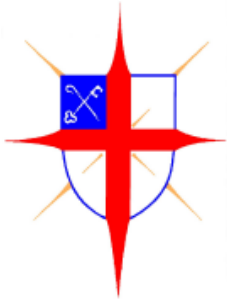


"I am the vine, you are the branches; abide in me and you will bear much fruit." John 15:5



Vine & Branches

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From Mother Jodene

Aloha Beloved in Christ,

We have all heard it said that 'love makes the world go 'round.' Poems are written about love. Songs are sung about love. Valentine's Day is centered on expressing love (and keeping the post office busy!) Recently I reread a book focused on helping organizations to grow and thrive. The book is entitled *Leadership and the New Science* by Margaret Wheatley. Wheatley is a nationally noted consultant to Fortune 500 companies, educational institutions and non-profit organizations. Her research and experience offers some important keys to success. She has discovered that 'the power in organizations is the capacity generated by relationships. Power is a real energy that can only come into existence through relationships. Those who are open to each other create positive energy.' Therefore.....'Love in organizations, is the most potent source of power we have available.'

Relationships and love. Jesus knew the power of relationships and the power of love. When Jesus was challenged to name the greatest commandment from God he declared, "You shall love your Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself." When Jesus knew he was going to his death, some of the last words on his lips to his disciples were "Love one another, as I have loved you." The power of love gave his disciples courage where they had been afraid. The power of love gave his disciples meaning and direction where they had been confused and lost. The power of Jesus' love gave his disciples power, too. They healed the sick. They fed the hungry and cared for the poor. They set spiritual captives free. They learned to love and care for each other through thick and thin. They truly

changed the world—through the power of Love. Early on, folks would say about them, "see how these Christians love one another."

Relationships and love. Jesus knew that they had the most potent power and were the key to everything. I believe that they are the potent power and key to the goodness and energy here at St. Elizabeth's. Aaron Loo's signature song at St. Elizabeth's is 'You'll never walk alone.' I believe that song sums up what relationships and love mean at St. Elizabeth's. Strangers have become friends as we have welcomed our newest members. The hungry are being fed and lives are being changed for the better through our food pantry and our Sunday School. Esther's kitchen fairly hums now with 'fellowship divine.' We talk story together. We hold each other's hands when we grieve. We celebrate each others victories. We pray fervently for those who are sick. We are getting to know each others names better. We sing, work, pray and play together. We help needy folks in our neighborhood and around the world—from New Orleans to Southeast Asia, all because of Jesus commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. We are growing and thriving as a church because of Love. From Jesus perspective, one of the most important goals that a church can set for itself is to have it be said about them: "see how these Christians love one another." I believe that together with God's help, we are well on our way!



With the love, joy and peace of Christ,

Mother Jodene +

LOVE

"Love is what makes you smile when you are tired." Emily, age 5

Memorial Service for Pat Ramos

Sunday School Teacher Extraordinaire!

A celebration in thanksgiving for the life of Patricia Ramos will be held on Saturday, February 11th at St. Elizabeth's. Visitation 10 am, service at 11 am. Reception follows in Shim Hall. Valet parking will be available.

Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in his Name, saying, Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you.

Men: Top 5 reasons for joining St. Elizabeth's Ringers and Singers

1. From your special vantage point where you see the entire congregation, you will develop interesting new hobbies. Among these is the guessing game called "Who's praying? Who's sleeping?"
2. If you think you've done everything there is to do, and there are no great challenges left in life, try singing and staying on pitch.
3. Ringers and Singers is one of the few activities for men that does not require electronic equipment or expensive power tools. Good for the family budget.
4. If you think your singing in the shower sounds good, now just wait 'till you've been singing with us for a few weeks.
5. When people ask you whether you've been behaving yourself, you can say with complete sincerity, "Hey, I'm a Choir Boy!"



A MUST READ!

St. Elizabeth's History, Growth and Development

Learning ways to build up our church to go the next one hundred years.

Founder's Day was a wonderful celebration of our history in Palama. Built on the sure foundation of both our Savior Jesus Christ and our faithful ancestors, it is now time to plan for our new future. Our 2005 vestry and our 2006 vestry has begun to develop a strategic plan that will help take us another 100 years. An essential aspect of that work is educating ourselves so that we can make the most informed and best decisions possible in the context of our faith. February will be a busy month for many St. Elizabeth's members to assist us in this process. Stuart Ching, Harold Ware and Lani Kaaihue will be attending a Strategic Planning workshop put on in Honolulu by the Bishop's Office. Mother Jodene, Lowell Ing and Glenn Woo will be attending workshops in Alexandria, Virginia designed especially for churches like St. Elizabeth's who are beneficiaries of endowments and trusts. Workshops include Asset Management, and Endowment Management, Planned Giving and Endowments, Amazing Grace-Outreach, Building a Congregation of the Future. Sandra Day O'Conner will be the keynote speaker for the Consortium. We will come back with valuable information and resources. Fr. Sasaki will be our guest preacher and celebrant on Feb. 26th while I am away with our team. If you are interested in attending the Bishop's Strategic Planning workshop here, please let Sr. Warden, Stuart Ching know. Want to learn more about the conference and the resources that will be available to St. Elizabeth's as a member of the Consortium of Endowed Parishes? Please visit www.endowedparishes.org.

Holy Baptism

Baptized on January 22, 2006 were Anthony Pohakukak'ikahi Ricky Sonoda, born July 7, 1999; SIRR Ikaika Monteshtma Simpson, born March 22, 2003 and Tehya Kamalana Jasmia Luis Montoeshtma Simpson, born June 18, 2005. Parents are Mikkel and Alohalani Simpson. Father, Mikkel, returned to Iraq shortly after the baptism.

Meet Lyn Jefferes

We bid a fond (but temporary!) aloha to our choir director, Susan Duprey, while she rejoins her husband on the mainland. In the interim, we welcome Lyn Jefferes, a sophomore at Hawaii Pacific University, who comes from a musically-oriented family and has been active in church music for many years. Lyn graduated from Slippery Rock High School in Pennsylvania and has played the piano for fourteen years. Welcome, Lyn!



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Caring for the Ones You Love

Sunday, March 5th 9:30-10:30am

What you can expect to learn from this workshop:

Practical ways to become a welcome visitor

How to overcome anxieties we may have about visiting

Helpful, practical things to say and to do

How we can become a healing presence and make a difference in someone's life

Please join us for our first Sunday refreshments and a 1 hour workshop with the Rev. Patricia Reynolds. Deacon Pat serves at Epiphany Church with Rev. Frank Chun. She has been ordained over 10 years. She graciously offers us her extensive experience in visiting and pastoral care in hospitals, home, nursing homes, and care homes on Oahu.

Deacon Pat, a dear friend of Mother Jodene, and her husband Donald were married in a garden wedding at her Kailua home last summer by Mother Jodene.

New Membership Directory

We are preparing a new membership directory and if your information has changed in the last year, please let us know. We are especially interested in collecting birthday information so that we may celebrate with you!

You may send an email to stelizabethspalama@yahoo.com or call the church office at 845-2112.

Update on the Organ Fund

\$37,174 has been raised to date, with a balance of \$13,949 to be raised. The organ is due to arrive soon.

Recipe of the Month

Reprinted from last month. Sorry, one key ingredient was left out!

PEANUT BUTTER LOGS

From Caroline Ambrosius of Grass Valley, California (Lani Kaaihue's mother)

LOGS

- 2 cups crunchy peanut butter
- 1 stick margarine
- 3 cups Cocoa Rice Krispies cereal
- 2-1/2 cups powdered sugar
(use more if your peanut butter is liquid-ey)

TOPPING

- 1 cup chopped peanuts
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 2 Tablespoons shortening

Combine peanut butter and margarine. Stir in sugar. (If sugar is lumpy, sift first or shake into peanut butter mixture through a strainer) Add cereal. Mix well. Easier with hands. Shape level tablespoonfuls of mixture into logs. Roll in peanuts. Place on wax paper or plastic wrap. Melt chocolate chips with shortening, stirring until smooth. Drizzle chocolate topping over each log. Chill. One batch makes about six dozen small logs.



The Prayer of the Chalice

Father, to Thee I raise my whole being.
--a vessel emptied of self. Accept, Lord,
this my emptiness, and so fill me with
Thyself--Thy Light, Thy Love, Thy
Life--that these Thy precious Gifts
may radiate through me and over-
flow the chalice of my heart into
the hearts of all with whom I
come in contact this day
revealing unto them
the beauty of
Thy Joy
and
Whole-
ness
and
the
serenity
of Thy Peace
which nothing can destroy.

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Average Church Attendance January 2006

8:15 am service	105
Chinese service	5

RED DOORS I: St. John's, Kula has a red door, prompting folks to ask "Why do so many Episcopal Churches have red doors?" Red doors have traditionally symbolized 'sanctuary.' The ground beyond the red doors is holy and anyone who passes through them is safe from physical and spiritual harm. In ancient times, no one could pursue an enemy past red doors into a church. No one could be harmed or captured inside of a church. Today, the red reminds us of the blood of Christ and that we are always in God's care and keeping. Coincidentally, we know that red is a significant beneficial color in Chinese culture, which also links St. Elizabeth's to her history in Palama.

RED DOORS II: St. Elizabeth's will soon have her office entry door painted a beautiful and traditional red. If you would like to assist in the detail painting of this door, please contact Francis Kau, Junior Warden.



St. Elizabeth's Spring Concert

Give my regards to Broadway!
Broadway Singer Rex Nockengust
is featured soloist

Saturday, March 4th at 4 pm

Friends, family and neighbors are all invited for this stellar musical event at St. Elizabeth's. Prepare to enjoy music that will have you humming and your toes tapping.

We are excited to present Rex Nockengust who has performed in theaters throughout the USA and over 15 countries. His New York appearances include *The Fantastiks* and *Forever Plaid* as well as the Broadway production of Jerome Kerns, *Sally*. He has been solo concert performer at the Naples Philharmonic in Florida, Playhouse Square Center in Cleveland, The Akron Symphony and the famed Rainbow Room in New York. Locally he sings at the Shanghai Bistro in Waikiki. In 1966 Rex was selected as a cabaret fellow at the Eugene O'Neil Theater Center where he studied with Margaret Whiting and Julie Wilson. Rex holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory of Music.

We expect a sell out performance. Please invite friends and family and reserve your tickets early. Tickets are \$15.00. A portion of the ticket price will go to benefit our Children's Outreach Center Ministry.



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February Birthdays

Richard Okubo	2/1
Evan Chang	2/2
Zachary Okimoto	2/2
Thomas Ishida	2/9
Steven Oda	2/10
Alicia Ho Nakata	2/11
David Kaloi	2/12
Eunice Gee	2/14
Beatriz Timonio	2/15
David Sunagawa	2/17
Collette Arakawa	2/17
Betty Wong	2/17
Sue Jean Chun	2/21
Faye Tsukamoto	2/24



Wisdom from Whale Season

The mama whale in the days of old Hawaii was teaching her baby whale the facts of life. "Remember," she said, "It's only when you get to the top, and start to blow off steam, that you get harpoons thrown at you."

B. Knutson, Soldier, Iowa

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