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Reflections of a great day

Music in the heart

By Phyl Laymon

1:00pm. Just finished up at the St. Jude soup kitchen.

As usual, Cordelia opened up and started the coffee! Bless her for that!

Had two helpers today—Mary Janda—our Priest for the next 4 months and our so reliable Kepi—sure makes all the difference.

Figure we served up 82 bowls of soup served over 8 bags of buttered noodles. Many were refills. Thom & Buddy brought their usual big bag of Costco rolls. I took all the sweets from my house— and others brought Christmas cookies. Lost track of how much lemonade, iced tea & coffee.

I am wiped for the rest of the day!

But what an awesome way to spend a Saturday!



The Work of Christmas

by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,

The work of Christmas begins.

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among all,
To make music in the heart.

From The Mood of Christmas

STEPPING DOWN IN GRATITUDE

By Cordelia Burt, Bishop's Warden, Retired

I sat down to write this article tonight with much joy and a little sadness. Leadership is such a gift that one is given by others and I have had the honor of being in leadership rolls on all levels of our beloved church for many years.

It is difficult to step down, but step down I must for the well-being of our St. Jude's Church and for my health and family. It has been a wonderful time leading St. Jude's these past years, helping her grow and become a leader in some new ideas in the greater church.

My joy has grown over the years, having come to this church in the early 1970's and feeling that she had so much to offer to the people of Ocean View. I served with Lynn McKinney, one of the early leaders of St. Jude's, who's family had a servant's heart for mission. She wanted to have a place where priest's could come for refreshment, and with Lynn's vision, I was blessed to play a role in making her dream come true. I had the privilege of hearing so many great priest's in my travels that I wanted a place to bring them to share their ministry in a "little red church" in Ocean View, Hawaii.

When we began this jaunt into the "Visiting Priest Unknown," there were some that doubted it would work and some were sure they wouldn't like a change of priests all the time. Well, we found out it does work and we enjoy getting to know our wonderful priests that have come to serve us. I have said to many, that God always sends the priest that we need at the time or the priest is sent that needs the love and care that St. Jude's has in abundance.

Thank you, to my family of St. Jude's for giving me the honor of being your leader for this time period and please give to the next leader that the Bishop's Committee and our Bishop chooses to lead all the cooperation

that you have given me. Keep the programs going that we have started and continue to be the hands, feet and body of Jesus. There is much to do and at times we think it's too much, but together we can make everyone's load lighter. I'm so proud of our little church it truly has a VERY large heart.



Four generations of Burt women.

To our priests that have become family to me, thank you for all that you continue to do for St. Jude's whether you're here serving us or at home praying for us. It has been a joy to get to know so many of you and feel that I have had some part in your rest and relaxation, and sometimes more work than you wanted. Please stay in touch with us and come visit and serve when you can. Pray for us always that we can continue to bring Jesus' message to the people of Ocean View.

I say thank you to Richard and my family for all the support you have given me over these many years when the "goodies" were always for the church and I didn't have as much time for you as I should have. I love you very much for giving me to the service that I love. To my church family - I will always be grateful for the love and confidence you have shown me. I'm not leaving, only stepping down as church administrator; and you won't have to hear again, "Because Mother says so!"

Aloha,
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, Dec. 21st, and their next visit to St. Jude's is planned for Saturday, Jan 18th, 2020.

Each month they seem to get bigger and better organized.

In addition to clothing, laundry soaps, food items, and fresh fruit, they had vitamins.

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

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.

As we were getting ready to publish the newsletter, I noticed Phyl Laymon, Rev. Mary Janda, and Deborah (Kepi) Davis working in the kitchen and had to snap a picture. When we first started the Saturday Soup Kitchen one pot of soup was enough, but now it takes 3-5 pots of soup. Phyl started extending her soup by serving it over noodles. Today she served three large pots of soup and several bags of noodles. She brings the noodles uncooked and cooks them as she serves soup. Today I noticed several people asking for a lot of noodles with a little soup over it.

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.

As we neared the end of 2019, I updated the weekly shower count, and learned that we have **hosted 7,872 showers** to our Ocean View community since we have been open. For the last two years, 2018 and 2019, we have averaged hosting 30 showers each week.

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' Kitchen" where they get a drink and cookies.

This usually took place at the same time the community Keiki's Christmas Party was going on across the street in the park. We didn't compete with each other, we/they told the youngsters what was going on across the street.

This year we joined 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, our Santa retired this year.

Our Next Fund Raiser is a Spaghetti Dinner which is usually hosted in January. The date hasn't been set, because the Bishop's Committee decided to wait until the new board members have been elected to set the schedule of events for 2020.



EPHIPHANY

BY CORDELIA BURT

Epiphany: The Feast of the Epiphany is January 6, and the Epiphany season runs from January 6 until Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

The liturgical color is white, until after the First Sunday after the Epiphany, when it becomes green.

Epiphany means ‘revealing’ or “showing forth,” and the Epiphany season begins with the showing forth of Jesus (the extension of his ministry) to the Gentiles, specifically to the wise men of Matthew’s Gospel, who are the first to know of his divinity.

Epiphany thus proclaims Jesus as Savior of the whole world and prepares for the proclamation that the church is the new people of God, with God’s promises of salvation now applying to all the peoples of the earth.

A New Dictionary for Episcopalians





A NEW YEAR IS A GIFT

BY PHYL LAYMON

2019 Christmas tree up, all sparkly red and white—with Gramma Cain's 75 (or so) year old celluloid angel residing on the very top. My North Pole train has already done a few laps around the base! The outside manger is all lit up from dusk till dawn, reminding passers-by where the Christmas story all began. Did have to rescue Baby Jesus from the yard—having wind gusts! He is now firmly fastened to his manger.

Found a new Bethlehem Star this year—one that can be nailed to the wall. Not able to hang it from the rafters anymore! These dang 84 years are cramping my style! Finally tied the very last red plaid bow to the lanai garland. Looks so festive all lit up! I sit out there in the fragrant night air and count the stars—and my many, many blessings!

Time to look toward the brand new year ahead with anticipation. When you get to be my age another year is the real gift! Starting January with guests, son Dave and wife Kathy. Sounds like we are going to do the Big Island tour. Always fun to do with company. Reminds me why I choose to live here! Getting spoiled—Frank and Sandy were just here for most of last month.

Then, time to work. St. Jude's will begin the

year with a new regime. Our long time Bishop's Warden, Cordelia Burt, is retiring. She leaves very big boots to fill. We will miss her—and Richard—every single day—they have so much accumulated knowledge between them—but trust we have enough dedicated people to fulfill St. Jude's mandate to serve the people of Ka'u.

We have two main goals: "Love "all" our neighbors as ourselves." And, try our best to meet Jesus' command, "Feed my sheep!". That command has so many facets—so we have lots of bases to cover!

Just on Saturdays alone, showers take a man and a woman, and someone needs to take all the wet towels home and bring them back, clean and fluffy, for the next Saturday! The Computer Lab has to be constantly manned. The kitchen needs someone to open up, set up and get the coffee going by 8:30. Someone has to make lots of soup, and it takes at least two people to serve the hungry folk!

And, most important, someone needs to sit down and mingle with our Saturday guests!! Somebody has to clean up afterwards—because the building will be occupied by one of our many users later in the day. That is just a micro-peek at what it takes to keep St. Jude's up and running.

See "New year" continued on page 11

Galbi 808 Korean BBQ (Sort of)

Groovin' with the Grazing Girlz

By Karen Pucci

Well, the break was a little bit longer than any of us could have anticipated. Starting in late October, my beloved aunt and my dad's 2nd wife both took nose dives with their health. This involved three trips to the mainland between then and now. Both of them have since passed. We wanted to thank you for your prayers and kind words. It made a difference. We could feel it.

We also want to give a big shout out to Alaska and Southwest Airlines. I contracted the novo virus (highly infectious intestinal virus) at the end of the scheduled vacation and could not fly home without infecting the planes, the crews, the passengers and anyone who came in contact with me. Both airlines rescheduled us "for one time only" at no charge! I am sure my explanation that if I stepped inside the petri dishes while I was "hot" I could shut their businesses down, had nothing to do with their generosity. Anna never did catch it, the lucky rascal. As a result of my cootie, our stay turned into nearly a month.

Reverend Constance stepped up to continue the kitty care at our house since her pal, Marie, was only slated for the original two and half weeks we were to be gone. Anna's sisters were scheduled to stay with us upon our original return but we were not home. They had their own jaunts around the island. Oh how we missed the island. And the warmth! It was quite cold and dank in the Bay Area and surprisingly, so was the Coachella Valley where we vacationed. We got snow up on the low foothills there. We were woefully under prepared for that kind of cold.

And while we were gone, the gate acted up, the Subaru acted up, the dryer gave up and died, and the washer has one foot in the grave and the other on a banana peel. Sheesh. (Bada boom!)

We did share Thanksgiving with the Maynards and they send their best aloha to us all. They are doing fine and are on the roster to return. They love St. Jude's. We usually see each other several times during our visit to Coachella Valley but when I got sick all bets were off.

As to grazing...

Well, we went to GALBI 808 KOREAN BBQ. It had recently opened up where TK Noodle House had been where Annie's is located-Mango Court. This is run by the TK Noodle House owners. Four of us went before the fiascos began.

It is counter ordering and then they bring it out to you. I cannot recall a thing other than we all liked what we ordered. There were choices on spice upgrades if you wanted them and some dishes had the spiciness built in. Korean is not a cuisine I gravitate towards but as I said, I was not unhappy with what we got.

So even though this is not much of a review for you, we can give it a "Go Graze!"

GALBI 808 KOREAN BBQ, (808) 324-0070, 79-7460 Mamalahoa Hwy, Kealahou, HI 96750. No hours posted.

Editor's note: *We are so happy to have the girlz back and that they still have their senses of humor.*



Flavor of the Month January

**The Reverend
Mary Janda**



December 15, 2019 through April 2020

We welcome The Reverend Mary Janda back to our ohana. We are so blessed to have her and Jim in our midst. Aloha!

January Birthdays

- 7 Beverly Nelson
- 13 Cynnie Salley
- 16 Brian Stewart
- 20 Tina Fowler
- 27 Deborah Johnson



January Anniversaries

- 1 Thom White & Bud Sherfield
- 18 Tom Eklo & Stephen Ingerson
- 21 Richard & Cordelia Burt



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: Warren, Angie, Riley, Buddy, Elaine, Judy, Richard, Tammie, Allison, Alice, Frank, Bill, Benny, Faye, Dillon, Jim, Leah, Thom, Jeanne, Cordelia, Sigi, Steve, Phyl, Carrie, Kym, Frankie, Max, Austin, Thom, Brian, Ginger, Stella, Ron, Britney, Chuck, Naomi, Ray, Cynn timer, Amy, Sam.

Strength and comfort for Beverly and Don, Karen & Anna, Ginger & Brian, Dick's family, The Revs Lindsay and Leonard 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.

Wisdom, discernment, energy, enthusiasm and courage for new leadership at St. Jude's.



	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													

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EfM

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

By Teri Martindale

On Tuesday mornings, nine members of St. Jude's gather to discuss the lesson of the week. This year's class is made up of seven first year "students" and two mentors, Cynnle Salley and Teri Martindale.

We are all studying the Old Testament, also known as the Hebrew Testament. As we prepare, we keep in mind four schema for sharing with each other:

1. What amazed me or gave me an "aha" moment in this week's study?
2. What bothered me in this study?
3. What confused me?
4. What delighted me?

We are a diverse group with all manner of education and life experiences. Some of us have discovered that our life long beliefs have been challenged. Some have quarreled with the concepts as stated by the various authors.

The exciting piece of the study for me is the discussion that the studies ignite. We have found that we can question, without being ostracized by the group. We can state our new interpretations and we are listened to without interruptions.

This is an exciting time for St. Jude's. Questions, answers, more questions, conversations, explorations, all leading us to "Living as Spiritually Mature Christians."

Our classes align with "school schedule", in that we began meeting in September and will continue this first year of study through May. We hope you will consider joining us next fall.

"Through study, prayer and reflection, EfM helps participants move toward new understanding of the fulness of God's kingdom so they better apprehend the connections between their faith and their lives." (EfM interest brochure.)

January Dates To Remember

January 4	Lemonade Party
January 5	Epiphany Sunday
January 5	Bishop's Committee Nominating Meeting
January 7	EfM Resumes
January 18	Giving Tree
January 19	Annual Church Meeting
January 28	Food Pantry Distribution



Three Wise Women
 Would have asked directions
 Arrived on time
 Helped deliver the baby
 Brought practical gifts
 Cleaned the stable
 Made a casserole
 and there would be
 Peace on earth!

Ka'u Food Pantry Distribution January 28th

Ka'u Food Pantry, Inc.,: next distribution is TUESDAY, January 28th (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¢



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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.

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I can tell you it is the most rewarding thing I have ever done in my 84 years. Anyone can write a check! Having boots on the ground every week is a whole different ball game. We are so happy to welcome new—and old—helpers—in whatever capacity you can! See you at St. Jude's In 2020!

They say God laughs when we make specific plans—but I do hope to go back to my hometown, Cheyenne, in the Spring to my younger sister, Peggy's Memorial. She was number six of the eight Hickman kids. She

joins Danny #2 and Sharon #3. There are five of us still residing on Mother Earth: Phyl, Kathy, Ted, Shelley and Pame'—so I want to have at least one more visit with them all!

Other than that, my 2020 crystal ball is all fogged up. So, guess every day will be a new gift. That is why they call it the "Present"!

Happy New Year. May His Perfect Peace surround you, and keep you safe in the palm of His hand—today, tomorrow and always.

Aloha!

Phyl

Keiki Christmas



Giving Tree



LET THERE BE
Truth
 IN ALL THINGS

Submitted by Cynnie Salley

GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats..
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing jello to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

GREAT TRUTHS THAT EDITORS HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) No matter how many great articles you print, someone will always complain about a tiny typo on page 14.

GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE:

- 1) You believe in Santa Claus.
- 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus.
- 3) You are Santa Claus.
- 4) You look like Santa Claus.





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

Homemade Toffee

Old fashioned toffee with chocolate and chopped mac nuts

Ingredients

2 cups butter

2 cups white sugar

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon vanilla

2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

1 cup chopped macadamia nuts (optional but recommended, toast mac nuts before adding to toffee)

Directions

Prep the pan –

1. Cover a large baking sheet with aluminum foil or parchment paper. Then sprinkle some of the nuts on the baking sheet before pouring on the toffee.
2. In a medium to large heavy bottomed saucepan, combine the butter, sugar and salt over low heat until butter is melted, whisking constantly. Bring to a steady (not rolling) boil over medium to medium-high heat, and cook, whisking constantly, until the mixture has reached 285 to 300 degrees F.
3. Remove toffee from heat and stir in vanilla. Pour mixture onto the prepared baking sheet.
4. Sprinkle the chocolate chips over the top, and let chocolate soften for a few minutes. Spread the chocolate into a thin even layer. Sprinkle with chopped macadamia nuts.
5. Refrigerate until set. Break into pieces, and store in an airtight container.

YIELD: 16 SERVINGS



The Queens Came Late



by Norma Farber

The Queens came late, but the Queens were there
With gifts in their hands and crowns in their hair.
They'd come, these three, like the Kings, from far,
Following, yes, that guiding star.

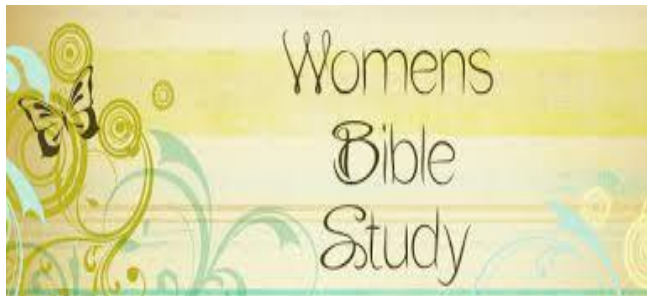
They'd left their ladles, linens, looms,
Their children playing in nursery rooms,
And told their sitters: "Take charge! For this,
Is a marvelous sight we must not miss!"

The Queens came late, but not too late
To see the animals small and great,
Feathered and furred, domestic and wild,
Gathered to gaze at a mother and child.

And rather than frankincense and myrrh
And gold for the babe, they brought for her
Who held him, a homespun gown of blue,
And chicken soup—with noodles, too.

And a lingering, lasting, cradle-song.
The Queens came late and stayed not long,
For their thoughts already were straining far
Past manger and mother and guiding star.
And a child aglow as a morning sun
Toward home and children and chores undone.

***From When It Snowed That Night (1909-1984 ,
Norma Farber, children's book author and poet)***



Mondays at 10 a.m.
Phyl Laymon's home



January 18



Lemonade Party

January 4, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Monthly Church Clean up
Followed by lemonade & hot dogs.

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