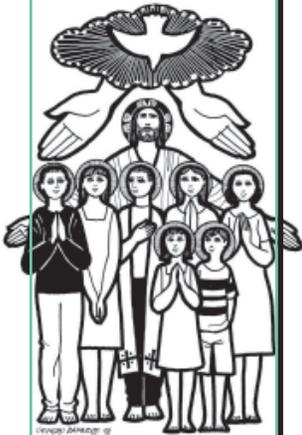


"I am the vine, you are the branches; abide in me and you will bear much fruit." John 15:5



# Vine & Branches

News from St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, 720 N. King Street, Honolulu, HI 96817



November  
2005

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## From Mother Jodene

Aloha Beloved in Christ,

It has been said that 'a party is good for the soul.' Our Founders' Day reunion was truly a party that was good for many souls! From the tower bells ringing out the call to festive worship at the beginning of the day to the final strumming of the ukulele, and the 'lovely hula hands,' to holding hands to sing *Hawai'i Aloha*, it was a spectacular and memorable day that will go down in history. Two hundred and sixty family and friends worshipped together, talked story together, feasted together, celebrated our history in story and video together and renewed our commitment to a vibrant future for St. Elizabeth's—together.

The glorious flowers gathered from gardens and flown in from Hilo to beautify our altar and our tables were a reminder that by God's grace, and because of many years of our people's faithfulness, St. Elizabeth's Church continues to bloom where it was originally planted. The song, 'Sunday in Palama,' composed especially for us was a reminder that just as the word Oahu means 'gathering place,' so St. Elizabeth's has been a gathering place for our families to worship God and to teach our children and neighborhood children about Jesus and His love for over 103 years.

Platters of food served with aloha, were a sign of the great abundance God has provided for each of us. They were a sign that we are a church who cares about her neighbors and her

neighborhood, and that we are actively meeting the needs of our Palama neighbors who still lack the abundance with which we have been blessed.

And then we had the grand opening of a new garage door—a door opening to the world of children whose spirits will be nurtured in our church home, a safe haven in a sometimes cruel world. In our simple garage, opening to a small park, our dream is now becoming reality. Soon neighborhood children will hear the old, old story of Jesus and His love. Soon children's creative spirits will be nurtured as they learn to play the ukulele, use their tiny hands to mold pottery, and sing songs. Soon children will discover that different languages and life challenges are no barrier to love and understanding.

What did it take to make this spectacular Founders' Day happen? It took everyone of us, in our own way, with our own gifts and talents and commitment. The success was the fruit of everyone's cooperation and everyone's devotion. Yes, bones ached and a few winks of sleep were lost. But, St. Elizabeth's was shining with her ancestor's glory for all of us to appreciate and enjoy together. As your priest in charge, I could not be prouder. Well done, good and faithful servants, well done!

*Mother Jodene +*

## All Saints Day, Nov. 6th

All are invited to join us in the Feast of All Saints at St. Elizabeth's. Sunday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> we will remember in prayer and in candle lighting all our beloved who have gone before us to the heavenlies and to their eternal rest. Please call or sign up the names of all whom you wish us to pray for so that their names will be read at the altar on this Sunday.





The story of Noah and his ark is in Genesis 5:29 - 10:32

## Noah's Ark Sunday

Back by popular demand! Again we will bless our pets big and small on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Last year we had the best behaved doggies, hamsters, chinchillas, and Boo the

sleeping Kitty. Somehow God's creatures really understand that this is God's house and are on their best behavior. All ages are invited to bring their pets.

**Vestry Meeting  
November 20th**

## Baptisms

Baptized on October 23rd was Kaoi Hiro Blaisdell-Higa, born on December 9, 2004. His parents are Christ Hiroaki higa and Tracy Kaleolani Blaisdell. Godparents are Patrick Sambueno and Tatum Henderson. Grandparents are William and Rowena Blaisdell.



All are invited to St. Elizabeth's Parish Thanksgiving Day service on Thursday, Nov. 24th at 9:00 am.

The Altar Guild has traditionally decorated the altar with fruits and vegetables for this service. Please bring your donations to the church office by Wednesday morning, November 23rd.

## From the Bishop



Thank you for your invitation to join you on Sunday, October 16, 2005, for your Founders' Day celebration. I regret that my visitation to St. John's Episcopal Church, Kula, Maui, will not allow me to be present for your celebration. From my recent visitation experience and from the information in your newsletters, I know that it will be another glorious Sunday celebration for your congregation, family, friends, and community.

You are to be commended for the strong spirit and dedication you have exercised in renewing St. Elizabeth's Church allowing it to recapture its sense of mission and outreach. The photograph of the cutting of the lock on the gate appearing in the Church Chronicle should be the icon of the new spirit of welcome and openness that you now live as a community of faith.

As you honor the Founders of St. Elizabeth, I pray that you will continue to pursue the missionary vision that they had for the congregation and for the surrounding community. May God continue to bless and sustain you in your ministries to proclaim the Gospel to all people in word and deed.

Faithfully yours,

*Richard S. O. Chang*  
IV Bishop of Hawai'i

## From St. John's

We rejoice with you as you celebrate Founders' Day on October 16, 2005. We are sorry that we could not even have a representative there to share in your celebration, but as you know, it is the day of our Bishop's visitation, Confirmation and our Stewardship Picnic. We will keep you in our prayers and celebrate with you from our place on Maui. Congratulations!

*The Rev. Heather Mueller-Fitch*  
The Vestry and the Family of  
St. John's Episcopal Church, Maui

# Founders' Day 2005

## *Mahalo to All*

The Founders' Day Committee and staff wishes to thank all of you who played a part in making our Founders' Day celebration on October 16th a resounding success! We are deeply appreciative to all the donors who sent monetary gifts, dropped off flowers, greenery, lei and food. In addition, we were deeply moved to witness the multitude of parishioners, friends and patrons who stopped by throughout the week to set-up and decorate the church and tent area.

To Raymond Siu of Pahke's and 99 Ranch, we are deeply indebted to you for doing a fantastic job preparing and catering the luncheon!

To the Chun family servers and parishioners, plus anyone else we could recruit for working tirelessly behind the scenes, we extend our heartfelt appreciation.

Shuttle drivers, traffic controllers and Mother Jodene, Kathy Crosier, Marie Wang, Susan Duprey and those who participated in the worship service, we thank you magnanimously for a job well done.

A special mahalo to Palama Settlement Seniors, Mr. Bob Omura, Vince DeBina and Aurora Sola for sharing their gift of song and dance, and to Randy Jung for providing security.





Kids look in awe at "Nellie" the giraffe in the Animal Garden.

## Urban Garden Center Update

We deeply regret the cancellation of the Urban Garden Center's field trip on October 22nd due to inclement weather. The pathways and walkways were slippery and muddy. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

We are grateful to Dale Sato for sharing his knowledge of plants and landscaping skills and manual labor to assist St. Elizabeth's whenever he was approached. Happy Retirement, Dale, and sincere thanks from all of us for all you do and share in making this a more beautiful place for us to live in!

The field trip has been rescheduled for Thursday, Nov. 3rd and 1:00 pm. We hope all 30 of you who originally signed up will be able to join us.

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*Mahalo to Thelma Lai-Chang for her generous donation of beautiful fabrics to make more rag dolls for children who are victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.*

## George Kahumoku Jr. and Daniel Ho in Concert

Saturday, November 26th  
Thanksgiving Weekend, 3 pm.

Daniel Ho returns for a super encore at St. Elizabeth's joining George Kahumoku for a concert in our church of Hawaiian hymns and slack key guitar classics and new releases. Both Daniel and George are Na Hoku Hanohano award winners and wonderful entertainers.

Seating will be limited to our church sanctuary. Each ticket purchaser will receive a free Daniel Ho or George Kahumoku CD with their ticket purchase of \$15. Handmade ukuleles will be on display from Koaloha Ukuleles, a Palama neighbor. One uke will be raffled to benefit our own Children's Outreach Center.

We will have cookies and sweet breads for sale to benefit our Children's Outreach Center off Banyan Courtyard.

How perfect is this for a day of Thanksgiving for God's blessings, lifting our spirits and getting some early Christmas joy and homebaked goodies.



*P.S. Donations of baked goods and crafted items are needed to sell at the concert. Please start making jams, jellies and chutneys now before the holiday season starts. Cookies and banana breads can be made closer to the time of the concert.*



## St. Elizabeth's Joins the Digital Age

St. Elizabeth's Parish has now joined the twenty-first century with its very own website! It is our intention that people far and near will be able to hear the latest news from St. Elizabeth's through the marvel of the Internet.

Here's the address:

**[www.stelizabeth720.org](http://www.stelizabeth720.org)**

The website contains information on worship services, Vestry officers, upcoming events, more pictures of Founders' Day, history, outreach programs, the current and past *Vine and Branches* newsletters, and even pictures of the church's stained glass windows. It will be updated frequently, so keep checking it.

Thanks to Kathy Crosier for her work on this project.



## E-Vine and Branches

Call or email the church office if you would like to be placed on our E-Vine and Branches mailing list and receive this newsletter via email in PDF (Portable Document Format). In full color, yet! You can download the free Acrobat Reader which reads PDF files from [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com).

## Jars Needed

Nora Kurosu has an overabundance of lemons, and is willing to make lemon butter for the bake sale on Nov. 26th. However, she is in need of baby food jars, preferably the junior size, to fill with lemon butter. Do you have a source, perhaps grandchildren who are in the baby food stage? Let the office know.

## No. 14, who are you?

To whomever is using offering box number 14, thank you for your gifts to St. Elizabeth's. However, the office does not know who you are, so can you please call Kathy in the church office and identify yourself? We would like to make sure you get credit for your contributions. Thank you!



**Are you fascinated by computers?** Our Parish Secretary, Katherine Crosier, would like to train someone as a backup on the computer who is willing to learn about the church's computerized recordkeeping. Please call Kathy during office hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am through 1:00 pm if you are interested.

## Average Church Attendance October 2005

8:15 am service	<b>128</b>
includes Founders' Day	238
Chinese ministry	<b>6</b>



## Parish Work Day

Saturday, November 12th  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

What do you get when you add Garden Work + Building Stuff + Fellowship? Another successful Parish Work Day at St. Elizabeth's!

Please let our Junior Warden, Harold Ware, know if you can participate in this church beautification project, and sign up on the clipboard at the back of the church. We would like to know how many to plan for lunch.

## Thanks Giving

*Please notice this is not a misprint. Our thanks to God, our gratitude to God, is the essence of all our giving to God, whether it is our time, or our money or our talents. When we ponder God's goodness to us in so many ways, how can our hearts not be filled with thanks? How can we express our thanks to God? In grateful prayer. In serving others. In helping the poor, the sick and the needy. In sharing God's abundance to us by giving to support the mission of proclaiming God's kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. May this Thanks Giving season be a season for us all to remember God's generosity to us and "to do good....."*



Singer/Composer Aaron Loo is shown with the Sunday School children.

## Sunday School News...

The enrollment continues to increase and we now have 22 students. The Sunday School staff is very happy to have Lillian Tyau help with the young 3 - 5 year old group.

Please bring your pet to be blessed on Sunday, November 13. The children love animals, but many do not have pets of their own. The blessing of the animals will culminate our story of Noah and the Ark.

# Update on Ragdolls2Love...

Mary Page Jones has sent another encouraging update...  
 "I came home to 700 ragdolls in my garage. I've shipped 200 to Calcutta Women's center and 200 to World Vision in Zambia. When we get more money we'll ship 200 to Aids orphanage in South Africa. In November I hope to go to Mississippi and will take dolls! I didn't know we'd ever ship this many - 12,000 ragdolls - and have them still pour in at the rate of 500 a week!"

At St. Elizabeth's, there is a big basket of ragdolls that will soon be on their way to Wyoming. Thanks to our latest stitchers, stuffers, donors ...

Nora and Harry Kurosu, Etta Leong, Pearl Kau and Thelma Lai Chang who shared her quilter's fabric with the sewers. The Ragdolls2Love all have a special charm and bring the love intended by this ministry.



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## November Birthdays

Hazel Yee	11/2
Johnny Kuriyoshi	11/3
Eric Arakawa	11/7
Iustina Weia	11/7
Ethleen leichy	11/7
Juliet Young	11/14
James Kealoha	11/15
Jeremy Bush	11/17
Laura lwami	11/19
Charles Chu	11/24
Erthleen leichy	11/25
Yenchy leichy	11/25
Richard Jung	11/25
Naomi Oda	11/25
Jeanette Wong	11/28



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