

"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



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From Mother Jodene

Aloha Beloved in Christ,

Signs and wonders by the power of the Holy Spirit happened on the first day of Pentecost when hundreds of people gathered together over 2000 years ago in Jerusalem. Men and women, youths and elders heard the gospel proclaimed in their own languages and many any were stirred up by the Holy Spirit to be baptized that day long ago. On June 4th by the power of the Holy Spirit, St. Elizabeth's and St. Luke's Church gathered together at St. Elizabeth's and experienced wonders much like the first Pentecost. Almost 200 people worshipped at St. Elizabeth's, overflowing into the chapel!

Our grand procession was led by St. Luke's cross and St. Elizabeth's cross. Little children waved red streamers as they walked between the red balloons lining the aisles. The altar and worshippers were adorned in red, symbolic color of the fire of the Holy Spirit. Young people read from the Holy Scriptures. St. Luke's members read the Holy Scripture in Korean.

Five children age six and under were baptized in water from the Jordan River. St. Luke's and St. Elizabeth's members renewed our baptismal vows. The signs of oneness and unity of spirit—the signs that we are all sisters and brothers in Christ—the signs that St. Luke's and St. Elizabeth's share a common history—were evident. The final blessing after our Eucharist was pronounced in six languages, Cantonese, Korean, Japanese, Ilocano, Chuukese, and English, representing the national languages of everyone present at our festive remembrance of the first Pentecost.

A special delight were Lion Dancers from Kuo Min Tang Association leading our procession from the church to Shim Hall. St. Elizabeth's topped it all off, of course, celebrating as we dined and enjoyed impromptu favorite piano music.

The flavors of Kim Chee, national specialty dishes galore and even a surprise 'get it while they're hot' churro stand hosted by our parish interns demonstrated our cooking skills and the diversity of our heritages and backgrounds.



The spirit of Pentecost is the spirit of welcome for everyone to receive the gift of new life in Christ Jesus. New life and abundant life are the gifts Jesus promised to all who choose to come to Him. New life and abundant life are promised to folks who have faith as strong as a rock or for folks whose faith is fragile as that of a newborn baby. Sometimes, I believe that people think God may be a picky God—who is picky and choosy about who can belong to God. The signs and wonders of Pentecost show us something very different. Faith and a relationship with God is for everyone, young and old, rich and poor, for those who have it all together and for those struggling to get it together. The apostle Peter proclaimed on the day of Pentecost that God declares that "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh." (*Acts 2:17*) St. John proclaims that God declares, "See, I am making all things new." (*Rev. 21:5*) May the signs and wonders we experienced at our Pentecost celebration continue to inspire us to welcome the gifts of new and abundant life that God wants to give each and every one.

With the love, joy and peace of Christ,

Mother Jodene +

New Presiding Bishop of Episcopal Church. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Bishop of Nevada, is the newly elected Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the U.S.. Her election is an historic event as she is the first woman to ever be elected to this position. Her consecration will take place in November. See www.episcopalhawaii.org for more information.

"Talk Story" Report

On June 11, approximately 65 of you stayed after church service on Sunday to participate in our talk-story session. All of you were willing to talk with a member of the Vestry about what you feel is going well at St. Elizabeth's, what some of your concerns are, and what your hopes are for our future. I want to thank you for your valuable feedback that provides the parish with a means of self-evaluation. I want to share some of those comments with you now:

What has been going well and is going well right now at St. Elizabeth's?

Many of you have noticed the upswing in attendance at church service on Sundays and the increase in baptisms over the last year and a half. There are now more children in church, and more youths participating as acolytes and lay readers. Parishioners now have a better feeling of community and fellowship. This results in a welcoming and hospitable atmosphere for visitors to our parish. You are comfortable with our form of worship and enjoy the bells (both in the choir and in the steeple) as well as the many guest performers, musicians, and concerts. One comment is that the "sermons are outstanding and leave us with beautiful thoughts of the love of God." Food seems to be one of the ties that bind with his and her luncheons hosted by the Priest-in-charge and other opportunities for fellowship over a meal. You find the newsletter enjoyable to read. You like the fact that we are active in reaching out to our surrounding community.

What are some of your concerns or worries?

You are concerned about having enough people resources available to sustain programs, such as the Wednesday reading program, choir and bell choir. Involvement is needed from other parishioners to prevent those who are already participating from getting burned out. You worry about the cost for maintenance and repair of our older buildings, and feel there is a need to watch overspending and to have enough reserves on hand for emergencies. As the number of recent immigrants attending our services and fellowship activities increases, there is a need for cultural-sensitivity training for parishioners. There is some anxiety whether future generations of parishioners have the necessary knowledge or understanding to manage and protect the parish's financial investments and assets. As far as form of worship, some voiced concern that we should not change from our traditional form of worship to compete with the more popular evangelical churches of today.

What are your hopes for the future of St. Elizabeth's?

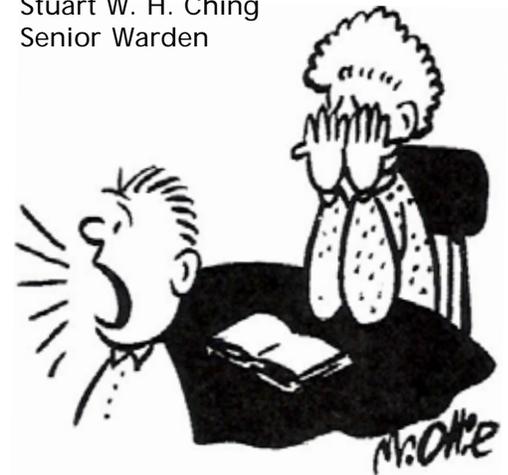
Although many agreed upon having just one service, some voiced a preference for starting the service a little later. Some would like to increase the visibility of the parish in the community. There is a hope for more activities for youths and young families, perhaps a sports league with other churches. Another suggestion was to have Saturday night services with activities for youth to accommodate young families that have Sunday morning activities. To provide more space for

fellowship and parish programming, some hope that the parish will reclaim some of the space leased out to outside organizations. Some expressed a hope for a larger choir, and also a continuation of the concert series begun last year.

I want to again thank all those parishioners who participated in our talk-story session for your valuable comments. This will help us with planning efforts for the future of this parish.

Aloha,

Stuart W. H. Ching
Senior Warden



"Quiet down, kids! Mom's having her quiet time with God!"

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A Summer Prayer

Thank You, Lord

Bless this house, O Lord we cry.
Please keep it cool in mid-July.
Bless the walls where termites dine
While ants and roaches march in time.

Bless our yard where lizards pass
And ants build castles in the grass.
Bless the geckos two by two, and the
Mosquitoes that feed on you.

Millions of creatures that fly or crawl,
In America, Lord, you've put them all!

But this is home and where we'll stay,
So thank you, Lord, for insect spray!

Author Unknown
Adapted from Joyful Noiseletter

**St. Elizabeth's is awash in a sea of red
on the Day of Pentecost.**



Pentecost 2006

A glorious celebration of the Feast of Pentecost was attended by 191 folks from St. Elizabeth's and St. Luke's on June 4th. Mahalo to Mother Jodene, the staff and Vestry and all participants for their contributions of time, talent and energy. Your generous offerings of multi-ethnic dishes were a gastronomic treat! A special mahalo to Father Connell and members of St. Luke's, Sue Jean Chun who arranged for the Lion Dance performers, Dale Sato for providing all the greenery and flowers, and Glenn Woo and interns, Sarah Kleinschmidt, Roxanna Siu, Matthew Won and Ed Fitzpatrick for their help and support. You have all contributed significantly in perpetuating St. Elizabeth's honorable history and legacy. Many thanks for a job well done.

**Lion Dancers
at St. Elizabeth's**

Mahalo to the **Chun Family** and the Lion Dancers from *Kuo Min Tang* for providing St.Elizabeth's and St. Luke's with an outstanding performance and for leading us from our Pentecost worship service to Shim Hall for our International Potluck. Did you notice that it was our own Chase and Colby Pacupac who participated in that fantastic dancing?



Question for the Day

"We have a teenage son who went on vacation with us and asked this question, 'Is it legal for a hotel in Hawaii to serve a 'continental breakfast?' "

Sam Laswell, Redford, MI
from *Joyful Noiseletter*

Mother Jodene welcomes Father John Connell and other members of St. Luke's.



Gecko Reports

Rose Chee, who was born to eternal life, May 24th, served as a long-time member of St. Elizabeth's Altar Guild and on the Diocesan Altar Guild. She was also a recipient of the Bishop's Makule E Akamai Award.

Did you know that Mrs. Gifford (Polly) is an accomplished painter of Christian icons? Dr. Gifford has been seen cruising the halls of Hawaii Kai Retirement center with his new bionic knee. We look forward to Dr. Gifford and Polly worshipping with us soon.

Did you know that the Timonio family keeps our property behind the fence on Kanoa Lane clean and tidy. We all know that's a big and dirty job! Mahalo for your care for St. E's.

Congratulations to Linnsey and Robin Ho on the birth of Rylin Ho on June 22nd. Rylin is the great-grandson of Lily and Kenneth Ho.

"The greatest person alive in the world at this moment is some unknown individual in some obscure place who at this hour has gone in love and care to be with another person in need."

Albert Schweitzer

Major Water Pipe Bursts at St. Elizabeth's

St. Elizabeth's Men and Women Save the Day

You know something is seriously wrong when you hear water running and see water spouting into the air next to the wall of the church. That was the scene at 6 pm on a Wednesday evening at St. E's. A frantic call to Jr. Warden, Francis Kau brought him and Dale Sato to the rescue to find the shut off value. Hours later, with a whole lot of detective work, and deep digging of hard packed dirt and the valve was found and every drop of water to the church had to be shut off. The bursting pipe turned out to be a major plumbing problem. Our church was without running or flushing water even for our Pentecost Festivities. Many feet

of pipe had to be dug up and hibiscus bushes removed for our plumbing 'by-pass surgery' to begin by professional plumbers. Mahalo to Dale Sato, Francis Kau, David Kleinschmidt, Jeremy Bush, Donald Kaiahua, and Peggy and Tom Ishida who pitched in to do some really dirty work so that all of us could have clean, running water again in the church. Donations are welcome to defray the unexpected expense of this major repair.

Daniel Ho, Grammy Award Winner Wows Father's Day Worshippers with Surprise Appearance and Mini Concert



Father's Day was off to a wonderful start with Daniel Ho sharing his Grammy Award winning slack key guitar music during worship. Daniel followed up with a toe-tapping mini-concert, playing a sneak preview of tunes from his upcoming concert tour to Japan. Daniel is like 'one of our own' and we thank him again for wowing us with his musical artistry. There was a line up to have pictures taken with Daniel and his Grammy Trophy. Another special treat was that Daniel's fifth grade daughter Lena also joined us.

Ed Fitzpatrick, St. Elizabeth's Parish Intern, Preaches

Ed Fitzpatrick has been serving in St. Elizabeth's Impact Internship Program this summer. Ed will be a sophomore at Macalester College this fall where he is a linebacker for the football team. While Ed knew he would do research and other projects for us, little did Ed expect he would make a preaching debut on Father's Day. Ed stepped up to the challenge of studying the Word of God and then relating that Word to our church family.

Ed did such a great job first time in the pulpit that he got an ovation at the conclusion of his homily.

(Senior interns this summer are Roxanna Siu, daughter of Raymond Siu, and Matt Won., Junior intern is Sarah Kleinschmidt)



Daniel Ho showed his Grammy Award to St. Elizabeth's interns. (L-R) Daniel Ho, Matthew Won, Roxanna Siu, Ed Fitzpatrick and Glenn Woo.



"...and thy grandmother."

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Children's Outreach "Read to Me"

Aloha, Gang, we have a good thing going! As school was winding down we asked the kids, "Do you want Read-To-Me during the summer?" The resounding "Yes!" "Please!" was a surprise because we'd planned a summer breather...and had assumed that's what the kids would want. Wrong! So....every Wednesday at 3PM at the Children's Outreach Center cleaned-up garage, 8 to 20 Palama neighborhood kids eagerly...and we mean eagerly...arrive EARLY... to help us set up! And stay after to help clean!

The kids are treated to "Ms. Eng" and her story aprons and puppets, "Mrs. Young", and "Grandpa Kit" reading a story. "Mother Jodene" leads "Jesus Loves Me," "This Little Light of Mine", "Do The Hokey-Pokey", and "Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed." For those holding the dignified Priest image, forget it!

Instead of only adults reading to them as originally envisioned, the kids LOVE to read out loud to each other! (While scarfing down quantities of Capri Sun and snack goodies.) What a growing experience for these kids to risk embarrassment over the inevitable stumbles to read out loud to each other!

And get this: On their own they've been asking Mother Jodene to show them the inside of our church. They ask to light candles, pray, and use the holy water. Gang, St. E's has its own mustard-seed parable going!

Come join us and see. The kids would love to have you and you will love them!

Kit Hawkins



Sunday School News

Sunday School is on vacation until September. What a whirlwind of a year the children and teachers experienced! From drawing rainbows and singing with Aaron Loo, studying the Old Testament story of Noah's Ark and all the animals, pets blessed in church, writing letters, packing snacks, sending them to our ohana in Iraq (and what fun receiving their thank you letters!), lighting the candles on the Advent wreath with prayers, Christmas party on the Banyan mall with a guest appearance from 'Santa', snuffing out the candles on the Lenten wreath during Lent with a short reading, parade on Palm Sunday, an Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday, baptisms of two Sunday School students, and storytelling along with completing worksheets that correlated with the gospel readings each Sunday ... Congratulations to all the students! The students received certificates and a candy lei for their participation in the education program. Troy Esaki, who will be a 7th grader at Iolani School, has graduated from Sunday School. Troy will continue to participate in our church service.

Thank you to the teachers, Lisa Anne Mitsuka Chan and Jamie Chock, and a great help this year was Lillian Tyau. Lillian and Jamie had their hands full with as many as six inquisitive children, ages 2 thru 5!

During the summer break, the worksheets are available for the children in church. Parents, pick up your 'pew packet' from the usher and take your worksheet home, leave the crayons in church, please.

Have a happy and safe vacation! See you all in September!

Sue Yap, Sunday School Coordinator

RagDolls2Love Ministry Receives Gift

Mahalo to the family of Hayako Pauline Reynolds who donated beautiful fabrics to make RagDoll2Love. Hayako is Deacon Pat Reynold's husband, Donald's first wife who passed away in 1997. Hayako's love for sewing and for children live on as the dolls are made by St. Elizabeth's and the Pali Senior group. The love and care of all involved will be passed on to children in Mosul, Iraq, by our American service people.



God and Golf

Lee Trevino was involved in a humorous incident in a PGA tournament sometime back. Lightning struck a tree very near to where he was standing. Someone asked Trevino what he thought when lightning struck that tree. He replied, "I learned that when God wants to play through, you had better let him!"



Commissioning of Lay Ministers

On June 25th Walter Kau and Lillian Tyau were commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers to serve at St. Elizabeth's altar. Charles Kokubun was commissioned as a Eucharistic Visitor and is now authorized to bring Holy Communion to the hospitalized and homebound. Walter, Lillian and Charles were all required to participate in education and trained for these ministries. At the completion of their requirements, they have been licensed by Bishop Chang and will serve with the direction of Mother Jodene.

Church Attendance June 2006

8:15 Sunday average 124
Chinese Ministry 5

Thanks
be to
God!

July Birthdays

- 7/4 Faith Chock
- 7/10 Alan Esaki
- 7/11 Richard Okubo
- 7/12 Carly Venenciano
- 7/15 Gertrude Tyau
- 7/15 Kody Hayashi
- 7/17 Mildred Kuniyoshi
- 7/19 Lisa-Anne Chan
- 7/20 Frank Yap
- 7/20 Tim Blaisdell
- 7/21 Lynnsey Ho
- 7/23 Richard Yee
- 7/24 Barry Zane
- 7/26 Jerek Jong
- 7/27 Jean Hirashiki



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