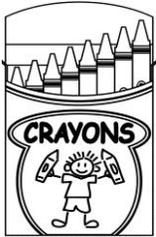




St. Christopher's News
December 9, 2018
The Second Sunday in Advent



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 after the service! Mahalo!

Our Nursery is down the sidewalk, and right at the second hallway; Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (ages 3 ½ - 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.

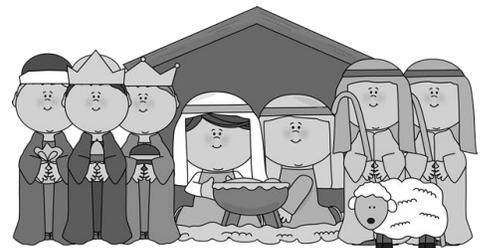


A huge thank you to Karen Gifford for hosting our lovely gathering on Sunday.



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: Today, December 9nd, following the 9:30 service, there will be a meeting in the Sanctuary about this year's Christmas Eve Pageant. Please plan to attend if you have children who 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 pageant. **There will also be rehearsals the next two Sundays, December 16 and 23, and kids should gather at 4 pm on Monday, December 24, before the 5 pm 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 approximately \$166,000 of the \$187,108 pledged for this year (89% 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 2018 Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) yet? If you are 70 ½ or older, you may 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. Your gift is transferred directly to St. Christopher's, is not reported as taxable income to you and counts toward your 2018 minimal distribution requirements. And, your generous support will help sustain St. Christopher's ministry, worship, Christian Education, outreach, and so much more. Mahalo!



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

Giving Tree: The Advent tree in our sanctuary is also a "giving tree." Episcopal Relief and Development offers Christmas opportunities for you to purchase mosquito nets, goats, pigs, etc., for people in need around the world. You are invited to take one (or more) of the tags hanging on the tree to provide much-needed gifts to improve the lives of others. Another win-win: give a mosquito net, goat, or pig, in someone else's name - you give a "gift of giving" to a friend or loved one, and a much needed gift of improved life for someone else!



Here are 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.

Mahalo for your Transforming Generosity, in many ways!

Vestry Highlights: The Vestry met on November 29, at 7 pm, in the Library. Highlights include:

1. We began with devotions, offered by Joanna Witt.
2. The financial report was received, and we seem to be on track.
3. Sr. Warden reported on music programming, including the December 16 Lessons and Carols, and Dan's February 24 organ concert.
4. As we do each November, we approved the portion of the Rector's salary to be considered "Housing" (based on a given formula; it has no effect on our budget).
5. We voted to recommend Deacon Preston Lentz to the priesthood.
6. It was reported that Christmas post cards will be available beginning December 2; vestry agreed to team with the other four Windward Episcopal churches to purchase a full paid ad in "The Voice."
7. We learned that there were 3 non-vestry proposals regarding 69 N. Kainalu that resulted from the November 18 congregational meetings; they were given to the Care of Property team to research; based on their review of all proposals, they will make recommendations to the vestry, which is to vote on what to present to the Diocese (which owns the property). We were reminded that it is the vestry, not the congregation, that makes such decisions.
8. We closed at approximately 8 pm with Compline.



SERVING AT THIS MORNING'S SERVICES...

7:15: Celebrant: *The Reverend Hollis Maxson*; Preacher: *The Rev. Giovan King*; Deacon: *The Rev. Preston Lentz*; Greeter: *Caitilin Embree*; Usher: *Daryl Cazinha*; Reader/Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister: *Jim Rubasch*

9:30: Celebrant & Preacher: *The Reverend Giovan Venable King*; Deacon: *The*

Rev. Preston Lentz; Organist/Choir Master: Dan Werning; Acolytes: Rachel &

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

Megan Mueller; Usher: Kathy Winston; Reader/Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister: Tom Simpson

Coffee Fellowship Hour: Mary Ann & Preston Lentz
Bread Baker: *Hazel Beh*
Altar Guild: *Group 2*
Flower Guild: *Meg Takahama*
Counters: *Fred Smith & Lisa DeLong*
Ministers: *All members of the Parish*

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Dan Werning, Frank and Anne White, and Carol Whitesell 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.*
