

"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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New Year's
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From Mother Jodene *Aloha Beloved in Christ,*

Have you ever noticed how each year the New Year seems creeps up on us faster than ever? Something that is new in our lives can creep up like that, sometimes taking us by surprise. And yet, 'new' does not take God by surprise. 'New' seems to be God's specialty. God says things in the Bible like, "I will give you a new heart and a new spirit," and "behold, I make all things new." God says through the prophet Isaiah "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" On December 3rd, we had our Celebration of New Ministry to honor how God is truly doing new things at St. Elizabeth's. It was a day of surprising and wondrous joy. Church family, friends and family came to celebrate with us from Oahu, the Big Island, Kauai, Maui, New York, Seattle and Montana. I am still overwhelmed with gratitude for the love and support expressed by each of you to me and to my family. I can not possibly ever thank everyone enough for the treasured experience of our celebration. God has been doing a new thing *for* us and *within* us for the past two years and that wonderful newness of God's creation showed forth in all its glory that day. I continue to be proud of St. Elizabeth's hospitality, teamwork and willingness to serve others in Christ's name that was so

evident for family and friends to experience on our day of celebration. Wherever I go, people are still talking about this great day in life of St. Elizabeth's. We celebrate a New Year. Even more importantly we celebrate that through the power of the Holy Spirit, God is giving St. Elizabeth's new life, new hope, and new purpose. That is God's specialty. We are making new life, new hope, and new purpose our specialty, too. With our neighborhood Christmas party with gifts



and food for over 100 needy children and the New Year baptism of Maxwell Starkman, we continue to participate in God's specialty of making all things new.

With the love,
joy and peace of
Christ,

Mother Jodene +

A Prayer for the New Year

O God of love, we ask you to give us love: love in our thinking, love in our speaking, love in our doing, and love in the hidden places of our souls, love of our neighbors, near and far; love of our friends, old and new, love of those whom we find it hard to bear with us; love of those with whom we work, and love of those with whom we take our ease; love in joy, love in sorrow, love in life and love in death; that so at length we may be worthy to dwell with you, who art eternal Love. Amen.

(William Temple, 1889-1944. From *Give Us Grace Anglican Prayers.*)



Preparing for our Outreach Christmas party.

Celebration of New Ministry

December 3, 2006



Beldon Kahokulani Kealoha



Ringers and Singers

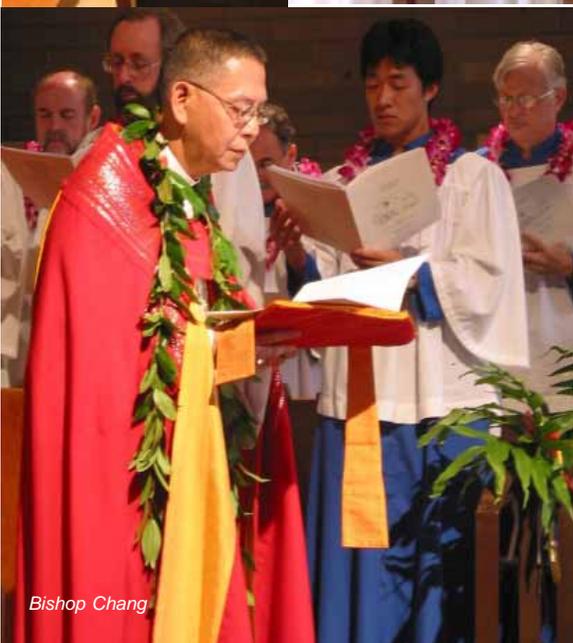


Thomas Woo and Walter Kau



The Compline Choir

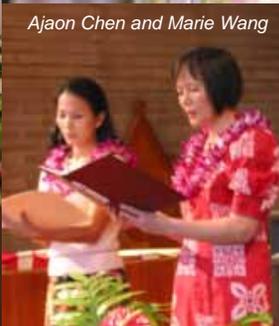
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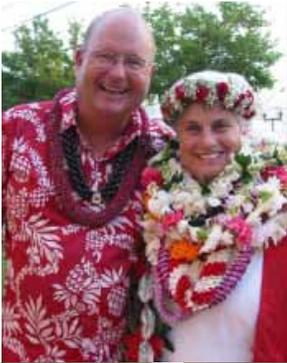


Bishop Chang



Ajaon Chen and Marie Wang

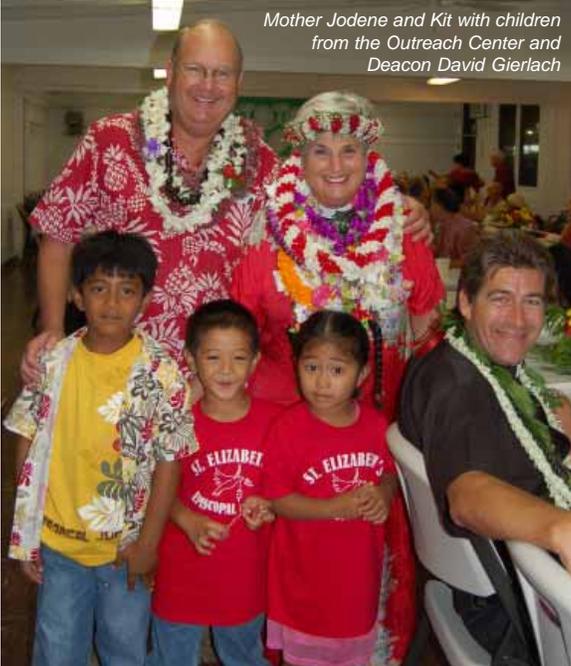




Collette Arakawa and Sue Jean Chun



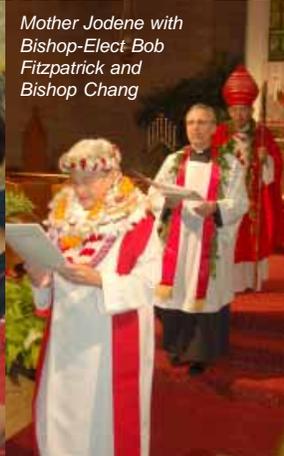
Mother Jodene's mother and daughter



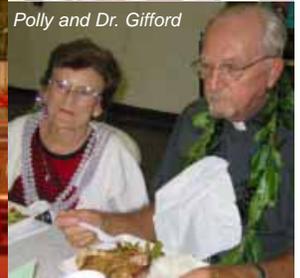
Mother Jodene and Kit with children from the Outreach Center and Deacon David Gierlach



Dorie Horio and Faye Tsukamoto



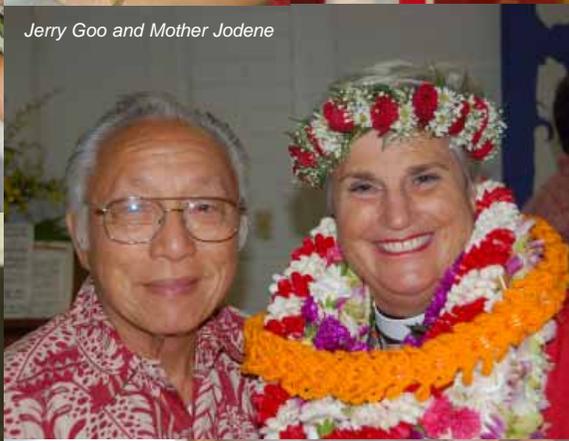
Mother Jodene with Bishop-Elect Bob Fitzpatrick and Bishop Chang



Polly and Dr. Gifford



Nancy Shim-Au and Raymond Siu



Jerry Goo and Mother Jodene



Marie Wang



David Kleinschmidt



Sue Yap



December Attendance

Average Sunday	137
includes Christmas Eve	160
Celebration of New Ministry	265

January Birthdays

Lynette Shim, 1/1
Nella Kleinschmidt, 1/9
Charlotte Jarrett, 1/13
Sylvia Rowland, 1/14
Troy Esaki, 1/14
Shaienne Sunagawa, 1/18
Bertha Chong, 1/23
Iris Park, 1/28



Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 21st
9:30 a.m.
Brunch will be served.

Committee Reports are due in the church office by **January 12th**.

Humor Pew

"Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you."
Winston Churchill

A man named Henry said to his friend: "There's nothing like getting up at six in the morning, going for a run around the park, and taking a brisk shower before breakfast."

His friend, Bob, inspired by Henry's regime, asked, "How long have you been doing this?"

Henry's reply: "I start tomorrow."



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A House of Prayer for all People

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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."

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