



St. Christopher's News
October 7, 2018
Blessing of the Animals

Please join us for fellowship & refreshments after the service in the Parish Hall.



Children's activity bags are in the back of the church.
Please return them at the end of the service! Mahalo!

Welcome! Children's 9:30 program:

Our Nursery is down the sidewalk, and right at the second hallway;
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (ages 3 1/2-6 years) meets
down the walkway, in Room 102 (3rd classroom on the right);
and Godly Play (Grades 1-6) meets in Room 101 (1st classroom on the right).

An usher will be glad to show you the way.

2019 Pledge Letters: You should be receiving a letter from a vestry member this week, with a pledge card and envelope enclosed. Our theme this year is transforming generosity. Generosity is heart work - yes, heart work. It is a way you show your love for God, Jesus Christ, and St. Christopher's. Your pledge is an act of faith and sign that your heart is with Christ. Your gift can change the world when it is used in the name of Jesus. We ask you to prayerfully consider making a pledge for 2019, and if you are already a pledger, we ask that you prayerfully consider raising your pledge this year, as inflation continues to affect us all, even St. C's.

Pet Blessing Today: All furry, feathery, and scaly family members are invited to both the 7:15 and 9:30 Sunday services today, to receive special blessings (leashes, cages pet carriers, as appropriate, please). Pet pupu (the good kind) will be available after the services in the parish hall. Certificates of blessing will also be available.



Welcome our new Curate, the Rev. Deacon Preston Lentz: Preston is joining us for the first time today, as clergy. He will be with us for two years as an unpaid Curate (I'll let him explain what Curate means.) Welcome, Preston, and wife Mary Ann (who were part of our St. C's ohana in the 80s).

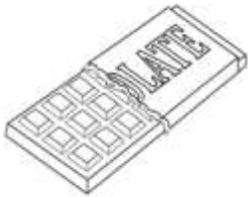
Tuesday Bible Study moves to Fridays as of October 12: We meet in the Rector's office from 10 am to about 11:15 am. All are welcome!

GIVE ALOHA: Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Give Aloha. We are still waiting on our final counts. If you have not yet turned in your contribution receipt please put your name on it and place it on Daisy's desk so that your giving account can be credited. Mahalo!



Spaghetti Dinner Request: Once a quarter, St. Christopher's donates food supplies to provide a spaghetti dinner for residents at the Institute for Human Services (IHS). Our goal is to collect enough food for 300 dinners. We will need 30 pounds of spaghetti sauce, 30 pounds of spaghetti noodles, and 30 pounds of canned green beans. St. C's has been very generous in the past and it has been much appreciated by those at IHS.

Dying Well: on Saturday, October 13th, from 10 am to noon, in the parish hall, there will be a presentation by the Rector, Rhonda Griswold, Joanna Witt, and Paula Sterling. It will cover: planning your funeral, having finances in order, and dealing with issues related to when a loved one dies. There is a signup sheet on the back table by the organ.



Emmanuel's Annual Chocolate Extravaganza is October 13th from 6:30 to 9 pm. Tickets are \$25 for general admission, and VIP seats are \$40. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet of chocolates to satisfy the sweet tooth! Proceeds go to Emmanuel Church and Family Promise. Call Emmanuel at 262-4548 for tickets.

Organists 1-2-3: Organ concert at Lutheran Church of Honolulu, 1730 Punahou Street, on Saturday, October 13, at 7:30.

Episcopal Church Women: are meeting on Saturday, October 13, 2018 in the Von Holt Room of Cathedral of St. Andrew. For more information, please contact the Rector.

Terry Werning's funeral will be at 11 am on Saturday, October 20th, at St. Christopher's.

Our Diocesan Convention Delegates: will meet briefly after second service on Sunday, October 21, to review the diocesan budget, which will be voted on at Convention next Saturday. All alternates and other members of the Church are welcome to attend this meeting.

Family Promise Fun Run: is Saturday, October 27th at 7:00 am at Kailua Intermediate School. There will be a pancake breakfast and raffle to follow. Registration is \$25, or \$20 each for a team of 5 or more. You can register at familypromisehawaii.org/funrun. Whether you run, walk, or watch, come support your community through Family Promise!

Vestry Highlights from September 27

1. We mourn the passing of Helen Ching, Lee Vuillemot, and Terry Werning, but also give thanks for the baptisms of Nicole Ezenwuba and Marcela Luce, and the birth of Emilia Lee Brannon.
2. Vestry members completed their letters to members of the congregation regarding their 2019 pledge.
3. Giovan introduced our new Curate, the Rev. Deacon Preston Lentz and reminded us to drop by the office to say aloha to Kari and Daisy.
4. Giovan stressed the importance of all completing our online Safeguarding God's People program; she will also ask the Diocese if we may do it as a group one evening.
5. Christian Ed is going well; we have 4 Godly Play teachers, 3 Catechesis teachers and 3 excellent child care folks. Giovan mentioned that we have four 7th graders and need a youth leader.
6. Mary Smith reported on the excellent volunteer work during the September 16-23 Family Promise week. She announced a November 3 work day and the next Family Promise week (November 4-11).
7. Care of Property reported that work is being done with the parish hall fans and that lights in the kitchen are a priority.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Barbara Schede, Sheryl Seaman, Phil and Gay Sevier, and their ohana.



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