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The church prepares for new beginnings

Cordelia retires

By Cordelia Burt, Bishop's Warden

As the new church year begins so does St. Jude's. As a church we will have a new beginning. Churches throughout the Nine Provinces of the Episcopal Church will hold general meetings electing members to their Vestry/ Bishop's Committees, Delegates/ Alternates to their Diocesan Convention, passing a budget for the new year and generally reporting to their congregation the business of the church.

Once the elections are held the names elected for the Bishop's Committee are transmitted to the Bishop's Office and Bishop Bob gives his stamp of approval on the elected members. The election is not valid until the letter is received from the Bishop's office.

When the general meeting is held you will be introduced to your new Bishop's Warden who will have been appointed by the Bishop.

After decades of church leadership, Cordelia asks to step away.



No I wasn't fired. When Bishop Bob came for his official visit in August I told him that I would not stand for appointment in January. I feel it is the best for St. Jude's that a new leader is appointed to learn all that it takes to keep St. Jude's running.

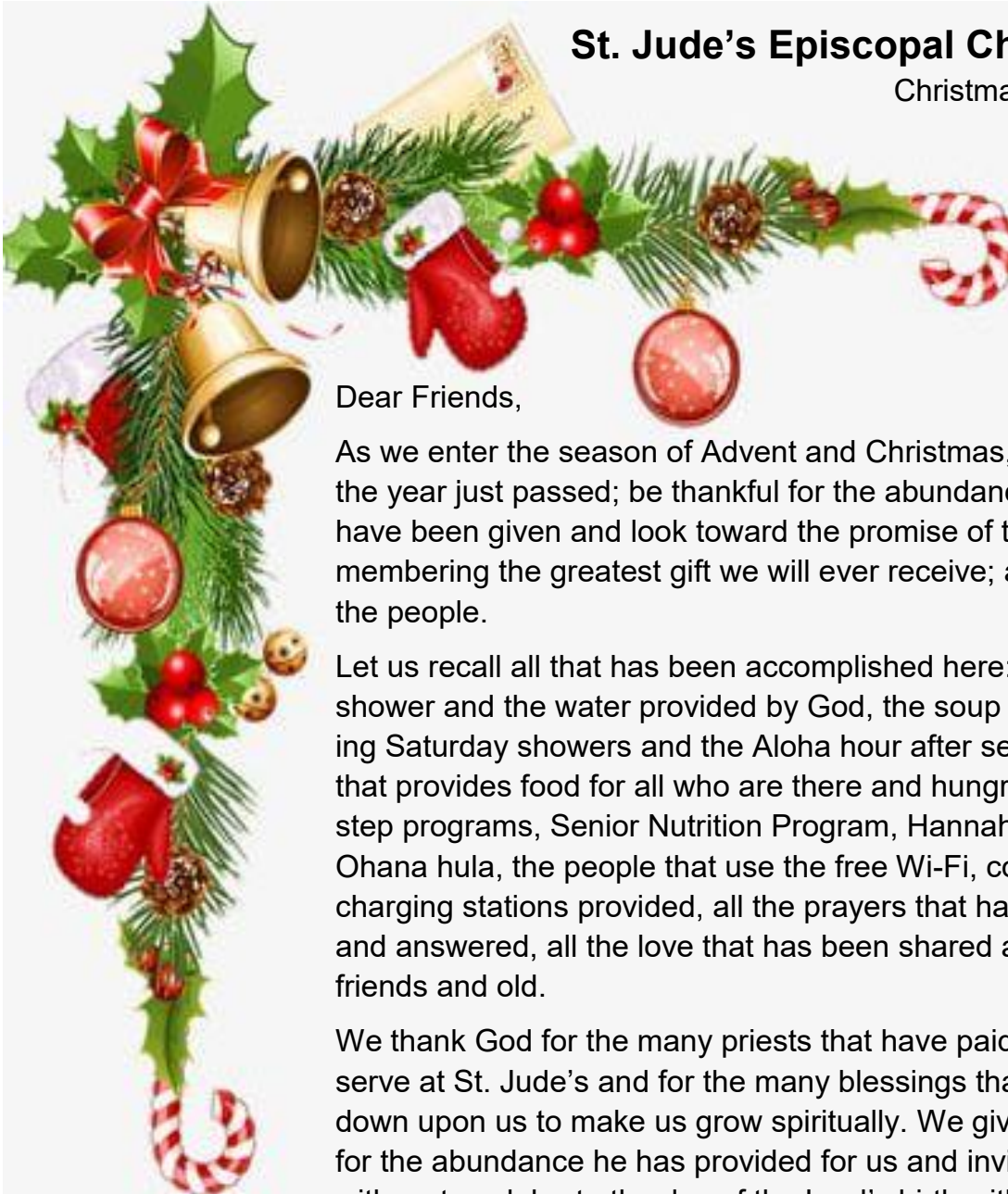
I will be stepping aside from leadership for one full year because I feel that is important for the health of the church.

The general congregational meeting will be January 19th after service and during aloha hour. I hope you will all make an effort to attend and support the work of the church.

St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Christmas 2019

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Dear Friends,

As we enter the season of Advent and Christmas, let us remember the year just passed; be thankful for the abundance of gifts we have been given and look toward the promise of the future, remembering the greatest gift we will ever receive; a Savior for all the people.

Let us recall all that has been accomplished here: the community shower and the water provided by God, the soup kitchen open during Saturday showers and the Aloha hour after services on Sunday that provides food for all who are there and hungry, our many 12 step programs, Senior Nutrition Program, Hannah's Makana Ohana hula, the people that use the free Wi-Fi, computer lab and charging stations provided, all the prayers that have been heard and answered, all the love that has been shared among new friends and old.

We thank God for the many priests that have paid their own way to serve at St. Jude's and for the many blessings that have showered down upon us to make us grow spiritually. We give thanks to God for the abundance he has provided for us and invite you to join with us to celebrate the day of the Lord's birth with the Christmas Eve Service.

Christmas Eve Service December 24, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Singing of Christmas Carols and ringing of Christmas Chimes 5:00 p.m.
Eucharistic Service 6:00 p.m. Dinner with clam chowder, enchilada's, turkey and dessert too.

May God's many blessings shower down upon all of you in 2020.

St. Jude's Bishop's Committee

P.S. A similar letter was written my first year as Bishop's Warden and I felt it fitting that I write it again as my last Christmas letter, as Bishop's Warden.

Blessings,
Cordelia



Around the church yard

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By Contributing Editor Don Hatch

The Giving Tree was in St. Jude's lower parking lot on Saturday, Nov. 16th and their next visit to St. Jude's is planned for Saturday, Dec. 21st.

Each month they seem to get bigger and better organized. This month they had a couple new volunteers and one came with another large tent.

In addition to clothing, laundry soaps, food items, and cat food, they had a big box of fresh avocados and grapefruit.

Their plan is to be at St. Jude's each month on the third Saturday of the month.

Free Haircuts: Kady and Drew Foster provides haircuts for our Saturday family every other month. This month they rescheduled their November visit to November 30th.

On November 4th they added a daughter named Charlie to their family.

This haircut service integrates with our Free Hot Shower and soup kitchen program. First the recipients will finish their shower, and then come for their haircut.

St. Jude's hosts Free Hot Showers, Free Hot Meal, and Community Computer Lab. When we started our Free Hot Shower and Free Hot Lunch community support programs in Sept. 2013, we had no idea that it would grow into what we have now.

When we started our Free Hot Shower program, we hadn't planned on feeding them, but on our first Saturday one of our congregation had food for another program in the neighborhood and we provided it to our shower folks. The next Saturday someone else brought food and after a couple months it became part of our Saturday community support effort.

We have been running short of volunteers lately, but as we get into winter, we are getting some of our cold country folks coming back to Hawaii for the warm weather. A plus for our shortage of volunteers is that some of our Saturday family have started signing up to work as volunteers.

Nolene and Tony Weaver got back last month and signed up for shower duty a couple times each month. On the Saturdays when Nolene isn't working shower duty, she comes to St. Jude's and pulls weeds from the church yard.

Jumble, Plant Sale and Pancake Breakfast was on Saturday, November 2nd and was a success.

Karen Pucci usually flips the pancakes, but she was on an airport run to pick up our new priest; so, Richard Burt was the cook. Marvelle Rau brought a ham, already sliced up, to serve with the pancakes.

Thanksgiving Dinner for our Saturday Family: As this newsletter is going to press, we are preparing for our fourth annual Thanksgiving dinner for our shower family.

This was a family custom for the Steve Stigall, and Dan Garrett family and they share the custom with the St. Jude's O'hana. Dan and Steve already have people lined up to cook the turkeys and make the trimmings. Their sister, The Reverend Constance Garrett and her friend Marie Lewis have already arrived to help prepare and serve the meal.

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ADVENT

BY CORDELIA BURT, BISHOP'S WARDEN

Advent: The first season of the church's liturgical year, beginning on the fourth Sunday before Christmas (Advent Sunday) and running until the first Eucharist of Christmas.

Advent is a season of preparation for remembering Christ's promise to return in power and great glory. This accounts for the emphasis in many of this season's biblical readings on the end time and on God's promises for the people of Israel and the church of Christ.

Advent has received renewed emphasis in recent years as the church has sought ways to counter the secularization of Christmas as a cultural holiday characterized by conspicuous consumption.

The liturgical color is purple or, in some places, blue.

From "A New Dictionary for Episcopalians."



5 p.m. Carols

6 p.m. Eucharist

7:15 p.m. Feast



PRECIOUS MEMORIES

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS

BY PHYL LAYMON

The sights and sounds of Christmas are popping up everywhere! Flashes of past Christmas's are luring me down memory lane once again.

I was told my first and only Christmas present was empty thread spools strung on a sturdy cord. I don't remember. I was born December 4, 1935 three weeks before Christmas. The Great Depression was finally coming to an end.

I do remember a magical moment from my 4th Christmas Eve. It must have been very late. Silence! Just me and my Christmas tree. I was lying there in my little cot mesmerized by the twisted metal icicles. There must have been a dozen or so--all spinning and sparkling in the firelight. The big black potbellied stove with a glass door was our only source of heat. I still have just one of those icicles. It has a place of honor on my tree every year.

Many a Christmas has come and gone over my 84 years, but the memories remain, bright and clear. Real lit candles on Grandma Cain's Christmas tree during WWII. My 17 year old Uncle Ed's fake, "Ho Ho Ho!" the year I was 9, raising my first doubts about Santa. Grandma Cain chasing down a big tumbleweed in

Cheyenne and trimming it into a tree. That same year she made the Nativity cave out of a brown paper bag. She always had well-worn figures of the Holy Family she saved from year to year.

Grandma Cain had 12 children. She went to stay with whom ever had a need for help. This year she was ours! By then she was getting older—but she still walked to work every day at the Mayflower Café. She was their head Salad Girl. She began working in cafes when her husband, Sam Cain, was battling cancer, 1930s?

A short few years later, the Mayflower Café became Frank and my favorite place to hang out and play the jukebox. Frank loved Country Western, especially Johnny Cash. He was from upstate New York. Go Figure?

More years rolled by and we found ourselves the very last place we ever wanted to be, Rock Springs, Wyoming. We were fresh out of the Air Force. Frank had landed an entry level job with Mountain Bell Telephone Company. They always sent their newbies to the end of the earth for training.

I was a full time mom with 21 month old Douglas and 6 month old David – in a

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Flavor of the Month December

The
Reverend
Constance
Garrett



The
Reverend
Mary
Janda



How did we get so blessed??

December 1 and December 8

We will welcome The Reverend Constance Garrett back to our ohana.

December 15 through April

We welcome The Reverend Mary Janda back to our ohana.

December Birthdays

- 2 Vinnie Rexroat
- 4 Phyl Laymon
- 4 Faye Miller
- 12 Evelyn Cossich
- 13 Thom White
- 24 Christine Mello
- 31 Don Hatch
- 31 Ginger Stewart



December Anniversaries

- 1 Greg & Joan Guithues
- 4 Don Hatch & Beverly Nelson
- 17 Rev. Cathy and John McDonald





Celebrating Christmas Island Style

BY THOM WHITE

When we retired to Hawaii in 2007 from Alaska everyone asked what about a White Christmas. We'd had a lifetime of snowy Christmas , so we looked forward to making new traditions here in Hawaii.

In Chickaloon we would hook up the dogs to the sled and head up HATCHET MAN HILL to find and cut our Christmas tree. Legend was that an old sourdough (man) had lost his life chopping wood and his ghost still haunted the hill. After getting our tree, we would head back home with our prize. The wood fired hot tub would be waiting and we would warm ourselves with a soak as Bud would serve us hot cocoa. This was one of my favorite Alaskan memories.

Now it was time for a HAWAIIAN CHRISTMAS!! There is something magical about palm trees decorated with twinkling lights and poinsettias tall as tree suddenly appear, blooming red on the hillside. Norfolk pine decorated with seashells and starfish remind you this is Hawaii.

Christmas carols sung in Hawaiian accompanied by ukulele fill the air with sounds of the holiday. How about the "12 day Of Christmas" in pidgin? "On the first day of Christmas, my tutu (grandmother) gave to me... papayas, coconuts, flower leis, hula lessons, ukulele", among other things. A soulful version of "O Holy Night" by Willie K will touch your heart.

Christmas day at the beach, making a sandman instead of a snowman, make for



Thom's great-granddaughter shows off her Christmas dress.

a special memory and shaking sand off the flip flops instead of snow off the boots is always "more better." Catching waves and building sand castle makes for a perfect holiday.

In 1862 King Kamehameha IV officially declared Christmas a holiday in Hawaii. Legend has it, that Kanakaloka (Santa) rides in on an outrigger canoe pulled by dolphins filled with presents or on a surf board. He

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In our prayers...

We offer thanksgiving for the many answered prayers we have received at St. Jude's.

This month we pray for:

Kindness, tender-hearted forgiveness and love in our relationships.

Healing: Labra Angeline, Judy, Richard, Joan, Tammie, Allison, Alice, Frank, Bill, Benny, Dick, Faye, Warren, Dillon, Jim, Leah, Thom, Jeanne, Cordelia, Sigi, Steve, Phyl, Carrie, Kym, Frankie, Max, Austin, Thom, Brian, Ginger, Stella, Ron, Britney, Chuck, Naomi, Ray, Cynnie, Amy, Sam.

Strength and comfort for Karen & Anna, Ginger & Brian, The Revs Lindsay and Leonard, Jerry's family and all who face life challenge or suffer loss.

Healing and restoration of broken hearts, families and relationships;

Safety for all who are traveling.

Safety, wisdom and courage for all those in protective or public service (law enforcement, firefighters, emergency responders, military personnel, teachers, administrators, clergy, physicians, nurses, medical team members, civil leaders);

For protection from natural disasters, violence and tragedy and restoration of lives forever impacted.

For more volunteers, willing hearts to support the shower ministry, the Saturday soup kitchen and the computer lab.

Blessings and encouragement for the leaders of St. Jude's and for the many volunteers who keep our church operating.



December 24th 5 p.m. Carols ~ 6 p.m. Mass ~ 7:15 p.m. Aloha Feast



THE GIFT OF GRACE

CYNTHIA CUTTS, EDITOR IN CHIEF

Advent ushers us into Christmas, with reminders of God's love and grace. And it's that grace that I'm thinking about this year.

St. Jude's is entering a new era of leadership and there is a giant learning curve to be negotiated. Cordelia and Richard have gracefully handled so much for St. Jude's over the years, and as they step back from management, these roles and responsibilities will be assumed by people with less experience, knowledge and wisdom.

It will take awhile for people to ease into the rhythm of their new roles, learn new procedures, software, protocols and to carry out their new responsibilities at the same standard as we have come to expect.

It may get a little bumpy along this road of change, but if we support one another in learning new tasks, we can all enjoy the gift of grace. When I give someone grace, I open heartedly forgive them without condition. Grace is assuming the best in someone, even when they might not deserve it. Grace is being

compassionate without knowing the circumstances. Grace is often not easy, but once I've arrived with grace, it frees me up to focus on something positive and productive.

This Christmas, and as we move into the new year, I challenge everyone at St. Jude's to give the gift of grace within our church ohana. If you see a "mistake" or an error, think before you point it out.

Ask yourself, "Does this *really* matter?"
Think before you speak, and when you speak – do it with grace.

Cindy Cutts

Ask yourself, "Does this *really* matter?" "Will the person who made the mistake be

helped if I point it out?" "How would I feel if someone embarrassed me with this comment?" "Will my criticism be helpful or hurtful?" Think before you speak, and when you speak – *do it with grace.*

Everyone makes mistakes. And with new leaders, there will be plenty of opportunities to make mistakes. As mistakes happen, rather than be critical, consider the gift of grace.

Be kind, be supportive, be encouraging and give grace. *It's what God gives each of us.*

	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Noon	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	9:00 PM
Monday		Senior Nutritional Program							Hula Practice		NA			
			Women's Bible Study @ Bev's 10:00 am											
Tuesday		Food Bank (setup & Divide food)		Food Bank Monthly Last Tue.										
		EFM Class												
Wednesday		Senior Nutritional Program												NA
Thursday		Hula Practice								Al-Anon				
Friday		Senior Nutritional Program							St. Jude's Special Events & Fund Raisers					
		Men's Bible Study @ McKinney Place												
Saturday		<small>set</small>	<small>up</small>	Free Hot Shower								NA		
		<small>set</small>	<small>up</small>	Free Hot Meal										
		<small>set</small>	<small>up</small>	Community Computer Lab										
Sunday		St. Jude's Eucharist Services & Aloha Potluck Social After Services										Marshallese First Assembly of God Church		
	Indicates this is a St. Jude's Function													
	NA = Narcotics Anonymous													

St. Jude's Weekly Schedule
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Christmas Poinsettias

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It's time to order your Poinsettias for our **Christmas Eve Service.**

\$10 for each plant, with no limit to how many you wish to buy.

See Cordelia to place your order.

\$10



December Dates To Remember

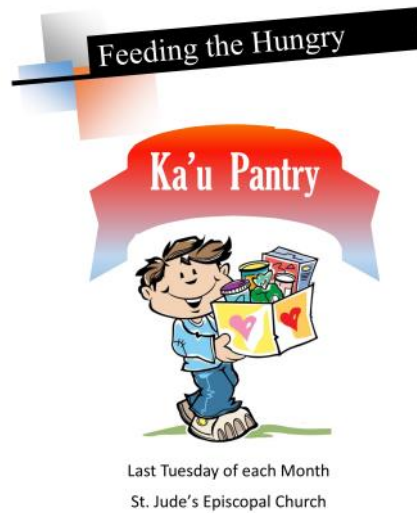
- 1 Advent Begins
- 2 Handbell choir rehearsal resumes 1 p.m.
- 3 10:00 a.m. EfM
- 5 10:00 a.m. Advent study- church
- 7 9:00 a.m. Lemonade Party
- 15 Bishop's Committee meeting
- 16 Handbell choir 1 p.m.
- 21 Keiki Christmas Saturday
- 21 Giving Tree
- 24 Christmas Eve Carols 5 p.m.
Christmas Eve Mass 6 p.m.
Christmas Eve Aloha dinner approximately 7:15 p.m.
- 25 Christmas Day at home with our families (No services)
- 28 Bingo Shower Saturday
- 31 Ka'u Food Pantry



Coming up

- January 5 Bishop's Committee Nominating Meeting
January 19 Annual Church Meeting after worship service

Ka'u Food Pantry Distribution December 31st



Ka'u Food Pantry, Inc.,: next distribution is TUESDAY, December 31, 2019 (subject to change this month; call Allan) at St. Jude's Episcopal Church on Paradise Circle-Mauka, from 11:30a-1:00p or until the food runs out, whichever comes first. We ask all of our participants to respect the grounds where this will be held. All dogs, including service dogs, must be on leash and out of the way of foot traffic. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on that Tuesday.

For emergency assistance please call Allan Humble at 253-486-3917.

The Ka'u Food Pantry, Inc., is staffed entirely by volunteers and is a non-profit agency whose mission is to feed the hungry of Ocean View. We are currently feeding up to 125 families. Our program is designed to provide 1-3 days worth of nutritious food to help people who run short of money, benefits and/or food by the month's end. As a non-profit, the Pantry is able to purchase food from the Hawaii Food Basket at 18¢

per pound. One dollar can buy a half of a case of food to help your community.

Donations of non-perishable food items and funding are welcomed. You may donate funds via St. Jude's-just write Food Pantry in the memo area of your check.

Checks maybe written directly to the Food Pantry as well.

Make the checks payable to the Ka'u Food Pantry, Inc., P.O. Box 6184, Ocean View, HI 96737.

Your monetary and food donations may be deductible pursuant to I.R.S. Code §501 (c) (3). Mahalo nui loa for all your support.

St. Jude's Pledge Card

In order for St. Jude's to continue the outreach ministries and continue the ongoing repair and maintenance of the facilities, I pledge the following:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Pledge amount: Weekly \$ _____ Weekly Hours _____

Or
Monthly \$ _____ Monthly Hours _____

Please complete & return to the church offering plate or mail to the church office.

For more information talk to Steve or Cynn timer



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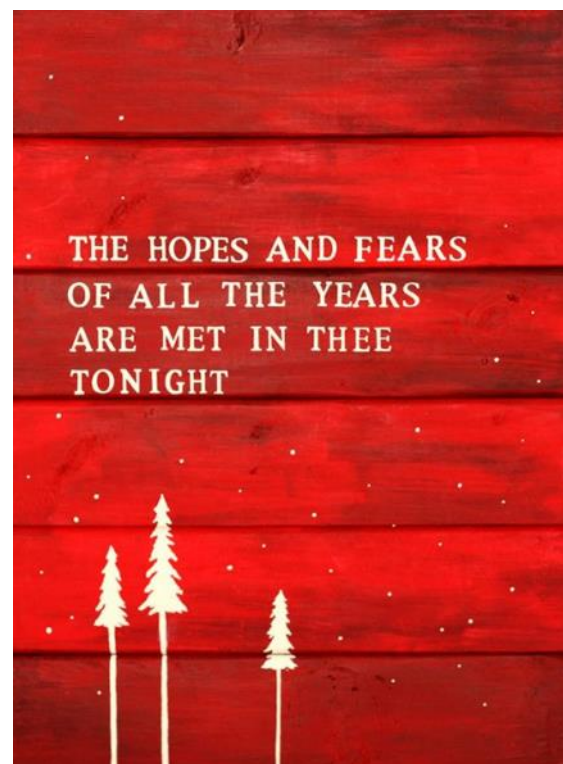
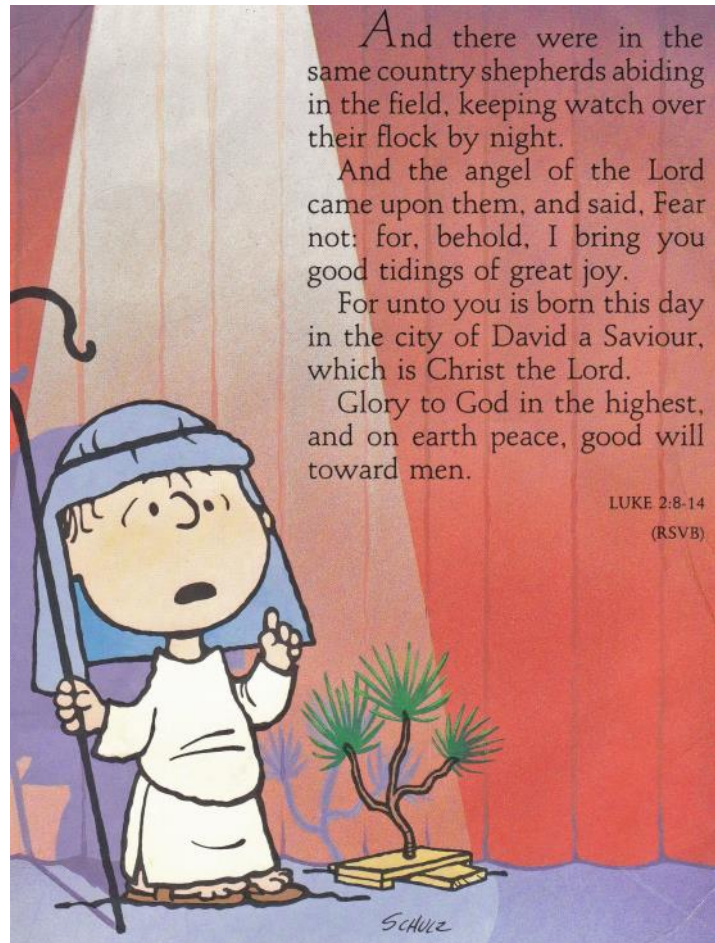
might even be wearing an Aloha shirt and flower lei and after a hard night's work be resting on the beach under a palm tree drinking a coconut milk and rum.

Oh! What will Christmas dinner be? Along with our traditional food, the table might also have Kalua Pork from an Imu, of course poi is a must, laulau (pork wrapped in taro leaves) lomi lomi salmon, poke, haupia, (coconut pudding) and dishes from the different ethnic groups, Portuguese, Filipino, Japanese, and Chinese. These options let us know we're not in Kansas (or Alaska!) anymore.

Formal wear in Hawaii is an Aloha shirt, clean shorts and sandals and we're ready to go. We've acquired some awesome Hawaiian Christmas traditions.

At St Jude's, the Christmas Eve mass will begin with Bud blowing the conch, for us to gather. We will celebrate the holy birth of Jesus, with songs and prayers and praise hula and aloha. And after the mass is over, we will gather to share a multitude of holiday food with thanks.

We are so grateful that our journey brought us here, to an island in the middle of the Pacific in a most Hawaiian way. Bud and I and our Ohana are wishing all "MELE KALIKIMAKA ME KA HAU'OLI MAKAHIKI HOU." AMEN



Parish life



Jasmine and Steve enjoy Thanksgiving at St. Jude's.

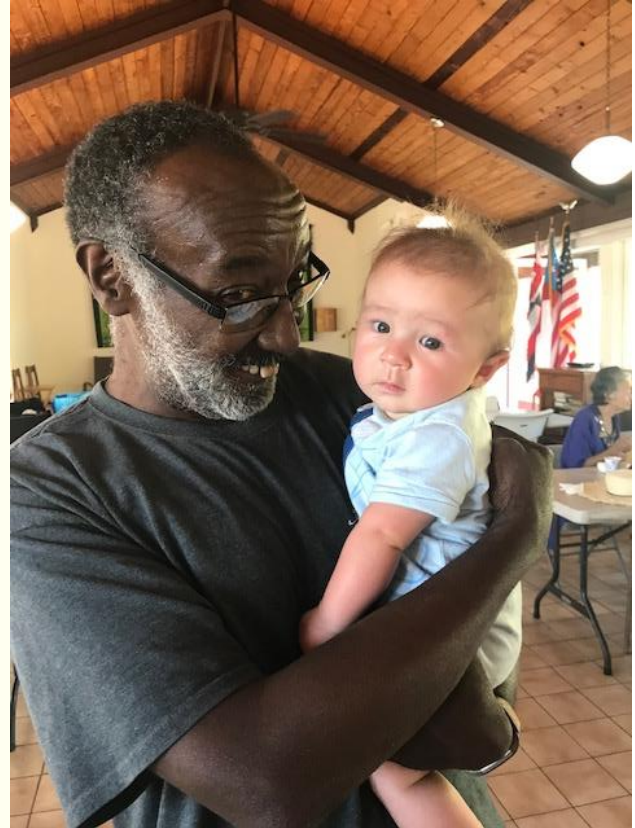


Photo by Marvelle Rau

Uncle Steve, the babysitter.



Floral designs by Faye.



Candlelight Christmas

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dreary one bedroom basement apartment. We were beyond poor! That next Christmas, the cranky old man next door offered out of the blue to help Frank build a little red table and stools for the boys from Santa. He furnished the lumber, the paint, and the know-how.

Those two unlikely guys bonded over that Santa project. It was heartwarming. Frank hadn't had a father figure in his life since he was eleven years old. Frank's father was totally debilitated with diabetes complicated by alcoholism, so spent the rest of his life in a nursing home. He died when Frank was 23. Frank grieved for the Father he once knew.

Bell System transferred us back to my home town in Cheyenne when Cindy was 10 months old. We added two more children while living in Cheyenne, Cherie and Frank II. Most of my children's growing up years were spent with my parents, siblings and eventually, cousins. It was so nice to be surrounded by my Hickman family. I had learned to truly appreciate them the four long years living away.

In 1970 Frank was pirated by the long lines communications company later known as Alascom. The brand new Alaska oil pipeline was birthing and the demand for workers of all kinds was off the chart!



Frank and his sons at Christmas.

It was a whole new world for everyone. I shiver as I remember seven month-long winters covered in snow, four short hours of semi-daylight for a couple months over the holidays; building snowmen and snow caves, learning to ski and drive a snow machine, ice skate and play hockey. Waking up to moose running down your street with their distinctive clippity--clop, watching from a distance as they ate the leaves off your trees and bushes (they are vegetarian) and tolerating them sleeping on your porch, blocking your way in and out. Sometimes they would birth their twin babies in the woodsy corner of our backyard, making that spot off limits until mama moose packed up and moved on. Beats visiting a zoo any day!

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Church yard

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Constance has done this for each Thanksgiving dinner, and I believe this is Marie's second trip helping with this. As usual when Constance is with us, she set up a couple tables near the altar and lead craft projects with the youngsters..

Friday night Steve Stigall, Constance Garrett, and Marie Lewis decorated for the event.

This year they cooked seven 14-pound turkeys. The turkeys were served with all the trimmings, including dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

Steve told me that he had 14 volunteers to help prepare, serve, and clean up. Our kitchen is too small for that many people to work at the same time; so, we had 2-4 serving at the same time.

In addition to the folks working on the Thanksgiving Dinner, we also had people managing the showers and the Computer Lab. Almost 150 people were served.



As I was pacing around taking pictures, I noticed Thom White and Bud Sherfield walking up from the lower parking lot with three young ladies. Thom introduced them as one of their granddaughters, Brittany and two of their great granddaughters, Kaya and Kairie.

Keiki's (Children's) Christmas Party:

For the last couple years St. Jude's has been setting up four tents in our lower parking. The first tent gave out tickets, the second was "Santa's Reading Room" where they received books as a gift, the third was "North Pole" where they visited Santa and receive a Christmas Stocking and gifts, the third tent was "Mrs. Claus's Kitchen" where they get a drink and cookies.

This year we are joining the community Christmas Party and will only use two tents. We will have "Santa's Reading Room" where we give out books, and "North Pole" where we give Christmas Stockings and other gifts. Since they already have a Santa at the park our Santa will retire this year.

Christmas Eve Service: Will be on Tuesday, December 24th this year.

This is always our biggest service. We usually start at 5:00 pm with the singing of Christmas Carols, then at 6:00 pm we start our Christmas Eve Service, and somewhere around 7:00 pm we start our Aloha Christmas Dinner.

The dinner is always a feast because each family brings one of their favorite dishes and often a custom in their family. Also, since we are a congregation from different locations in the USA, we will have a great variety of foods.

There will be basics like turkey with all of the trimmings, but often have tamales and enchiladas. I will bring a huge pot of New England Clam Chowder made using 15 pounds of red potatoes and a big pot of clams.



THE GIVING TREE

BY BARBARA BRESKIN

Aloha from

The Big Island Giving Tree

We are a non profit group based out of Kamuela.. We provide clothing, shoes, linens, household items, toiletries, cleaning products and Pet food.. Free of charge. Pet food is provided by The HIHS-Kona and is limited. Also No items are ever to be sold..

We are the Kau branch for the

BIGT and recently reorganized in 2019 to provide the community with a quality service..

Our normal operating day is the 3rd Saturday of the Month.. from 8-12 in the lower parking lot of St Jude's Church.

Next distribution December 21, 2019 will include a special Kapuna & Keiki Christmas along with the regular BIGT items..

We are a 501c3 non profit all volunteer group, and any donation is tax deductible...

Mahalo,

***Barb, Dave and all
our volunteers ...***



St. Jude's Shower Family were the guests of honor at the annual Thanksgiving Feast on November 23rd. Thanks to the generous donation of Dan & Steve and their band of cheerful volunteers.



**Now serving
"St. Jude's Special"
Food & Fun**



Photos by Don Hatch



Photos by Don Hatch

Did someone say, "Pie?" Yes! The St. Jude's Community Thanksgiving Feast was a great success.





We bowed our heads to give thanks for the amazing Thanksgiving dinner. Nearly 150 meals were served by a kitchen full of volunteers. Dan and Steve, Constance and Marie, along with many others created a special meal for our Shower family.



**Hula
Is our
Favorite
Kind of
Worship.**



All Saints Day was observed in November, with memorial candles.

Angels 
We have heard
 **on high!**



Parting gifts for Syd.



WHAT'S COOKIN' AT ST. JUDE'S?

For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. Matthew 25:35

Green Bean Turkey Casserole Biscuits



Ingredients

- 2 12 – 15 oz bags of frozen cut green beans (Or fresh works too!)
- 1 can (16.3 oz) refrigerated buttermilk biscuits
(Like Pillsbury Grands but your can use your favorite biscuit recipe too)
- 1 ½ cups cubed leftover (roasted) turkey
- 1 can creamy mushroom soup
- 1 ½ cups French-fried onions
- Salt, pepper and garlic salt

Directions

- 1 Heat oven to 350°F. Spray 13x9-inch glass baking dish with cooking spray. Cook green beans until tender. (Steam in bag or boil on the stovetop and drain.)
 - 2 Break each biscuit into 3 layers. Line the bottom and the sides of the baking dish.
 - 3 Bake 10 minutes.
 - 4 In a separate bowl, combine beans, turkey, soup, 1/2 cup of the French-fried onions, and the salt, pepper and garlic salt. Gently drop over biscuits in baking pan.
 - 5 Bake 30 minutes or until casserole is hot and bubbly. Sprinkle remaining French-fried onions on top. Bake about 5 minutes longer or until onions are golden brown.
- Let stand 8 – 10 minutes before serving.



Camp Mokule'ia Needs You!

Aloha from Camp Mokule'ia!

Each month we share exciting news about new programs, property improvements, and general happenings here at beautiful Camp Mokule'ia. None of this would be possible without the continued generosity of individuals and organizations supporting the Camp Mokule'ia Annual Fund.

Donations to our Annual Fund help support the overall ministry of Camp Mokule'ia. The Annual Fund allows our Board and Staff the flexibility to use funds in the area of greatest need at the appropriate time. Gifts to the Annual Fund may be used for general camp operations, special projects, program enhancements, camper scholarships, and facility improvements.

This past year, the Annual Fund has allowed us to refurbish the cabins, replace the tentalos, and make improvements to the Chapel.

We are a place where lifelong memories are created! Your generous giving is an investment in our youth and community. Your donations strengthens our commitment to being a place of rest, recreation, and renewal for all who visit. Please click the link to make your gift today.

Thank you for your continued support!

Darrell Whitaker

Executive Director

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More Candlelight

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And then there are summer memories! Everyone loved the endless summer daylight with its camping, fishing, clam digging, and our Minor League baseball games against Fairbanks. It was like there was no clock in the summer. But September came around and Termination Dust crept down the mountains, much to the delight of the skiers. And the cycle began anew.

Our kids grew up, married, added kids of their own. Some moved "Outside" for college or jobs. And our dynamic changed once again.

My 75th Birthday-2010- and my last Alaskan Christmas was celebrated at Dave and Kathy's hillside chalet, high on an Eagle River mountain in the Chugach Range. Their multi-level home faces the beautiful mountain, Denali; "The Great One," to the indigenous peoples of Alaska. For a time, it was re-named after President McKinley, who had never even been in Alaska, but was finally allowed to return to its true name in recent years. Denali towers over the other also majestic mountains that surround it. There is always a feeling of awe as you take in the view—summer and winter—from Dave and Kathy's home. The northern lights are spectacular in the winter!

As usual, the Christmas of 2010, everyone was bringing something to share for Christmas dinner. Kathy was cooking and Dave was turning the tables into masterpieces. He is an artist--owns a Graphic Arts business. Just as we were all arriving, the power went out, all over the area! All those decorative candles were quickly put to use. Thank God, the food was already cooked! We gathered around the tables to share Grace, then Dave carved the turkey by candlelight. The feast began. Between dinner and dessert, we sang carols for hours.



Phil with son, David.

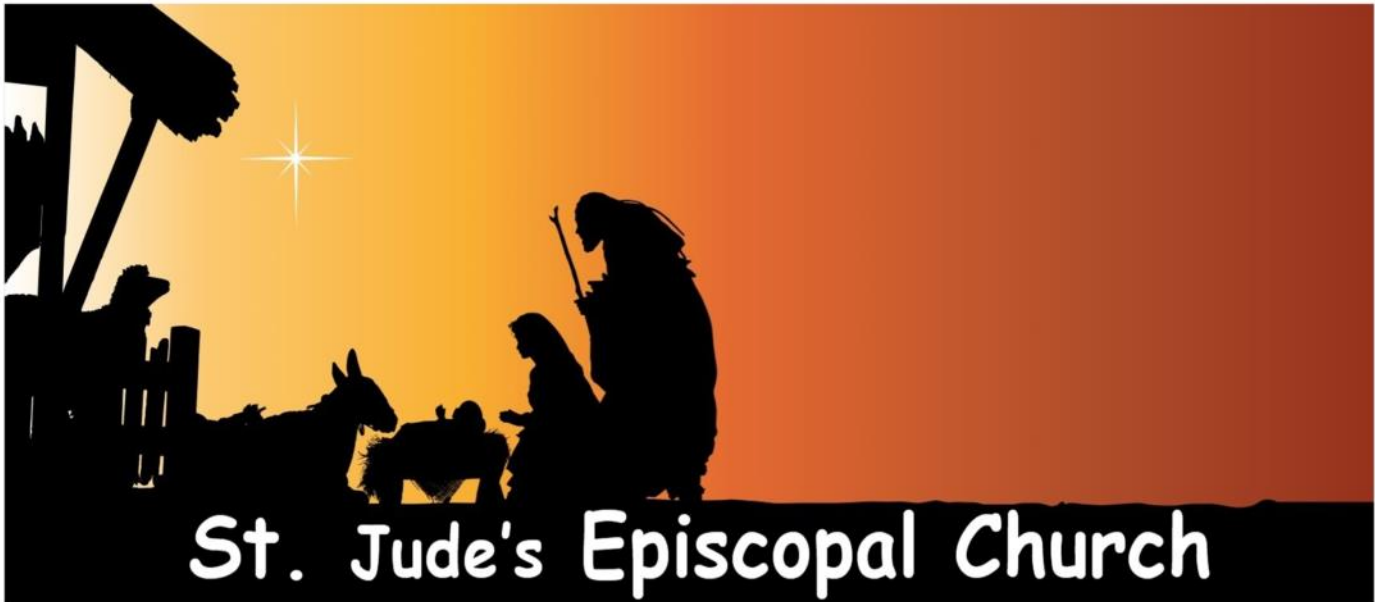
We had three professional barbershop singers among us, Dave, Kathy and Carol, the lead singer in Kathy's quartet, so we rivaled the angels. Their modern version of the old pot belly stove was once again our only source of heat. Kathy recently reminded me we had to warm up the nutmeg sauce to pour over the plum pudding on that stove. That recipe has been handed down from Elizabeth Humble Hickman, our English Grandmother--1855. She brought it on board ship when she and our Hickman Grandfather immigrated to America.

Dave & Kathy, Cherie & James and son Connor, Frank & Sandy and daughter Amber & Tim, friend Carol and her two little girls, and me made up the guest list that day. Many were missing—off living their own lives—as families tend to do. We missed them and reminisced about the good old days when we were last all together. Our Candlelight Christmas added another precious layer to our memories.

Merry Christmas, everyone. Aloha to all!



Christmas Eve Service



Tuesday Dec. 24th at 5:00 pm

Please join us

Service Lead by The Rev. Mary Janda

Carols, Bell Choir, and Hula Begins at 5:00 pm

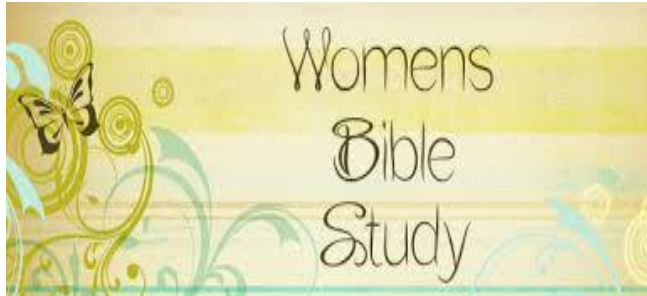
Eucharist Service Begins at 6:00 pm

After services there will be a
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December 7, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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