

"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

**September
2007**

The Right Reverend
Robert L. Fitzpatrick
Bishop

The Reverend
Jodene S. Hawkins,
Rector

The Reverend Dr.
Gerald G. Gifford,
Rector Emeritus

The Reverend
Peter S. M. Fan,
Chinese Language Priest

Hsiao Ying "Ajaon" Chen
Music Director

Marie Wang
Organist

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From Mother Jodene

Aloha Beloved in Christ Jesus,

St. Elizabeth's offers a Healing Eucharist every Wednesday at 9:30 am in our Mary Chapel. What is a Healing Eucharist all about? Simply, it is coming before God with our need for healing or coming before God bringing with us in mind and spirit someone we care about who needs healing and also offering our prayers for them. Together we pray for everyone on our parish prayer list, offering their needs for God's healing. The anointing with Blessed Oil and laying on of hands, for those who need healing is an integral part of our time. Then we celebrate Eucharist, giving thanks to God, for God's gracious presence in our lives and for all that God has done for us through Jesus the Son. This quiet, simple time of ministry is not fancy or dramatic. This is one of our St. Elizabeth's family's expressions of hope and love for people in need.

It has been said that "Healing is spelled 'love.'" Since love has the capacity to heal people, we also have been given the capacity to bring healing as Jesus did. That's why we also pray so faithfully at Sunday and Wednesday worship for those who are ill, hospitalized, or grieving, even though the list of people becomes long at times. The needs for healing are great, however we have been given by God the capacity to carry in prayer, concern and compassion people's needs, burdens and cares.

Healing is spelled 'love.' Everyone has their unique ways of expressing healing love. We each know our own best ways to express that healing love. The most important thing is to *do* it. I recall when my grandmother suddenly passed away after a long illness, just days before our family was to move to seminary. The movers were already scheduled. Our

house was rented and the renters were going to move in. Plane tickets and reservations were committed for our whole family. Seminary classes were to start. The only day that could be scheduled for

my grandmother's memorial service was the day the movers were to come and pack everything. And of course, her memorial service was the utmost priority. What to do? Healing love came to the rescue. Women friends from my home church said, "We will supervise the movers," "We'll take care of the house." "You do all that you need to do for grandmother and your family. We will take care of everything on this end. Please, let us help." Those loving women performed their expression of love that I will never forget. In their own unique and much needed way, they brought healing in my grief and confusion. I will always remember how healing their expression of love was for me and for our family.

Healing love can be simple and practical. That's how Jesus worked his healing love. It was his mission. It is ours, too. And as you experience your own need or sense God's urging, join us on a Wednesday morning as we offer to God our prayers for healing.

In the love, joy and peace of Christ,

Mother Jodene +

*Healing Eucharists
are held every Wednesday
at St. Elizabeth's*

9:30 am

*Bible Discussion follows,
10:15-11:00 am*



Presentation and Blessing of Portraits **Esther Fo Shim and** **Rev. Wai On Shim**

On Sunday, September 2nd, we blessed two historic photos of Esther Fo Shim and the Rev. Wai On Shim, presented by their son, Dr. Walton Shim.

Born in Kwangung, China, Wai On Shim was one of four children of the Rev. and Mrs. Shim Yin chin, pioneer Chinese Christian missionaries on Maui. Wai On Shim worked in the financial world for over a decade, but in the early 1930s decided to pursue a life's calling he had entertained in his youth. Leaving the security of his bank position, he attended Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, CA and in 1934 graduated from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL. He was ordained as a deacon on July 23, 1933, and entered the priesthood on February 8, 1935. He was made an honorary canon of St. Andrew's Cathedral in 1953. Fr. Shim's first church assignment was as assistant priest at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. He was appointed as Vicar of St. Elizabeth's on May 30, 1937.

In his initial survey of St. Elizabeth's congregation, Fr. Shim learned that many of those who came to church were from families that were only partially converted to Christianity. His subsequent evangelistic efforts among them resulted in numerous baptisms and confirmations during the first few years.

Fr. Shim took a call to the True Sunshine Mission in Oakland, CA from 1941-1944 but returned to Honolulu due to the poor health of one of their family members. St. Elizabeth's congregation happily welcomed them back, and on June 4, 1944, Bishop Harry S. Kennedy instituted the Rev. Wai On Shim as vicar of St. Elizabeth's.



Dr. Walton Shim, son of Esther and Wai On Shim, presented portraits to St. Elizabeth's in honor of their ministries on Sunday, Sept. 2. The portraits will be hung in SHim Hall and Esther's Kitchen. A festive sit-down lunch reception followed, thanks to Nancy Shim Au and our Kitchen Angels' generosity and hospitality.

Fr. Shim's Honolulu-born wife, Esther Fo Shim, a teacher at Central Intermediate School, cheerfully assisted her husband in countless church tasks and was especially involved with work among the women. The Shims' son Walton, later a pediatric surgeon in Honolulu, took an active role in young people's activities, the choir, and the Servers' Guild until his departure for college.

(from A Centennial History of St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, written by Diane Mei Lin Mark.)



St. Elizabeth's owes much to Fr. and Mrs. Shim, and that is the reason that we have named our parish meeting place, Shim Hall, and Esther's Kitchen after Esther Fo Shim. Mrs. Shim, who taught home economics and social studies, was remembered for her excellent cooking. She was always in charge of the food at all St. Elizabeth's functions. Nancy Shim Au, a cousin, recalls that Mrs. Shim made breakfast for all the acolytes every Sunday. Her specialty was Chinese chicken and broccoli, and it has been said that her Chinese pretzels were the late Bishop Kennedy's favorite. She loved the color white, which she wore almost every day.

As a teenager, Laura Iwami remembers helping Esther Shim help make homemade mayonnaise, peeling potatoes, cracking eggs and other kitchen duties. She passed by the church every day after school. Laura used to watch Mrs. Shim decorate the church for special occasions, especially Christmas and weddings. [It's probably why Laura is now the directress of the Altar Guild today.]

(By Katherine Crosier, from interviews with Nancy Shim Au and Laura Iwami)

The Bishop is Coming, the Bishop is Coming!

NEW! Weekday Visitation Wednesday September 12th

Welcome our Bishop Bob Fitzpatrick on his first official visitation to St. Elizabeth's **Wednesday, Sept. 12th** from 5:30-7:30 pm. There will be informal talk story time, curry stew and salads, and a presentation by our bishop. Please sign up on the clipboard or call the office.

Presentation will be the **Bishop's Best**

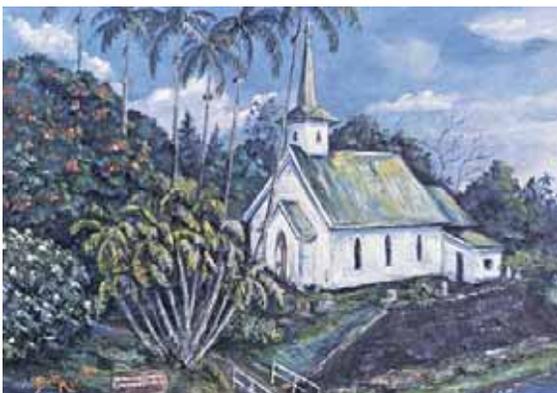
Bishop Bob Fitzpatrick's best thoughts on:

Ways to foster St. Elizabeth's church growth
What youth are seeking from church communities
How outreach ministries impact churches who want to grow
Challenges growing churches like St. E's need to be aware of
Challenges and opportunities that many Episcopal churches in Hawaii face
Best hopes for the future of the Diocese of Hawaii
Open question and



Over 150 RagDolls2Love were blessed by Bishop Bob Fitzpatrick when he worshipped at St. Elizabeth's in early August. Many of the ragdolls are ready and waiting for word from the troops who carried the original ragdolls in Mosul and now are on their second deployment.

Also visiting at St. Elizabeth's was Rev. Dr. Winston Ching from New York.



damage repair at St. Augustine's on the North Kohala Coast on the Big Island.

Gecko Reports

September 2007



Off to College

Jarrett Young, UH, Manoa

Sarah Kleinschmidt Univ. of Montana

James Fitzpatrick, Wabash College, IN

Continuing their college education

Ed Fitzpatrick Macalester College, MN

Matt Won, Macalester College, Minnesota

Congratulations to Kressel (Horio) Chang, daughter of Dori Horio and grand-daughter of Elizabeth Wong, on completing her RN certification and on her new position at Kapiolani Women's and Children's Hospital

Mother Jodene and Kit enjoyed a family reunion at Lake Chelan, Wash. with all their children, grandchildren and sister.

Sue and Frank Yap braved the heat of summer to play with Mia and Max in Florida.

Patsy Ching ventured to Thailand to visit her son, daughter in law and granddaughter.

Chase Pacupac helped in building our Habitat for Humanity House and then went off to soccer camp at Cal Poly in Pomona, California, playing soccer tournaments in California and Oregon. Welcome home, Chase.

Welcome to a new face at St. E's! Ivan Watanabe (Jennifer Watanabe's son) has been a huge help doing heavy labor with our irrigation project, moving rocks, digging trenches and being Jerry Goo's right hand man since Ed and James went back to school.

Jeff Ing explored the Dominican Republic. Doug Ing visited friends in Seattle.

Francis and Pearl Kau traveled to Calistoga, California to attend Pearl's Goddaughter's brother.

Joshua Yuen-Schat (Ajaon and Zen's son) was awarded a scholarship by the American Guild of Organists, Honolulu. We look forward to a mini-concert by Joshua at St. E's on Sunday, Sept. 23rd at 9:30 am.

Mission Fund Donations 2007

St. Elizabeth's members contributed \$1,967 to assist with earthquake

Fall Frolic Luncheon

October 4th, 11:00 am
Chin's Restaurant, Waialae

St. Elizabeth's women and friends are invited to a no-host buffet lunch at Chin's on Waialae Avenue, Thursday, October 4th. We will start at 11 to get good parking places and have plenty of time to talk story about our summer travels, family visits, etc. Please sign up at church or call the office. Buffet, tax and tip \$12. Please bring exact CASH to lunch to make things easy.



Lost and Hopefully to be Found

Help please. St. Elizabeth's is missing a very old key to the display cabinet in our entry way. This locked cabinet contains our memorial records book and other historic items. If anyone remembers where this key may have been kept or perhaps has this key or knows its whereabouts, please call Mother Jodene or Kathy in the office.



The Green, Green Grass of Home

Many, many Mahalos to our team who dug yards and yards of dirt, hauled rocks, laid water lines, cut concrete to install water and electrical lines. Thanks to Jerry Goo, Jr. Warden, Francis Kau, George Shim, Ivan Watanabe and an anonymous designer and overseer of this massive project. Soon our water bill will go down, our lawns will have true grass and be green. Our new Preservation Fund helped this project get off the ground and bring a new look to St. E's.



The concert on August 4th by Daniel Ho and Herb Ohta, Jr. raised \$3,166.94 for Family Promise of Hawaii and Leeward Habitat for Humanity.

Humor Pew

A family vacationing in Alaska couldn't help but notice all the warnings about bears in the camp grounds, visitor centers and rest areas. The notices advised people not to feed the bears, how to avoid bears in the wilderness, what to do if you see a bear and what to do if a bear attacks.

The family's favorite warning was a hand-lettered sign on the door of a small gas station in a remote area. The sign said, "Warning, if you are being chased by a bear, Don't come in here!"

Mr. Smith went to see his supervisor. "Boss," he said, "we're doing some heavy house-cleaning at home tomorrow. My wife needs me to help with the attic and the garage moving and hauling stuff."

"We're short handed, Smith," said his boss. "I can't give you the day off."

"Thanks, boss," said Smith. "I knew I could count on you!"



Repose of Souls

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Chris Den Blaker
Francis Hen-Tet Woo
Charles Chung Chu

Our beautiful new brass censer stand in the altar area has been given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Henry 'Hank' Akana, by Annette Chee Akana.



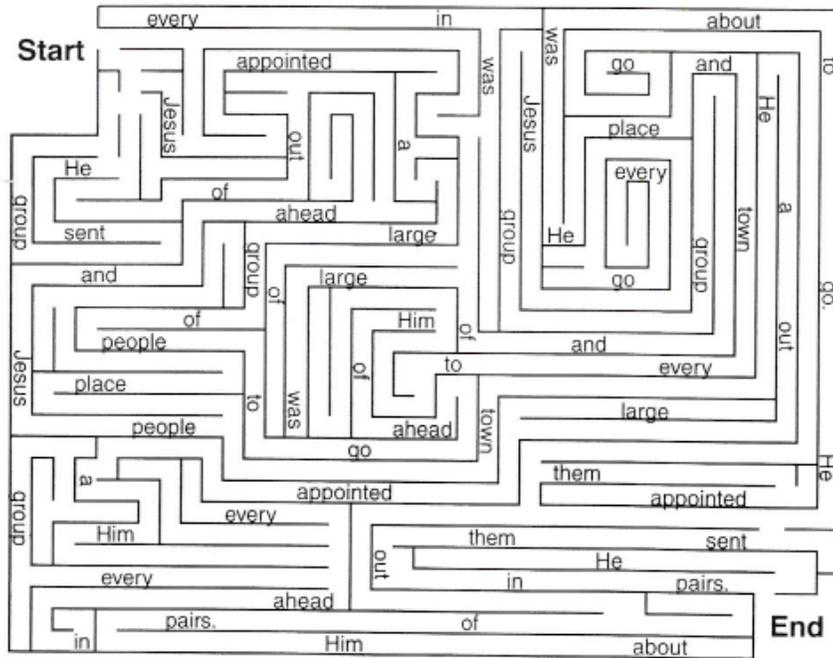
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Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Jesus Sends Out His Followers

Jesus prepared His followers to go out into the world. What did He do?

Help the followers through the maze.
Read about what Jesus did along the way.



Words of Wisdom

"What makes someone a saint is not their goodness, but the quality of their love for others."

The Rt. Rev. Robert W. Ihloff

"Ask and it will be given you; search, and you will find; know, and the door will be opened for you." Matthew 7:7



September Poem

*Every morning I want to kneel
down on the golden cloth of the
sand and say some kind of musical
thanks for the world that is happening again
--another day.*

From "On Thy Wondrous Works I Will Meditate: Psalm 145
by Mary Oliver, in Thirst: Poems by Mary Oliver (Beacon Press)

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"When Jesus was my age and playing with other kids, did his mother make him wear that halo?"

from JoyfulNoiseletter.com
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Word Scramble



Here are 2 things Jesus told His followers to say.

Unscramble the words below and write them on the lines.

" _____ "
 CEPAE OT

_____ "
 HITS UESHO

" _____ "
 HTE DNKGOIM

FO OGD

SI RNEA

_____ "
 UOY



Reprinted from Children's Worship Bulletins



The Five Finger Prayer

1. Your **thumb** is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."

2. The next finger is the **pointing finger**. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

3. The next finger is the **tallest finger**. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, teachers and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

4. The fourth finger is our **ring finger**. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

5. And lastly comes our **little finger**; the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

Shared by Henry Wong from the Chinese Christian Association.



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Will be held on
Sunday November 4th at 8:15

Baptism from the earliest time in the Christian Church was initially for adults first. Later came the baptizing of infants and children. Adults interested in the possibility being baptized join the ranks of many who came to faith during their adult life. This later faith is not something to be embarrassed about, but to celebrate. Please speak to Mother Jodene about your questions regarding adult baptism.

For adults already baptized who have had a personal renewal of faith and wish to affirm their faith again, Confirmation by the Bishop is the rite that provides this opportunity. (If you are already confirmed, the Bishop does provide an opportunity to reaffirm our faith with the laying on of hands.) Please speak to Mother Jodene if you have questions about Confirmation, would like to be confirmed or reaffirm your faith.

September Birthdays

Rosemary Lau	9/2
Colby Pacupac	9/8
Harrison Jong	9/9
Stephen Rowland	9/9
Carl Crosier	9/11
Gretchen Jong	9/11
Helen Ing	9/12
Alyssa Rodrigues	9/17
Kellen Ho	9/19
Francis Nakata	9/20
Bill Eng	9/20
Stuart Ching	9/21
Wai Wah Yee	9/21
Samuel Lum	9/23
Peggy Ishida	9/24
Polly Gifford	9/29



First Day of Sunday School, August 26, 2007



Sunday School, opening day, children enjoyed a Vege-ales video on 'Happiness and Prayer' while munching on hot dogs, fruit, cookies and andagi!



Children's Music Academy

Immediately after the church service, children also had a fun time learning movement and musical notes in the Children's Music Academy directed by Ajaon Chen.





Annual Awards

Now is the time to start thinking of whom you want to recognize for outstanding service to St. Elizabeth's for the calendar year 2007.

We have many individuals who give freely of their time for the betterment of St. Elizabeth's ministry and mission.

Requirements are these individuals must be regular in attendance, baptized and participate in church activities.

Nominations are due on December 1st with presentation of awards during the annual meeting in January.

Congratulations

to Mary Page Jones and Bishop Bob Jones, on the birth of their grandson, Leo Benjamin Tomatzky, born August 3rd.

One More for Humor Pew

A priest was talking to a parishioner. The priest said, "When you get to my age, you spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter." "Why do you say that?" asked the parishioner. "Well, I often find myself going into a room and thinking, "what did I come in here after?"

Scholarship Fund Awards

Congratulations to Scholarship Fund Winners, **Sarah Kleinschmidt** and **Ed Fitzpatrick**, who were each awarded scholarships of \$1,000 for their college studies. The scholarships are available to parishioners thanks to the income received from a number of trusts in memory of loved ones and to those who have generously donated to the Scholarship Fund. The many recipients have contributed to the life of the parish and the community.

August 2007 Attendance

Sunday 8:15 service

average

111

Chinese service

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