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Thankful for our delightful volunteers

Thanksgiving is the perfect time to recognize the many volunteers who support St. Jude's and our ministries and out-reach programs. Without our volunteers, St. Jude's would simply be a pretty red building across from the park. But with the lively personalities who provide volunteer work, our church is always full of laughter, good food and fun.

The Shower Ministry and Saturday Soup is supported by countless volunteers who sign up or sometimes simply show up to monitor the showers or serve soup.

***To date, we have hosted
7,592 showers!***

Just looking over the volunteer sign-up sheets over the past four months, there is clear evidence that St. Jude's is blessed with some energetic and enthusiastic people.

Signed for shower duty for last four months of 2019 are St. Jude's members Teri Martindale, Vinnie Rexroat, Tony and Nolene Weaver, Steve Houston, Kepi Davis, Steven Soren, Shannon Simpson, JYM Duncan, Thom White, Bud Sherfield and friends or non-members - Kim P. And signed up for soup duty for last four



Saturday soup is made by Phyl, Shannon, Marvelle and many other talented chefs.

months of 2019 are members, Cynn timer Salley, Phyl Laymon, Anna Towner, Karen Pucci, Sandra Yocum, Marvelle Rau, Thom White, Shannon Simpson, Kepi Davis and friends or "non-members" Rick C. and Rene.

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GREENING OF THE CHURCH

BY CORDELIA BURT, BISHOP'S WARDEN

November 30th Greening of the church

It is the custom at St. Jude's that the Saturday before the first Sunday of Advent the greens are put up in the church along with the Christmas tree.

We put the tree up early so that all our families that come to St. Jude's and don't have a tree or decorations at home can feel the joy and anticipation of our Lord's birth.

So come join our family on Nov. 30th and help decorate the church with our extended family members.





Around the church yard

By Contributing Editor Don Hatch

Oktoberfest was on Friday, October 4, 2019 and everyone had a great time.

Kepi made homemade sauerkraut to go with the Bratwurst, Boiled Potatoes, Drinks, and Dessert.

The Last Fling Band retired a couple years ago, but Zachary Debernardi and Dick Hershberger brought the band out of retirement to play for our Oktoberfest.



The Giving Tree was in St. Jude's lower parking lot on Saturday, Oct. 19th and their next visit to St. Jude's is planned for Saturday, Nov. 16st.

They usually have lots of clothing, shoes and various other items like toothbrushes and razors.

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

Free Haircuts: Kady and Drew Foster provide haircuts for our Saturday family every other month. Their next visit to St. Jude's is planned for Saturday, Nov. 16st.

There is a sign-up-sheet hanging on the church bulletin board at the back of the church, by the kitchen. There is room for 12 people to sign up for a free haircut.

Their Saturdays are the same time the Giving Tree is set up in the lower parking lot. Last month Giving Tree was exceptionally busy and their crowd overflowed into the other activities at St. Jude's. We had a lot of people joining us for a free meal and a hot shower.

When they saw Kady and Drew Foster providing free haircuts, lots of them

signed up. There were so many people signed up that Drew took one of the church chairs to their tent and they both cut hair all day. They gave 22 haircuts on that day.

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.

One thing that is different about this activity is that some of the people getting haircuts want to pay what they can. So far, every time we have hosted free haircuts Kady and Drew have given St. Jude's a hand full of cash they received from their customers.

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 of this week, we have hosted 7,592 showers.

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Groovin' with the Grazing Girls

By Karen Pucci

For those of you who have lived here or visit here a lot, this is a place that has been around for a fairly long time. Except it is constantly on the move. Trying to find its latest spot was like a game of hide and seek. But happily, it has found a new home where HABANEROS was in Kona. While we were sad to see the restaurant Habaneros go, this is a very suitable replacement. Its name says it all. This is Hawaiian comfort food at its zenith. Four of us ventured in for the dining experience and by the time we left, we were all raving about how good it was. Alas three of us ordered the same thing simply because it was too irresistible not to. That was the furikake garlic chicken. OMG. It is outstanding. Deep fried chicken breast "squares", fabulous flavor. Crunchy skin (easy to remove if you want to avoid the added calories), moist tasty meat and subtle spicing but quite present. 2 scoops of brown or white rice and a third choice is available. I had the avocado cole slaw. It was regular, mayo heavy, cole slaw with slices of avocado in it. It was fine but not remarkable. Our friends had the mac salad with tuna. They liked it. The chicken dish will easily feed two people which is how our dining companions chose. Anna had two oyster shooters which are fresh oysters in a glass with the bloody Mary mixture. She loved them and said she will be ordering a bloody Mary on our next outing based on what she tasted. She opted for the Mento Bento. It is a bit different most bento boxes in that there is no plate division. She got a pretty nice sampling of the flavors in her meal. She loved the Spam, the boneless short ribs sent her to the moon. Her one complaint that the scrambled egg was not thoroughly cooked. For dessert, our friends or-

dered ice cream and we ordered the "lumpia" stuffed with breadfruit (ulu) and banana. Came with two scoops of Tropical Dreams Ice Cream. Terrific use of bread fruit! Our sampling was limited but we are returning as often as we can to go through the menu. Our first experience was just too good to not return. The menu is pretty extensive, and so are the daily specials. They offer a lau lau and I am always on the hunt for good lau lau, several chicken dishes, specials are generally catches of the day (and they looked tempting but we wanted to stick to the menu before we went exploring), boneless beef ribs, teri beef, chicken, shrimp, pork, burgers, pork adobo fries, wonton, fried rices in Kimchee or pork adobo; the menu can be rather daunting quite frankly. For our meatless friends they offer a salad and of course, fish choices. Prices are pretty reasonable. Two garlic chickens, two oyster shooters, the mento bento box, two desserts, four ice teas was \$81 prior to tip. \$100 for four happy people is not a bad price at all. Service was friendly but a bit distracted. Indoor seating with light a/c, full bar. It does have defined dining hours. Girls say GO GRAZE and bring your appetite!

BROKE DA MOUTH GRINDZ. 75-5864 Waiolu Rd @ Ali'i. 808 327 1113. Monday thru Saturday Lunch 11:00a-3:30p, bar bites 'til dinner. Dinner 5:30p to 9:30p. CLOSED SUNDAYS.

We will be taking our annual winter break.

This will be our last posting until next year.

Everyone behave and go out for a meal.



OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS

BY PHYL LAYMON

When I was very young our lives revolved around the Hickman homestead in Wyoming. My grandparents had homesteaded when our dad was 13. He was a bad asthmatic so the family had to move from Iowa to where it was high and dry. Dad grew up to be a handsome cowboy. His horse was named Black Beauty. He was my hero!

In my early years, I developed some pretty silly notions. The spring I was 4, my Grandad Cain's battle with cancer was coming to the end. Mom, 2 year old Danny, and I had to take a train to Grand Island, Nebraska, so Mom could help her mom take care of Granddad.

Our sugar mill town didn't have a train station—just a loading dock and track. When the train arrived I was terrified. It was so huge! So unexpected! Much to my surprise, a big door opened and steps appeared. My 4-year-old mind had just assumed we rode on top—astride—like my daddy rode his horse!

This man in a funny suit came down the steps to help us inside. I said to my mom in my loud voice, "Mama, his face is so dirty!" Mom hastily put her hand over my mouth, but too late. He just laughed. Apparently, He had dealt with ignorant children before.

I was very upset and on the verge of tears

because I had no bed for my little baby doll. "Now, now, little Miss," he said. "I know right where I can find the perfect dolly bed. He appeared in a flash with a very nice shoe box and two white linen napkins. He patiently folded one into a mattress before wrapping my baby doll in the other napkin. He spoiled me rotten the entire trip. I hugged his neck and cried at the Grand Island station when he told me he couldn't go to Grandma Cain's house with us. My very first lesson in how a brief special friendship can become a treasured memory.

Up until my fifth birthday, we lived in a sugar mill town of 200 people, near the homestead. All the houses were tarpaper shacks with no electricity. So, I just assumed all houses were black! Imagine my surprise when we moved to Cheyenne that winter and saw all the lovely white 2-story houses and beautiful red brick ones with white trim. And lawns! And picket fences! And they all had electric lights!

Once we moved to Cheyenne in December of 1940, we always went "down home" to the homestead for every single weekend and all holidays. It was 84 miles north. I was so confused by that "down home" saying" because north seemed "up" to me. I finally understood, when one day, my dad sat me

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Flavor of the Month

November

The Reverend Lindsay Hills



Aloha!
I'm so excited for the opportunity to be with you this November.

I was born and raised in California, before attending Bryn Mawr College in Philadelphia (PA). It is there that I first fell in love with the Episcopal Church.

I spent one year doing campus ministry at

Washington University in St. Louis, before returning to Philadelphia to pursue my calling to the priesthood. I have served Christ and his church in Worcester (MA) and San Mateo (CA) and a year ago accepted a position to serve as Rector of St. Mary's Kerrisdale (Anglican) Church in Vancouver, BC.

My son Sidney (3.5) and I will be at St. Jude's for the month and we look forward to tide pooling and going on "an adventure" as he would say. My wife of 12 years, Michelle, will join me for the end of the month.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to experience a bit of life on the Island, I have been so impressed by the mission and ministry of St. Jude's and am eager to meet all of you!

November Birthdays

- 3 John Fowler
- 10 Ray Hatch
- 22 Kepi Davis
- 28 Sam Quenon



November Anniversaries

- 10 Brian & Marty Marsh





THE BOOKS THAT FIND YOU

BOOK REIEWS, BY ANNA TOWNER

The title this month, "The Books That Find You" is totally and absolutely apt for me, especially today (as my guilt for meeting Cindy's deadline is nigh) because I hadn't planned on rereading a chapter in Bogle's book, *I'd Rather Be READING*; it had simply jumped in my hand as I passed by and had opened to this particular chapter. After some thought, a memory came to me.

When teaching 7th grade World History, I took a break from the text book and was ready to pull my hair out thinking, "How can I interest them in something that happened in Africa eons ago!?"

So I picked up Mark Kurlansky's *The History of Salt* to escape the task to hand. About 10 pages in I learned that salt and gold were of equal value at one time. Man needs salt to live, and gold is highly lusted for and valued. They simply would not believe this.

Voila! What a discovery for me and my classroom; I had an exciting tie into a mandatory reading and it worked.

I shared my discovery with the class and added a bonus since so pleased with myself: a dozen cookies (homemade and could choose from 3 kinds) or 10 points to first perfect study guide, 6 cookies or 5 points to 2nd place, 3 cookies for 3rd place. I told them no "do overs", just come up and we will correct at my desk.

Success! They read more slowly and carefully and, finally, without trying to sneak peeks or ask for help. Cookies promoted fierce competition. Later I added a most improved category as many of my 7th graders read at a 5th grade level or less.

Now although this didn't happen with every lesson, it did help me become more creative with the material my students had to manage. In reviewing for tests we played bingo. They would make the chart and fill in the answers to

the questions they thought I would ask. The same prizes were awarded and they were better prepared for a test and more involved with the material.

Now I realize that I read two books that prepared me for the third book. Michael Wolff's *Fire and Fury* sounded too gossipy to pass up and then Katy Tur's *Unbelievable: My Front-Row Seat to the Craziest Campaign in American History* (Trump's campaign) were definitely what I had to read before tackling *Russian Roulette: The Inside Story of Putin's War and the Election of Donald Trump* by Isikoff and Corn. I was a foreign language student, but if I had not read the first two books, I never would have made it through the jungle of strange Russian names, places and terms or been able to keep the sequence of events straight.

I can't put it any better than Bogle. "Why this book, or that one? I never know at the time... "Sometimes these serendipitous reads are of the big picture, soul level importance,... (or) a book that makes you laugh when you desperately need comic relief, or provides practical advice about a subject you're really struggling with," page 29.

When very young in Southern California, my mom shopped at Buffums. But before she shopped, she dropped me off in the book section. I would sit crossed legged on the tile floor and devour Nancy Drew, not moving at all except to breathe and turn pages. Books have been my friends for as long as I can remember. They provide solace, comfort and joy during difficult times and escape when needed.

What books have given you comfort and joy? Provided escape? What have you recommended to friends and why? If you want to share your answers, do. Cindy is always looking for contributors to our newsletter.

P.S. Don't waste any time watching the Nancy Drew series - it is beyond bad.



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

Charlie's Cranberry Sauce

For Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner we always had cranberry sauce. When I was a child, it was always the jelled sauce, but as I got older and had my own family, we often had both the jelled and the whole berry sauce. For some unknown reason, when Vickie was small, she started calling it "Hunning Sauce" and we all called it that for several years.

For Thanksgiving 2005 Tim decided he would make the cranberry sauce using fresh berries. We all liked it, but Charlie (who was almost 1 1/2 years old) taste one and it instantly became his favorite food.

Ingredients

1	lb	fresh	Cranberries (picked over)
1/4	cup		Water
2	cups		Sugar
1/2	cup	fresh	Orange Juice
2	tsp		Orange Zest

From
Don Hatch

Combine all ingredients in a large pan.

Cook, uncovered, over medium heat until most of the cranberries pop open and the mixture starts to thicken. About 7 to 10 minutes.

If it's slightly undercook you have individual berries, and if overcooked you start to get a jelly.



I prefer the crisp fresh taste and texture of slightly undercooked berries.

Variations: You can reduce the sugar to make a lower calorie version or use a mixture of sugar and Splenda.

You need at least 1/4 to 1/2 cup of sugar to help make a smooth thick sauce.





HOW MUCH IS A DIME WORTH?

BY THOM WHITE

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, we count our blessings and give thanks for them.

I was born and raised in Detroit. My mother was a single mother of three most of the time. Finances were a struggle and many holidays were a challenge. But somehow she managed to make them special.

We were raised in the Roman Catholic Faith. Our family church was Saint Christopher's. On Sunday my two sisters and I would wear our best clothes and attend mass.

My mother would put a dime in each of our envelopes to put in the offering plate. I felt so proud to put that envelope in the basket as it came by. Now a dime might not sound like much, but the Saturday matinee was fifteen cents and a bag of candy at the corner Mom and Pop Store was a nickel at that time. (Boy that makes me sound old.)

As time went by, we prospered. My sister's wedding was at St Christopher's. My maternal grandmother's funeral mass was celebrated at St Christopher's.

When my mother passed, we celebrated her life at St. Christopher's. Sitting in that church again, I reflected back on my childhood and those envelopes, each holding a dime. What a comfort to return to our family church and honor my mother.

My own journey took me to California, the Pacific Northwest, Oregon, Maui, Florida, Alaska and now 75 years later the Big Island. In all of the adventures and all good and the bad - through it all, my search comes back to "Love One Another and Love the Lord the God." Gratitude and Thankfulness for all my blessings fill my heart.

This holiday may we share these blessings and give thanks.

Amen,

Thom



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, 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, Richard, Ron, Britney, Chuck, Naomi, Ray, Cynnie, Amy, Sam.

Strength and comfort for Skywater, Rev. Elaine, The Revs Lindsay and Leonard, Jerry's family, Joan's family, Sigi 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.



	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												
Thursday		Hula Practice								Al-Anon				
Friday		Senior Nutritional Program							St. Jude's Special Events & Fund Raisers					
		Men's Bible Study @ McKinney Place												
Saturday		Free Hot Shower		Free Hot Meal								NA		
		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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Shower Day



We need Bingo Prizes!

Anything from trinkets, candy & toys for the kids, to socks, toiletries, & other items for adults.

The last
Saturday of the Month
The next Bingo Day
November 30th
9 a.m. to 11:00 am.

November Dates To Remember

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| 1 | Plant/Jumble Sale set up 12:30 pm |
| 2 | Plant/Jumble Sale & Pancake Breakfast 8 am – noon |
| 3 | All Saints Day |
| 3 | Bishop's Committee Meeting after church |
| 11 | Veterans Day |
| 19 | Ka'u School Parents night 4 pm – 7 pm |
| 23 | Thanksgiving Dinner for Shower Family and community |
| 26 | Food Pantry Distribution |
| 28 | Thanksgiving Day |
| 30 | Greening of the church |
| Dec. 1 | First Sunday of Advent |

Ka'u Food Pantry Distribution

November 26th

By Karen Pucci

Ka'u Food Pantry, Inc.,: next distribution is TUESDAY, November 26, 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¢



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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.

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 \$ _____ Or
Monthly Hours _____

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

For more information on stewardship, see page 23

Church yard

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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 as volunteers. Last month one of our regular Saturday shower folks told me that she has signed up for showers next Saturday and wanted to know when we open. I misunderstood what she had signed up for and I told her that "The showers open at 9:00 am, but we are usually here setting up at 8:30 am, but if you show up then, they will put you to work helping set up." She said "That what I signed up for," and sure enough at 8:30 am the next Saturday she was setting up for the showers.

Jumble, Plant Sale and Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, November 2nd. This takes place at the same time as our Free Hot Showers and Community Computer Lab.

We will do most of our setup Friday evening so on Saturday morning we can move the plants outside and arrange the Jumble items inside.

Doors will be open at 8:00 am.

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast costs are Adults \$3, Children (6-10) \$1, and Younger Children Free. If you are part of our Free Hot Shower and Free Hot Meal family, this will be your lunch and it is free.

For the sale, we will have Potted Plants,



Pancakes will be served at the annual Plant Sale.

Kitchen Tools, Hand Tools, Home Made Cookies, Gourmet Whole Grain Mustard, St. Jude's Coffee, Mac Nuts, Craft Products, Jams, Jelly, and much, much more. You don't want to miss this.

Thanksgiving Dinner for our Saturday Family: We are having our fourth Thanksgiving dinner for our shower family on Saturday, November 23rd. 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.

This year, like last year, we will have a special treat when Dan and Steve's sister, Reverend Constance Garrett and her friend Marie Lewis join them.

Keiki's (Children's) Christmas Party: For the last couple years St. Jude's has been setting up four tents in our lower parking, to host our annual Keiki Christmas Party. The first tent gave out tickets, the second was "Santa's Reading Room" where they received books as a gift, the third was

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Thanksgiving dinner for our shower family

Saturday, November 23rd 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sponsored by Dan & Steve

More church yard

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“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 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 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, our Santa will retire this year.



St. Jude’s Santa, (AKA Don Hatch) will retire this December.

Over the river

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down and gave me a lesson in elevation. Cheyenne—6063 feet. Homestead—4104 feet.

At last, “Over the River and Through The Woods to Grandmother’s House We Go” began to make sense to me—once I realized they had forgotten an important line, “downhill all the way!”

I grew up and had five kids of my own. My mom became Grandma Hickman. Now, our “Over the River” was actually just a one-mile trip from Del Range on to Ridge Road and down Rocksprings which lead right up to my parents’ drive way. It was Daddy’s 10 acre dream farm that he worked so long and hard for. There was an artesian well and a weeping willow on the corner. And a white house with green trim! We all loved it!

My kids always loved going to Grandma’s house—even though they were already there five days a week for day care. I was a full time working mom from age 23. Two of my siblings, Shelley and Pame’, were the same age as my kids—so Mom took care of all of them. I shared my paycheck with her. It wasn’t much—I made \$1.03 per hour. Mom also took in ironing to help make ends meet. She still had her older kids, Sharon, Kathy, Ted and Peggy at home as well. Dan was grown, married and off to Seattle.

Life was good and we were happy. But in 1970 my husband, Frank, a communications man, was pirated from Mountain Bell to go work on what was the original Government owned White Alice Site in Alaska. It had just sold and eventually became Alascom, the only Long Distance phone company in Alaska for the next several years. The new oil pipeline was in its early stages – and they needed Communications, big time! They needed workers in all fields, as well. I went to work for the local phone company and had to deal with all the unreasonable Easterners and Texas Oil

Men who demanded all kinds of updated services we didn’t have yet. Alaska had just barely moved beyond having one phone booth per town, which only worked on Saturdays.

Alaska also had a zillion hotshot Texas oil men up there telling us how to build our pipeline—creating the urgent need for the famous bumper sticker saying, “We don’t give a damn how they do it in Texas!”

We lucked out! We bought the only house left for sale in all of Anchorage—and it had five bedrooms! The little village of Anchorage had become a booming city over night! Housing was worse than scarce. The dirt Tudor Road we lived on became an impossible mud bog every spring when break-up came. It is now a super 8 lane throughway.

That lucky house turned out to have a huge rec room—so the Thanksgiving cycle started all over again. Seven of the eight Hickman kids and their families lived in Alaska over the years. Holidays were so fun! Eventually, the families grew so big, not one house was large enough for holiday dinners. But, we still met at one house or another for evening desserts! I have been blessed with the best family!

Life went on, kids grew up, married, had kids of their own. My husband passed, and I was alone.

Somewhere around 2000, my siblings and I decided to buy a vacation house on Big Island. Our very first Thanksgiving we won a turkey at the historical Kauaha’ao Church in Wai’ohino. We invited the only couple we knew to share dinner with us on the lanai. Raylene and Ben. She was Cordelia’s sister-in-law.

My siblings decided to move on—but I stayed—and made this darling little cottage my permanent home in 2003. Every year the lanai was full of people for every holiday. It was so fun! Then, my 80th birthday rolled ‘round! Suddenly, the old gray mare just wasn’t what she used to be! My hosting days were over. Great times! Wonderful memories!!

And that, my friends, is my life story of, “Over the River” –with a few side trips along the way.

Volunteers

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It is impossible to name every volunteer who supports St. Jude's. And it's risky to try, because we never want to accidentally leave a volunteer's name off the list. ***But the heart of St. Jude's is comprised of willing spirits, who volunteer to sincerely serve and not to receive accolades for their service.***

Whenever you volunteer at St. Jude's, you become part of something much bigger than a bowl of soup or a clean shower towel; you become part of the Jesus walk, that St. Jude's is known for, throughout the District of Ka'u.

Thank you to all the many volunteers, members and non-members, who help our church reach out to the community in love.



An Army Of Volunteers

By Contributing Editor, Don Hatch

When I joined St. Jude's in late 2011, I had no idea how much work it took to keep St. Jude's going. When I started attending each week, St. Jude's usually had morning prayers, and around once a month we had a Eucharist Service with a priest. Those first few months we usually had between 12 and 16 people attending service,

Although I didn't know what everyone had to do to keep St. Jude's running smoothly, I did observe who was always busy. It was Richard and Cordelia Burt, Bryan and Ginger Stewart, Phyl Laymon, Cynn timer Salley, Lynne Reynolds, and Thom White.

As St. Jude's grew its congregation and expanded their community support programs, the number of volunteers needed to support those programs increased dramatically.

Operational Support Duties

In late 2015 we started documenting all of the jobs that were done around St. Jude's, who had primary responsibility for doing that job, and who their backup, or who was being trained as their backup. This document is called our "Operational Support Duties."

At that point, Richard and Cordelia Burt were working on St. Jude's projects almost every day of the week. One or

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both of them worked on maintaining the St. Jude's and McKinney Place facilities. They coordinated special events, purchased supplies, maintained church records, selected music and prepared the service bulletin each week. Richard was also the treasurer for St. Jude's. Cordelia recruited and coordinated our priests and made sure McKinney Place was clean and ready for them. They provided priest transportation from and to the airport. Most Saturdays Cordelia was at St. Jude's helping with the shower and soup kitchen. Richard maintained the Wi-Fi and security cameras. They took Eucharist Service to anyone who couldn't attend at the church. Richard recorded our Sunday sermon and posted it on our web site so the people who couldn't make it to our Sunday service could hear the sermon.

Skip to where we are now, four years later, our Operational Support Duties document is divided into five sections with Chair Person in charge of each section.

Administrative Chair is the Bishop's Warden, which is currently Cordelia Burt. The Bishop's Warden is the church chief administrator. She manages all church business, maintains church records, coordinates church usage, and is the liaison to the Bishop. She oversees the managing St. Jude's office (Kepi Davis), Mail Man (Thom White). (Bishops Warden - backup is Steve Stigal, Junior Warden and back up for Steve is Karen Pucci).

Priest Coordinator (Cindy Cutts), Schedule Priests (Cindy Cutts), Recruit Priests (Cindy Cutts), Priest Transportation Lead (Karen Pucci & Anna Towner), Prep McKinney Place for Priest (Steve Stigall).

Special Events Coordinator (Kepi Davis), Advertising Flyers and tickets (Don Hatch), Event Planning, Setup & Decorating (Steve Stigall, Dan Garrett, Faye Miller), Clean-Up After Event (Kepi Davis & Shannon Simpson), Purchase Special Events Supplies (Karen Pucci & Anna Towner).

Stewardship Coordinator (Cynn timer Salley), Pledge Cards (Steven Stigall).

Shower & Soup Coordinator (Cynn timer Salley), Volunteer Sign-up Sheets (Don Hatch), Free Haircut Sign-Up Sheet (Don Hatch). Computer Lab Coordinator (Don Hatch). Computer Lab Intern (Jasmine Arguello), Supplies (Don Hatch), Security (Don Hatch & Mark Keigley), and Computer Help for Seniors (Paulette Zupancic & Mark Keigley).

Wi-Fi Coordinator (Don Hatch) for St. Jude's, McKinney Place, & Computer Lab. Provide computer support for the Seniors during their Seniors Nutritional Program (Paulette Zupancic & Mark Keigley), Lab intern – manage the lab and help students as needed (Jasmine Arguello).

Financial Lead (Steve Stigall), Treasurer/Account (Steve Stigall), Income (Steve Stigall), Sunday \$ Counting (Karen Pucci, Phyl Lamon, Beverly Nelson, Cordelia Burt), Grant Writing Coordinator (Cindy Cutts), Grant Writing (Cindy Cutts),
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Don Hatch, & Steve Stigall), Cost Estimates (Cindy Cutts & Don Hatch), Procurement Coordinator (Karen Pucci), Purchasing (Karen Pucci), St. Jude's Shirts (Steve Stigall), Alter Supplies (Thom White), Shower Supplies (Thom White & Karen Pucci), Soup Supplies (Karen Pucci & Anna Towner), Aloha Hour Supplies (Karen Pucci & Thom White), Special Event Supplies (Karen Pucci & Anna Towner), Flowers For Alter (Faye Miller & Cindy Cutts), Flowers for Decoration (Steve Stigall), Office Supplies (Kepi Davis), Misc. Outreach Supplies (Karen Pucci), Janitor Supplies (Karen Pucci & Thom White), Water (Steve Stigall & Don Hatch), Cat Food (Kepi Davis, Karen Pucci, & Anna Towner)

Security Coordinator (Steve Stigall & Roger Dagdag), Police Liaison (Cordelia Burt, Steve Stigall, Don Hatch, & Roger Dagdag), Surveillance Monitors - St. Jude's (Steve Stigall), Surveillance Monitors – Computer Lab (Don Hatch).

Communication Chair - Cindy Cutts. Communications (Cindy Cutts & Don Hatch), Website (Cindy Cutts, Don Hatch, & Richard Burt), Facebook (Cindy Cutts & Don Hatch).

Newsletter (Cindy Cutts & Don Hatch), Church Directory (Don Hatch), Eblast (Cindy Cutts, Thom White, & Don Hatch), Media (Cindy Cutts, Thom White, & Don Hatch), Graphic Artist (Don Hatch & Cindy Cutts), Digital Sermon (Richard Burt, Don Hatch, & Cindy Cutts), Maintain Priest in-

formation (Don Hatch & Cindy Cutts), Greeting Cards (Kepi Davis and Unknown Member), Prayer Chain (Cordelia Burt, Don Hatch, & Cindy Cutts), Operational Support Duties Document (Don Hatch & Cindy Cutts).

Worship Chair - Teri Martindale. Vestment Care (Anna Towner & Karen Pucci), Eucharist Prep (Cynn timer Salley & Cordelia Burt), Bake Altar Bread (Nolene Weaver).

Service Prep (Cordelia Burt), Service Music Planning (Dan Garrett), Prep Service Bulletin (Karen Pucci & Don Hatch, Richard Burt), Copy Service Bulletins (Kepi Davis, Don Hatch, & Karen Pucci), LEM/Lector Coord (Cynn timer Salley).

Facilities Prep for Service (Kepi Davis), Sunday Open Facilities (Kepi Davis & Anna Towner), Prep for Aloha Social Hour (Kepi Davis, Steven Soren, & Shannon Simpson), Clean/Setup for Service (Anna Towner, Shannon Simpson, Faye Miller & Nolene Weaver), Setup Alter for Service (Karen Pucci/Nolene Weaver), Flower Arrangement for Alter (Faye Miller), Takedown Alter after Service (Thom White, Faye Miller, Nolene Weaver).

Altar Guild Chairman (Thom White). Altar Guild Members (Karen Pucci, Thom White, Faye Miller, Noleen Weaver, Cordelia Burt).

Education/Training Coordinator (Cynn timer Salley). Education For Ministry (EFM) (Cynn timer Salley & Teri Martindale). EFM Set Up and Lock Up (Elaine Meier).

Host Women's Bible Study (Beverly Nelson, Cindy Cutts, & Phyl Laymon).

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Mobile Eucharist (Cordelia Burt, Thom White, Elaine Meier, Richard Burt). (4) Facilities Chair – (Steve Stigall).

Facilities Management (Steve Stigall, Don Hatch, & Gary Johnson), Gutter Cleaning (Steve Stigall).

Lemonade Party (Thom White), Landscape maintenance (Buddy Sherfield & Roger Dagdag), Debris Removal (Roger Dagdag, Karen Pucci), Tree Trimming (Roger Dagdag).

Daily Activities. Housekeeping (Karen Pucci), After use Lockup (Kepi Davis), Water Tanks Maintenance (Steve Stigall & Don Hatch).

McKinney Place (Steve Stigall), McKinney Place Maintenance (Steve Stigall), Maintain Priest Car (Steve Stigall & Don Hatch), McKinney Place Yard (Steve Stigall).

Outreach Chair - Cynnie Salley.

Shower Ministry (Cynnie Salley), Shower Manager (Cynnie Salley & Kepi Davis), Saturday Soup Coordinator (Cynnie Salley), Coordinate Launder Towels (Bud Sherfield, Cynnie Salley, & Dan Garrett).

Community Christmas Support (Steve Stigall). Coordinate with the Ocean View Community Keiki (children) Christmas Party.

Christmas Stockings. Get Material & Cut Out (Phyl Laymon & Phyl's family), Cut Out Iron on Decorations (Phyl Laymon), Buy Gifts for Stockings (Cordelia Burt), Assemble, Decorate, & Stuff Stockings (congregation).

Books for Keiki Christmas Party (Cordelia Burt). Request Mile of Pennies, Arrange Purchase, and Distribute Books.

St. Jude's Shirts (Steve Stigall). Coordinate Needs for Orders (Steve Stigall), Graphic Arts - Design (Cindy Cutts), and Order Shirts (Cindy Cutts).

This is our planning and training tool and we have had many volunteers willing to take on the duties. And while we have been happy with how people are stepping up and training for the various jobs. Volunteers sometimes surprise us by helping outside of their assigned tasks, and sometimes we make new friends when it happens.

A Few Examples:

Thanksgiving Dinner: When Steve Stigall and Dan Garrett joined St. Jude's they brought a family tradition with them which is to throw a Thanksgiving Dinner for their community. In our case they have the party for our Saturday shower and soup family. This year it will be on Saturday, November, 23rd. This will be their fourth year providing this for the community. Last year they served around 100 pounds of turkey, plus dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, and pumpkin pie with whipped cream. They didn't count how many they served, but my guess is around 120-140 people.

There were over 20 volunteers assisted Steve and Dan in the event, with prep before, set up, cooking, cookie baking & decorating, serving or cleanup.

Rev. Constance Garrett (Dan's sister) and her friend Marie Lewis flew over to help. And they are supposed to be back again this year.

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Graffiti: On January, 6th 2019 Steve Stigall was notified that St. Jude's was the target of a graffiti artist. Steve posted few comments and pictures on Facebook of what had been done. He also posted that he was planning a clean-up effort on Saturday, Jan. 12th. He received comments on Facebook, but didn't know how much help would be coming. Fourteen people from the community showed up with pressure washers, scrub brushes, solvents, and soapy water.

These were community members who showed up to help Steve and a handful of St. Jude's members. Other people from the community dropped by to leave some snacks and drinks for the workers. A community of volunteers make quick work of the graffiti.

Our Shower Ministry needs two people to manage the showers. Volunteers help shower clients sign up to take showers in an orderly fashion, they distribute shampoo, body wash, towels and other toiletries as needed. After each shower, volunteers disinfect the shower floor with a bleach solution and scrub the floor with a scrub brush broom.

The shower ministry also needs one person to wash, dry, and fold the towels each week.

In the soup kitchen we need at least one person to make the soup and 1-2 people to serve it and clean up.

On the towel effort Joan and Greg Guithues usually sign up for doing the towels for the first Saturday of each month.

Kim P. signs up for doing towels most of the other weeks (she isn't a member of St. Jude's and I don't know her last name). She usually shows up as we are closing the soup kitchen and after she is finished washing, drying, and folding the towels, she gives them to Steve

Stigall and he puts them back into the storage room. Thom and Buddy pick up the slack when we don't have anyone signed up for towel duty. If no one else signs up for the towel duty, they will do it.

Most Saturdays Judy Robinson shows up at the soup kitchen with a cake, muffins, or something else that she has baked for our Saturday family. She also brings some clothes and used DVDs or CDs to share with our Saturday folks. I should note that she isn't a member of St. Jude's, but she is a strong supporter of the Ocean View community.

Thom White's neighbor Dennis Locke often has access to bananas and when he can get some, he shows up with several boxes of bananas for us. He usually has them divided between ripe bananas to eat now and green ones to take home for later.

Free Haircuts: Early this year Kady Foster told Steve Stigall that she provided free haircuts to people in need when she was on the mainland and wondered if she could do the same at St. Jude's some Saturday. The Bishops Committee thought that was a great idea. We set up a schedule for the third Saturday every other month.

Last month Giving Tree was set up in our lower parking lot with lots of free clothing and personal hygiene items, and as in the past, many of their customers came up to St. Jude's for a bowl of soup and a free hot shower. When they learned about the free haircuts, they signed up for it.

Floral Arrangements: From the second week Faye Miller joined St. Jude's she has provided beautiful flower arrangements for the altar. Since she travels a lot, she has trained a couple backups to do the floral arrangements when she is gone.

There are countless responsibilities within St. Jude's ministries. It's amazing to watch how our volunteers work together for God.

Bells will be ringing soon!

It's that time again!

It's time to ring those beautiful bronze handbells, time to learn some new music and time to reconnect with our friends!



We are always pleased to welcome new members to our handbell choir.

If you have rung handbells before, come on over and freshen up your ringing skills.



If you are new to the handbell scene, come and give it a try!

We will begin our weekly rehearsals right after Thanksgiving, Mondays at 1 p.m. at St. Jude's.

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Meaningful stewardship

By Cynn timer Salley

Wikipedia defines Christian stewardship as: *"the responsibility that Christians have in maintaining and using wisely the gifts that God has bestowed. God wishes human beings to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption and sanctification."* And I add, "This includes sharing our resources of treasure, time and talent."

Stewardship is a responsibility; for us at St. Jude's and it includes all that we have. We are responsible for the care and maintenance of everything from the mops to our buildings and grounds, not to mention each other. Our outreach is a direct result of all of us giving of our time and talent; stewardship is not just about money.

This time of year, is when our treasurer, Steve, prepares the budget for next year. Our pledge cards help him to be more accurate in his estimations. Our pledge cards (located on page 13) have space for monetary donations as well as time. In order for us to continue to minister and care for our community, we need everyone's help; their time and talent.

Please be generous.

Giving is not just about making a donation.

It is about making a difference.

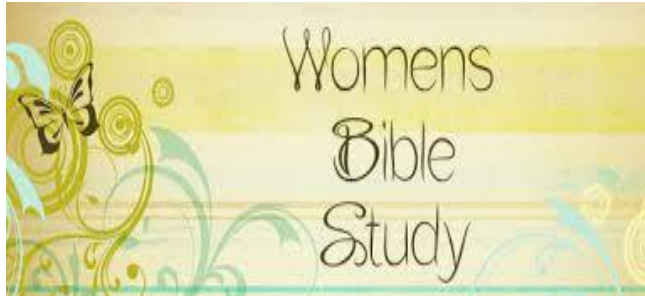


Volunteers at St. Jude's

Managing WiFi & computer lab
Coordinating & cleaning the kitchen
Keeping the congregation informed

We all work together for God.





Mondays at 10 a.m.
Beverly Nelson's home



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