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Connie's cookie bake-off



Keiki Christmas Party



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Keiki Christmas cookies were baked in the “new” St. Jude’s kitchen.



12 batches of cookies + 6 sugar sprinkle bottles x 9 goofy kids = 90 sticky fingers & 244 cookies.



Marie baked them perfectly!





Around the church yard

By Contributing Editor Don Hatch

Busy, Busy, Busy is the only way I can describe Mid-November through Mid-January. It seems like there is something going on almost every day at home and at St. Jude's.

Christmas Eve Services: As the newsletter is getting ready to go to press, we're also getting ready for Christmas Eve Service. Since Christmas Eve is on Sunday, we've elected to only have the evening service.

At 5:00 pm we will start with Christmas carols, musical bells, hula, and at 6:30 Eucharist Service will start. This year Pastor John Sandstrom will be leading the service.

After the service we will have our Aloha Hour potluck dinner, which is actually a Christmas Eve feast.

Since we're a congregation with people from various parts of the country with different traditions, we try to include everyone's holiday tradition and especially their favorite food. In the past we have had Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Tamales, Enchiladas, and New England Clam Chowder. If you have something you especially like, please share it with us.

This is something you don't want to miss.

Computer Lab: We received a grant to create a computer lab at St. Jude's. The lab will serve several purposes. (1) It will provide access to computers, printers, and the internet to the school students. The high school bus drops the students off by our lower parking lot. The students who have computers come to St. Jude's to use our free Wi-Fi to do their homework, but many students don't have the necessary equipment or skills. (2) Pro-



Computer Lab Station: 15.6inch Hp ENVY x 360 Notebook Computer, Padded Carrying Case, Mouse, Mouse Pad, and Kensington Security Cable

vide some basic training about how to operate a PC. This may include basic skills like how to set up a Facebook account, or an Email account. (3) Provide more advanced training on how to use Microsoft Word and Excel.

The access and training aren't limited to school children, it will be available to anyone in our extended family.

We have talked about what training programs we need to include in this program, but so far, we have been mostly focusing on creating the lab.

On Black Friday (the Friday after Thanksgiving) I drove to Kona and bought several HP notebook computers, mice, a network router, a large monitor, and work tables. Then I ordered other equipment from Amazon.

We cleaned out the room where the lab will be conducted, and are getting ready to do some patching and painting to get it ready for the lab.

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NUTCRACKER LEGACY

BY PHYL LAYMON

Sometimes, when you are 82, you look back over your life and just wonder ...

This week I received the most precious gift from the strangest source—a post from the far distant past— on Facebook! My number one granddaughter, now a grown up teacher, with a little girl of her own, posted what a childhood memory meant to her.

It brought tears to my eyes and answers to my soul searching; yes we did matter, at least to one little girl in a beautiful Christmas dress

Here is Amy’s post!



Phyl’s granddaughter, Amy Arellano with her family at the Nutcracker performance.



As if Amy’s post didn’t warm my heart enough, this followed it, from my daughter, Cheri.



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St. Jude's Women's Bible Study held the annual Christmas Brunch at the home of Cindy Cutts on December 18th. A lively morning of fellowship, fun and food was shared with presents for everyone.



Phyl, or an Angel?

A Christmas Glow

The day of the Keiki Christmas party, our regular Saturday Showers and Soup continued as usual. There was a cheery group of hungry folks in the church, and bowls of hearty soup were being served by a small group of kitchen volunteers.

At the helm that day, was Phyl Laymon, serving soup with a smile and a festive costume. I snapped the photo to the left, with my iPhone camera and aside from some cropping, it's the original photo. The sunlight captured a glow around Phyl and it seemed as if the "new" kitchen was awash in holy light. The kitchen has been used regularly since it was re-designed and refurbished last winter. But it was the first Christmas for the new facility, and as we baked a million cookies and served over 500 bowls of soup during Advent, it seemed as if the glory of the Lord was shining about us.

Cindy Cutts, Editor in Chief

PAINFUL PASSPORT RENEWAL PROCESS

By Anna Towner

I thought renewing or reapplying for my passport would be relatively easy. Certainly easier, more straight forward than registering our vehicles when we first came to the island, but that was not meant to be.

My journey began 7 weeks ago in Pahala when we walked into the post office to get my new passport. The employee told me yes, she could take my picture but due to poor lighting the application photo is often refused. That's fine. Honesty up front saves me time in the long run. The next step is to go to Kona, the larger post office on Palani.

After standing in line I was told they didn't do passports, only the smaller branches deal with passports. Of course the post office we would pass on the way home, Captain Cook, was scratched off. Kealakekua was a possibility if we could finish our other in town errands. Also, no addresses, just phone numbers (will supply at end of article). We also discovered that we had to make an appointment on line ahead of time, but we couldn't finish the on-line process as the site did not let us select a day and time.

You all know I mean Karen when it comes to on- line paper work and you all know how patient she is...NOT.

Fine, we take the stuff to California and run into the same problem. And, even though the passport officer had no clients, since I didn't have an appointment, they could not help me. Now Karen is a mad woman on a mission.

Karen, after more frustration, locates a post office that takes care of passports. Off we go again. We are familiar with the Palm Springs area, but of course it wasn't anywhere that was familiar to us.

We do find the office. Everyone is really nice and understanding. They only take 12 clients a day and I am #5. No problem. I testify

that all information is valid, provide my application, pay the fee, hand over my old, expired passport and I am finally done. They mail my application (and I am charged for the mailing). I am assured that my new passport will arrive in 4 - 6 weeks.

I am happy to report that my passport arrived yesterday, only 2 1/2 weeks after handing everything in. Happiness! But keep in mind I applied in Oakland and my stuff was sent to San Francisco, just across the bay.

Here are the phone numbers and towns for "Passport Acceptance Facilities":

Holualoa P.O. 322-5085

Kealakekua P.O. 322-1656

Pahala P.O. 928-9815
(You need to bring 2 pictures)

Kapalua P.O. 889-6766

Pepeekeo P.O. 964-3253

Honokaa P.O. 775-0081

Finally, there is a Department of Homeland Security Trusted Traveler Program, www.dhs.gov/11 and it might be worth your while to check out their various "expedited" programs.

However, although my troubles had a happy ending, make sure you apply for your new or expired passport 6 months before intended trip. If renewing your passport allow at least 3-4 months.

Anna

Ka'u Food Pantry News

Ka'u Food Pantry, Inc., next distribution is Tuesday, January 30th at St. Jude's Episcopal Church on Paradise Circle-Mauka, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We ask all of our participants to respect the grounds where this will be held. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on that Tuesday.

We are expanding our services to include [based on availability] free clothing provided by a non-profit, Big Island Giving Tree, pet food provided by the Hawai'i Humane Society. These items are donated to the Food Pantry, free of charge. We are holding a monthly fund raising event at the Ocean View Swap Meet featuring clothing and baked goods available on 2nd Saturday of most months.

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 120 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



Last Tuesday of each Month
St. Jude's Episcopal Church

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.



Did you know that St. Jude's serves around 500 bowls of free soup each month.?



SEE YOU IN CHURCH!

By Jerry Wegweiser

Around and around, like an Ocean View circle, how do I get off? Oh, there's a stop sign just ahead. I guess I'll turn off and see where I find myself.

Pagan Path, the street sign tells me. Looks interesting. Maybe it will even take me some place other than Rome.

In an earlier installment, I described how it felt when I first proclaimed my belief in God. If you remember, I used the feminine pronoun in that proclamation. She was beautiful. She was truth. She gave us all everything we need. She was love. That is not to say that I believe God is either a woman or a man. I used the feminine pronoun because it was the condition in which I first recognized God. It was the reason that I changed my course at Pagan Path.

It happened one day, when I was cruising the school library. A book fell off the shelf. It was, *The Once and Future Goddess*. It was while scanning through that book when the Holy Spirit smacked me upside the head and challenged me to deny God. I realized that I could not.

My whole life was changed in that instant. Thank you God!

Now, it would be impossible for me to describe the many theologies and philosophies, twists and turns of the many roads I would soon traverse. I really don't want to write an encyclopedia. I

also do not think that Cindy wants to read one. At least none of them, 'Lead to Rome.'

So instead, I will write a short description of two or three road stops.

Pagan Path – a religion based on nature.

Mostly focused on female deities Dates back to Neolithic times Frequently maligned by modern churches as primitive and witchery. Adherents, living off the land, were much concerned with fertility and the seasons. This was strongly reflected in their deities and artwork.

Atheism Tunnel – The belief that there is no such thing as God

There is a light at the end of the tunnel

I'm glad I did not get lost in the darkness.

Discordianism – This is a really different idea

Shows that we can find wisdom in nonsense.

Christian – Monotheistic

Very much accepted in Western World

Most encompassing (to my mind, anyway)

Here we are! It's finally time to answer the big question; or at least try.



Elaine Meier invited Jerry to visit St. Jude's.

A few years ago, I was doing volunteer work for the Ocean View Community Center. One of the projects I was involved with was "Adopt a Highway." About once a month we went out and picked up the trash that people had tossed out along side of the highway. I was partnered up with a woman, Elaine. I knew she was very involved with a local church. One day while picking up trash, I mentioned to Elaine that someday I would like to see a Christian service. She told me I could come by any Sunday and check it out.

I went. You'll never find me in a church!

That was about six years ago. Except for times when I was off island, I have not missed a single Sunday.

God bless you all.

See you in church. You'll find me there.



Flavor of the Month

Serving through January

The Reverend

John Sandstrom

January Dates

- 6 Lemonade Party/Church Clean Up
- 7 Bishop's Committee Meeting
- 19 Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 p.m.
- 28 Annual Church Meeting (after service)
- 30 Ka'u Food Pantry Distribution

In our prayers...

We offer prayers of thanksgiving for the countless answered prayers we have received at St. Jude's. This month we pray for:

Healing: Glenn, Faye, Max, JYM, Marvelle, Kathy, Larry, Stella, Nancy, Mike, Lee, Jim, Clifton, Sam, Carrie, Richard, Brian, Bill, Ray, Cynnie, Austin, Thom, Doug, Greg, Norma, Donna, Ted, Austin, Norma, Donna, Ted, Darlene, Richard, Amy, Deanna, Arthur, Ruth, Big Peg, Cordelia, Kepi, Mark, Ed, Fr. Coil, Pastor Constance, Stella, Max, Travis.

Strength and comfort for Tammie and Jim, Beverly and Don, all caregivers, mourners, those recovering from natural disasters, and those who face other daunting life challenges;

Healing and restoration of broken hearts, families and relationships;

Safety for all who are traveling;

Safety, wisdom and courage for all those in protective service (law enforcement, firefighters, emergency responders, military personnel);

The calming and quenching of raging fires, storms and other natural disasters in California and throughout the world;

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

TURNING PAGES

BY ANNA TOWNER

A review or two ago I mentioned a couple of sites for free and cheap books (BookBub, Early Bird Books and Kindle or Barnes and Noble apps and for free books). I believe I have 2 more.

Free Books provides a lot of Kindle books, but in addition to Kindle books it works with Apple, and Kobo books and of course Barnes and Noble books. You select the subject matter: juvenile, mystery, thriller etc.

A friend sent me this site, Fantastic Fiction.com, and I love it. Bibliographies for 40, 000 authors and info on 500,000 + books. Can look up by author or the 22 provided genres. The site also has categories of new authors, new books, most popular, top authors and coming soon. The danger with this site is how much time you can spend looking at and looking up stuff instead of actually reading a book.

If you haven't already read Arturo Perez-Reverte's, *The Queen of the South* you should. B & N's overview of the book begins with "John Lewis Carre meets Gabriel Garcia Marquez" and that is spot on. A young girl in Mexico sees friends and family slaughtered right in front of her but she manages to survive and becomes involved in drug running. She is caught by a cartel and eventually moves up in the organization and every day is a test to her survival.

USA turned tell book into a series and I believe it is so well cast and the scripts so well written that the differences from the book after the first season do not matter.

I am about a third through *The Alienist* by Caleb Carr's and it is way better than I remember. It is set in NYC, New York while Theodore Roosevelt is the city's Commissioner. He, a crime reporter and a

psychologist have realized they have a serial killer and they need to figure out who did it. This is difficult since it's uncharted territory. Compounding this is the corruption of the police department. Roosevelt is "cleaning house" and can't trust anyone there.

In my second reading of Carr's period piece I realized that he had adopted the writing style of the era, longer sentences, more dependent clauses. This makes me slow down and pay more attention to diction, story and character development, and my reading experience richer, more enjoyable.

The Alienist comes to TNT 22 January and stars Daniel Buhl and Dakota Fanning. Need to check both out.

Donna Tartt's 2014 Pulitzer Prize winning novel *The Goldfinch* is being made into a movie with Sarah Paulson. IMDB'S succinct summary says the plot perfectly. "A boy in New York is taken in by a wealthy Upper East Side family after his mother is killed in a bombing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art."

Tartt was one of the two screen writers so hopefully she was able to keep the story the way she wrote it.

I was finally able to download it via my Kindle app so can say more about the book. I am just glad it is now available to read after resisting downloading for a year!

P.S. If you can, try to catch the HBO documentary on Steven Spielberg. It was very good and comprehensive. And in case you have an interest in Finnish literature this is a good place to start:

<http://scandinavianbooks.com/crime-fiction/harri-nykanen.html>



FEELIN' GROOVY

BY BUFFY HITES

F.Y.I. I've moved. I've been praying for a place that I could be dry. It was a simple request but God gave me so much more.

It's hard to believe but I know that it's true because when I pinch myself I feel it. Sometimes I'll look around at what I have and it just seems too good to be true. Come on God I think I need this much? God answered, "Yes." I still feel like there must be a mistake but I know that,

My God is an awesome God indeed, who has far exceeded my expectations in overfilling my need at his speed.

Buffy Hites

"Nothing happens in God's world by mistake."

I have a 1 level house on a charming piece of obviously dozed land. I have a wrap-around patio, a nice fire pit, a full catchment tank, two bedrooms, a flushing toilet in a bathroom with a shower and sink, a generator, and its off grid. It is beautiful and I love sitting on the patio and watching the sunrises as well as the sunsets. I AM SO GRATEFUL.

I touched base with my kids and let them know I now have house and am out of the tent. I knew I was in the perfect place when my son, Spencer replied, "I'm looking into coming for a visit."

Oh, I failed to mention one huge bonus at this house it has a "concrete wheelchair ramp." God is so good! F.Y.I. to those who don't know my son, Spencer, is in a wheelchair.

Oh and last I knew Spencer's wife, Tara Jo, was afraid of flying. So when I noticed her status on Facebook said, "Hawaii in the future!" I realized that God had calmed her anxiety some and now Tara is willing to face her fear. I say, "Right on Tara baby, you got this!"

Oh the things we do for love and they do love me so. I feel confident (which is new to me) that in God's time my kids will visit. Fortunately God has bestowed on my son, Spencer, a level head and a goal-oriented lifestyle. (He surely did not get this from his mom.) Spencer is very much a man of integrity for which I am so proud. I am full of joy because I know that my family will visit.

My God is an awesome God indeed, who has far exceeded my expectations in overfilling my need at his speed.

Aloha and HAPPY NEW YEAR. And yes, I'm feelin' **GROOVY!**





Max and Baby Elliott relax after another Saints win.



Cameron and Elliott Unger



January Birthdays

- 7 Beverly Nelson
- 11 Ray Hoover
- 13 Cynnie Salley
- 16 Brian Stewart
- 17 Brian Marsh
- 20 Tina Fowler
- 23 Lunalani Aguilar
- 27 Deborah Johnson



January Anniversaries

- 1 Thom White & Bud Sherfield
- 19 Gabe & Yolanda Morales
- 21 Richard & Cordelia Burt





What is a whole food, plant-based diet?

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

By Ray Hatch

Lodema and I are often asked what we eat, why we eat this way, where do we get our protein, and does it taste good?

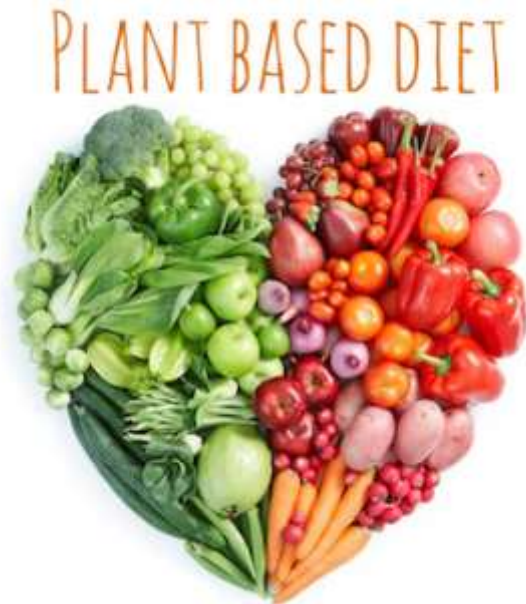
The short answer is that we eat a Whole Food, Plant-Based diet. What is this? It is a way of eating where we eat primarily whole plants as unprocessed as possible. We rarely eat meat or processed foods.

We eat this way because we believe it is a very healthy way of eating. This is supported by peer reviewed research over the last 50+ years.

We get our protein from the whole plants we eat. Most of us eat much more protein than we really need, but that is another story of its own.

This food tastes great!! We literally have thousands of recipes of great tasting foods. We have brought several to the Sunday social after Church service and they tasted great!

Let me expand on these answers. A Whole Food, Plant Based way of eating includes lots of foods in their whole, unprocessed form. This would include vegetables, fruits, beans, lentils, nuts, seeds, whole grains and small amounts of healthy fats. What is a healthy fat? It is a fat in a plant, not free oil like olive oil. As an example, fat in an avocado or tofu or a seed or nut is a healthy fat eaten with the rest of the plant. It is not as healthy once it is removed from the plant.



What is the difference between a Whole Food, Plant Based way of eating and being vegan?

If we were “just” vegan, we could eat any foods that were not animal foods. As vegans, we could eat donuts and drink cokes, but following a Whole Food, Plant-Based way of eating, we try not to eat foods made from white flour, foods with added oils or added sugar. This means that we try not to eat donuts or drink cokes because they are both highly processed and not a whole food. We try to not eat things made from white flour because the flour is highly processed and not a “whole plant”. Foods made from whole wheat, on the other hand, are

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Plant Diet

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generally OK. We try not to eat foods made with added oil or sugars. You can only find this out by reading the label.



Let's focus on what we try to eat. We try to eat lots of veggies, all kinds both raw and cooked. We try to eat a cup or more of beans every day. We try and eat lots of all kinds of potatoes. Right now we are eating lots of sweet potatoes because Lodema just harvested over a 120# of sweet potatoes from a 4 by 12 ft. garden plot. We have made lots of Spicy African Peanut Soup. (See page 17)

We try and eat 3 to 4 servings of fruit every day. In December oranges and tangerines are in season so it is easy. Bananas are always in season as are pineapples. With the modern grocery store options, fruits and veggies are in season almost year around.

We cook without added oil of any kind. We do sauté but we sauté in water which is easy once you learn not to be in a hurry.

We are both very healthy and give our diet much credit for that.

If you have any questions, email me at ray_h1941@yahoo.com and check out our FaceBook page, Taft Healthy Eaters.

Nutcracker

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But there was more! My baby sister Pam piped up with her thoughts:



Pamela Hickman

Your mom got me started when I lived in Alaska too. Now, since I have no kids of my own, I take the kids in the McCormick Mythology Club to see it here at the Civic Center every year. This year it was twenty seven 12 & 13 year olds. We had a blast and yes they all had to dress nice and look festive.

I was a bit misty-eyed as I read through the posts, realizing that all the effort and financial sacrifice we made to keep our Nutcracker tradition had truly meant something to the kids. The final post of the Facebook thread was this one, of my great-granddaughter Ava at the Nutcracker this year. Her smile says it all.



Church yard

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I'll let you know next month how the Computer Lab project is progressing.

Water Tank: The new tank has been installed, and we are waiting to get it full of water before hooking up the pump. Mother Nature hasn't been cooperative; so, we ordered a truck load of water.

When the tank is full of water, we will hook it up to the pump and start using it.

The Reverend Constance Garrett joined us from mid-November to mid-December while she was visiting her brothers Dan and Steve.

She helped out when Dan and Steve hosted a turkey dinner at St. Jude's. Rev. Constance provided the younger members of our congregation, with craft projects, art projects, and lots of fun during the Saturday showers. **Joan Guithues** joined her and helped host the events, and as Rev. Constance got ready to leave Joan said she would like to continue this program for our younger family.

Joan will start out hosting a gathering every other Saturday with games and craft. As the program develops, she will fine tune it to keep their interests.

I ask if she wanted any advertisement and she replied, "If it is fun, they will bring their friends." **Way to go Joan!!**

Spaghetti Dinner:

Our next fundraised is a Spaghetti Dinner which will be held on Friday, January 19th.

Doors open at 5:30 pm and we will start



Joan Guithues will continue the activity table for kids on designated Saturdays.

serving dinner at 6:00 pm. Dinner includes Spaghetti, Spaghetti Squash, your choice of Red Sauce or White Sauce, Meatballs, Salad, Drinks, and Dessert.

Prices are \$8 for a single, \$15 for two, and \$20 for a family.

This has become one of our favorite fund raisers for the community and for the folks preparing and serving the food. For the community, you can't beat the price for a great meal.

For the folks making and serving the food, it is a fairly easy meal to prepare. We cook the spaghetti and spaghetti squash and add the sauces as it is served. The only ingredients that take much time to prepare are the sauces and meat balls.

See you there!

Mardi Gras: Our annual Mardi Gras dinner will be held on Friday Feb. 16th.

Doors open at 5:30 pm and we will start serving dinner at 6:00 pm. Dinner including Jambalaya, shrimp (served on the side), Red Beans and Rice, Cornbread, Drink, and Dessert.

Hawaiian Honeymoon

by Jim Bornzin

*My new bride and I are a little neurotic.
Our adventure begins with feelings quixotic.
Off to Hawaii, a land most exotic,
With luaus and leis and music erotic.*

*The islands are lovely, pure and pristine,
Peaceful and quiet and truly serene.
The sky is so clear; the beaches so clean;
Ocean from azure to aquamarine.*

*The flowers are different; the fauna is too.
The sauna is warm; the towels are blue.
The pool is cool; the room has a view.
The birds here are strange;
One calls coo, coo-coo.*

*A seaside resort, what a great place to stay!
A room with lanai near the beach where we play.
The garbage truck makes its rounds every day,
Down the alley it comes to haul trash away.*

*At six every morning, I give you my word,
Awakened each day by this sound that we heard,
Truly exotic and somewhat absurd,
The plaintive cry of "the back-up bird...."
Beep....beep....beep....beep...*

*The Reverend Jim Bornzin will
serve as our visiting priest in Au-
gust, 2018.*

*He and his wife were married in
Hawaii in 2007 and one of their
honeymoon memories is the
early morning garage truck
alarm. They are looking forward
to visiting the Big Island and
hearing our local morning doves.
At least the garbage truck only
comes once a week! CC*



Looking back to the past or ahead to the future

A VERY GOOD YEAR

By Cindy Cutts, editor in chief

2017 was a very productive year for St. Jude's, sprinkled with jubilant moments and those of deep sadness. We started 2017 with a kitchen torn apart, and being reconstructed one day at a time, one week at a time. While it surely tested the patience of everyone displaced, the result was worth the inconvenience and the kitchen is now thriving and over 2500 free bowls of soup have been served on Saturdays this past year.

We enjoyed a full year of meaningful outreach and service. The showers and soup programs have been well received and the numbers increased so much a new water tank was purchased and a new shower will be on the "honey do" list for 2018. The Saturday soup program has become "famous" on the island and St. Jude's has garnered respect and admiration state-wide for serving our community one person at a time. We cherish the love and support we receive from Bishop Bob and the many priests who have served and encouraged our church.

Women's Bible Study has continued to flourish. Each week St. Jude's women gather to study scriptures and share their faith with one another. The year ended with Beverly having a "big problem" of seating 14 people around a table built for eight; and the group shows no signs of getting smaller.

The church website traffic is staggering! Each week an average of over 450 pages are viewed by over 160 unique viewers!

The most frequently viewed webpage is the Outreach webpage. Not to be overshadowed by technology, our monthly newsletter is read by people around the world.

Our church has been gifted a large grant to build a computer lab in 2018. The lab will be open and available to the community this spring. Volunteers have stepped up to make this much-needed resource a reality and are determined to offer support for those who lack computer skills.

There has also been great loss in 2017. We continue to miss David, Erma, Marla, Reverend Anne and many others who filled our lives with their gifts and talents and have gone home to be with God this past year. Yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life and rest in the comfort of faith.

As we step into a new year, we go with the confidence that God will continue to provide the resources, talents and people to carry on the goals of our little parish. We see that as people pass away or move away, others come and offer new talents, ideas, energy and gifts to fill that void.

Collectively, the congregation of St. Jude's moves into the new year with determination and grit, to bring Jesus up close and personal in the Ocean View community.

And we invite everyone to join us to make 2018 another very good year.

Looking back at 2017 and some really dumb news

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From Pat & Tom, KNCI Radio, Sacramento, California

2017 was a topsy-turvy year, to say the least. But at least we could always count on one thing: stupid news stories...most, involving stupid criminals. But not always. Below is a brief synopsis of some of our favorite delightfully dumb stories of 2017

–The young girl who brought her hamster to the vet because he wasn't eating or drinking, and wouldn't move from the side of his metal cage. Turns out, the hamster had swallowed a magnet and couldn't move from the side of his cage.

–The would-be gasoline thief in Australia who didn't know the difference between the gas tank on an RV and the septic tank. That is, until he manually attempted to start the siphoning.

–The robber in Florida who set an appointment with his victim to meet her the next day at an ATM when, in his opinion, she didn't have enough money to hand over. She showed up the next day, right on time, with the police.

–Also from Florida, an opossum broke into a liquor store and was found the next day, hammered, next to an empty vodka bottle.

–ALSO from Florida, an attorney's electronic cigarette caught fire while in his pocket, setting his pants on fire, which, given an attorney's relationship with the truth, is funny enough. But, no lie, the guy was defending an arson suspect.

–In Sacramento, the guy who, just last week, tried taking a page from Santa's playbook and attempted to break into a house by sliding down its chimney. He got stuck and had to call 911 for help.

–An attempt at "the World's Largest Snowball Fight" was called off in Georgia...because of snow.

–The thieves in San Diego who thought they were stealing 100 cell phone chargers from a shipping warehouse. Turns out those were actually GPS tracking devices, and they were all activated.

–The dude who robbed a gas station of food, drinks and cigarettes but forgot one crucial thing: to fill his tank. Police caught him after he'd run out of gas.

–Back to Florida for one more: the guy who thought it would be funny to use the photo from his wanted poster for his Facebook profile pic.

And lastly, maybe our favorite of all: the reality TV show about a group of people who had to live in isolation in the Scottish back country for a year, only to learn when they finally emerged that their show had been canceled months before but nobody bothered to tell them.

Who knows what 2018 holds in store for us but we can be pretty certain that no matter what, dumb people and dumb stories will still find a way to bring forehead-smacking joy to us all.

Spaghetti Dinner



Friday Jan. 19th 2018

**Please join us at our St. Jude's
Spaghetti Dinner**

Doors open at 5:30 pm Serving Starts at 6:00 pm

Dinner includes Spaghetti, your choice of Sauce, Meatballs, Salad, Drinks, and Dessert
Event Tickets are available at the door for \$8 per person, \$15 for two, or \$20 for family.

The best way to pre-purchase your tickets is to come to our **Sunday services which start at 9:30 am each Sunday**, join us for an Aloha potluck social after the services, and buy your tickets while you are there.

You can also pre-purchase tickets from Thom White, Beverly Nelson, or Cordelia Burt.
The event contact number is 808-939-7555 (leave a message)

The party takes place at ➡

**The southeast Corner of Keaka Pkwy
and Paradise Circle**

**St. Jude's Episcopal Church
92-8606 Paradise Circle
Ocean View, HI 96737**

Proceeds from this event helps pay operating expenses for our community service programs such as Free Hot Showers, Free Hot Lunch, and Free WiFi



WHAT'S COOKIN' AT ST. JUDES?

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

Spicy African Peanut Soup



Ingredients:

3 cups stock or 3 cups water
 2 slices fresh ginger
 1 sweet potato, peeled and chopped
 2 carrots, chopped
 1 yellow pepper, chopped
 1/2 teaspoon cayenne or 2 fresh chili peppers
 2 onions, chopped,
 3 green onions, chopped
 3/4 cup powdered peanut butter
 1 cup tomato juice
 2 garlic cloves, chopped
 salt and pepper

Directions:

Heat a large saucepan over high heat. Add pepper, ginger, carrots, garlic, onions and cayenne or chilies. Add a tbsp. stock as needed to keep from sticking.

2. Cook for 2 minutes, then add potato and stock.
 3. Bring to the boil and simmer 10 minutes or until potatoes are done.
 4. Transfer the vegetables to a food processor and purée until smooth.
 5. Return the purée to the saucepan and stir in peanut butter and tomato juice or mash the vegetables in the saucepan until slightly lumpy.
 6. Add salt and pepper.
 7. Add water if necessary to thin the soup.
 8. Serve sprinkled with green onions.
- Servings: 4-6

Ways to make it healthier: Add 1-2 cans of white beans rinsed, use a large tomato instead of tomato juice.

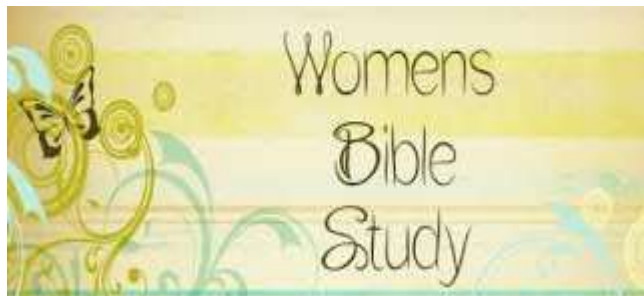
Use an immersion blender to blend it up rather than a food processor. It is safer.

Ways to make it easier. Grind all the veggies before cooking in a blender.

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Monday		Senior Nutritional Program							Hula Practice		NA		AA		
			Women's Bible Study @ Bev's 10:00 am												
Tuesday		Food Bank <small>(asop & Divide food)</small>		Food Bank <small>Monthly Last Tue.</small>											
Wednesday		Senior Nutritional Program							Brownie Meeting			NA			
Thursday		Hula Practice									Al-Anon		AA		
Friday		Senior Nutritional Program						St. Jude's Events							
		Men's Bible Study @ McKinney Place						Band Practice							
Saturday		Free Hot Shower									AA		NA		
		Free Hot Lunch With Shower													
Sunday		St. Jude's Eucharist Services <small>& Aloha Poluack Social After Services</small>						Marshallese Full Gospel Church				Marshallese First Assembly of God			
	Indicates this is a St. Jude's Function						AA = Alcoholics Anonymous								
							NA = Narcotics Anonymous								

St. Jude's Weekly Schedule

www.stjudeshawaii.org



**Mondays at 10 a.m.
At Beverly Nelson's Home**



**Fridays at 9:00 a.m.
McKinney Place**



Lemonade Party

January 6, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**Monthly Church Clean up
Followed by lemonade & hot dogs.
*Many hands make light work.***

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