

"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

**October
2009**

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Lino, Diocesan Missioner

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From Father David

Greetings to all of you. I look forward to joining you shortly as Saint Elizabeth's continues on her journey of faith, seeking to live out what we are: a colony of heaven here on earth!

To that end, I am very excited about moving forward with our soon to be completed **Youth Center** at the newly renovated Shim Hall! As you will see elsewhere in the newsletter, the family and friends of the beloved and late Florence Tyau have generously donated nearly \$3000 to St. Elizabeth's with the request that these funds be used to support our new Youth Center. We are deeply grateful!

Fr. Saimone has his eye on a pool table and a pingpong table, and ... if we can swing it, a portable basketball hoop for the parking lot. I have heard many stories of when St Elizabeth's was the center of basketball activity here in Palama. Perhaps we can be that again for a new generation of God's youngsters. AND, still along those lines, if you have an old couch to donate, we could use two or three for the youth center; same with some comfortable chairs, a bookshelf or three and maybe some coffee tables. What we hope to create is a safe gathering place for the teens and pre-teens of our neighborhood and our parish....

Many, many thanks to Mother Imelda, Fr. Saimone and Fr. Fan for their exceptional ministry; particularly in the absence of a Rector. Their ministry is important and very much appreciated. Mahalo nui loa!

Our Wednesday healing service will continue on each and every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. followed by "adults only Bible Study" (there are some things in there



that you need to be over 18 to learn about!) I encourage all who can attend to attend. I promise something really new, something really exciting and something really interesting in this Bible Study! Really!

Please grab me to talk, to share ideas, to advise of any members or non-members who need pastoral visits, to volunteer to sing, draw, paint, read, cook, repair, play music, share talents, etc, etc, etc. We are the body of Christ and every member has a crucial part to play in the unfolding drama of our salvation!

Until we are together on October 11, my prayers and best wishes are with you all.

david+

Welcome Reception



for Father David Gierlach, Mother Imelda Padasdao, Father Peter Fan and Father Saimone Lino will be held immediately after the 8:15 am service on **October 11th**. If you have not already signed up on the clipboard to bring main dishes, salads, fruit, vegetables, starch or dessert, please call in your dish to the church office, 845-2112.

Special Offering for Pacific Area Victims

of flooding, tsunami and earthquake has been called by Bishop Bob Fitzpatrick, to be taken on Sunday, October 4th and on Sunday, October 11th.

Please make checks payable to **St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church**, with the notation "Pacific Relief" in the memo line and we will forward all of our offerings to the Diocese.

Please remember those suffering and those who have died in your prayers.

From Mother Jodene

Aloha Beloved in Christ Jesus,

Kit and I are now on Maui. I traveled to Seattle to be with and to help my mom and sisters in Seattle. Settling in on Maui goes slowly, but well. Kit and I enjoy our cups of coffee together in the mornings.

With great joy and gratitude we continue to savor our memories and pictures of the fabulous Luau and Sunday worship. How can I begin to describe my delight in the many ways you expressed your love and appreciation. Under the Big Tent, with more than a few challenges of set up, St. E's parking lot became a magical Hale. Flowers graced every pillar and table with Hawaiian beauty and fragrance, well before so many people bedecked me with fragrance of lei and blessings of honi, honi (embraces and kisses). That evening I truly understood what 'choke lei' means!

The luau feast, the music, the singing and dancing of young and elders alike, the children's music, the labors of love and organization from Esther's kitchen angels and Princess, the set-up and clean up teams, and the welcome of guests was an extraordinarily beautiful ho'okupu (offering) on behalf of all of you to me, to Kit, my sister and daughter and to all the guests who came from Oahu, Maui, the Big Island and Seattle. Mahalo most especially for the exquisite Koa Box and the watercolor painting of St. Elizabeth's Church. Everything in that perfect night of celebration came together with grace and panache for which St. Elizabeth's is noteworthy. A special blessing was our Bishop and Bea coming to be with us even while on their vacation. I am truly honored to have been bestowed at this turning point in my life with the name Ka'iokekahaokalani. Mahalo for this loving and honorable gift.

We shared many efforts, challenges and joys in the name of our Lord Jesus as we worked faithfully for the spread of God's kingdom and the growth of St. Elizabeth's. I am honored to have served as your priest and rector. You were always so gracious and generous to Kit and to me. Everyone can be proud of the team efforts that have changed our neighborhood and our ministries to benefit so many more children and families. Stuart Ching and Arleen Young served admirably as my Sr. Warden's. It was my pleasure (and I'm sure yours as well) to be Fr. David's mentors along his journey to priesthood. Who could have imagined that our love and care for him and our sending him forth to serve St. John's would one day bring him back home to St. Elizabeth's. St. Elizabeth's is truly one of the 'apples of God's eye' whom God holds in 'the palm of God's hand.' I hope you can be patient with me as I write my mahalos along the way of this transition time in my life as God leads me and Kit into our new future.

Always, with the Love, Joy and Peace of Christ

Mother Jodene aka 'Iolani



Honolulu to Jerusalem

*Women's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
April 28-May 12, 2010*

Led by Mother Jodene Hawkins

Storied names of history and the Bible, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, Garden of Gethsemane, Way of the Cross, the Empty Tomb, the Dome of the Rock, the Western Wall, the healing Pools of Bethesda, Sacred places of history, our story and our omen ancestors' stories.

Women revealed in history's spotlight. Women who have only appeared at the edges of history, but whom Jesus honored, respected and included. Women at the Empty Tomb, women who spread the Good News, women who were Jesus' ancestors. Mary, Elizabeth, Mary and Martha, Ruth, Naomi, Mary Magdalene, the unnamed Woman at the Well, Anna, Hannah, and Jo Anna and Anne, women healed, women transformed. We will meet them in their stories, songs and visions for the world God so loved. We will see the world with new eyes and new perspectives. We will also meet the women and men who today are the Living Stones of the Land of Jesus and have a banquet with a local family.

All inclusive from Honolulu to Jerusalem, \$3895 (double occupancy), round-trip air on Continental Airlines, Israel transfers and transportation, hotel and guest house accommodations in double or private rooms (add \$385 for single supplement), all meals, entrance fees, guiding fees, portage, daily gratuities.

For more information, contact Mother Jodene at jodene@hawaii.rr.com.



United Thank Offering

Sunday, October 18th

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a mission program founded by and administered by Episcopal women. Its goals is to significantly impact the lives of women and children because of Christ's love. A UTO envelope is enclosed in this newsletter.

O God of all, we thank you for the many good and gracious gifts that flow from your hand, and for uniting us in a spirit of thanksgiving and mission. As we offer ourselves to serve the world you have made, help us to do so with gladness of heart and generosity in giving, that our efforts may be grounded in a holy gratitude that faithfully reflects the love of Christ through which are bountifully blessed and for which we are increasingly thankful. Amen. (The Rt. Rev. Jim Waggoner, Bishop of the Diocese of Spokane)

Photographers Needed

A new membership directory is in the works! But before we can publish one, photographers are needed to take pictures of our new parishioners. If you have a digital camera and can volunteer, please call Kathy in the church office, 845-2112.

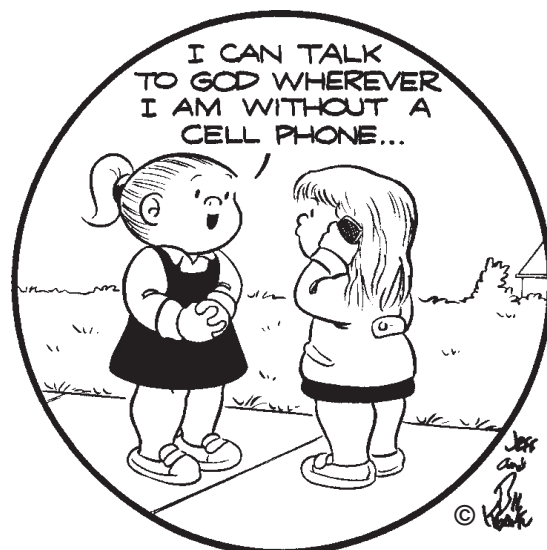


What is Intinction?

Some people may prefer to use "intinction" for receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. You dip the wafer into the chalice instead of drinking from the common cup. This is a valid practice in many churches for people who do not wish to drink from the common cup. Some churches are encouraging the practice of intinction in this age of H1N1 virus and other infectious diseases.


Save the bread in your hand and then dip it into the the chalice. *(this information shared by Charles Kokubun)*

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"...and I never get a busy signal."

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Charles Kokubun

*This is a sample of St. Elizabeth's new name tag.
Over 200 tags were printed this week!*

New Name Tags

Thank you all for wearing your new, colorful name tags which will be helpful for Father David in learning our names.

If you cannot find your tag, please sign up on the clipboard to have one made. Thank you also to **Patsy Ching, Sharon Oshiro and Kathy Crosier** for assembling the laminated tags.



Habitat for Humanity ReStore

What do 50 buckets of 5 gallon exterior paint, seven pallets of Italian porcelain tile, and a 1.6 gallons-per-flush toilet have in common? These are items among hundreds donated to Habitat for Humanity Leeward Oahu's ReStore which will be open to the public on Saturdays

starting October 3rd.

The ReStore, located in Campbell Industrial Park, will sell new and high quality used buildign materials and home improvement items with the proceeds benefiting Habitat for Humanity. Funds raised from the ReStore will help expand their building program and help to build more affordable homes for very low-income families.

Leeward Habitat ReStore
Campbell Industrial Park
91-220 Kalaeloa Blvd., Unit 1A
Kapolei, HI 96707

Food Pantry Ministry

Your generosity is greatly appreciated in donating the following items needed for our food pantry: Spam, Vienna sausage, canned pork and beans, tuna, ramen, corned beef hash and rice. We are also grateful for your donations to this cause. It costs over \$100 per week in food to stock our pantry. Please help those n need by making checks payable to St. Elizabeth's Pastoral Fund.



Food Pantry Ministry

Stewardship Reflections

Giving and gratitude go together like humor and laughter, like having one's back rubbed and the sigh that follows, like a blowing wind and the murmur of wind chimes. Gratitude keeps alive the rhythm of grace given and grace grateful, a lively lilt that lightens a heavy world." --Lewis Sanders

There is indeed joy in giving. -- Thomas Carlyle

It is not how much of your money you are going to give to God, but how much of God's money you are going to keep for yourself." -- Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft, Glassboro, NJ.

Church Signs

"Life is a puzzle. We have the missing piece."

"Jesus saves for a reigning day."



Raquel Timonio	10/1
Jermic Shuru	10/1
Bernice Kau	10/2
Carole Fujishige	10/5
Daniel Tyau	10/8
Jamie Chock	10/8
Michelle Ramos	10/9
Inorie Eichy	10/9
Mia Starkman	10/9
Daniel Oshiro	10/9
K. O. Eichy	10/10
David Kleinschmidt	10/12
Rayne White	10/14
Nora Blaisdell	10/14
Beryl Goo	10/14
Judith Kokubun	10/15
Shane Kealoha	10/15
Shigeru Awakuni	10/17
Maileen Cardenas	10/18
Kolby Batangan	10/18
Victor Noket	10/19
Donovan Young	10/20
Jayden-Ryan Ruz	10/20
Suzanne Shak	10/21
Jonson Jong	10/21
Harlan Arakawa	10/24
Katherine Crosier	10/24
Alex Nagamine	10/25
Ariel Badua	10/26
Esther Tyau	10/29
Betty Awakuni	10/30

God's blessings on those with October birthdays!

Rest Eternal

Word has been received from Dave Akwai on the death of his mother, **Wan Sen Akwai**, who was born to eternal life on September 19, 2009. He shared this story about how his mother came to be associated with the Episcopal Church and St. Elizabeth's:

A wealthy Cincinnati, OH family by the name of Matthews whose family tree includes a former Supreme Court justice and who had married into the Procter family (of Procter and Gamble) were Episcopalians and supporters of the Community of the Transfiguration. During the years 1913-1918 the Sisters sponsored a mission in the province of Anhwei in China. The Matthews family were interested in "sponsoring" a female Chinese child who would be brought to the United States, but not adopted in the legal sense as a regular family member. That child was **Wan Sen Akwai** and she entered the U.S. with her Episcopal Sister "guardian" that did not mention her Chinese ethnicity, due to the Anti-Chinese Exclusion Act. She grew up in Glendale, OH where the Sisters of the Transfiguration had established the Bethany School for Girls. At age 14, however, the Matthews family felt that she should rightly grow up in a more diverse racial and cultural environment, and what better place was there for that than Honolulu, HI? Thus she was enrolled in St. Andrew's Priory, and later the University of Hawaii where she married a local boy and had three children.

Florence Yap Tyau, age 100, passed away on Sept. 1, 2009. Mother Imelda conducted the memorial service at Diamond Head Mortuary. Thank you to Florence's daughter **Audrey and Raymond Tam** for donating funds to purchase a ping-pong and billiards table for the community center in Shim Hall.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Not the Hand of the Lord?

After a written exam, a teacher asked his students to sign a form stating that they had not received any outside assistance.

One student raised his hand and asked the teacher whether he should put down that he had prayed for the assistance of God.

The teacher pulled out the student's exam papers, carefully studied his answers, and then said: "You can sign the form with a clear conscience. God did not assist you."

via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft, Glassboro, NJ

FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE



By Mike Morgan

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Attendance

9/2	Ilokano - Wednesday	63
9/6	Ilokano - Sunday	79
9/6	Sunday 8:15 am	85
9/13	Sunday 8:15 am	124
9/20	Sunday 8:15 am	118
9/27	Sunday 8:15 am	135
	Cantonese - average	5



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Music for a Royal Occasion

In this the 250th anniversary of the death of the great composer, George Frideric Handel, a concert will be held on **Sunday, November 1st at 4 pm** at the Lutheran Church of Honolulu, 1730 Punahou Street.

Our Parish Administrator, **Katherine Crosier**, will play the *Concerto No. 3 in G minor* for organ and orchestra. Also featured will be the *Ode for the Birthday of Queen Anne* and the *Dettingen Te Deum*, written for King George II's victory at Dettingen. The works contain magnificent choruses with orchestra and expressive arias --anyone who loves Handel's *Messiah* will love this concert!

Ask Kathy in the church office for more information.

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Updated Prayer List

So that we have updated list, please write on the clipboard the names of people for whom you wish to have prayers. Please pray for:

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| Akiu | Kalfred |
| Judy | Jane |
| Theodore | Calvin |
| Andres | Dr. Tesoro |
| Andrea | Glenn |
| Delphine | Mildred |
| Genoveva | Clara |
| Margarita | Hanlon |
| Elizabeth | Baby Hayden |
| Kenneth | Cheryl |
| Gertrude | Sylvia |
| Gerry | |

For All the Saints

Please join us for the Feast of All Saints on **Sunday, November 1st at 8:15 am**. Please print clearly the names of loved ones' names you wish to be remembered **by Sunday, October 25th** so they may be printed in our All Saints bulletin: