive. Click here and sign up!

#### Contactless 'Ohana Meal Program

We are looking for volunteers to prepare and package dinner to be delivered to families in our Emergency Shelter program. Click here and sign up!

#### Christmas Donation Drive

Host a donation drive for (unopened) toys and gift cards to spread some much needed aloha this holiday season. If you are interested email: [Volunteer@familypromisehawaii.org](mailto:Volunteer@familypromisehawaii.org)



#### 2020 Vestry

**Senior Warden: Velma Lee**

**Junior Warden: Terry Dang**

**Treasurer: Nancy Rowe**

**Clerk: Karin Kimura**

**Rector: The Rev. Diane Martinson**

**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**

#### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kathleen Dos Santos-Tam  
 Jessica Kaneshiro &  
 Marian Melish  
 Renee Baldovi, Kenneth Inn  
 & Noah Young  
 Haroldwyn Chang &  
 Jennie Pang  
 Ted Kanemori &  
 Myra Young  
 Audrey Mueh & Lori Yee  
 Stephanie Vlachos  
 Ky Wong  
 Lena Kimura  
 Albert Wong  
 Maka Koa Melendez  
 Chris Seniuk  
 Alli Yee

#### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ron & Janet Kim  
 Kwai Tin & Jocelyn Choy