

"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 Jesus,*

I am wondering, did someone move the calendar forward when we weren't looking? February is supposed to be the shortest month on the calendar, but I think January won the race this year! Win or lose the race, here we are in Valentine's month where the focus is on Love. Someone once said, 'Love doesn't make the world go 'round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile.' Jesus talked a lot about Love. Jesus lived his life focused on Love. His was a different kind of Love than the love that makes hearts go pitter-pat. His was a different kind of Love than the love that sells movies and novels. The Love Jesus talked about and lived in his life could be summed up in words of Dr. Karl Menninger, ***Love heals people—both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it.***

Jesus worked miracles, but often he did not do a lot of fancy 'stuff.' Jesus merely responded with loving compassion to people's needs for help and healing. And people were healed. Jesus never viewed anyone or any situation as beyond his capacity to love and to bring healing. And people were healed. Even a brief encounter with God's messenger of Love named Jesus brought healing of body, mind and spirit.

Our loving response to someone in need follows right in Jesus' footsteps of healing.

Every time we listen to someone with compassion or try with an open heart to understand all that they are going through, we become partners with Jesus and help bring healing. When we offer our prayers on behalf of someone's physical or emotional needs, it is our loving care that helps bring healing. People do not need to be physically ill or emotionally ill to need healing. Family and friends can suffer intractable problems,

they can suffer deep sorrows and grief, or struggle with relationships that are bent out of shape or seem fractured beyond repair. When we remember it was Jesus' unconditional, non-judgmental love that brought people healing, again, it can be *our* loving and compassionate caring that can help bring healing.

It may seem like such small things to listen to someone, or to stay with someone in a dark or confusing hour in their life. It may seem like a small thing to help someone with practical things like food and transportation, or a caring note, or a phone call. It may seem like a small thing to pray for someone or to put someone's name St. Elizabeth's prayer list. However, if we have ever been on the receiving end of these so called 'small things,' we know that they provided a balm of healing. Then we have had a close encounter with a true testament of Love. The amazing thing in all of this is that even though we do not seek this, we too, receive the balm of healing.

During the season of Lent, in addition to our Wednesday healing prayer service, we will offer anointing for healing prayers immediately following receiving Holy Communion. Prayers may be requested for your own needs or for the needs of those whom you know and love. Love heals people. Bring the love you have. Bring those whom you love with you in your heart. And let God's healing balm come upon them and upon you, so that God's messenger of Love, Jesus our Lord, can pour forth his healing graces.

With the love, joy and healing peace of Christ,

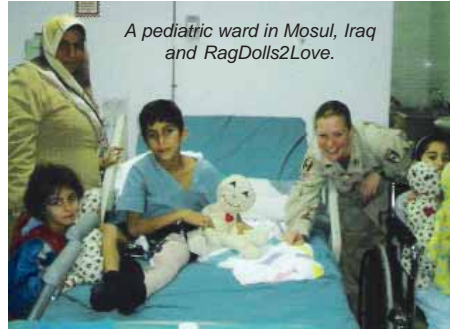
Mother Jodene +



The Look of Love

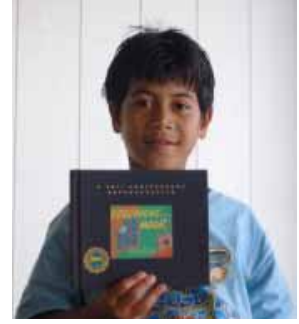


Liesl Eng reads a story.



A pediatric ward in Mosul, Iraq and RagDolls2Love.

A child from the Reading Program.



Children from Mosul with RagDoll.



Ajaon Chen has fun teaching music at the Children's Outreach Center.



Lilian Tyau with Sunday School children.



Starkman family at Max's baptism.



A child from the Reading Program



Always abundant food at the Celebration of New Ministry.



Sue Yap gives Mother Jodene a hug.



Sunday School children.

Valentine's Luncheon

All St. Elizabeth's women are invited to a Valentine's Lunch at Buffet 100 on Valentine's Day, Wednesday, Feb. 14th at 11:30 a.m. Friends and family members are also invited. Come, enjoy fellowship and talk story time. Price is \$10.00 each including tax and tip. Please bring the exact amount in cash. Buffet 100 has no senior discount on Valentine's Day. Please help by bringing the exact amount. Sign up at church or call the office. If you do not have transportation, please let us know.



Love Notes

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Is it against the law to be the Valentine of two different girls?"

from JoyfulNoiseletter.com
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Vestry Cross Award

Nancy Shim-Au and Jerry Goo were honored at the

annual meeting for their exemplary service and spirit of aloha at St. Elizabeth's with the Vestry Cross.



Honoring Our Elders

Chinese New Year Day, February 18th at our 8:15 worship, St. Elizabeth's will honor our elders who have made their 85th birthday and

beyond. Each beloved elder has given so much of themselves over the years to God's service at St. Elizabeth's. We will express our thanks with prayers, photos and a lovely gift thanks to the generosity of Francis and Puanani Woo. Did you know that our eldest elder is Stella Ho Lau, who is 101? If you are 85 or older and for some reason the post office has not delivered your invitation, please contact the church office.

International Potluck

to celebrate the New Year
Sunday, February 18th

Everyone is invited to bring a favorite dish for our New Year Celebration. Bring a typical dish traditional in your family or a favorite you like to make or buy.

We will dine in Shim Hall at 9:30 following our 8:15 worship. Special music will be presented during the service and we may find ourselves enjoying a good old fashioned sing along after our taste-tempting treats. This is a perfect time for all of us to invite family and friends to join us for worship and fellowship.

Love is patient, love is kind; love is not envious or boastful, or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrong doing, but rejoices in the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. Faith, hope and love abide, but the greatest of these is love.

(1 Corinthians 13).

Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them as they bless you the giver. (Barbara D. Angelis)

Born to Eternal Life

Elsie D. Hollingsworth
January 19, 2007

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



Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes will take place on Ash Wednesday, February 21 at our 12 noon service and our 7 pm service. Healing prayers will be offered at each service.

Mahalo

to friends of our church for their monetary gifts for St. Elizabeth's Ministries:

The Chinese Christian Association
Kaumakapili Church in thanksgiving
for our Celebration of New Ministry
Mr. David James, Wachovia Securities

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"They get together and pray before each play."

from *JoyfulNoiseletter.com*
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Prayer of the Month

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words and give me the Spirit of Jesus. Amen. Book of Common Prayer page 461

New Acolytes at our Altar

Sanson Kom
Creighton (acolyte in training)



Women's Valentine's Luncheon

Surprise Valentine treat will bring smiles.

From Nancy Shim-Au's Kitchen

AMY'S HAUPIA

Boil 5-1/2 cups water. Dissolve 5 pkg. Knox unflavored gelatin in 1-1/2 cups cold water. Add to hot water.

Add about 1-2/3 cups sugar to hot water and gelatin mixture and let dissolve.

Stir in 7 oz. pkg of coconut milk powder and stir until smooth.

Pour into 9"x13" pan and cool at room temperature.

Before refrigeration, stir well and chill until firm. Cut into squares. Serve in foil-lined cup cake liners.



From ECW

Dear Mother Jodene and UTO Chair,

On behalf of the Episcopal Church Women of Hawai'i, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for your generous UTO (United Thank Offering) contribution of \$539.00 in 2006.

Joyce Kim
UTO Coordinator in Hawai'i

Sunday Lenten Classes on Healing

March 11th 9:30-1:15 **The Healing Ministry of Hospice: Home Care and Hospice Care of Loved Ones.** The Rev. Tom Yoshida will lead us. He has extensive experience with Hospice in Hawaii and is an engaging and articulate instructor. He returns to St. Elizabeth's by popular demand on this important topic!

March 25th 9:30-10:15 **Healing, suffering, and hope: What does the ministry of Jesus reveal? How does Jesus' ministry apply to us today?** Discover practical ways that we can help loved ones when healing is needed. Mother Jodene and Father David will be our leaders.

Healing Prayers on Sundays During Lent

On March 4th, March 11th and March 25th Prayers and anointing for healing will be offered immediately following receiving Holy Communion by our Baptismal Font. You may bring your requests for healing for yourself or for loved ones. No prayer request is too small or too large for God to handle.

"Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you."
Psalm 55 verse 22.

News Flash!

St. Elizabeth's has a new e-mail address:

stelizabethhawaii@gmail.com

We can still retrieve mail from our former Yahoo address, but would appreciate receiving mail at our new address. Please update your e-mail contacts.



Loving God and Loving our Neighbor



Neighborhood Christmas party.



Flat Stanley visits Sunday School children.

Esther's Kitchen crew.



Reading Program



A bounty of food awaits in Shim Hall.



Nancy Au and Pearl Kau with RagDolls2Love made by Moanalua Seniors.



Wednesday afternoons in the Children's Outreach Center.



Children from the Outreach Center.

January 2007 Attendance

Average Sunday 115
Chinese service 5

Pastoral Fund *New Policy for 2007*

All checks to the Pastoral Discretionary Fund should be written SEPARATELY from the general operating fund and any other gifts to St. Elizabeth's. This fund is for Mother Jodene to help parishioners and neighbors in need. Please make checks payable to "St. Elizabeth's Pastoral Fund."



Newly-Elected Vestry for 2007
Back Row: Lani Kaaihue, Bill Eng, Stuart Ching,
Rowena Blaisdell, Sarah Kleinschmidt
Front Row: Jerry Goo, Mother Jodene,
Nella Kleinschmidt, Sarah Bush, Larry Young

Humor Pew

"Worry is like a rocking chair.
It gives you something to do,
but it doesn't really get
you anywhere."



February Birthdays

Elsie Okubo, 2/1
Zachary Okimoto, 2/2
Thomas Ishida, 2/9
Alicia Ho Nakata, 2/11
David Kaloi, 2/12
Eunice Gee, 2/14
Beatriz Timonio, 2/15
Elyson Badua, 2/16
Edward Fitzpatrick, 2/17
Betty Wong, 2/17
Collette Arakawa 2/17
Sue Jean Chun, 2/21
Faye Tsukamoto, 2/24
Lilia Timonio, 2/28

What the world really needs is more love and less paperwork. (Pearl Bailey)



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