

"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

**July/August  
2008**

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## From Mother Jodene

*Aloha, Beloved in Christ Jesus,*

*The Good Earth*, a classic book written by Pearl S. Buck illuminated life in China and the importance of the land to families and to sustaining life itself. Earth and life were intimately linked. Today, in the U.S., small family farms and the direct link to the good earth are almost a thing of the past. Children are introduced to fruits and vegetables through displays in the grocery stores or markets. There is a story about a young boy who went to visit his grandparents who still worked a small farm. The grandfather wanted to teach his son about his family roots on the land and about working the land. So grandfather asked grandson to help him dig potatoes.

After about an hour of backbreaking work, the boy wiped the sweat off his brow and asked, "Grandpa---why did you bury all these potatoes in the ground?"

Seeds and roots and potatoes hidden and growing in the good earth, was like a new concept for the boy.

Jesus knew about the good earth. His followers knew about the good earth and about planting and sowing. One of Jesus' parables begins....'a sower went out to sow...' Jesus' listeners could look up at the hillsides and even see a farmer striding across the fields beside the Sea of Galilee. With an old flax bag over his shoulder---he reached his rugged bronzed hands into the bag for the precious seeds--he would broadcast those seeds right and left across the earth. Farmers wisely cast more seeds than necessary, knowing that some of the seeds would *not* take root and grow. The farmer also knew that the seeds that made it into the good earth---the good soil, *would* take root and grow and produce a harvest.

If we hold a single seed in the palm of our hand, it doesn't look like much. Yet, a seed literally holds life and can produce life. If a seed has good earth, if the seed gets watered, the seed will root and grow and produce. Like the seeds Jesus talks about, "we human beings need to be rooted in good soil, in order to produce good fruit," writes Jean Vanier in *Becoming Human*.

I believe that we are here today at St. Elizabeth's because we were rooted in good soil. Yes, life has its rocky times. Yes, ill winds blow in life. But, the seeds of faith, hope and love did root in the good earth that has made up our lives. Whether our roots go back to China, or Japan, Hawaii or Chuuk, Samoa or Africa, Mexico or the Philippines, Taiwan, the mainland or Europe, together we have common rooting in the good soil of our faith in Christ Jesus.

On the July 4th weekend I joined our high school and college students and some of our elders on a 'Roots and Wings' Expedition to the Big Island. We went to explore the Chinese and Hawaiian roots of St. Elizabeth's which grew abundantly in the good soil of the Kohala Coast. In June, I flew to mainland China to learn about the Good Earth and the good soil that nurtured the seeds of faith of St. Elizabeth's Chinese ancestors. It was deeply moving and inspirational to climb the Great Wall and walk beside the Yangtze river with my own two feet. It was moving and inspirational to walk upon the old pier in Kohala where the feet of the Chinese immigrants first touched the good earth of Hawaii. Seeds of faith were planted in Kohala, however



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## Mother Jodene, cont.

it was in the good earth of the Chinese people's lives that these seeds of faith rooted and grew strong. We made a pilgrimage to the place those seeds were first planted, St. Paul's Church. Our feet stood firmly planted on the good earth of the ancient graveyard as we prayed in thanksgiving for the ancestors' birthplace of faith.

We also had the rare privilege of making a pilgrimage to another birthplace--the birthplace of King Kamehameha the Great and Mo'okini Heiau. Many of St. Elizabeth's Hawaiian members can trace their roots of faith back to the good earth of Kohala. Other St. Elizabeth's members trace their roots of faith to the good earth of the taro patches of Palama and to those who faithfully taught, and preached and lived the Good News of Jesus.

Seeds of faith, planted in good earth, produce abundant fruit, says Jesus. By the grace of God, someone planted a seed or many seeds of faith in each of us. By the grace of God those seeds found good soil in our lives and those seeds of faith took root.

Whatever family or culture we have been rooted in, Jesus tells us that God has put us here on this earth to scatter seeds of love. Jesus tells us that we are to scatter seeds of faith by sharing the Good News of what God has done in Christ. Jesus tells us that we are to scatter seeds of serving wherever we may be--and Jesus assures us that when we tend the soil of our souls, we will bear fruit. And by the grace of God, there will be a bumper crop.

With the love, joy and peace of Christ,

*Mother Jodene +*

## A Safe Ride

A teenager who had just received her learner's permit offered to drive her parents to church. After a hair-raising ride, they finally reached their destination.

The mother got out of the car and said, "Thank you!"  
"Anytime," her daughter replied.

As the woman slammed the door, she said, "I wasn't talking to you. I was talking to God."



## 'Roots and Wings' Expedition to Kohala



*Those on the trek to Kohala included Laura Iwami, Mother Jodene, Nella, Sarah and Rebecca Kleinschmidt, Jerek and Gretchen Jong, Walter Kau, Lowell Ing, Puanani Woo, James Fitzpatrick, and Caressa Matsuoka.*

*Aunty Mary Ann Lim and grandson Carrington Lim-Yap.*





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## Gecko Reports



### Lani Kaaihue

has been admitted as a Postulant for Holy Orders by The Rt. Rev. Robert L. Fitzpatrick. Lani's call to ordination as a Vocational Deacon was first affirmed and supported by her Discernment Group. The Vestry concurred with our discernment group's affirmation and nominated Lani at the April vestry meeting and sending the required documents to Bishop Fitzpatrick.

Our bells are ringing again thanks to **Scot Yamashita**, grandson of Eunice Gee. Climbing to the top of the bell tower on a 91 degree day, he replaced broken ropes so that every one of the old familiar bells could ring out for his grandmother Eunice's memorial service. Scot was eminently qualified to climb the ladder—his business is home

## June 2008 Attendance

8:15 am Eucharist average	128
Cantonese language Eucharist	5
Ilokano language Eucharist	32

repair and handyperson service, so ladders and fixing things are his specialty. Mahalo, Scot.

**Heidi Edson**, Diocese of Hawaii seminarian and her husband Doug have been worshipping with St. E's this summer while she completes her Clinical Pastoral training at Kuakini Hospital. The Kealoha's were glad to have her stop by for prayers during Lani Kealoha's extended hospital stay.

Baseball and waterslides with grand children, camping, and driving the open road were some of the highlights of **Kit Hawkins'** trip to the mainland. Destinations were Seattle, Portland, Lake Chelan, Montana, the Grand Tetons in Wyoming and Yellowstone Park.

**Stephen Crosier**, son of **Kathy and Carl Crosier**, saved our bacon by correcting some tricky computer problems that our office had been plagued with for several months. He diagnosed the source of the problems and then fixed them!! Mother Jodene now doesn't have to turn her computer off and then on again, over and over, to have access to sending letters and email.

Congratulations to our graduate, **Chase Pacupac** from Pearl City High. He has been accepted at UH Hilo. At his graduation party four lions from the **Kuo Min Tang Physical Culture Association** showed up for the lion dance and presentation of best wishes and good luck. Way to Go, Chase!

The president of the CCA (**Chinese Christian Association**) Mr. **Henry Wong** told Mother Jodene at the last meeting that he 'loves to read St. Elizabeth's *Vine and Branches*,' and reads it 'from cover to cover because it is so interesting and so well presented.' Thanks, Henry, for keeping up with St. E's news and events.

**Patsy and Stuart Ching** were delighted to have son/brother **Curtis Ching** and family all visiting here from Bangkok in June. It was special to have everyone around the same table to eat and talk story.

Congratulations to **Erthleen leichy** on graduation from Farrington High. She intends to study at HCC.

**Sue and Frank Yap** are proud grandparents again—so off to Florida they went again. Mia and Max have a new baby brother, **Mason Zhi Qin Starkman**, 7 pounds, 4 oz; 19-1/4 inches long.



**Kathy Crosier's** vacation was both work and pleasure. Her travels took her to Minneapolis and San Francisco to church music conferences where she enjoyed reunions with colleagues from around the United States and enjoyed the cool weather.



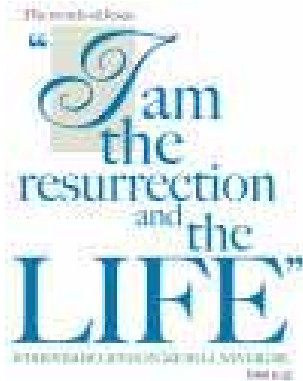
## July Birthdays

Faith Chock, Alan Esaki, Richard Okubo, Carly Venenciano, Ruby Chock, Hermenegilda Sarceda, Kody Hayashi, Gertrude Tyau, Mildred Kuniyoshi, Lisa-Anne Mitsuka Chan, Tim Blaisdell, Frank Yap, Lynnsey Ho, Richard Yee, Barry Zane, Jerek Jong and Jean Hirashiki

## August Birthdays

Wilfred Tyau, Sue Yap, Pablo Venenciano, Nicholas Chung, Wayne Pacupac, Raymond Leong, Akiu Chock, David Hirashiki, Linda Woo, Elyjah-Dane Badua, Man Love Sos, Etta Leong, Kenneth Ho, Jo Ann Young, Keith Ho, Harold Ware, Patsy Ann Ching, Douglas Ing, Kaitlin Nagamine, Karen Batangan, Pedro Timonio, Marietta Ware, Care Jean Esaki, Nancy Au, Joel Jong, Francis Kau, Jaden Morey, Jarrett Young, and Inaria Repaky.

Happy Birthday and God's Blessings to all in our church family celebrating July or August birthdays!



We extend our prayers and sympathies to the families and friends of **Eunice Gee** and to **Andreas and Andrea Sagucio** and their family and friends on the passing of their daughter **Editha** on the mainland.

## Mahalo

*to St. Elizabeth's Professional Friends of the Church*

**Gima Pest Control** and **David Sunagawa** donated the tenting of our Church and Education Building. David also keeps our Sentricon termite protection up to date.

**Scot Yamashita**, grandson of Eunice Gee and owner of Tate Industries 'Quality Home Repair' donated his services to repair our tower bells so they ring again. As soon as he is back from a missionary trip to Africa, he will re-install a utility sink in the Education Building

Dan Oshiro's brother, **Edwin Oshiro**, a professional painter, helped us with work planning for painting the Education building.

If you have need of these kinds of services, Kathy in the office can provide you with contact phone numbers.

## Today's Miracles: Medicine, God, Healing and Prayer

*Sunday, August 10 at 9:30 St. Elizabeth's*

Dr. Walter Y. M. Chang, the physician who documented the miraculous healing of Audrey Toguchi's cancer (see Honolulu Advertiser) will make a presentation at St. Elizabeth's on Sunday, August 10 at 9:30 am after worship. He will discuss his experience of witnessing and documenting the healing that the Roman Catholic church is presenting as evidence for instituting Fr. Damien of Molokai as a Saint. Please invite family and friends to church for this inspirational and interesting event. The power of God can do more than we can ask or imagine.

## God Heals Me

*To my brothers and sisters in Christ:*

I humbly thank each and everyone of you for your fervent prayers for my healing. I hold to the truth of God's healing life in me, knowing that it blesses me with every beat of my heart, and with every breath I take.

As I join in silent unity in healing prayers, I am upheld by continuing, life-affirming prayer. Together we hold to the truth: God's healing life is actively blessing us all.

To all my "Prayer Warriors": Mother Jodene, Mother Imelda, Father David, Charlie Kokubun, Lani Kaahue, my children and Mo'opunas and friends and even my doctors, *mahalo piha kakou!*

For the many hours we've prayed together, and giving thanks together:

*Hilina'i i kealoha o ka akua:*

To believe and trust in God's love,

Lani (Joan) Kealoha





## Memorial Gifts to the Glory of God

Handbell given by the Young family in memory of Juliet Young.

Handbell given by the Yap family in memory of Frank Yap.

Handbell and a donation to the Children's Music Academy and Outreach Center by Juan Ramos in memory of

Patricia Ramos.

Prayer books given by Alan Scroggie in memory of his mother, Helen Liu Sato.

Gifts in memory of Eunice Gee.

Gift to the Preservation Fund in memory of Raymond & Lily Kam, Lorene Kam Ching and Ramona Peterson by Walter K. H. Kam.

Gifts to the Preservation Fund by Eunice Gee, Gertrude Tyau, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Tyau and Wah Chan Ching.

*Mahalo nui loa* to all.



## Dates to Remember and Mark on Calendars

### ► Bishop's visitation, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Holy Baptisms, Reaffirmations of Faith, First Communion and Confirmation will be offered when Bishop Fitzpatrick comes Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Holy Baptism and First Communion preparation will be held Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Please see Mother Jodene. All are welcome to participate.

### ► St. E's Fundraiser, October 4<sup>th</sup>

Fasten your seat belts and get ready to launch St. E's biggest fundraiser to support the vital programs of the church's ministry. Those include school supplies for Princess Kaiulani School, the Children's Reading and Music Program, the Scholarship Fund, the Food Bank, Emergency Discretionary needs, repair and maintenance of the church and grounds, Esther's Kitchen and Shim Hall.

Money-raising projects scheduled are Oodles of Noodles via ticket sales, craft items, baked goods, plant sale, car washes, auction items and monetary donations, Zippy's foods and Liliha Bakery pastries.

**Attention all Craft Persons and Green Thumbs:** Whip out your serving kits and thread your sewing machines. Start putting your talents in order. And plant lovers, share your love of keeping Hawaii green and beautiful with your potted plants.

Mother Jodene traveled to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Peter's Church, Seattle. All Mother Jodene's grandchildren were baptized at St. Peter's where she was the first elected rector of St. Peter's. She was able to convince Joanne Asato of St. Peter's, to share her notable Cabbage Salad recipe for us in Hawaii.

## Cabbage Salad

2 lb head cabbage  
1 chicken breast shredded  
3 green onions  
2 T toasted sesame seed  
2-3 packages nissan noodles,  
crumbled (dry), just before serving.  
finely shredded carrots  
almonds (optional)

### Dressing

1/2 c Wesson oil  
1 tsp salt  
1/2 t black  
pepper  
3 T rice vinegar  
1 T sesame oil  
2 T sugar



## Words of Wisdom

Kindness is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.

IF WE HELP PEOPLE, OUR CHURCHES WILL GROW.

The Venerable Phil Allen

Worry is the interest we pay on tomorrow's troubles.

(E. Stanley Jones)



## Episcopalians

from Garrison Keillor's  
*Perspective*

Episcopalians believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud.

Episcopalians like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn.

Episcopalians drink coffee as if it was a Third Sacrament. Even if it is 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, they still drink coffee after the service.

Episcopalians are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at church.

Episcopalians believe their rectors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there.

A grandmother always prepared deviled eggs to be served at Easter dinner. Her six year old granddaughter put one of them in her mouth. After tasting it she told grandma "I think I would like these better if you took the 'devil' out of them."  
*From The Anglican Digest.*

## Humor Pew

"You can tell that times are bad,"  
the priest was precise,  
"When couples are getting married  
Because they need the rice."

*from The Joyful Noiseletter*

A man went for his doctor's check up. "Doctor, I have chest pains, headaches, back pain, nausea, arthritis, leg cramps, earaches, burning in the eyes, congested lungs...."

"Sir," said the doctor, "you have so many ailments. What don't you have?"

The man answered, "Teeth."



## Tax Advantages!

### Did you know?

That you can receive both estate tax benefits as well as benefit St. Elizabeth's Mission and Ministry through a bequest in your will? Confidential inquires may be made to Nella Kleinschmidt or Bill Eng, members of our Planned Giving Ministry Team.

## Sudoku Did you know?

There are Bible Sukoku books. Look for them!



## Lord, I love the house

*in which you dwell, and the place your glory abides. Psalm 26:8*

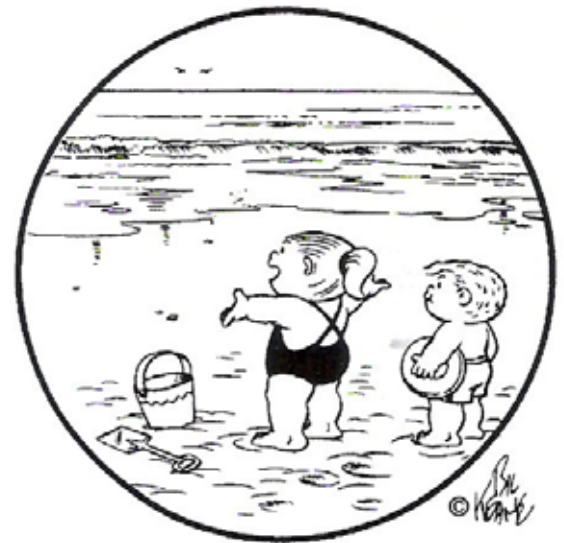
Remembering your beloved Church, St. Elizabeth's is possible through tax deductible gifts and bequests from your estate. Life insurance policies can also include St. Elizabeth's as a beneficiary. Many times we are unable to give as generously during our lifetime as we would like, but our living legacy can be made possible through our estate planning and gifting.

You may designate your donation to a specific ministry or for the care of St. Elizabeth's here in Palama into our second 100 years and beyond.

There can be some advantageous tax benefits for you and your family.

Please see Nella Kleinschmidt or Bill Eng for your questions. Your questions will be held confidentially.

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Every day God lets some of the water out so there's room to play on the beach."

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*Climbing the Great Wall.*



*New friends in local Beijing market.*



*Yangtze: The Three Gorges Dam.*



*Home visit in the Hutongs of Beijing.*



*Village school girl.*



*X'ian Terra cotta warriors.*



*Valley of the Ming tombs.*



*Rickshaw ride through the Beijing Hutongs.*



*Welcome to Yangtze River boat tour.*

## Mother Jodene in China



## More Gecko Reports

If you flew Go! Airlines in June, and read their in flight magazine, you would have seen a great 3-page article on **Daniel Ho**, his slack key artistry that gets accolades world wide and his three consecutive Grammy Awards. His winning albums are *Masters of Slack Key Guitar*, *Legends of Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar*, and *Treasures of Slack Key Guitar 2008*.



Congratulations, **Chase Pacupac** on his graduation from Pearl City High School on May 31.

## National Cathedral Girls Choir



*Eight senior choristers from the Washington National Episcopal Cathedral Girls Choir sang at St. Elizabeth's on Sunday, July 15, under the direction of Michael McCarthy.*



## Sunday School Resumes August 31

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