

"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



**December
2008**

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From Mother Jodene

Aloha, beloved in Christ

When our children were growing up the weeks and days between Thanksgiving and Christmas almost tested their patience beyond endurance. It was like summer vacation car trips where their refrain was "are we there yet?" Christmas just could not come soon enough. Like Santa, they made their lists and checked them twice. They loved to sing with Alvin and the Chipmunks "All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth." Many people had that song dancing like sugarplums through their heads for years. However, these days, according to humor columnist Dave Barry, the song dancing like sugarplums in many peoples' heads is "All I want for Christmas is a parking space!"

We may be making our lists and checking them twice. Bargains can be particularly beguiling this Christmas season. However, I imagine that everyone one of us yearns for so much more than a bargain, a song, or a parking place. We yearn for the gift of the age-old story of shepherds and angels, an innkeeper, a star of wonder, and a cradle in Bethlehem where the cattle are lowing and a poor baby wakes. In these trying and painful times, we yearn for the Prince of Peace to bring peace on earth and good will to all. We yearn for the lion to lay down with the lamb. In the midst of illnesses, job



stresses and financial losses, or in the midst of family trials, we yearn for those deserts and wildernesses of our lives to blossom and to be healed as the prophet Isaiah foretold. When we cannot sleep because of all the thoughts going bump in the night and bump in our heads, we yearn to hear the angel speak the same words spoken to shepherds long ago, saying to us "Fear Not!"

Bethlehem and Christmas. They come with many faces and many facets. Memories. Hopes. Dreams. Gifts. Songs. Hymns. Surprises. Joy. Peace. But, as St. Paul says, the greatest of these is Love. God's great gift to us is Love in his Son Jesus our Lord. "The earth has grown old with its burden of care, but at Christmas it always is young.....its' soul full of music breaks the air, when the song of angels is sung." (Phillip Brooks) Oh, yes, we want so much more than the world can give. And so it should be. God intended it that way. May some of the music that dances like sugarplums in our heads this Christmas be the angels' song "Gloria in excelsis Deo! Glory to God in the Highest!"

A blessed Advent and Christmas to you and your families,

Mother Jodene +

**Christmas
Concert and
Party**



for all Ages
Saturday, December 13
11:00 am to 1:30 pm
St. Elizabeth's

Iesu Kristo o Hawaii Nei Icon

Jesus of the Hawaiian Islands

was blessed on November 30 to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the life of Joscelind Zee, given by Colette Herrick, daughter of Joscelind and by Joscelind's loving family.



Shown above are Dorothy Jung and Pearl and Francis Kau with the iconographer, Fr. Damian Higgins.

Christ's halo is embossed with a breadfruit pattern, representing the Tree of Life. Embedded in the halo are seventeen Tahitian pearls representing all the islands and atolls of Hawaii Nei.

Christ is dressed as priest and healer, Kahuna La'au lapa'au. In his hand is a branch of Ti leaves, symbol of power against evil and a symbol of peace. He wears a white kihei. As traditional in all iconography, as Light of the World, Christ's skin radiates light.

Standing in water reminiscent of the waters of Hawaii Nei, the water represents traditional depictions of Christ in Icons of the Theophany where Christ stands in the River Jordan and is baptized by John. The landscape evokes the pali of Hawaii Nei with the Ohia-lehua. An liwa bird, from which the feathers of the royal capes of the Ali'i of Hawaii were crafted, is also depicted.

Enshrouded in clouds and falling rain is the sun, again representing Christ as the fulfillment of prophesy as the Light of the World as well as the sky Fathers, Wakea. The Icon's border is in a Kapa pattern.



David, Nella and Sarah Kleinschmidt pose with Fr. Damian.



Stuart Ching and Mother Jodene take their turns to pose with Father Damian in front of the beautiful icon.

On the Course



A golfer was trying everything to beat his personal best at his favorite course, but he kept tearing up the sod with both his tee shots and fairway shots.

Near the end of a round he turned to his caddy and said, "Shoots, I'd move heaven and earth to break a hundred on this course."

The caddy replied, "Try heaven.

You've already moved most of the earth.

Humor Pew

A grandmother took her five year old grandson Christmas shopping.

She bought him a beautiful nativity set and they brought it home and set it up.

"Look, grandma," the little boy said. "Baby Genius in the manger." (via *Joyful Noiseletter*)



1.1 Elizabeth and Mary

Mary Visits Elizabeth *our Patron Saint*

"The Visitation"
The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my savior,
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.*

*From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.*

*He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.*

*He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.*

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,

and has lifted up the lowly.

*He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.*

*He has come to the help of this servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,*

*The promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.*

Luke 1:46-55

Wisdom Words

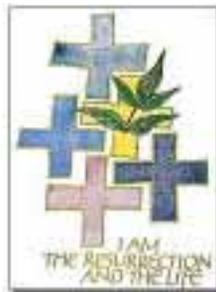
Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they are there. (Author Unknown)

Born to Eternal Life

Doris Kim Lan Goo
Mother of Beryl Goo

Rest eternal grant to her O Lord, let light perpetual shine upon her.

May her soul and all the souls of the departed rest in peace. Amen



Ilokano Mass (Holy Eucharist)
December 7th, 10:30 am
St. Elizabeth's

December Birthdays

Jeffrey Starkman
Cheryl Mitsuka
Gillian Batangan
Peter Fan
Christopher Lau
Jonathan Lau
Carla Pacupac
Kaylen Hayashi
Susan Won
Gelacio Timonio
Laureen Zane
Aaron Arakawa
Mako Ichy
Milie Goo
Otega White



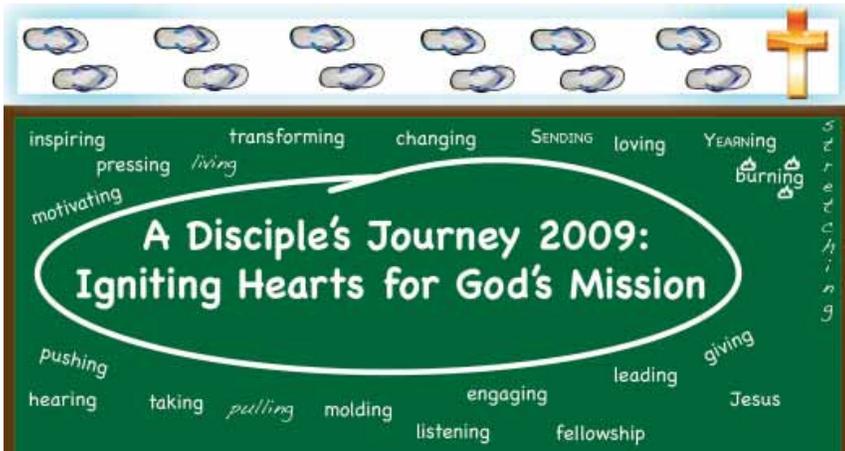
In Thanksgiving

for the life of **Wilfred T. C. Tyau**, born to eternal life October 31. Wilfred wrote this prior to his passing. It was published in the memorial program:

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth's:

I thank you for attending my last rites. I went through the listing in the Membership Book dated April, 2005 to identify and recall old timers who probably recall me at my baptismal by the Rev. Canon Keib and watch me grow up with my family. My son, Wesley, could always be identified by his white hat. Much of my religious training was received from Father Wai On Shim and Mrs. Esther Shim. I've learned to be a flag bearer, bell ringer, a cross bearer, a member of the church choir and finally acolyte. The old wooden structure which was erected on the corner of King & Banyan brings back fondest memories of my childhood. Upon being discharged from the military in 1954, our present church building had already been erected but my feelings for the old church still remind me of my religious upbringing and can never take the place of the old church. In conclusion, I would like to thank all of the old-time members for helping to raise me with religious convictions.

Respectfully,
Wilfred T.C. Tyau



Remember "The good old days"?

Camp Mokuleia, Canterbury Club, YPF?

Do we remember the fellowship, fun and faith building, and friendships that have endured throughout the years? It's time to pass on the gifts of faith that we received as followers of Jesus. It is time to rekindle our own faith and strengthen ourselves anew for the life of our Church, St. Elizabeth's.

How can this happen? **A Disciple's Journey, 2009** is a weekend of fellowship, faith building and renewal of the mission of our church. The original disciples asked Jesus to "Increase our Faith." Do we want Jesus to "increase our faith"? Do we want to follow Jesus more nearly, day by day? Do we want our church to become even more vital, and growing with the power of the Holy Spirit, spreading the Good News of God's love?

Camp Mokuleia is too small, so our Diocese will hold Disciple's Journey 2009 at Turtle Bay! Comfortable aloha attire with bare feet and slippers, this weekend is for the whole family. Parents, grandparents and great grandparents, this is the experience of lively faith and fellowship which you can help pass on to your next generations. Give your children this gift.

Cost? Children under 17 free in room with 2 paying adults. Under 30 \$100 each. Age 31 and older \$200 each. Fees include 2 nights lodging at Turtle Bay, meals and workshops, pool, beach, etc. How can these fees be so low?

Our diocese is subsidizing the cost, some scholarships from St. Elizabeth's may be available.

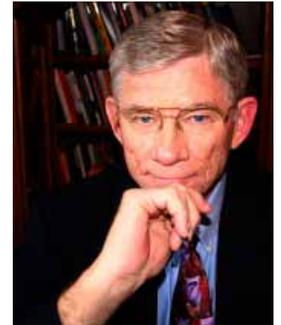
Dates: Spring Break March 20-22 Friday evening to Sunday afternoon.

What is expected? A little preparation in advance. Your willingness to bring back to St. E's what you learned so you can help St. E's become more vital in faith and mission.

Who will be there? Episcopal church members from all our islands

What will be offered? Relaxed learning for all ages. Talk story. The ocean, sand and pool. Bishop Carol Gallagher teaching how strengthen our congregations Tex Sample, master Christian storyteller engaging God's story with our story.

Our keynote speaker will be Tex Sample, a Methodist minister and teacher. He uses dry humor and plain speech as he criss-crosses boundaries between poor and rich, town and gown, wise and ignorant, and everyone in between. A professor emeritus at the St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Sample explores American culture and communication. An excellent storyteller, Sample will describe how the stories of our lives fit into the larger picture of God's story. Tex has a knack for telling stories of ordinary people and finding within those stories the story of a magnificent, loving, and challenging God.



Bishop Carol Gallagher, who has been in the Diocese twice before, most recently as Chaplain to the 2008 annual meeting of the Convention, will be back with us as our Chaplain. She will also be leading a workshop on change and growth for congregations.

Bishop Winston Halapua, Bishop of the Diocese of Polynesia has written a book called *Waves of God's Embrace* about the sacred lessons we can learn from the ocean.



Baptized

Shazlyn Malinay Padasdao. Parents are Justin Padasdao and Sheila Malinay, godparents are Tasha Paguyo and Jonathan Batangan.

Jordan Ely R. Rico. Parents are Gerald Rico and Ellen Robles. Godparents are Shirlene Cardenas, Mike Cardenas, Kari Anton, Dean Anton and Johnny Doherty.

Baptisms will next take place on **Sunday, December 28.** Please talk to Mother Jodene or Mother Imelda if you desire this sacrament for yourself or a family member.



Please Mark Your Calendars

Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 18, 2009

9:30 am

following worship

2009 Pledges

Number of families who increased their pledge	23
Number of families who maintained their pledges	28
Number of families who decreased their pledge	3
Total Pledges Received to Date	54
Total Pledges Received Last Year	78

There are a number of pledges which haven't come in yet. You are most welcome to turn in pledges to the office.

Jesus said, 'give to God what belongs to God' from thankful hearts.

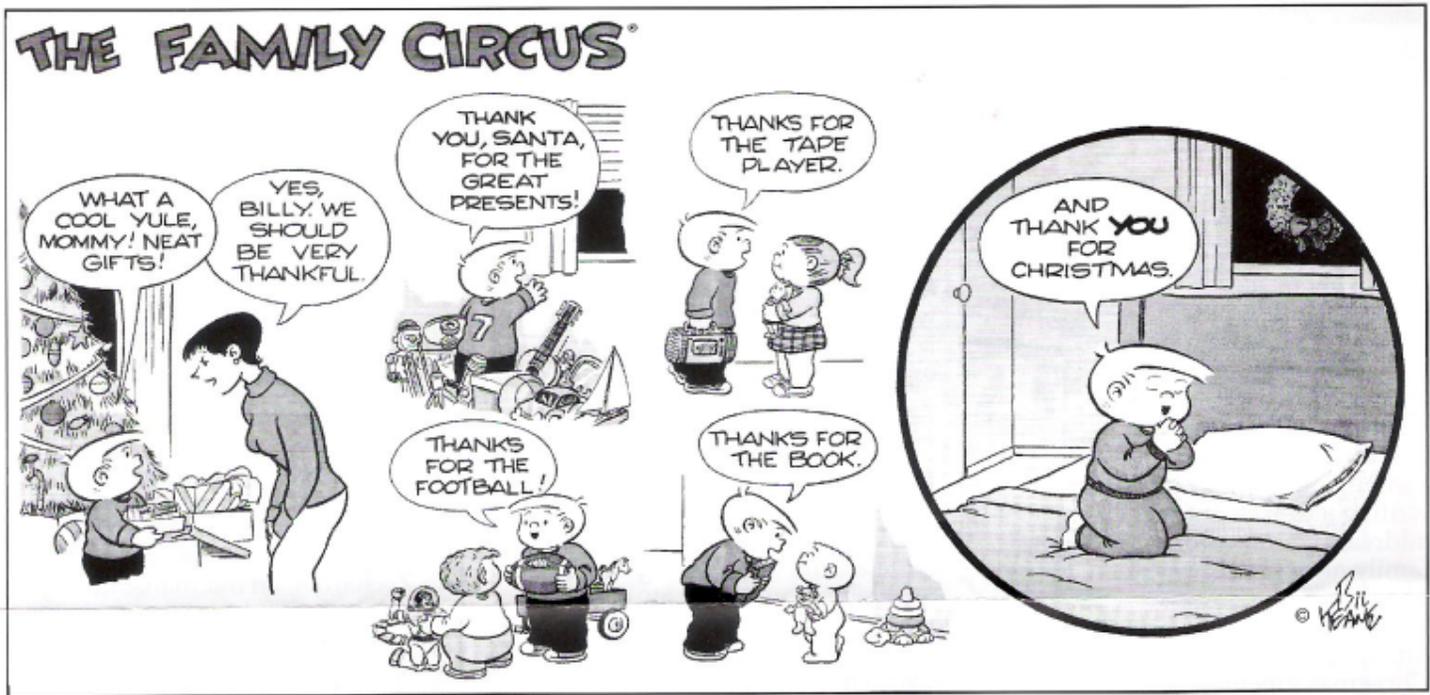
Be it a widows mite or a pearl of great price, where our treasure is, there our heart will be also.



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From Kaumakapili Church

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

On Sunday, October 26th, 2008, the Board of Education of Kaumakapili Church hosted a Penny Carnival to raise the awareness for our children and adults of the value of supporting mission projects within our community. One of the projects that our Board of Education earmarked was the reading program that St. Elizabeth's is doing for the community children.

The funds raised from the Penny Carnival and the collection of recycled plastic and aluminum cans raised \$125.46 for your reading program. Thanks be to God!

Enclosed, please find a check to support the community reading program of your church.

May God continue to bless you and your ministry.

Iwau no me ka ha'aha'a.

Rev. Richard K. Kamanu
Kahu Mua

Mahalo to the anonymous generous donors of money for gifts and food for our Palama Children's Christmas Party. Mahalo also to Nella's friend, Beth Tom, for helping us with purchases at Price Busters.

Humor Pew

The teacher asked one of her young students if he knew his numbers.

"Yes," he said. "I do. My father taught me."

"Good. What comes after three?"

"Four," answers the boy.

"What comes after six?"

"Seven."

"Very good," says the teacher. "Your dad did a good job. What comes after ten?"

"A Jack," says the little boy.



Daniel Ho at St. E's



On Sunday, November 23rd, Grammy Award winner Daniel Ho gave a benefit concert at St. Elizabeth's. The Pediatric Care Program of Kalihi Palama Health Center and the Children's Outreach Program were beneficiaries.



The Children's Music Academy was the "warm-up" act at Daniel Ho's concert.



Daniel with his young musical admirers.



Attendance November 2008

8:15 am Eucharist average	137
Sunday School average	11
Cantonese language Eucharist	5
Ilokano language Eucharist	42



Last year's Neighborhood Christmas Party was loads of fun!

Children's Outreach Christmas Party

Saturday, December 13

Mark your calendars now!

**Saturday
December 13**

**11:00 am
Free Concert with
special guest,
Melody Lindsay,
harpist**

**12:00 Noon
Christmas party
with Santa
and presents for
Palama children
and our Sunday
School**



Christmas Services

Join us in a joyous celebration
of our Savior's birth.

Sunday, December 21, 8:15 am
Greening of the church following the
8:15 service.

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24
9:30 pm Special music
10:00 pm, Candlelight Holy Eucharist,
handbells and carols. Children's
procession to the creche.

Christmas Day, Thursday, Dec. 25,
9:00 am, Festival Holy Eucharist, bells and
carols. Children's procession to the
creche.



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