

"I am the vine, you are the branches; abide in me and you will bear much fruit." John 15:5



# Vine & Branches

News from St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, 720 N. King Street, Honolulu, HI 96817



August  
2006

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## From Mother Jodene

### *Aloha Beloved in Christ,*

Remember that songline, "Summertime and the livin' is easy?" Remember the old saying "The lazy, hazy, days of summer?" For our church which is growing, none of those nostalgic things has happened **yet** this summer. When the Immigrant Center notified our vestry that most of the space they had been renting in Shim Hall was no longer needed for their programs, St. Elizabeth's vestry suddenly was presented with a new opportunity. Our vestry needed to determine the future use of that space and to consider new ways to use our reclaimed rooms for ministry and mission.

Hence, the **non-lazy**, hazy days of summer began for our church family.

First, Francis Kau, our Junior Warden helped make an assessment, not just of the needed repairs in Shim Hall, but the pressing repairs needed throughout our church property. Wooden doors to the church were termite ridden. Locks were old and not secure. Shim Hall had 40 year old paint from the school days. The bridal room was filled with storage items and needed painting. Electrical connections had to be updated in Shim Hall. So much to do, so little money, so little time. There are many ways a church family could respond to a situation like this "Too much to be done, what's the use?" or "It's too big a job, let's wait until we have more money, more time, more people—we'll get to it—sometime soon." But, throughout the scripture God's people are reminded that God's call is to build and to plant, that God's ways are to restore and renew, and that God's promises to us are that God can do more than we can ask or imagine.

So, standing on the promises of God, St. Elizabeth's began a marathon month of transformation. Doors and walls came

a tumblin' down.

Volunteers replaced doors with secure, solid core doors. Broken jalousies were replaced. Our parish interns took on the big task of cleaning out and painting the bridal room. One termite-ridden wall in Shim Hall was removed.

Then another wall in Shim Hall was removed by volunteers. And Eureka! St. Elizabeth's now had a hall large enough to seat over one hundred. But, the walls were still old and shabby. And we didn't have enough tables and chairs, anyway, ...time to postpone, or ...? Not our people of God. To the rescue, a painting party was held. Would we have enough people to paint and restore in a swat-team blitz our huge Shim Hall in just one Saturday morning? A real life loaves and fishes event happened. Bright and early 36 painting and food angels arrived. By high noon every wall and door had been painted! At the July Vestry meeting, we allocated money to buy new tables and chairs for our hospitality for celebrations and memorials and for our mission to serve our neighborhood community.

August 6<sup>th</sup> we will bless our 'new' Shim Hall. Our first outreach event has already been held. On July 29<sup>th</sup> Dr. Paul Pedersen presented a workshop on multi-cultural communication in which 60 people from the diocese and the community participated. When Bishop and Mrs. Chang visit us on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, we will host them in our new Shim Hall.

No, it has not been a lazy, hazy summer, **yet**. But, St. Elizabeth's has built and planted seeds of faith, seeds of commitment, and seeds of growth. Mahalo for everyone's dedication to support the mission and ministry of St. Elizabeth's through prayer, with financial gifts, with hospitality and with labors of love.

*Mother Jodene +*





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## St. Elizabeth's to host guest harpist

Fourteen year old harpist, Melody Lindsay, will play for the 8:15 am service at St. Elizabeth's on Sunday, August 27. She began harp study at age four and is now in her ninth year of study. She was chosen from hundreds of performers worldwide to represent the USA in a solo recital at the World Harp Congress last summer in Dublin, Ireland. She has appeared numerous times on television and radio, including National Public Radio's *From the Top*. An honors sophomore at Iolani School, Melody's pastimes include swimming, math, history, 3-D art, archery, and cooking. Melody is grateful for the opportunity to make music for the Glory of God.

"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:58

## Next Vestry Meeting

is Sunday, August 20 at 9:30 am.

## Mother Jodene will be on vacation on the Mainland

visiting family from August 7-20. Fr. Tom Yoshida will be preacher and celebrant on Aug. 13 and 20. For pastoral emergencies during this time, please call Rev. Tom Yoshida at 947-2465 or Rev. Norio Sasaki at 735-5892.



## A thank you from Nancy Shim-Au

Dear Mother Jodene, staff, members and friends of St. Elizabeth's Family:

I am overwhelmed and in awe of the tremendous outpouring of love, prayers and support you bestowed on me during a recent hospitalization.

Throughout my confinement, my faith never wavered. I could feel your love and God's presence and grace.

I deeply appreciated celebrating communion with you, your gifts, beautiful floral arrangements, cards and letters of encouragement, fervent prayers and visits. I am convinced that the sum of all these components propelled my recovery.

Thank you for caring so deeply and for all that you do to glorify God and fast-forwarding St. Elizabeth's ministry.

You are all very special to me and I will be eternally grateful.

On behalf of my family, please accept my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for being such an important part of my life.

With much love and gratitude,  
Nancy Shim-Au.



## From Nancy's Kitchen

### PINEAPPLE NUT BARS

1/2 cup butter, melted	1/2 tsp. salt
1-1/2 cups sugar	1 can (1 lb. 4 oz) crushed pineapple, well-drained
3 eggs	1 cup chopped nuts
1-1/2 cups flour	Powdered sugar for garnish
1/2 tsp. baking soda	

Preheat oven to 350 deg. Grease the bottom only of a 14x10x2 inch pan, and dust with flour.

In large bowl, cream butter and sugar with electric mixer. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in sifted flour with baking soda and salt. Mix batter alternatively with pineapple. Stir in nuts.

Pour into prepared pan. Bake at 350 deg. F. for 35 to 40 minutes. Cool. Cut into 2x1-1/2" bars. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Makes 3 dozen bars.

# The transformation of Shim Hall, July 22, 2006



David Kleinschmidt



Liesl Eng, David Hirashiki and Bill Eng



Alan Esaki



## The painting and food brigade arrives!



Pedro Timonio



Roy Chee, Kathy Stevens and David Kleinschmidt



Sue Jean Chun and Patsy Ching



Lani Kaaihue



Caren Esaki



(L-R): Millie Goo, Sue Jean Chun, Lillian Tyau, Hermenegilda Sarceda, Patsy Ching, Dorie Horio, Faye Tsukamoto



Faye Tsukamoto and Millie Goo



Dan Oshiro

# More pictures from the Painting Party . . .



Shane Kealoha



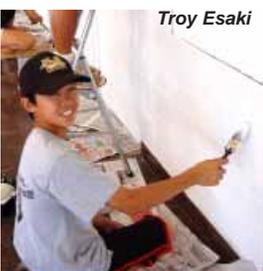
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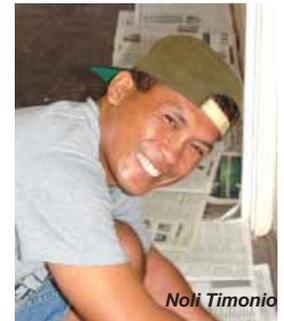
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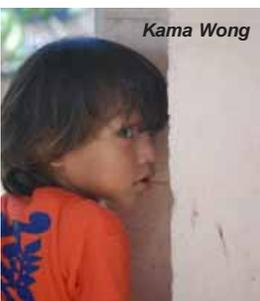
Sarah and  
Rebecca Kleinschmidt

## Sunday School news...

Sunday School will begin again on September 10, 2006. Children, meet in the Education Building at 8:15 AM. Come join your friends, your teachers and helpers for Music, Fun, Food and Fellowship.

Summer worksheets are available for the children in church. Pick up your 'pew packet' from the usher and take your worksheet home. Leave the crayons in church, please.

Registration forms for Sunday School children are available on the reception table. Please fill one out, leave it on the table or bring it with you to the first day of Sunday School, September 10th. *(Submitted by Sue Yap)*



Kama Wong



Kit Hawkins

## Holy Humor

*From the Anglican Church in Scotland Newsletter:*

"Soon after our last child went away to college, my husband was resting next to me on the sofa. I carefully removed his glasses so he could doze off.

"You know, my dear," I said sweetly, "Without your glasses, you still look like the handsome young man I married."

"My love," he replied with a grin, "Without my glasses, you look pretty good, too!"



## Refreshment for the Soul

*Healing Prayers and Holy Communion*

Our Wednesday morning healing prayers and Holy Communion begins again on September 6th at 9:30 am. Following the service, we have a very informal, no experience needed or required, Bible study from 10:15-11:00. You need not be present every week to participate.

## 'Home Improvement and 'This Old House''

Some of us have watched these TV programs and enjoyed watching the challenges the creative workers overcome.

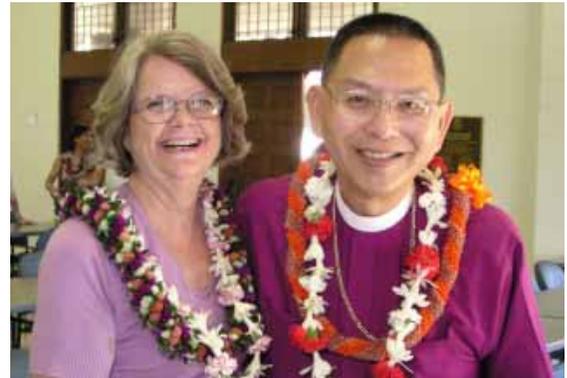


St. Elizabeth's isn't exactly enjoying the problems that continue to beset 'our old house' from the church itself, to the former rectory, to Shim Hall. Plumbing pipes continue to suddenly break at the most inconvenient times, including early Sunday mornings which means no water and no toilets. As fast as we fix one plumbing problem, another pops up somewhere else. Some folks have already done so, but if you would like to make an additional donation to assist with our home improvement projects, your vestry would be most grateful. Please designate Building Repairs on your check or envelope.

**Tuition scholarships are available** for parish family members who are enrolled in college. Applications are available in the church office. Deadline is August 28, 2006.

## The Bishop is Coming! The Bishop is Coming!

St. Elizabeth's will again welcome Bishop Chang and Mrs. Chang, and we hope, Mother Chang on September 24th. We look forward to baptisms,



confirmations and reaffirmations of faith. Baptism is the great sacrament of belonging where we are officially adopted into God's family and born again by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Confirmation is the rite of laying on of hands by a bishop for the strengthening of the Holy Spirit's power for our life and for our ministry. Reaffirmation is reaffirming our faith in our Lord Jesus. As we reaffirm our faith, we kneel before our bishop and receive prayers that we will be empowered to continue in our ministry in the service of Christ.

Preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and Reaffirmation will take place on Sunday, Sept. 3, 10 and 17 from 9:30 am-10:15. Instruction will be by Mother Jodene and David Gierlach, who will be ordained transitional deacon in the Episcopal Church in Hawaii on August 19th. Sign up sheets for each date will be on the back table.

## Multi-Cultural Workshop Held July 29

Over 60 people inaugurated our freshly redecorated Shim Hall and our new chairs and tables on Saturday, July 29th, while learning skills to help the community. As part of its mission, St. Elizabeth's hosted a diverse group of people for an interactive workshop, led by renowned psychologist, Dr. Paul Pedersen. Many churches and regions of Oahu were represented, as well as staff from Kalihi-Palama Health Center, including director, Dr. Emmanuel Kintu.

The day included practical exercises to better understand cultural differences in communication. The participants, many from St. Elizabeth's congregation, broke into smaller groups and brainstormed plans to help our Kalihi-Palama neighborhood, including expanding the Read-to-Me children's literary outreach program. Free lunch was provided by Mr. Raymond Siu and his Pah Ke's restaurant. Thanks to the Vestry's sponsorship of this program, organized and led by our Parish Interns, Roxanna Siu, Ed Fitzpatrick, Matt Won; and to Doug Ing, videographer.

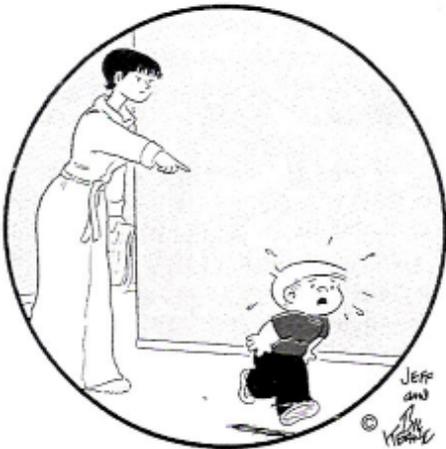
*(Submitted by Matt Won)*



## August Birthdays

- 8/2 Wilfred Tyau
- 8/4 Sue Yap
- 8/4 Pablo Venenciano
- 8/5 Nicholas Chung
- 8/8 Raymond Leong
- 8/8 Wayne Pacupac
- 8/11 Akiu Chock
- 8/13 Linda Woo
- 8/13 David Hirashiki
- 8/13 Elyjah-Dane Badua
- 8/15 Etta Leong
- 8/16 Kenneth Ho
- 8/17 Jo Ann Young
- 8/18 Douglas Ing
- 8/18 Kaitlin Nagamine
- 8/19 Karen Batangan
- 8/20 Caren Jean Esaki
- 8/20 Pedro Timonio
- 8/20 Marietta Ware
- 8/21 Nancy Au
- 8/21 Francis Kau
- 8/21 Joel Jong
- 8/25 Inaria Repaky
- 8/25 Jarrett Young

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"What I meant to say was, 'The world has gone to HEAVEN in a handbasket!'"

From the Joyful Noiseletter  
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Bil Keane

## Ragdolls2Love Update...

Ragdolls 2 Love dolls continue to bring solace and love to a child turned all too quickly into an adult! At St. Elizabeth's Church the Ragdolls 'pop up' in the basket in the narthex and are sent to children in Iraq with aloha and blessings from St. Elizabeth's Church. Thank you to all the helping hands who have generously given their time, talent and monetary donations — to our parishioners, to the Interact Club at St. Andrew's Priory School, to the Pali Seniors, to St. Andrew's Priory Alumni Board, and to the many friends of St. Elizabeth's Church, including the women of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and St. Andrew's Cathedral. The ragdolls started their journey in 2004 blessed as ambassadors of love and aloha to children in the Gaza. Many Ragdolls have since found their way to orphanages in China, Haiti, and Africa and to children who were victims of Hurricane Katrina! Most recently, the ragdolls have found wonderful little 'friends' in Mosul, Iraq and bring smiles to the faces of the 'mindaalan' (Kurdish for children) and the brave young men and women who hand them out!

This past July, Mother Jodene blessed a basket of 30 Ragdolls 2 Love made by the loving hands of our parishioners and some by the Pali Seniors Club.

Mary Page Jones receives our ragdolls and dolls from all over the United States and other countries! From that tiny post office in Wapiti, Wyoming, over 16,000 ragdolls have been sent in love to over 20 countries!

Thank you for all your continued support! *(by Sue Yap)*



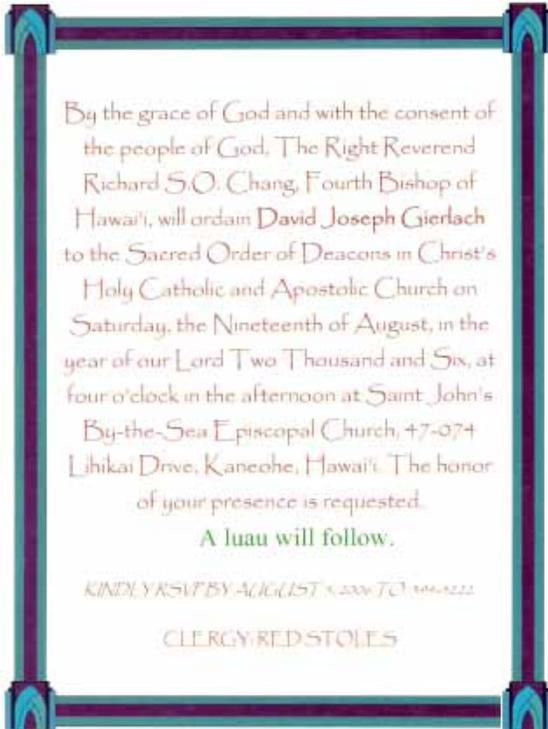
*The Pali Seniors and their RagDolls2Love.*

## Favorite Prayers

Sweet Lord Jesus, dear brother mine, be with me all this day and when the light is turned off tonight, be with me still, I pray. Amen.

*Taught to Sunday School children by the Rev. James Kieβ  
Submitted by Elizabeth Wong*

# Invitation to an Ordination



## Bishop's Sunday Preparation

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## Love

*from the wisdom of the Bible:*  
 "Love bears all things. . . hopes all things, endures all things." 1 Corinthians 13:7

*from the wisdom of children:*  
 "If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend you hate."  
 Nikka, age 6.

## Church Attendance July 2006

8:15 Sunday average	106
Chinese Ministry	8



## Save the Date!

- August 19, Ordination of David Joseph Gierlach**  
4:00 pm at St. John's by the Sea. All are invited.

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- August 27. Melody Lindsay, harpist**  
mini-concert at the 8:15 worship service

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- September 10, Sunday School begins, 8:15 am**

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- September 10, Hsiao Ying Chen and Marie Wang**  
soprano and alto duet, with Joyce Wang, piano and Charlie Yu, cellist, will perform Charles Gounod's *O divine Redeemer* at the 8:15 am service

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- September 24, Bishop and Mrs. Chang's visit**  
to St. Elizabeth's, 8:15 am

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- Wednesday Healing prayers and Holy Eucharist**  
resumes at 9:30 am, with Bible Study following from 10:15-11:00 am.

## Welcome, New Choral Conductor



Hsiao Ying Chen (call her "Ajaon") brings to St. Elizabeth's extensive music conducting experience. She has a degree from the Singapore Church Music College, from Yu Sun Theological College, and received a Diploma of Performance from the British Royal Music College. She currently conducts the Honolulu Chinese Chorus and has been

choir conductor for Presbyterian and Reformed churches. In addition to working on music, she enjoys arranging flowers and spending time with her husband and three children.

Ringers and Singers will be rehearsing on Tuesday evenings beginning **August 29th** from 6:30-8:00 pm. All are welcome and invited to participate.

Mahalo to Lyn Jefferes for her Interim Ringers and Singers assistance. We wish her well in her studies and her new job.



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## Look at Shim Hall!



If you would like to make a donation towards our new tables and chairs, it would be most appreciated by your vestry. Please designate on your check.

If you would like to make a donation towards our extensive repairs and renovations, it would be most appreciated. Please designate on your check.



## Holy Baptisms

Holy Baptisms of children and adults will be held when Bishop Chang visits St. Elizabeth's on September 24, 8:15 am.

Please contact Mother Jodene.



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