

"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
2006

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Bishop

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Rector

The Reverend Dr.
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From Mother Jodene

Aloha Beloved in Christ,

On September 1, 2004, St. Elizabeth's church family and I began our ministry together.

As we recall, I was FOB (fresh off the boat) from Maui, having served as Chaplain at Seabury Hall. St. Elizabeth's was in a time of transition. Kit and I were in a time of transition to Oahu, our new island home. God brought us both together at a crossroad in our lives.

Neither St. Elizabeth's nor I could predict what the future would bring as the vestry and our church family began to seek the ways to serve our Lord Jesus together.

We began by getting to know each other. We worshipped together. We ate together (are we surprised?) We studied together (even though it wasn't always easy). We cleaned up and painted the church and the church properties together (yes, we had aching backs and feet). We laughed together (even in church!). We cried together at the loss of loved ones. We played together (also called eating). We raised money (lots of it) together for tsunami and hurricane relief. We blessed and sent forth (to Iraq and Afghanistan) RagDolls2Love. We invited family, friends and neighbors to join together with us in worship (and St. Elizabeth's grew). We cut the locks and chains to our front gates and opened our church doors and the doors of our hearts to our neighbors like Jesus commanded (and our neighbors came!) Together we discovered that it doesn't take much of an excuse to throw a party here (and wow! do we know how to throw a party.) We discovered that we appreciate all kinds of musicians from Grammy award winning professionals to our own Walter Kau and Aaron Loo. Together we transformed a junk garage into a Children's Outreach Center (demonstrating that 'if you build it, they will come').

Together we celebrated our history (Founder's Day). Together we dreamed about St. Elizabeth's future through Mutual Ministry reviews, talk story times, and in Shim Hall sharing meals. It appeared that St.

Elizabeth's and I had both turned the same direction when we met at that crossroad two years ago. It appears that it was *God's guidance* that led us in the same direction to serve in God's vineyard in here in Palama, just makai of Vineyard Street.

Therefore, it was with great joy and thanksgiving to God and to St. Elizabeth's Church Family, that I accepted St. Elizabeth's Vestry's call for me to serve as your new rector. With God's help and with the Holy Spirit's empowerment, we will be led to fruitful ministry together as we honor our ancestor's faith and mission and journey into the wonderful new future that God has planned for us. Together!

With the love, joy and peace of Christ,

Mother Jodene +

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord...to give you a future and a hope."
Jeremiah 29:11

Investiture of 26th Presiding Bishop,
Katherine Jefferts Schori

will be webcast live, November 4th. The Episcopal Church's Office of Communication, in collaboration with the Washington National Cathedral, will webcast the investiture service of Presiding Bishop-Elect Katherine Jefferts Schori. The service, scheduled for November 4, will be carried live beginning at 11 am (Eastern Time) at www.episcopalchurch.org.

The webcast will have a direct link on the Episcopal Church homepage that will go live shortly before the service begins.





UTO United Thank Offering Ingathering, October 8

St. Elizabeth's will be receiving our United Thank Offering on October 8th so that our offering can be presented along with the other churches at the ECW ingathering and luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 14th.

All women (and men, too) are invited to attend both the worship service and the luncheon following. Lunch cost \$10. Reservations are needed in advance. Please sign up or call the church.

- 8:00 am Registration, Von Holt Room
- 8:30 am Morning Prayer, UTO ingathering
- 9:00 am St. Elizabeth's Grant Request
- 11:00 Speaker, The Rev. Moki Hino
- 12:00 Lunch and Kupuna Awards, Davies Hall, \$10

From the Book of Common Prayer

A prayer attributed to St. Francis page 833

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.



Bishop's Visitation

Joyously, St. Elizabeth's celebrated as Maika K. Cardenas, 11 months old was baptized, Sarah Kleinschmidt, Rebecca Kleinschmidt and Kellen Ho were confirmed and 25 reaffirmed their baptismal promises: Liesl Eng, Bill Eng, Pearl Kau, Larry Young, Arleen Young, Laura Iwami, Marie Wang, Ajaon Chen,

Jimmy Kealoha, Lani Kealoha, Millie Goo, Akiu Chock, Jamie Chock, Beryl Goo, Charles Kokubun, Sarah Bush, Rowena Blaisdell, Kit Hawkins, Dr. Gifford, Patsy Ching, Stuart Ching, Lani Kaahue, Jennifer Watanabe, Fr. David Gierlach and Mother Jodene.



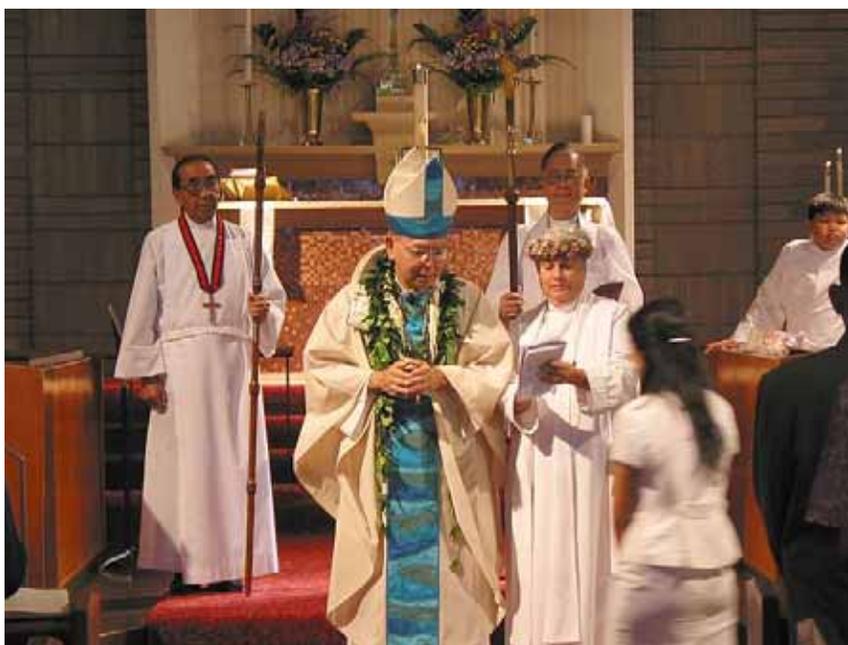
Gecko reports

Walter Kau was tinkling the keyboard for our Bishop's reception when he received some surprise accompaniment. Lani Kealoha and her sister Angie from Kohala touched every heart with their Hawaiian mele. They then invited all to join hands and sing together *Hawai'i Aloha*.

Babies: Baby Ethan Anderson (son of Caroline and Mark Anderson) smiled through all of the Bishop's Visitation festivities (it's his nature say his grandparents Sue and Frank Yap). He's looking forward to meeting his newborn cousin Max from Florida at Christmas.

Birthdays. Our eldest kupuna Stella Ho Lau made her 101st birthday on September 23. We also celebrate with Mrs. Helen Ing who made her 96th birthday on September 12. Congratulations to two of our eldest members.

Behind the scenes: Danny Oshiro slipped in to finish up the details of the painting project in Shim Hall, just in time for our Bishop's visit. Spam musubi, island favorite, was a work party favorite made by Elizabeth Wong for our September work day.





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The Rev. Jodene S. Hawkins
Priest-in-Charge

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church

Dear Parishioner,

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that the Vestry, with the approval of our bishop, the Right Reverend Richard S. O. Chang, extended a call to priest-in-charge, the Reverend Jodene S. Hawkins, to become the next rector of St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church. After much personal discernment, Mother Jodene has accepted the call.

In preparation for calling a new rector, a parish profile was completed this year with input from parishioners. It provided details about our parish life, our goals and objectives, and the leadership qualities and skills we were looking for in our next rector. After much mutual discernment, the Vestry came to the conclusion that the leadership qualities and skills that Mother Jodene possessed matched those outlined in the parish profile. On September 7 a delegation from the parish met with Bishop Chang to discuss the matter. He granted his permission to extend a call to Mother Jodene in a letter to the Vestry dated September 16, 2006.

As our priest-in-charge these last two years, Mother Jodene has brought new vitality to this parish and a renewed sense of welcome, community and mission. We are grateful to the power of the Holy Spirit for bringing her to us. We look forward to beginning a new era here at St. Elizabeth's under her capable leadership as our rector.

Bishop Chang will install Mother Jodene as our new rector on Sunday afternoon, December 3, at 4:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's. A reception in Shim Hall will follow the service. All are welcome, and all are encouraged to wear red attire to mark this festive occasion. Please join us as we celebrate the start of new ministry in our parish.

Aloha,

Stuart W. H. Ching
Senior Warden



Gecko Reports, *continued*

The delicious lilikoi cake at Bishop's reception?—we should have guessed—**Raymond Siu** was responsible. Our Red Door is back. The *menehune* who painted it are reputed to be **Tom and Peggy Ishida**. Our gardens are looking especially beautiful thanks to **Dale Sato** and his stealth watering operations.

Bulk Mail: Ever wonder who's behind our *Vine and Branches*? First, our layout and graphic artist, Katherine Crosier, then the mailing swat team comes to fold, label, organize by zip code, as well as to share a first peek at the scoops and laugh and eat. Thursday mornings once a month finds this happy team at work. Wai Wah and Richard Yee, Tom and Peggy Ishida, The Kealoha ohana, the Chock ohana, Patsy Ching, Sarah Bush, Nancy Au are some of our regulars. Like to join the fun and the time of scoops together as we work? Please let Kathy or Mother Jodene know and you will be called about the next mailing schedule.

Sunday School Grows

September has brought 12-15 children ages 3-14 into our Sunday school. Some children are very new to St.E's and come from our Children's Reading Program on Wednesday and Princess Ka'iulani and LikeLike Schools. We have excellent, dedicated teachers. Teachers could use some help with the children, especially when they do craft projects on Sunday mornings.



St. E's is grateful to Sue Yap, Lisa Ann Mitsuka and Jamie Chock, teachers, Kathy Stevens, substitute teacher and assistant Lillian Tyau.



Bishop Chang's mother, Flora, Mrs. Dee Chang, and Bishop Chang's sister Charlotte, are enjoying themselves in our newly-decorated Shim Hall.



Bishop Chang admires the Lion Dancers which led the exit procession to Shim Hall for a delicious potluck following his Sept. 24 visitation service.

Lion Dancers Honor Bishop Chang



A festive cultural presentation of Lion Dancing by the Kuo Min Tang Physical Culture Association honored Bishop Chang and Dee Chang's ministry, thanks to the Chun ohana. Chase Pacupac is often a main dancer. Colby played the drums on Sunday.

We think the Lion was pleased! Much to their delight, the ravenous Lion performers were treated to delicious offerings from Esther's Kitchen.

Awesome! Inspiring! and Festive

best describes the celebration of our Christian faith and ministry upon Bishop and Mrs. Chang and Mother Chang's visit last week. We gratefully acknowledge Mother Jodene, ministers, Kathy Crosier, all participants, the Vestry, Marie, Ajaon, Walter Kau, the Lion Dancers, Raymond Siu, the Altar Guild and all of you for sharing your gifts, talents, and food to make this event possible. Special thanks to members of Esther's Kitchen Committee, parking attendants, and Dale Sato for their valuable assistance.

Children's Reading Program Grows

St. E's very own mustard seed parable (children's outreach program) continues to thrive. Mahalos to Aunties Gretchen (Jong), Lani and Jimmy Kealoha and Lani Kaaihue, Jennifer Watanabe, and Father David and Mother Jodene for being our adult presence.

We were thrilled recently when five of our outreach kids began coming to church...on their own! PLEASE if you see a child you don't recognize on Sunday, go out of your way to introduce yourself and let them know how happy you are that they have chosen to be among us.

One of our older kids, Melody, a sixth-grader at Central Middle School, has become our first Junior Volunteer.

We can't say for sure but we believe word of our good deeds has been spread to graffiti "artists." There's been no more graffiti on the door.

The coconut wireless is buzzing with rumors of the coming addition of music! Stay 'tuned'.

The kids love our aunties and uncles, grandmas and grandpas!! You are welcomed and encouraged to drop by Wednesday from 3-4PM. You don't even have to do anything! But if you'd like to read, lead a song or tell a joke, great!



From Nancy Au's Kitchen

OVEN-BUTTERED CORNSTICKS
 1 stick butter
 2 cups Bisquick
 1 - 8-3/4 oz. cream style corn



Melt butter in 13-1/2" x 10-1/2" baking pan. Combine Bisquick and corn in mixing bowl. Stir until soft dough is firm. Knead dough on lightly floured surface. Roll into 6x10 rectangle. Cut into 1"x3" strips. Roll in melted butter and arrange in a single layer in pan. Bake in 350 deg. oven for 15 minutes or until done. Makes 20.

Church Attendance September 2006

8:15 Sunday average	135
Chinese Language service	7

From Deacon David Gierlach

Hello to all at St. Elizabeth's! I have enjoyed so very much my first month with you. What a warm and loving family of faith! I appreciate your patience as I learn your names, the way things are done at St. E's, and as I grow into this role of deacon and priest in formation. I enjoy very much our Sunday Eucharist celebrations, the educational classes afterward and the fellowship. I am also here on Wednesdays all day. The Wednesday healing service is very meaningful. Mother Jodene has kindly allowed me to lead the liturgy of the word portion of that service and I feel quite honored to do so. Our weekly Bible Study is well attended and the sharing by everyone is insightful and deep. By being with you on Wednesdays, I get a good introduction to daily parish life. While at this stage, I will probably serve as a "worker-priest" after ordination to the priesthood, my ultimate goal is to serve as a parish priest. As Mother Jodene says, "you show up and the parish happens." I like that. The spirit moves where it will in our lives. I am glad to be with you to share in that.



Yours in Christ,
Deacon David



Wisdom of Interest

"Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself."

"Laughing helps. It's like jogging on the inside."

A **25th Anniversary Jubilee** will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4th at St. John's, Kula, to celebrate the 25 years that The Rev. Heather Mueller-Fitch, Mrs. Janet Makua and The Rev. John Barr have worked together. RSVP to the church, makuaohana@yahoo.com.



Save the Date!

- October 8, United Thank Offering Ingathering

- October 15, 9:30 am. Talk Story Meeting about the Candidates for Bishop of Hawaii

- October 20-21. Diocesan Convention

- October 29, Joyce Wang, piano, Mini-Recital after church, 9:30 am

- November 5, All Saints Day. Walter Kau will give a mini-recital on the organ after church, 9:30 am

- November 25, Morgan Aaberg, violinist, and her string quartet, concert at 3:00 pm



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Humor Pew



Members of an unnamed church were having a discussion about what to use for communion. Grape juice was voted #1, though some had preferred prune juice.

"Tell you what," said one of the elders, "We'll give grape juice to the regular members and prune juice to those who aren't so regular!"

October Birthdays



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| 10/1 | Raquel Timonio |
| 10/2 | Bernice Kau |
| 10/5 | Carole Fujishige |
| 10/8 | Daniel Tyau |
| 10/8 | Jamie Chock |
| 10/9 | Daniel Oshiro |
| 10/9 | Mia Starkman |
| 10/12 | David Kleinschmidt |
| 10/14 | Rayne White |
| 10/14 | Beryl Goo |
| 10/14 | Nora Blaisdell |
| 10/15 | Judith Kokubun |
| 10/18 | Maileen Cardenas |
| 10/20 | Donovan Young |
| 10/21 | Jonson Jong |
| 10/21 | Suzanne Shak |
| 10/24 | Harlan Arakawa |
| 10/24 | Katherine Crosier |
| 10/25 | Alex Nagamine |
| 10/29 | Esther Tyau |



Young Artists Music Series *and Upcoming Music at St. Elizabeth's*

The fall will be full of special music at St. Elizabeth's and you are encouraged to invite your friends to these events.

As part of the new Young Artists Series, **Joyce Wang** (daughter of organist Marie Wang) will present a piano mini-recital following the 8:15 am worship service on Sunday, October 29. Joyce is 15 years old and will be playing a program of Bach, Beethoven, Schumann and Moszkowski.

On All Saints Day, Sunday, November 5th, **Walter Kau** will be giving an organ mini-concert after the service. Walter will play the *Hallelujah Chorus* by Handel, a medley from *My Fair Lady*, and the famous *Toccata* by Charles-Marie Widor.

The Young Artists Series will feature violinist **Morganne Aaberg** and her string quartet on Saturday, November 25th at 3:00 pm. Morganne is a senior at the Honolulu Waldorf School and is auditioning for admission to Mannes School of Music in New York City. Heather Shoheit, violin, is a senior at Moanalua High School. Audrey Knuth, viola, is a senior at Iolani School. Rianna Anthony, cello, is an eighth grader at Kaimuki Middle School. Morganne, Heather, and Audrey met each other through the Hawaii Youth Symphony. Rianna is the daughter of their coach, Lifan Anthony, a cellist with the Honolulu Symphony.



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Their plan is to play two string quartets and for each of them to perform solo works.

On Saturday, December 16th, 14-yr-old harpist **Melody Lindsay**, along with her brother, **Christopher**, will be presenting a program of Christmas music and festive drama, *Nutcracker Nuts*, at 12:00 noon. The concert will be followed by the neighborhood children's Christmas party at 1:00 pm in the Children's Outreach Center.

On Christmas Eve, December 24th, from 9:30 to 10:00 pm, we will again be blessed by the heavenly harp music of **Melody Lindsay**. **Ajaon Chen** will also sing a solo.

All are welcome to come and praise God through the gift of music.



Next Vestry Meeting is
Sunday, October 15 at 9:30 am.

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