

"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 2007

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## From Mother Jodene

### *Aloha Beloved in Christ Jesus,*

By God's miracle of life St. Elizabeth's continues to grow, Alleluia! At our celebration of the Feast of All Saints, we welcomed thirteen new members to our church family. We also remembered in prayer our beloved ancestors, our 'saints,' who have gone before us.

How are we participating in God's miracle of growth that is adding vitality to St. Elizabeth's? I think one of the stories of Abraham and Sarah, our ancestors in faith, reveal our sacred connection to God's ways. In the hot desert noonday sun, dwelling in their tent, Abraham and Sarah saw three visitors arrive. Abraham ran to greet them. Like a lowly servant, he washed their feet. With Sarah's help he waited on them. They fed them the best they had. They never imagined that the guests they

welcomed were angels---angels bringing a message of good news from God that their hearts' desire for a child would come true in Sarah's very old age.



St. Paul writes "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so, some have entertained angels without knowing it." Our intentional, loving hospitality is one of the faithful ways St. Elizabeth's actively shares in God's miracles of growth. Like Abraham and Sarah, we ask for nothing. We welcome and we serve. We are surprised and blessed by the gifts of love given in return. Are we not entertaining angels without knowing it? St. Benedict writes, 'let everyone who comes be received as Christ.' Angels and our Lord Jesus in our midst! An awesome thought. Surely that must be the greatest miracle of all.

*Mother Jodene +*

## New Members at St. Elizabeth's



Stephen Chun



Forget, Santer, Sanson and Santereen Kom



Margarita Suyat



Puanani Woo



Hermenegilda Sarceda



Justina Weja



## Thanksgiving Day Service

All are invited to St. Elizabeth's Thanksgiving Day service on Thursday, Nov. 22nd at 9 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 21st.



## International Vocal Ensemble, Nov. 11th

Under the direction of Susan Duprey, former St. Elizabeth's choir director, the International Vocal Ensemble of Hawaii Pacific University will join St. Elizabeth's at its 8:15 am worship on Sunday, November 11th. The choir will sing folk music from South Africa, China, Zambia, Hawaii, Brazil and the Philippines in a mini-concert following the service. Invite friends and family for this musical treat!

## Gecko Reports



Diocesan Convention: Mahalo to our elected delegates: **Stuart Ching, Walter Kau, Patsy Ching, Nora Kurosu and Kit Hawkins** and St. E's participants: **Lani Kaaihue, Gretchen Jong, Gertrude Tyau, Nella Kleinschmidt, Rebecca Kleinschmidt**. Elected were **Stuart Ching**, historiographer for the Diocese and **Kit Hawkins**, delegate to 2009 General Convention.

**Sue Yap** has been interviewed by *Midweek* for an article on RagDolls2Love ministry to children.

The Priory: **Mother Jodene** will be the celebrant at the Priory's Thanksgiving service and assisted by Priory graduates: **Nora Kurosu and Lillian Tyau**. All Priory graduates are invited to attend the service on Nov. 21 at 9:15 am, St. Andrew's Cathedral.

**Sue and Frank Yap** had a terrific time in Florida visiting grandchildren, **Mia and Max**, and daughter, **Sharlene** and husband, **Jeff**. Gecko says that Max and Mia will be here for Christmas.

**Rebecca Kleinschmidt** received a glowing academic report in her studies at the Priory. **Sarah Kleinschmidt** at the University of Montana has discovered the challenges and delights of fly-fishing in her off-study time.

**Eric Arakawa** had his new condo blessed by Mother Jodene.

**Tim Chong and Juliet Young** are now at Aloha Care. Notes can be sent via Larry and Arleen

**Gretchen Jong** had a fabulous experience on a Crystal Cruise through the Greek Isles and Turkey, visiting the Blue Mosque and the Hagia Sophia.

**Jerek Jong** is touring China and Japan. He promises to bring us pictures when he returns.

**Rowena and Bill Blaisdell** just returned from touring China and connecting with family roots.

### Sunday School Children

## Make a joyful noise to the Lord



The Children's Music Academy played the offertory on Oct. 28th.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"The Pilgrims wore black and white because that was their football team's colors."

from *JoyfulNoiseletter.com*  
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## Humor Pew

The minister announced that admission to a church social event would be six dollars per person. "However, if you're over 70," he said, "the price will be only \$5.50."

From the back of the congregation, a woman's voice rang out, "Do you really think I'd give you that information for just 50 cents?"

### Longevity

*The Jewish Chronicle* heard that Benny was coming up on his 110th birthday so they sent a reporter to interview him.

"How do you account for your longevity?" asked the reporter.

"You could say that I am a health nut," Benny answered. "I have never smoked or drunk alcohol. I am always in bed by ten o'clock. I've been to Israeli folk dance classes since I was a teenager and I've always walked three miles a day, even in rain or snow."

"But," said the reporter, "my uncle Saul followed exactly the same routine and he died when he was 75. How come it didn't work for him?"

"Obviously," replied Benny, "he didn't keep it up long enough."



# THE POWER TO GIVE

In the New Testament, Jesus emphasizes the importance of giving and doing for others. In the Old Testament, Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tells us what not to do.

Cross out ALL of the following letters to reveal Proverbs 3:27.

..... **B J K Q X Z** .....

Write the remaining letters (in order) on the spaces below.

B W J I T J H Q H O B L Z D G B O O K  
D K F Q R O M T B H J O B S Q E W H O  
X B D B E K Q S E Z X R Z V J E Z X I B  
T W K H Q E N I K Q T I Z S I Z N B Y  
J X J O Z U X R P Q O K W J J E B B R T  
O A Q C Z T

"DO NOT \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_."

PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: "Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act."

**Next Vestry Meeting  
November 18th**

**Mahalo to the Episcopal Church Women Social Concerns Committee** for their continued support for our Children's Reading and Music outreach programs.

## United Thank Offering

St. Elizabeth's generous spirit was in abundance for United Thank Offering, which raises funds for mission projects of the Episcopal Church Women. We sent \$750 to the Diocese for United Thank Offering. Thanks be to God!





Save the date for

## Discernment Day

On Saturday, January 12, 2008, the Commission on Ministry will host a Discernment Day. The day is intended especially for members of discernment committees, and for anyone interested in learning more about the diaconate and the priesthood. The day will cover such topics as "what is ministry?", the differences between the diaconate and the priesthood, and what discernment is and guidelines for doing it. More details will be forthcoming, but for now, save the date. All are invited.

## A Thank You Note

from the Mission Fund Chair

Blessings to the Congregation of St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church.

On behalf of the 2007 Mission Fund, I would like to thank you and your congregation for your generous donation of \$1967 in support of the restoration and repair of St. Augustine's Church. On this one-year anniversary of the devastating October 15, 2006 Big Island earthquake, we can reflect not only on how we are helping to restore and preserve this beautiful and historic church, but also on the love and strength of our church family in coming together in such a time of need.

In Christ,  
Karen Sender  
2007 Mission Fund Chair

## Brief Prayers of the Month

from the Bible

Blessed be the Lord, my rock.  
Psalm 144:1  
Teach me the way I should go.  
Psalm 143:8  
O God, answer me, I am overcome with my trouble. Psalm 55:2  
I give thanks to you, O God with my whole heart. Psalm 86:12

## Food Basket Items Needed

*"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."*

*(Matthew 25:40)*

We have needy families among us at St. Elizabeth's. Mother Jodene's pastoral fund and our food locker regularly helps these families with life's necessities. You can help at modest cost by

(1) Contributing to St. E's Pastoral Fund.

(2) Buying any of the following food items when you shop.

Just drop the items at the church:

**Canned goods:** Tuna, oil-packed; Spam, reduced sodium; Vienna sausage; Chile; Corned beef; Corned beef hash; Whole kernel corn; String beans; Pears or peaches; 20 lb bag of rice; Plastic shopping bags are also needed. Thanks for your help!

## Santa Comes to St. Elizabeth's

for our Christmas Party for Palama Children

**Saturday, December 15th at 11 am**

in our Children's Outreach Center

Join in helping needy children from Pua Lane and Mayor Wright have a joyful Holiday Happening. Last year we had over 100 children. We expect more children this year.

**We need help:** Elves to wrap packages on **Sunday, Dec. 9** after church. Elves to serve make/serve finger food and treats. Santa's helpers to pass out presents. Santa's helpers to donate money for presents: with our discount, the cost of each child's present is about \$5.00 (mark checks "Children's Christmas") Be surprised at our 'real' Santa, beard and all! Straight from the North Pole. Sing some carols and experience the true joy of Christmas.



## Parish Work Party

Saturday, November 17th

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

All hands are needed to help with gardening, landscaping and painting to get our church ready for the holidays.

Please sign up. Kitchen Angels are also needed.



## From the Kitchen of Nancy Shim-Au

### BLUEBERRY MOCHI

- 1 box mochiko (16 oz.)
- 2 blocks butter, melted
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 can coconut milk (13.5 oz.)
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 can blueberry pie filling (21 oz.)

Combine and stir sugar, melted butter, coconut milk, eggs and vanilla and mix well. Add in combined flour and baking powder. Pour mixture into ungreased 9x13 pan. Fold in pie filling into mochiko mixture, creating a marbled look. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour.

### Children's Noah's Ark Project

## Changing the World Two by Two

Our Sunday School students are building a Heifer Gift Ark to offer hope to families in third world countries who are poor and hungry. In November they will study animals that were probably in that stable where Jesus was born. The students will also build little arks to collect their donations to send live animals worldwide. The animals they study and want to send be on display with their arks in church.

Please help and make a small donation or some coins in an ark. On the first Sunday in Advent we will bless the arks during the time of lighting the Advent Candles.

Questions? Please see Sue Yap (Dean) or Lisa-Anne Mitsuka Chan (teacher).



## Thanks to David Sunagawa

and Gima Pest Control for tenting our Education Building on November 5th. Your generosity is truly overwhelming! David even sent over workers to help bag all the food items.



October  
2007  
Attendance

8:15 am service average **112**  
Chinese language service **4**

## First Communion and New Members

On All Saints Sunday, November 4th, receiving First Communion was Santereen Kom.

New members received were Carlita Agonoy, Stephen Chun, Frank and Patti Davis, Forget, Santer, Sanson and Santereen Kom, Hermenegilda Sarceda, Margarita Suyat, Iustina Weia, Puanani Woo, and Thomas Woo.

We also welcomed James Fitzpatrick who continues his studies at Wabash College, Indiana.



## November Birthdays

Hazel Yee	11/2
Johnny Kuniyoshi	11/3
Iustina Weia	11/7
Eric Arakawa	11/7
Ethleen leichy	11/7
Juliet Young	11/14
Randy Timonio	11/15
James Kealoha	11/15
Jeremy Bush	11/17
James Fitzpatrick	11/18
Laura Iwami	11/19
Yenchy Repaky	11/25
Erthleen Repaky	11/25
Jeanette Wong	11/28



## Honolulu Chinese Christian Chorus Concert, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Honolulu Chinese Christian Chorus, directed by our own Ajaon Chen, will present their Annual Thanksgiving Concert on Sunday, December 2, 7:30 pm at the First Chinese Church of Christ, 1054 S. King Street. They will sing praises to our Lord with choir members from other Christian churches on Oahu.

The program is free and open to friends and family. See Bill Eng or Francis Kau for further information.

If you would like to receive the *Vine and Branches* only by e-mail, please let the office know so that we might save on paper and postage costs.



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## Halloween at St. Elizabeth's



*Akiu Chock and Jamie Chock (shown below) made pumpkin decorations for the Sunday School class.*



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