

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



Vine & Branches

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From Mother Jodene

Aloha, Beloved in Christ Jesus,

Have you ever wondered how St. Elizabeth's received the name for our newsletter, 'Vine and Branches?' Vine and Branches comes from a teaching from Jesus in the Gospel of John: *"Abide in me, and I in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them, bear much fruit..."* Wisdom has it that "Vine and Branches" came into being while Rev. Dr. Gifford was rector.

As we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, we remember that it is because of the power of the Holy Spirit, that St. Elizabeth's has seen quiet spiritual growth, that now is bearing much fruit. Our faithfully abiding closer and closer with our Lord Jesus and with each other is bearing much fruit for God's kingdom come.

St. Elizabeth's has nominated Lani Kaaihue for Holy Orders as a Deacon in the Episcopal Church in Hawaii. By the grace of God, it has been here in St. Elizabeth's vineyard, in our church family, that Lani has grown and thrived in serving Jesus. She has been nurtured by our love and we, too, have been inspired to serve more faithfully by her example of servant ministry. Someone once said that when leaders are raised up, it is a sign not only of the grace of God, but it is a sign of the strength and health of a family of faith. Lani's calling is a witness of all or our gifts and to love and serve the Lord.

Charles Kokubun and Lani Kaaihue have been trained as Parish Hospital Chaplains. Their Pacific Health Ministries Chaplaincy Program trained them in visitation and caring skills in hospital, nursing home and home visits. Charlie and Lani are also available on Sunday mornings to hear from our members if there is someone in our church family

who needs special care or prayers. Charlie and Lani work as a team with Mother Jodene and Mother Imelda. Conversations are confidential in our Pastoral Team.

St. Elizabeth's members are renewing their faith commitments and dedicating themselves to ministries of service in Christ's name. At the Bishop's Regional Celebration April 20th, Caren Esaki was confirmed, Sue Jean Chun, Walter Kau, Jamie Chock, Faith Chock and Akiu Chock renewed their baptismal vows. Commitment to Christian Service was made by Lillian Tyau, Charles and Lani and Jamie Chock. They received laying on of hands and prayers for serving: Lillian Tyau for her calling in Discernment and Spiritual Guidance; Charles and Lani; Parish Chaplains, and Jamie Chock for the ministry of Education and Spiritual Nurture of Children.

St. Elizabeth's now has a group of members trained in Discernment and Spiritual Guidance to assist fellow members in discovering their gifts and directions for serving God and serving our neighbor. This group is gifted in helping someone hear the 'still small voice' of God. (Please see article in this Vine and Branches)

Our Vestry is intentional about abiding with Jesus the Vine so that we can bear much fruit. Vestry meetings begin with prayers and spiritual reflections on the Bible and how our life here at church can be connected not just to each other, but to our Lord Jesus.

Jesus is the Vine, we are the Branches. *"May the Holy Spirit who has begun a good work in us, direct and uphold us in the service of Christ and his kingdom."* Book of Common Prayer, page 310.



Mother Jodene +

Prayers and Holy Humor

Reported in a newspaper: The Rev. Patrick Leary is the rector of the Shrine of the Most Holy Redeemer in Las Vegas. He says visitors to the cathedral there often make the same prayer request.

Can you guess their common prayer request?

"Father, will you pray for me to win?"



The only time my prayers are never answered is on the golf course.

- Billy Graham

A teacher was giving his class of 7-year-olds a natural history lesson about ants. He said, "Worker ants can carry pieces of food five times their own weight--now what do you think about that?"

One little student answered quickly, "They don't have a union."



Akiu Chock congratulates young organists Joshua and Naomi Yuen-Schat at their recent concert. Brother Daniel is behind.



Gecko Reports

Stuart Ching has been selected to study at Attingham Summer School in England on a special grant. It is a three week course for curators and conservators to study the history, preservation and management of English country houses and their contents. Congratulations on this honor, Stuart.

Fr. Saimone Lino from St. John's by the Sea is volunteering with our Music Academy and Reading program thanks to his generosity of spirit and St. John's by the Sea's generosity.

When ATA shut down, Camp Taylor volunteers lost their tickets to help teens with heart problems in Hawaii. The Kardiac Kids at Kapiolani tried to raise money to buy new tickets to save Camp Taylor. Gima Pest Control and **David Sunagawa** generously donated \$1000 and a truckload of recyclable cans to make sure children got the support and care they needed. Surely the light of Christ was passed on!



Fr. Saimone Lino brings music to our children on Wednesday.

Again, Kudos go to **Daniel Ho** on his latest Grammy award. Wasn't it fantastic when he and Herb Ohta, Jr. held a benefit concert at St. E's to raise money for Habitat for Humanity and Family Promise? A full and interesting article was published in the Weekly entitled "Meet the Grammy Man" April 16th edition. Watch for Daniel's latest CD. See www.DanielHo.com

*Give me a sense of humor, Lord.
Give me the grace to see a joke.
To get some humor out of life
And pass it on to other folk.*

Daily Bread

Brief prayers from the Bible

"Lord, my God, I will give thanks to thee forever." Psalm 36

"Bless the Lord, O my soul." Psalm 103

"Help me, Lord my God" Psalm 109

"Blessed be the Lord, my rock." Psalm 144

Factoids

★ St. Elizabeth's air conditioning system is 56 years old and was hand built and repaired over the years by: Percy Chung, Tim Chong Young, David Ho, Richard Jung, James Ho, and Francis Kau. Richard Wong, a friend of Tim Chong, provided valuable instructions on the whole project. The same group was involved in getting the unit upstairs. Donald Kaiahua operated the crane that was used to lift it to the roof and the air conditioning room. The unit has held up for 15 years.

★ 8-14 neighborhood children participate weekly in our Wednesday afternoon Music Academy and literacy program



How happy our Music Academy children are!

★ St. Elizabeth's Church roof is 56 years old. (*hint, hint*)

★ Our new green, green grass ("*sea-shore paspalum*") was specially-picked by plant specialist, Dale Sato.

★ Volunteers dug like gophers and designed like engineers all the underground plumbing for an irrigation system around the Church to conserve water and save on our water bills.

★ Esther's Kitchen was remodeled in and put into full swing usage in 2004..

★ Volunteers spend one whole morning a month folding and preparing your Vine and Branches

★ Our Altar Guild teams prepare our altar and arrange flowers every Saturday morning for our Sunday worship (and they clean the Lord's dishes after).

★ Volunteers help in our office almost every day of the week with finances, filing, organization, Sunday bulletin folding

★ Our Bell Ringers rehearse every Tuesday night for 1½ hours for Sunday Worship--they come to church early Sunday to help us all make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

★ The stephanotis flowers on our back fence bloomed at exactly the right time to grace our Easter altar.

★ The Chinese Christian Association of Honolulu includes St. Elizabeth, St. Peter's, First Chinese Christian Church and United Church of Christ, Judd St.

★ Katherine Crosier has ably served St. Elizabeth's Church since 2004.

★ Ajaon Chen, our music director speaks 4 languages including Mandarin and Atayal an indigenous language of Taiwan.

★ St. Elizabeth's has four organizations renting/using our parking lot during the week: Pacific Gateway, the former Immigrant Center (www.pacificgateway.org), Kalihi-Palama Health Center (www.kphc.org) doctors, residents, nurses and technicians, Kamaikapili overflow parking (kaumakapili.org), Kuraudia Wedding Company (www.kuraudia.com), church staff and volunteers.

★ St. Elizabeth's paved parking lot is 4 years old.

★ St. Elizabeth's is a member of Episcopal Asia America Ministry of the National Episcopal Church.

★ Our Education building is the former Rectory and is 56 years old---it hosts River of Life Foodbank, Sunday School classes and the Children's Neighborhood Outreach Center.

★ New oak chapel doors are now being replicated and fabricated, thanks to the Young Families--Margaret, Donovan, Michael of St. E's and Good Samaritan Termites are holding hands right now to hold the doors up.



Termite damage on chapel doors

Dates to Save

Sunday, May 11 (Mother's Day). Pentecost Celebration and the Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be offered for adults and children. Please see Mother Jodene or Mother Imelda.



Sunday, May 18th: Trinity Sunday Service followed by **Potluck Picnic, beachside** at Christine Ling's home in Ewa Beach. Picnic hats and clothing are church attire this day. Family and Friends are all invited to worship and to caravan to Christine's home. There will be swimming, surfing, talk story and feasting. Bring your favorite "easy to carry and easy to serve" picnic dish. Let's all have a relaxing time. Sign up on the clipboard on the entry table.

Akamai Words

- ☞ If at first you don't succeed . . . skydiving is not for you.
- ☞ Always remember that you're unique, just like everyone else.
- ☞ "If you cannot get people to listen any other way, tell them it is confidential."
- ☞ "Problems are just opportunities in work clothes."



May Birthdays

Taylor Venenciano	5/3
Dr. Gerald Gifford	5/4
Evelyn Tyau	5/4
Mermi Dereas	5/4
Margie Leong	5/10
Jessie Hayashi	5/10
Felicidad Bueno	5/12
Harold Shak	5/13
Liesl Eng	5/14
Rowena Blaisdell	5/15
Leslie Mitsuka	5/15
Inoleen Eichy	5/15
Chase Pacupac	5/18
Tim Chong Young	5/19
Shirley Lau	5/22
Ruby Au	5/24
Dwight Kokubun	5/25
Helen Tom	5/26
May Chock	5/26
Marjory Tyau	5/28
Dorothy Jung	5/31

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Around Grandma I'll just say you're ONE of the world's best Mommies, okay?"

from JoyfulNoiseletter.com
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Confirmation, Reaffirmation and Commitment to Christian Service, Sunday, April 20th



Bishop Fitzpatrick is shown with Mother Jodene as Lillian Tyau and Jamie Chock dedicate themselves to Christian service.



Bishop Fitzpatrick with the Chock family and Mother Jodene.

Congratulations, Prayers and Blessings

to St. Elizabeth's members who were presented to Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick at St. Andrew's Cathedral in his regional Gathering and Celebration on Sunday, April 20th:

Caren-Jean Esaki as she was confirmed

Sue-Jean Chun, Walter Kau, Charles Kokubun, Gretchen Jong, Akiu Chock, Faith Chock, and Jamie Chock as they reaffirmed their baptismal covenant.

Prayers for Commitment to Christian Service and laying on of hands by the Bishop were offered for:

Charles Kokubun and **Lani Kaaihue** for Parish Hospital Chaplaincy.

Lillian Tyau for the Ministry of Outreach for the spiritual and educational nurture of children and for the Ministry of Discernment and Spiritual Guidance.

Jamie Chock for the Ministry of Outreach for the spiritual and educational nurture of children.

Thank you, Walter!

for the gift of organ music in a mini-concert presented after the service on Sunday, March 30th.

Walter's program included a setting of Jerry Westenkuehler's "Crown him with many crowns," J. S. Bach's "Prelude and Fugue in B" ("Little"), Franz Schubert's "Ave Maria," and "Toccata in F" from Charles-Marie Widor's Symphony No. 5.



Thank you for sharing your talent with St. Elizabeth's.

Speaking of Birthdays

A couple phoned a neighbor to extend birthday greetings. They dialed the number and then sang "Happy Birthday" to him.

But when they finished their off-key rendition, the person informed them they had dialed the wrong number. They of course apologized.

"Please don't worry about it," said the amused voice. "You folks need all the practice you can get!"

April 2008 Attendance

8:15 am Eucharist avg	132
Wednesday Healing	5
Cantonese language Eucharist	5
Ilocano language Eucharist	33



Mother-Daughter Duo Recital, May 23

Our organist, Marie Wang, and her daughter, Joyce, will give a free organ and piano concert on Friday, May 23rd, 7 pm, at the Lutheran Church of Honolulu, 1730 Punahou Street.



The mother-daughter duo are celebrating the 80th birthday of Marie's mother who will be coming from Taiwan just for the concert.

Mother's Day Reflections

God gave the world stars
and there was beauty.
God gave the world sun
and there was warmth.
God gave the world rain
and there was life.
God gave the world mothers
and there was love.

*via Shalom Ministry
Dearborn Heights, MI*



Marie will play Froberger's "Toccata in D minor," two Brahms choral preludes on "O sacred head now wounded," and a whimsical suite about Noah and the Ark by Larry Visser. Marie is an organ student of Katherine Crosier.

Joyce will play Bach's "French Suite," Frederic Chopin's "Berceuse," and "Etude in Gb", Beethoven's "Sonata in Ab" and three preludes by Claude Debussy. Joyce is a piano student of Peter Coraggio.

All are welcome to attend this free concert.



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