

"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

June 2008

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From Mother Jodene

Aloha, Beloved in Christ Jesus,

The musical *The Lion King* gave us the memorable song "The Circle of Life." The Circle of Life brings so many common life images to mind. The mother and father expecting a baby. The birth and baptism of a child. A child's first steps and exploration of the world. School days, games and sports and reading and learning. Aunties and Uncles. Cousins and best friends. Grandmothers and grandfathers. Holidays. Celebrations of all kinds: graduations, marriages, new jobs, new homes and successes. There is feasting and talking story, plain old ordinary day to day living and surprises along the way. In the Circle of Life there are joys and disappointments. There are challenges and losses--sickness, sadness and grieving--and there are transitions, new beginnings and new life from what had been trashes and ashes.

In the Circle of my life, in 1999 I had the privilege of studying Hawaiian history, culture, spirituality and healing arts for three months in Maui Community College classes and with our Kumu and advisor at the Kihei Canoe club. From the top of Haleakala with a high powered telescope, I experienced seeing the same stars that guided the peoples in their canoes to Hawaii Nei. The rings of Saturn and the makalii (aka *little eyes*) that revealed the beginning of the Makahiki (New Year) for the Hawaiian people, were absolutely awesome. The lost and restored heiau of Kukuipuka became a special place of prayer and inspiration. There, at that sacred site, while Kit and I prayed about what was to be next in our life, we found a small bird's nest tucked into the rocks as we were weeding around the sacred site of the heiau. That little nest was like God's invitation guiding us to our heart's home--here with the peoples of Hawaii. It was only five years later that I was to come to serve as your priest after living on Maui since 2001. Because of serving

as your priest, God has given me the richest experience imaginable of living with and working with God's people from so many languages, cultures and nations.



In the Circle of Life, God gets our attention to help us learn, to grow and even change. Sometimes God does this through events and people guiding us. Sometimes God uses events and people to inspire us. Sometimes God provides events and people to beckon us on to new learnings and new horizons. It may be an interesting exercise to ponder the ways in which God has gotten your attention along the Circle of your life to draw you closer to God and into the purposes and directions God has for your life.

In the Circle of my Life, it is my privilege now to journey to China for two weeks in June to learn about the land and the peoples of St. Elizabeth's church ancestors who came to Hawaii with the dream of Sandalwood Mountain. From the ancient lands of China and in the ancient Polynesian canoes upon the sea, came St. Elizabeth's ancestors. In China the Great Wall, the Silk road, the Forbidden City, "The River at the Center of the World" (the great Yangtze), and most especially all the peoples along the way will help me connect with St. Elizabeth's ancestors hopes and dreams that drew them to Hawaii, to Jesus the Christ and to Palama where they helped found St. Elizabeth's Church.

In the Circle of Life we do live fully in the present, we gaze into our future and we are enriched and inspired by looking back and reflecting on our histories.

St. Elizabeth's church family will be in my prayers as I journey.

Mother Jodene +

Pentecost / Whitsunday

205 Attend the Celebration of the Coming of the Holy Spirit and the Birthday of the Church

Our celebration began with a Parade of Nations including the flags of Hawaii, Micronesia, the Philippines, Taiwan, China, United States, and Japan and the children waving their pom-poms through our pews lined with red balloons. We had a full church with 205 people worshipping. A highlight of our day was 3 baptisms: **Jayden Morey, Ariel Badua** and **James Kealoha**. Another highlight was a second procession of flags and the reading of the book of Acts in the native languages represented in our church family.

Liana Wong read in Hawaiian, **Esby Meyshine** in Chuukese, **Dexin Liu** in Cantonese, **Dr. Zen Chen** in Mandarin, **Lillian Tyau** in English, **Fr. Peter Fan** in Cantonese, and **Lani Kaaihue** in Pidgin. The music performance by our Sunday School children of "It's a Wonderful World" and "Jesus loves me" brought smiles to everyone's faces. And our Ringers? Wasn't their performance outstanding of the piece called *Cambridge 48*. If it had not been a worship service, a standing ovation would have happened. Mahalo to **Ajaon Chen**, director, **Larry and Arleen Young**, **Kit Hawkins**, **Sau Tanoa**, **Pearl Kau**, **Laura Iwami**, **Sarah Bush**, and **Liesl Eng**, our ringers.



Ariel and Jimmy prepare for their baptisms



Children's Music Academy sings "What a Wonderful World"



Baptism



On **Sunday, September 14** when Bishop Bob Fitzpatrick makes his visitation and on All Saints Day, **Sunday, November 2**.

Please see Mother Jodene or Mother Imelda about baptismal preparation.



Gecko Reports

Welcome home to our college students, **Sarah Kleinschmidt**, **James Fitzpatrick**, **Roxsana Siu**, and **Ed Fitzpatrick**. Enjoy your summer.

The Honolulu Star Bulletin featured a full page article on **Fr. David Gierlach**, his family and St. John's by the Sea. It's always a fun surprise to see someone we know get great press.

Whipping the shoreline for fish at our Ewa Picnic were **Kit Hawkins** and **Jerek Jong**. Jerek, an expert fisherman caught a fine Papio.

Marie Wang, our organist, hosted her mother to a special 80th birthday treat with a duo organ and piano recital with Joyce Wang, her daughter. Marie's sister and brother-in-law who live in Boston joined us for worship.

Jennifer Watanabe is a magical and creative wizard at making St. Elizabeth's greeting cards for the sick and homebound.

Ever wonder how those helium balloons grace our church? We have a 6 am Hot Air Committee. Balloon blowers are **Charlie** and **Judy Kokubun**, **Lani Kaaihue** and **Kit** and **Mother Jodene**

Liesl Eng's student, **Lillian Isdes** was featured in the Honolulu Advertiser Kid's Day edition for

winning a PACT (Parent's and Children Together) poster contest in Grade 3 at Ala Wai Elementary School. Congratulations to both teacher and student!

Seattle, Portland and Montana will be **Kit Hawkins'** destinations as he visits family, friends, and takes the grandkids camping during June and July.

The **Hawaiian Bible** is on line at www.baibala.org. The Bible can not only be read but also be heard on line. Class of 1950 of Kamehameha Schools, including **Lani** and **Jimmy Kealoha** had a reunion at St. Andrew's Cathedral where the Bible was presented.

From travels to Chicago and Nashville and a wonderful visit with family and friends, **Preston** and **Mary Ann Lentz** are now back at home in Hawaii. They had a surprise greeting of vog.

Margarita Suyat will be celebrating her birthday June 8th with refreshments for all in Shim Hall following our worship time. Thank you, Margarita, for inviting us to celebrate with you.

Doug Ing has an entry entitled "Mufi," in an art exhibit made from clothes of celebrities. The exhibit, called "From the Closet of . . ." is being held at the Honolulu Country Club Art Gallery, 1690 Ala Puumalu St., Honolulu HI 96818. Doug's entry is made from the clothes closet of Mayor Mufi Hannemann. The exhibit will open with a gala reception on June 1st and will run for two months.

Friends of Iolani Palace Quarterly has published numerous articles by curator, **Stuart W. H. Ching** in their winter edition.

A new baby coming and a move to a new house for **Sharlene and Jeff Starkman** and kiddos. Nothing like adding to the family tree and moving, too!

Ajaon Chen will represent St. E's at Episcopal Asia America Ministry Consultation in Taiwan this June.

Date to Save . . .



Washington National Cathedral

St. Elizabeth's will host the Washington National Cathedral (Episcopal) Choristers performing June 15th 2 pm. Free. Calabash offering to go to the Choristers Music Program. Members and guests all welcome.



June Birthdays

Jerry Goo, Sanson Kom, Caleb Ramelb, Daniel Lai, Wallace Tyau, Noah Blaisdell, Frances Ching, Linda Venenciano, William Blaisdell, Pearl Kau, Glenn Woo, Tracy Blaisdell, Allen Chan, Lori Ho, Charles Kokubun, Jodene Hawkins, Sharon Sunagawa, Lani Kealoha, Alan Ramos, Kenneth Fujishige, Eunice Hughes, Stephen Chun, and Imenta Helly.

Happy Birthday to All!

Words of Wisdom

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Johh Fawcett
18th Century Hymn-writer

The ties between gentle folk are as
pure as water.

Chinese Proverb

A Bit More Humor

Grandma was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, 'But Gramma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!'

May 2008 Attendance

8:15 am Eucharist avg	144
Wednesday Healing	6
Cantonese language Eucharist	5
Ilocano language Eucharist	32

Akamai Truths about Life

The best way to keep kids at home is to have good food and a pleasant atmosphere, and let the air out of their tires.

Families are like fudge....mostly sweet and a few nuts.

Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy

My mind not only wanders, sometimes it leaves completely.

Seminarian to Visit this Summer

We offer a warm welcome to **Heidi Edson** who is a Diocese of Hawaii postulant for Holy Orders. She is a seminarian at Church Divinity School of the Pacific. She will be doing her Clinical Pastoral Education practicum through Pacific Health Ministries this summer and when she is not on her 24/7 duties, will be worshipping with us. Mahalo to **Arleen and Larry Young** for opening their ohana to Heidi during her education this summer. Heidi is married to Doug and a member of Christ Church, Kealakekua. She was born in Germany, grew up in the U.S. and served ten years as a lay missionary worker in Hong Kong, Mexico and Europe. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Vocal Performance.

St. Elizabeth's will host the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) on Saturday, June 14th at 9:30 am. All women are invited to participate.



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Humor Pew

A senior citizen was stopped by a police officer after doing 73 mph. When told he was getting a ticket, he asked the officer, "Is there a senior citizen's discount?"



Paint the Town!

(actually the Church Education Building)

Remember our miracle paint party success in Shim Hall?

Calling all painters and kitchen crew to 'do it one more time!'

Saturday, July 19 at 9 am

We will power wash and clean the outside of the building.

Saturday, July 26 at 9 am

The rollers will roll and paint brushes will make our Education building as fresh and new as the new grass around it. On July 26th we need painters, lunch munchies and snacks, water boys and girls, and cheer leaders to inspire us to beat the noon day clock!



Dates to Remember and Mark on Calendars

- ▶ Birthday Celebration of Margarita Suyat, June 8th following worship, Shim Hall.
- ▶ National Cathedral Chorister Concert, 2pm, June 15th at St. E's
- ▶ Fundraiser Meeting, June 15th, Shim Hall, 9:30 am
- ▶ July 3-6 Big Island 'Roots and Wings' Expedition. Fly in any day July 3-4. Join everyone at Puanani Woo's home to explore Kohala.
- ▶ July 26th Paint the Town! Paint Party at Church, 9 am, Education Bldg.
- ▶ Bishop's visitation, September 14th
- ▶ St. E's Fundraiser, October 4th
- ▶ All Saints Day Celebration and Holy Baptism, November 2

Fundraiser Meeting, June 15

Shim Hall immediately after church. St. Elizabeth's will be raising money for our Youth Ministry, our Parish Internship Program and for our Scholarship Fund.

Big Island 'Roots and Wings' Expedition

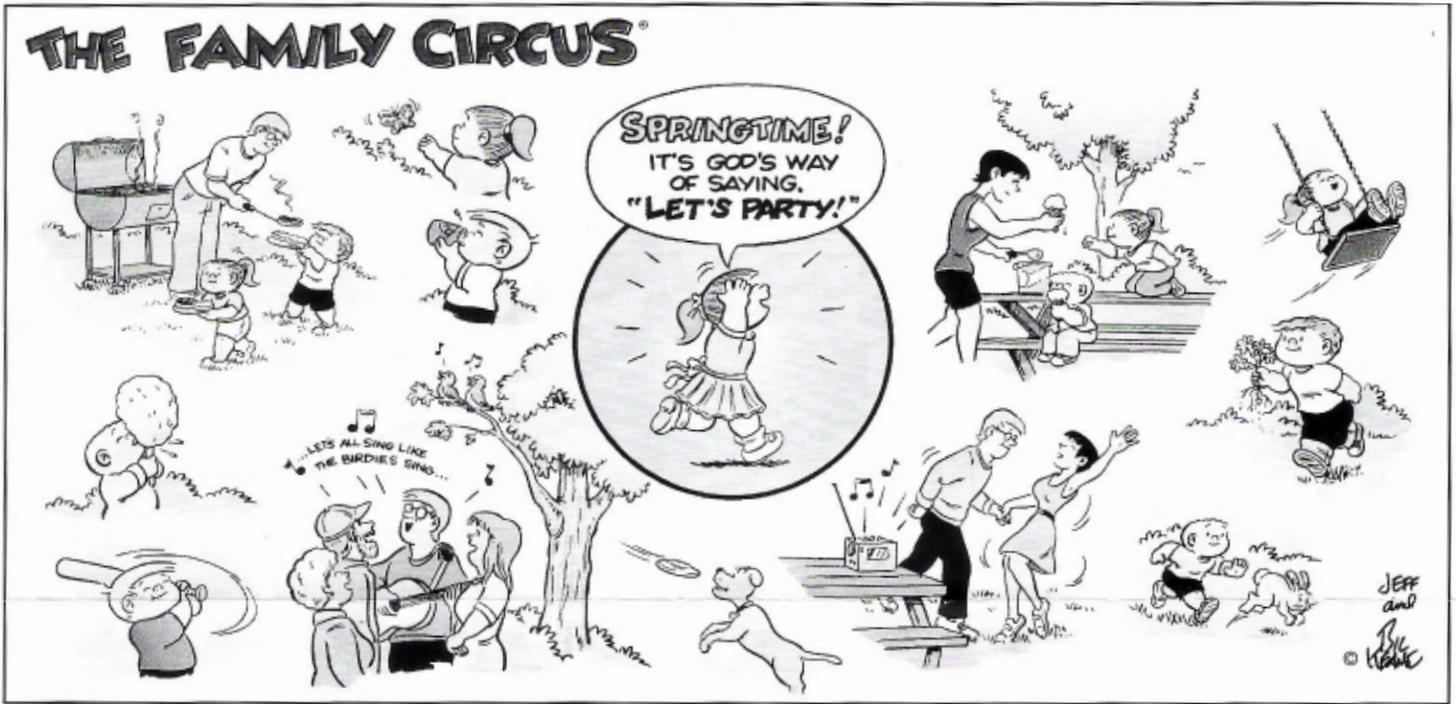
July 3-July 6th on the Kohala Coast

Many of our member families have roots in North Kohala. From Kohala some came directly to Oahu and some to Maui. Some of our members were first members of St. Augustine's Church. One of the priests in Kohala, the Rev. Woo Yee Bew, also served at St. Elizabeth's.

Puanani Woo has graciously invited us to stay at her home on the July 4th weekend while we explore and even hike if we and the weather work for us in the Pololu Valley (thanks to the Kealoha family). We will visit King Kamehameha's birthplace, and have options to visit an ancient Hawaiian heiau, attend the Rodeo at Parker Ranch, hike, talk story, kanakapila, and swim. Each person will be responsible for making their own plane reservations. Sarah Kleinschmidt will be helping coordinate activities and transportation. Right now airfares are still reasonable, but they can change quickly. Please let the church office know if you will be going and sign up now. Space is limited to 18 people. We will have community cooking, singing as well as enjoy eating at on the road or at the rodeo. Questions? Call Sarah Kleinschmidt.



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Paul Jacobs, Organist Extraordinaire

Two years ago, this young Juilliard organ department head played to an enthusiastic, standing room only crowd, including at least a dozen from St.



the 21st century."

Elizabeth's. Back by popular demand, he will be giving a free concert at Central Union Church, 1660 South Beretania Street, on Friday, June 13 at 7 pm. Donations are welcomed. He has been widely-acclaimed as "the greatest organist of



Remember St. Elizabeth's Preservation Fund

*Tax Deductible
Donations Needed*

Your donation will help with plumbing and electrical repairs, air conditioning repairs, and maintaining our irrigation system, as well as those surprise repairs that show up. Mahalo for your generosity and help.

Hunger does not take a Vacation!

St. Elizabeth's has a Family Food Pantry for our members in need. Many of our members family members do have jobs, but there's a lot more month at the end of the paycheck. Please help our neighbors in need as Jesus taught. On Sundays you can bring any of these items: canned spam, tuna, etc, canned corn, hash, pork and beans, corned beef, rice and ramen. Mahalo.

IMPORTANT NOTES



Vine and Branches Summer issue will be a combined issue for July/August. You should receive it in the last week of July. Wednesday Eucharist, Bible Study and Wednesday Reading Ministry are on Summer Break.

Mother Jodene will be studying the history and culture of historic China From May 31-June 14th. For pastoral emergencies Mother Imelda is available on her cell phone and our parish chaplains Charles Kokubun and Lani Kaaihue are also available for pastoral needs.

Picnic, Play and Party at Ewa Beach

Mahalo for the generosity of Christine and Julliet Ling for hosting 45 of us from St. Elizabeth's for an awesome beach party. You should have seen the picnic food delights coming out of the cars.... Potato chips and pies, somen, salads, sushi and sandwiches, hot dogs and haupia, fried chicken and fresh fruits, and more. We are not certain which was more popular—the water or the eating (since it's St. E's you take a guess!)

From toddlers to +90 year olds, a good time was had by all. There was fishing, sea kayaking, swimming, and building sand castles. Lots of folks remembered church picnics from 'way back,' and were delighted that St. E's had another chance to spend time together, eating and talking story and playing together. It is said that a Christian family that prays together, stays together. It is also true that a Christian family that *plays* together, stays together.



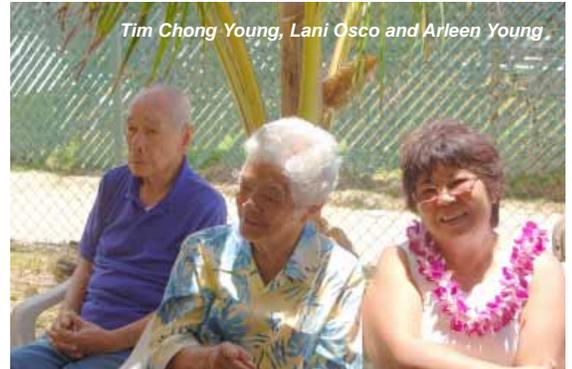
James & Bea Fitzpatrick



Erthleen and Yenchy



Jerek Jong and Gretchen Jong



Tim Chong Young, Lani Osco and Arleen Young



Bea Fitzpatrick and Nella Kleinschmidt



Dorothy Jung, Nancy Shim Au, Elizabeth Wong, Patsy Ching, Laura Iwami, Francis Kau, Stuart Ching, Jerek Jong, Juliet Ling, David Kaloi, Gretchen Jong, Pearl Kau and Mother Jodene.



Kenneth and Lily Ho



Jenny Pang and Juliet Ling



The Chock family

Sarah Kleinschmidt



Gillian enjoys the surf.



Lynette Shim, Lani Kealoha and Laura Iwami



Elizabeth Wong and Patsy Ching



Wayne and Shigeru Awakuni



Holy Trinity Church Members Honored

On Trinity Sunday we had a joyful celebration. We honored and gave thanks for the ministry and presence of all our St. Elizabeth's members who found a spiritual home here when Holy Trinity on School Street was closed in 1970. Episcopalians who found spiritual homes at St. Timothy's and St. Mary's were also invited to honor our members. A delicious fellowship reunion coffee hour followed in Shim Hall.

Father's Day Prayer

Gracious God, we give you thanks for our fathers who helped bring each of us to life on this earth. We give you thanks for our fathers who have gone before us to your heavenly kingdom. We give you thanks for our fathers who are far distant from us today and we give thanks to our fathers who are with us this day. We pray that you send your grace and power upon every father so that they may show forth in their lives the wisdom, love and compassion of you, our Lord our God.

Written by The Rev. Jodene S. Hawkins



Holy Trinity members included: Elsie and Richard Okubo; Raymond and Etta Leong; John and Mildred Kuniyoshi; Miriam Hue and Myra Okimoto; Rev. Ozaki's daughters from St. Timothy's, Joyce Yamashita; Nora Kurosu; David Kaloi; Harriet Kusuhara and Albert Nishikawa from St. Mary's; The Awakuni family, Dale Ohta, Joanne Kaneshiro, Wayne and Shigeru; Karen and Gilbert Batagan, Gillian and Colby; and Judy and Charles Kokubun.

Another beautiful icon *painted by Polly Gifford*

St. Mary of Egypt was painted Holy Week, 2008. Photographs of Polly's painting are now displayed in two local churches, a Greek Orthodox Church and a Russian Orthodox Church. St. Mary of Egypt 450 AD was a redeemed prostitute who lived and ministered to desert people.



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