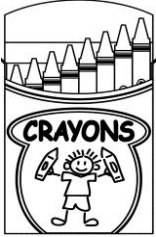




St. Christopher's News
December 2, 2018
The First Sunday in Advent

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!

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.

Congrats to Summer Cottet and her ohana on Baptism today!

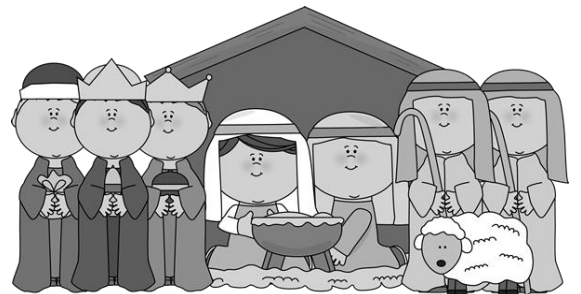
All Church Hospitality Party tonight, December 2, from 5-8 pm at Karen Gifford's home! Please come and get to know one another better, meet recent comers (who will be our special guests), and share food and fellowship. Please bring a dish to share. Drinks provided. Karen Gifford's house: 235 Kakahiaka St. For more information, please call Karen at 262.0352.

Youth Group Gathering is being rescheduled as we went to press. Stay tuned for more details!



Advent Lessons and Carols: December 16 at 5:00 pm. Enter the festive season with this traditional and beautiful music and scripture.

Christmas Eve Pageant Meeting: Next week, December 9nd, following the 9:30 service, there will be a brief meeting in the Parish Hall about this year's Christmas Eve Pageant. Please plan to attend if you have children that would like to



be involved in the pageant, or if you would like to assist! So grab some coffee and goodies, and join the group to hear more about the Christmas Eve pageant. If you have any questions, contact Mary-Alice Woody 808.221.6985 or woody1002@hawaii.rr.com.



Flowers for Christmas: Let's make the church festive for Christmas! To donate flowers for Christmas, please fill out the special envelope found in your bulletin, enclose your cash or check donation (a \$25 donation is suggested), and place it in the offering plate. Flowers will be taken to the homebound after the services.

*A generous person
will prosper;
whoever refreshes
others will be
refreshed.*

Proverbs 11:25

2018 Pledges: So far, we have received \$163,342.46 of the \$187,108 pledged for this year (88% of the total). Please remember that St. C's is counting on all of us to make our pledges so that we make our 2018 end of year budget. Mahalo for your generosity!

Have you taken your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) yet for 2018?

If you are 70 ½ or older, you can contribute to St. Christopher's directly from your Traditional IRA simply by instructing the plan administrator to make the transfer directly to St. Christopher's as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). Your gift will be transferred directly to St. Christopher's, will not be reported as taxable income and will count toward your minimal distribution requirements for 2018. And, most important, your generous support will help sustain St. Christopher's ministry, worship, Christian Education, outreach, and so much more.



Tea, Biscuits, and Sherry with the Rector! Friday, December 21, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in M. Giovan's office. Come, relax, and talk story!

10 am Friday Bible Study and Morning Prayer: We are studying Matthew's Gospel. We meet in the office for about an hour and no advance preparation is necessary.



Christmas is coming! We will soon have our Advent Angel tree with ornaments you may take to donate to Episcopal Relief and Development (cows, pigs, goats, etc.). Here are some other opportunities to spread Christmas spirit with local ministry outreach:

Community Helping Schools: This is Kathie Wells' 501(c)(3) that helps Oahu Schools have resources to maximize their learning. If you'd like to make donations, check out their website: www.communityhelpingschools.org.

Donors Choose: This is Meg Takahama's program, that also helps students in need. Each project is vetted. Check them out at www.donorschoose.com.

Waimanalo Youth & Family Collaborative: Our own Susan Gall is on their Board; they serve youth and families in need in Waimanalo. Check them out at www.waimanaloyouthandfamilycollaborative.org.

Mahalo for your Transforming Generosity, in many ways!



SERVING AT THIS MORNING'S SERVICES...

7:15: Celebrant & Preacher: *The Rev. Giovan King*; Deacon: *The Rev. Preston Lentz*; Greeter: *Mary Ann Knerr*; Usher: *Fred Smith*; Reader/Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister: *John Stefan*

9:30: Celebrant & Preacher: *The Rev. Giovan King*; Deacon: *The Rev. Preston Lentz*; Choir Master/Organist: *The Rev. Dan Werning*; Acolytes: *Will and Annabelle Coppola*; Usher: *Hal Barnes*; Reader/Eucharistic Minister: *Hank Bruckner*; Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister: *Lynn Simpson*

Coffee Fellowship Hour: *Bella & Kola Stefan*

Bread Baker: *Sharon Pang*

Altar Guild: *Group 1*

Flower Guild: *Paula Sterling*

Counters: *Fred Smith & Lisa DeLong*

Ministers: *All members of the Parish*

Save these December Dates!

Sunday, December 16, 5 pm: Lessons and Carols;
a beautiful candlelit service to celebrate the season.

Sunday, December 23: Holy Eucharist at 7:15 & 9:30 am

Monday, December 24: Family Christmas Pageant at 5 pm
Candlelight Service at 10 pm

Tuesday, December 25: Holy Eucharist at 10 am

Sunday, December 30: Holy Eucharist at 7:15 and 9:30 am

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Holly Turl, Anne Waters, and Wayne and Kathie Wells, and their ohana

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Our Mission is to know and share God's love.

Our Vision is to be God's hands in our world as a church without walls.
