

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

Vine & Branches

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

**January
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From Father David

The Psalm on the Day of Epiphany, this time of celebrating God's presence to the world, was this: "Be still and know that I am God." As we enter this new year, I hope that this meditation, Be still and know that I am God, will be written on your hearts, flowing through your mind, and sitting softly in your open hands.

There is so very much to get concerned about. So very much to worry over. Even, it seems, so very much to fear these days. No matter the cause or source of distress you may feel, "Be still and know that I am God."

In the quiet confidence we have in the God who has made us his own, we enter a new and exciting year here at Saint Elizabeth's. With much of the building maintenance done, we can re-focus on the really important stuff of ministry.

Our Youth Center will be dedicated and blessed this month. Thanks to the generosity of so many who have made this a reality, including Ray and Audrey Tam, the Diocese of Hawaii, Fr. Saimone and his family, Mrs. Terno and so many others, we are about to launch a safe haven for our neighborhood keiki! If you haven't stuck your head in yet, please stop by for a look!

And now for a few ideas for the new year.... How about.....

A monthly spaghetti dinner (say, the last Saturday of each month?) followed by a dance under the moonlight at the Shim Hall dance arena (a.k.a. the parking lot by day!)? Whattaya think? It's a way to get together, have a good time and the cost is small. Please let me and the vestry know what you think....(And you thought you'd never use

those CD's from the 40's, 50's and 60's!)

Fr. Saimone and I would like to begin more regular weekday masses. Perhaps adding Monday and Friday to the existing Wednesday healing liturgy. Your thoughts on the best time for such liturgies will be greatly appreciated.

The singing has really begun to get quite good on Sunday mornings! Thanks to Kathy, Marie, Ajaon, Gretchen, Fane and Fr. Fan for seeing to it that such a joyful noise erupts from this Church! So, along those lines, who's up for joining a men's choir???

I have my eye on a number of you and will soon be tapping your shoulder to encourage those honey glazed vocal chords....Maybe guitars and banjos and accordions rather than organs. Imagine what we can do on All Saints Day with THAT!

Finally, I am very open to a monthly, evening, get together that creates what other parts of the world call a "Basic Christian Community." This is a group of believers who gather, reflect on their lives in light of the gospel, and seek to deepen their faith as it is lived out in the Monday through Saturday world. If there is interest in forming such a group, please tap me on the shoulder.... I promised a rewarding time....!

Peace,

david+





Mahalo

to each and everyone who donated lovely poinsettias:

Nancy Au (in memory of Reginald Au and Robert and Rose Shim), Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Awakuni, Rowena and Bill Blaisdell in memory of Abbie and Val Peroff, Elsie Heu Ching (in memory of Juliet W. Young, Edward S. T. Ching, Ella Heu Lum, Lottie Fung Heu, Ellen Heu Lee, and in honor of Gertrude Tyau, Frances Tyau, Lilian Tyau, Hannah Tyau, Mother Imelda Padasdao and The Rev. G. Laun), Patsy and Stuart Ching (in memory of Richard C. Ching, Lucy F. Ching, and Kenneth T. K. Ching), the Chock Family (in memory of James L. L. Chock), Stephen Chun, Caren Esaki (in memory of Walter T. H. Chun), Beryl Goo (in memory of Doris Goo), Mr. and Mrs. Michael Heltz (in memory of Harriet and Lawson Green), Lily M. Ho (in memory of Dora Chung and Richard Masaki), Kenneth Ho (in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ten Fook and Mabel Ho), Allen Hoe (in honor of RagDolls2Love and in memory of 1st Lt. Nainoa Hoe), Dorian Horio (in memory of Elizabeth Wong), Doug Ing (in memory of Leslie G. Ing and Patricia C. Ing), Tom and Peggy Ishida (in memory of Linda Ishida), Laura M. Iwami (in memory of Masayoshi and Haru Iwami), Estella Lau Iwerks (in memory of Yuen Lin and Stella Ho Lau), Gretchen Jong (in memory of Grace and Harry Goo and Elizabeth Wong), Dorothy Jung (in memory of Richard Jung and Mabel L. Ho), Pearl Kau (in memory of Ten Fook Ho, Joscelind Zee and Ruth Fung), Walter Kau (in memory of Esther Kau, Mabel Kau, James and Julia Ho, Philip and Rose Hong), the Kealoha Ohana (in memory of Jalyne Lilinoe Kealoha Wong, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Moku, Mr. and Mrs. Jacinto Ignacio), Preston and Mary Ann Lentz (in honor of family and friends), Christine Ling (in memory of Alim and Elizabeth Mark Ling), Juliette Ling (in honor of Christine Ling), Jennie Lum (in memory of Dr. Steven Tyau and Lydia and Henry Auyong), Mr. and Mrs. Richard Okubo, Dan and Sharon Oshiro (in memory of Elizabeth Wong), Thomas A. Ramos (in memory of Senie Ramos, Pedro Felipe and Ladio Agtarap, Pat Asuncion, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Young, Mr and Mrs. Fernan Agtarap, Lynette Shim (in memory of Wallace Shim), Margarita Suyat (in memory of Luciano, Bruna, Herminia, Cristina, Emilio, Crescencia, Pablo, Susana, Flora, Mateo), Faye Tsukamoto (in memory of Jack and Masa Tsukamoto), Juan and Leticia Tugaoen (in memory of Anatalila, Andres, Paulino, Basilisa, Josefo and Narciso Labayan, Juan and Demetria Corpuz, and Manuel Tugaoen), Frank Yap family (in memory of Christina Yap, Florence Yap and Frank Yap, Sr.), Arleen Young (in memory of Juliet Young).

Thank you also to the hardworking Altar Guild for making the church look so pretty for the Christmas services.



St. E's is the COOL place to be!

After months of going without, St. Elizabeth's again has an air-conditioned church! A crane was needed to lift the new compressor onto the roof, which by the way, was repaired in December. The roof for Shim Hall was also repaired in December—so no more leaks!

All the repairs were done in time for Christmas.



Palama Children's Christmas Party, December 19

Over 50 neighborhood children attended the annual Christmas Party on December 19th, an afternoon filled with food, fun, and fellowship. All the children received presents and Santa was there, too! By all accounts, the party was a grand success, and everyone went home happy.

Fr. Lino led the singing.



A real Santa Claus (with a real beard!) came to the party.



Anaseini Lino taught girls from the neighborhood to dance.



So much food!



Thanks to Greg Hirashiki (a nephew of David Hirashiki), Darien Chow and Sonny Ruan of Balloon Monsoon for donating their time and balloons in making fantastic balloon shapes. It was the highlight of the party!

The adults attending the party were commenting on how excited the children were to watch the balloons transformed into flowers, swords, hats, and animals.

For nearly all of them, this was the first time someone had created something out of balloons especially for them.



Lots of delicious food was enjoyed by young and old alike. Patsy Ching, Dorothy Jung, Pearl Kau and others helped to serve.

Christmas at St. Elizabeth's

Thanks to the St. Elizabeth's Handbell Choir, the Sunday School children, Joshua, Daniel and Naomi Yuen-Schat, Ajaon Chen and Marie Wang, the Christ Child was born anew through their beautiful music.



Mahalo, Ringers, for your service throughout the year: Sarah Bush, Faith Chock, Liesl Eng, Laura Iwami, Pearl Kau, Joshua Lino, Arleen Young, Larry Young, Joshua Yuen-Schat, Daniel Yuen-Schat, Naomi Yuen-Schat and Marie Wang.



Daniel Yuen-Schat plays the xylophone on the Sunday School's Christmas anthem: "Midnight stars make bright the sky," while Joshua played the cello.



Naomi Yuen-Schat played an organ solo on "Little Jesus sweetly sleep" by Randolph Currie. Brother Joshua played two organ solos, "Twas in the moon of wintertime" by Paul Manz and "Noel suisse" by Louis-Claude Daquin.

Baptism

Baptized on January 3, 2010 was Ka'iana Han Ying Thomas Ralph Miller Adams, son of Newton K. H. P. Miller and Leah K. Adams. Godparents are Alissa Covington and Mahum Miller.



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Out of the mouths of God's kids

The Sunday school teacher pointed to a picture of "The Last Supper" and asked the class: "What do you think Jesus was saying at the Last Supper?" Little Jimmy raised his hand and answered: "If you want to be in the picture, come around to this side of the table." —*Rev. Harry Mahoney*



The sweet sound of children's voices on the Second Sunday after Christmas.

Happy Birthday

Lynette Shim	1/1
Enriqueta Haller	1/1
Serenity Michael	1/6
Nella Kleinschmidt	1/9
Charlotte Jarrett	1/13
Troy Esaki	1/13
Soo Kil Park	1/14
Sylvia Rowland	1/14
Tarla Francis	1/14
Shaienne Sunagawa	1/18
Sharlene Yap	1/19
Jane Leong	1/20
Melba Meyshine	1/20
Bertha Chong	1/23
Mark Anderson	1/25
Imensy Eichy	1/27
Iris Park	1/28
Wah Chan Ching	1/30

God's blessings on those with January birthdays!

Kids' views of angels in Sunday school: "Everybody's got it all wrong. Angels don't wear halos anymore. I forget why, but scientists are working on it." —Sara, 10

Attendance

12/2	Ilokano - Wednesday	35
12/6	Sunday 8:15 am	137
12/6	Ilokano - Sunday	41
12/13	Sunday 8:15 am	122
12/20	Sunday 8:15 am	142
12/24	Christmas Eve	163
12/25	Christmas Day	85
12/27	Sunday 8:15 am	117
	Cantonese - average	4

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ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2010

Please signup to bring refreshments:
picnic food, sandwiches, salads, desserts.
Committee chairs, please submit your
annual reports to the office
no later than January 20th!

Nominations

are open for three positions on the Vestry, Diocesan Convention delegates and Junior Warden. So far Roy Chee, David Hirashiki, Gretchen Jong, Pearl Kau and Ignacia Terno have been nominated for the Vestry. Doug Ing has been nominated for Junior Warden.

Please feel free to nominate yourself or anyone you believe can and will serve in one of these important positions. We promise that your time will be used creatively and efficiently!!

Jokes Pastors can tell

“If you must sleep through the sermon,” said the pastor, oh so prim, “Please try to snore in the same key as the closing hymn.”

—Pastor Donald Prout West Preston, Victoria Australia

A waitress in a restaurant saw the meager tips left by a church group and complained to her boss later: “These people come in with the Ten Commandments and a \$10 bill, and they don't break any of them.”

Words to start the New Year

Purpose and laughter are the twins that must not separate. Each is empty without the other.”—*Robert K. Greenleaf*

A New Year's prayer: “May we live in a home at peace and in a world at peace, with the awareness of every baby's smile, the beauty in every sunrise and sunset, every flower's unfolding petals, and every wonderful, miraculous beat of our heart. May we be blessed with every joy, good health, and the love of God in our hearts in 2010.”—*Author unknown*

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



“Yesterday is the past, tomorrow is the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present.”

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