

"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

March 2009

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Message from Mother Jodene

Aloha beloved in Christ Jesus,

God's people said, "Let us rise up and build." Nehemiah 2: 18. What happens when you mix 30 gallons of paint with 80 feet of chain link fencing, with a cement mixer and a power washer, add cleaning and polishing cloths, curry beef stew, dobash cake, and stir in over 60 good spirited and generous volunteer workers?--- Completely renovated classrooms (floor to ceiling!), a new bathroom, a chain link fence for security around the Rectory, our outdoor lanai painted fresh and clean---ready for Easter Sunday brunch, the exterior walls of Shim Hall painted, chapel sparkling clean, and weary bodies eating an ono to the max lunch and enjoying talking story.

"So they strengthened their hands for the good work." Nehemiah 2: 18. March 1 was the goal for completion. St. E's in her legendary 'miracle-style' accomplished it! January 1, the Immigrant Center moved to their new Chinatown building. St. E's vestry responded with vision and creativity to address both loss of income and the need for new Sunday school classrooms. The result? A priest has returned in our Rectory. Fr. Saimone Lino's family is our new renter. Sunday school has returned to Shim Hall classroom space that the Immigrant Center used for those 30 years. The corner office space in Shim Hall is rented. More parking spaces are rented to Kalihi-Palama Health Center staff.

"Let us rise up and build." God's people spoke these words in the 5th century BCE when both the Temple and the walls of Jerusalem were in ruin. Ezra

and Nehemiah helped the people of God 'restore the fortunes of Zion.' With the peoples' offerings and the sweat of their brow, the Temple was rebuilt. Those peoples' names are written in the Good Book forever. With the people's offerings and families working side by side, the walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt. And the families' names are written in the Good Book forever.



Mahalo nui loa to our workers, pray-ers, team leaders and to family ohana, friends and professionals pitching in their time, treasure and talents. Fence team leaders: Mark Anderson and Dan Oshiro. Sunday school renovation team leaders: Charlie Kokubun and Tom Ishida. Painting team leader: Caren Esaki. Kitchen team leader: Nancy Shim-Au. Cleaning team leader: Laura Iwami. We could not have done it without our communities' help: The Oahu Contractors Association, Wally Miura, owner of Wally's Flooring, CKJ Construction, Aaron Arakaki Contracting, Ian Anderson, professional fence builder, Scott Yamashita, general contractor, and Jack Park, electrician, of Jack Park Electric.

Lent is a time God calls us to set our hearts and minds on not just physical rebuilding and restoration, but also upon spiritual rebuilding and restoration. May the ancient words from God's people, "Let us rise up and build," be our personal spiritual inspiration and goal this Lent.

Mother Jodene +

Thank You, Lord, for the little things

Dearest Lord,

Thank you for the little things,
That fill my heart with hope.
For thinkig of these little things
Sure seems to change the scope.

Budding flowers, seedling trees,
A warm afternoon and a cool
summer breeze;
The lady bug, the butterfly
Big puffy clouds in a baby blue sky;
The clover patch, teh honey bee,
A Sunday brunch or afternoon tea;
The sparkle of a midnight star,
And wishing on it from afar;
The calming effect of an evening rain,
As it taps against eh window pane.
For all these things I can't complain!
So when my life seems rough to me
I think of all your kindness brings,
And I find my spirits lifted up,
For you truly give my soul its wings.

*Yes, Thank You, Lord,
for the little things.*

Found on the Internet



United Thank Offering

**Spring Ingathering
Sunday, March 15**

Your prayers and offering are urgently requested especially in time of economic difficulties like this the world is experiencing.

The 2009 UTO has a new vision that focuses on human suffering, the lives of women and children in USA and overseas.

Write "UTO" on the memo line of your check.



These couples renewed their wedding vows on Sunday, Feb. 15th: Ethel and Daniel Ching (65 yrs); Pearl and Francis Kau (59 years) Lily and Kenneth Ho (57 years); Millie and Jerry Goo (63 years) Annette and Robert Jim (50 years); Jimmy and Lani Kealoha (53 years) and Arleen and Larry Young (38 years). Mother Jodene and Fr. Fan officiated; Walter Kau played the organ.

Valentine's Day Renewal of Wedding Vows



Mother Jodene gives a marriage blessing to Larry and Arleen Young.



Francis and Pearl Kau (55 yrs) walk down the aisle together.



Daniel and Ethel Ching lead the longest wedding procession.



Jerry and Millie Goo (63 years)

Did you see . . .

Roy Chee's photo of the Waikiki Ocean Restaurant in Puerto Rico was published in the *Star Bulletin* on Feb. 23rd.

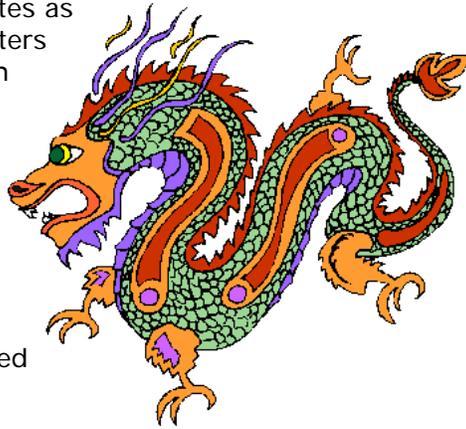
Dragon Lady Luncheon

Delicious, Delightful, Full of Facts for Women Only

Twelve brave "Dragon Ladies" carpooned to PahKe's Chinese Restaurant on Tuesday, Feb. 10th, to partake in a sumptuous gourmet lunch and to share insight into planning of one's last rites as well as addressing legal matters and health concerns on earth and in heaven.

Based on Mother Jodene's experience in assisting bereaved families, she instilled in us the need to put our lives in order and the importance of having our wishes honored.

Some of the topics covered were:



1. Include long-term care and adequate insurance coverage so that bills can be paid.
2. Review your funeral plan and health care coverage policies periodically. Update and revise as necessary.
3. Shop around when doing funeral arrangements or choosing a plan. Insist on an itemized list of specific expenses. Do not let a mortuary take advantage of you when you are at your most vulnerable state, under duress and feeling depressed.
4. Designate someone you trust to be the Administrator of your estate. This may include an attorney who preferably specializes in estate planning. Ask for references. Too many "trustees" can mean too many differences of opinion.
5. Keep distribution of assets confidential to avoid in-house fighting, jealousy among siblings, etc. It is also your right to spend it all if that is your wish, or to donate to your favorite charity.
6. Have several copies of your Health Care Directive, Living Will, Power of Attorney documents signed and accessible so that family members do not have to second-guess or ponder what you would have liked.
7. Ashes to ashes: Choose an appropriate container (it need not be gold, silver, platinum or jade) for your ashes. Consider scattering and burial so that family and friends can visit to memorialize you.
8. Making a lasting impression: Select an appropriate and becoming attire and proper make-up and hairdo for viewing. Most morticians are men and are not trained as cosmetologists or hair stylists. Have a family member bring a becoming photo of yourself to the funeral parlor.
9. Should you prefer a memorial service, open to others vs. a private graveside service, include your favorite hymns, passages, eulogy, etc. in the program. Remember you can "rule from the grave" if you plan your demise well. Rest in peace.

Reported by Nancy Shim Au

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Sing All. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up, and you will find it a blessing.

Sing lustily and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep but lift up your voice with strength.

Sing modestly. Do not bawl, as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.

Sing in time. Whatever time is sung be sure to keep with it. Do not run before nor stay behind it; but attend close to the leading voices and move therewith as exactly as you can; and take care not to sing too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.

From "Directions for Singing," by John Wesley, 1761.



"It's my first day in the choir. Where's the lip-synch section?"

Baptized on March 1

Courtney Llorca Cariaga (Parents: Constanta Agcaoili and Arlene Cariaga)

Chaz Vallejo Tamayo (Parents Arle Tamayo and Marlyn Vallejo).



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Humor Pew

My mom has a lead foot, so I was not surprised when a state trooper pulled us over as we were speeding through Georgia.

Hoping to get off with a warning, Mom tried to appear shocked when the trooper walked up to the car.

"I have never been stopped like this before," she said to the officer.

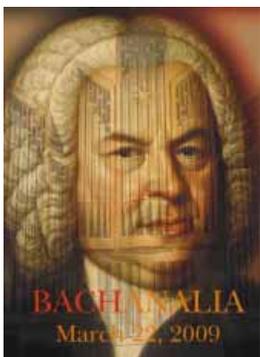
"What do they usually do, ma'am," he asked, "shoot the tires out?"

Wisdom Words

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind. Henri Frederic Amiel, 1868

Blessed is he who considers the poor! The Lord delivers him in the day of trouble; the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land. Psalm 41: 1-2

Happy is he who is kind to the poor. Proverbs



BACHanalia

Sunday, March 22
2:30 pm, 5:15 pm
Lutheran Church of
Honolulu
1730 Punahou St

In celebration of
the 324th birthday
of J. S. Bach and

The International Year of the Organ, members of the Hawaii Chapter American Guild of Organists will be giving an organ recital marathon at the Lutheran Church of Honolulu starting at 2:30 pm. Performers will include St. Elizabeth's **Marie Wang**, administrator **Katherine Crosier**, and former St. E's organist, **Karl Bachman**. A catered meal, called "Bach's Lunch" (\$10) will be served after the recital, to be followed by Bach Cantata Vespers at 5:15 pm. **Carl Crosier** will be giving the homily, as well as directing the choir and orchestra.

Call 941-2566 for meal reservations before March 16th. Both the concert and the Vespers service are free.



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Happy Birthday

Obeyi Helly
Mildred Hirashiki
Roy Chee
Doreen Ching
Aadriana White
Arleen Young
Sarah Bush
Miranda Young
Haku Blaisdell
Gerald Lau

God's blessings on those with March birthdays.

Attendance February 2009

8:15 am Eucharist average	125
Ash Wednesday	46
Cantonese language Eucharist	5
Ilokano - First Wednesday	42
Ilokano - First Sunday	76

Renovation Helpers

Thanks to all the volunteers who came to help on February 14th:

Mark Anderson, Caroline Anderson, Michiko Reyes (*David Kaloi's niece*), David Kaloi, Bill Blaisdell, Dan Oshiro, Keith Ho, Brian Kau, Tom Ishida, Peggy Ishida, Richard Yee, Wai Wah Yee, Sue Jean Chun, Pearl Kau, Francis Kau, Sarah Bush, Lillian Tyau, Jamie Chock, Faith Chock, Sue Yap, Lisa-Anne Chan, Liesl Eng, Jerry Goo, Millie Goo, Charlie Kokubun, Ian Anderson, Amy Boyd Green (*new church member*), Scott Yamashita (*Eunice Gee's grandson*), Fr. Saimone, Fane, Nicholas, Salesi and Viliani Lino, Caren Esaki, Leyna Esaki, Troy Esaki, Alan Esaki, Colette Arakawa, Lynette Shim, Nancy Shim-Au, Kit Hawkins, Sandy Suru (*new church member*), Dorothy Jung, Rebecca Kleinschmidt, David Kleinschmidt, Nella Kleinschmidt, Jimmy Kealoha, Lani Kealoha, Shane Kealoha, Pukaua Kealoha, Ezra Shiroma, Laiana, Kama and Kumuhonua Wong, Mother Imelda Padasdao, Ian Padasdao, Sharon Oshiro, Mother Jodene, Randy Jung, Kehau Jung, Arleen Young, Larry Young, Francis Tominaga, Gil Batangan, Roy Chee, Doris Lam, Laura Iwami, Lani Kaaihue, Shane Kealoha, Preston Lentz, Chase Pacupac, Colby Pacupac, Donovan Young, Wally Miura of Wally's Flooring (*Sunday School Vinyl Tile*), Oahu Contractors Association, Aaron Arakaki Contracting, CKJ Construction, and Jack Park, Jack Park Electric, Electrician, (*Sunday school room*).



Bill Blaisdell and Randy Jung put up chain link fencing around the former Rectory (now the New Rectory).



David Kleinschmidt suits up for power wash cleaning.



The Kitchen Angels are always appreciated! (L-R) Sharon Oshiro, Mother Jodene, Millie Goo, Nancy Shim Au and Pearl Kau.



That new fence looks classy!



Charlie Kokubun's help has been invaluable.



Tom Ishida fixes jalousie windows.



Jerry Goo and Dan Oshiro.

Sunday School Rooms Renovation / Shim Hall

How Can I Help? Donations of any amount are welcome

What did renovation cost?

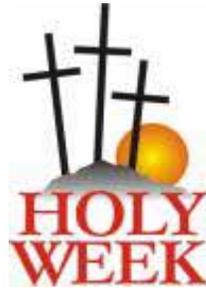
Refrigerator \$377, Paint \$500, Toilet \$135, Paint supplies \$26, Vinyl flooring \$848, Shim Hall exterior paint \$400, Brush/rollers \$24



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A seeker of truth came to a saint for guidance. "Tell me, wise one, how did you become holy?" "Two words."
 "And what are those words, please?" "Right choices."
 The seeker was fascinated. "How does one learn how to make right choices?" "One word."
 "One word! May I have it please?" the seeker asked.
 "Growth." The seeker was curious. "How does a person grow?" "Two words."
 "What are they, pray tell?" "Wrong choices."

Brian Stoffregen, Exegetical Notes



Palm Sunday, April 5, 8:15 am

Procession with Palms
 in the Church
 (no Palm Sunday Parade in Palama this year
 due to sidewalk and road construction)

Easter Egg coloring after church
 in Shim Hall

Easter Sunrise Service, April 12 8:15 am

Fellowship Easter Potluck Brunch follows in Shim Hall
 Holy Baptism: See Mother Jodene

Easter Egg Hunt for the children by the Cross on the lawn

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