

Get Involved at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church!

To get involved in any of these activities contact the person(s) listed below.

You may also contact Kari in the office, at 262.8176, or
admin@stchristopherkailua.org;
or M. Giovan at 294.0695 or rector@stchristopherkailua.org

As Christians, we are called to give of our time and talent for the building of the Kingdom of God, to seek and serve Christ in all persons. Plus, we just feel better when we are involved in a ministry of the Church. It's a great way to get to know other people and to feel more connected. Here is a list of some of the activities at St. Christopher's. So, please: Jump right in! Get involved!!

CARE OF PARISH: WORSHIP

Acolytes: Acolytes light the altar candles and carry the cross and the torches (large candle sticks) down the aisle (mostly at the 9:30 service). Contact Susan Gall, Acolyte Master (284.1603; susangall130@gmail.com).

Altar Guild: This guild prepares for Communion and all services the church offers: baptism, weddings, funerals, etc. We have four teams of altar guild members. Each team works one week per month. We welcome new members! Head of Altar Guild: Caitilin Embree (261.2409).

Bread Bakers: The ministry of the bread bakers is to prepare the communion bread for the Sunday services. Each bread baker typically prepares the communion bread once a month. There is at least one recipe on our St. Christopher's website, and you may find other communion bread recipes in other places on the web, or perhaps you have one of your own. If interested in helping, please contact Marilyn Smith (230.8606; fymjsmith@gmail.com).

Flower Guild: The flower guild prepares the flowers for each Sunday, and for Christmas and Easter. Each person prepares flowers about once a month and all help during the special holidays. If interested, please contact Win Bennett (254.2048; ewben56@hawaii.rr.com).

Choir: The St. Christopher's Choir sings at the 9:30 services between September and May and also at the special Christmas and Easter services and other special occasions. If you would like to sing, the choir would love to have you. They rehearse on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m., and then again after the service, from about 10:45 to 11:30 am. Contact the Director of Music: Dan Werning (danwer@hawaii.rr.com) or just show up!

Ushers: Ushers hand out bulletins, give lei to visitors, take up the offering and usher people to the altar rail to take communion. They also turn on the sounds system and fans before the service and tidy up the church after the service. **Greeters** assist with all of this, making sure that all visitors feel welcome. Ushers also help give directions to visitors and notify Sunday school classes about when to come to the sanctuary to share communion with us. **There is an "Ushers and Greeters" leaflet**, to give more detailed information as well. If interested, contact the Rector, church office, Maryalice Woody (221.6985; woody1002@hawaii.rr.com), or Larry Woody (262.5196; ljw@hawaii.rr.com).

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Intercessors: Eucharistic Ministers serve the blessed elements (usually the wine) to the people gathered around the altar. Eucharistic Ministers at St. Christopher's usually serve as lectors (readers of Scripture) and intercessors (leading Prayers of the People). At the 7:15 am service, there is typically one Eucharistic Minister, who also is the lector and intercessor. At the 9:30 service, there are typically two Eucharistic Ministers, with one serving as Lector and the other as the Intercessor. Contact the Rector if you are interested in serving in this way.

Eucharistic Visitors: We have four Eucharistic Visitors trained to take communion to the sick and shut-ins. There is some formal training involved. This is an extremely rewarding ministry and very much appreciated. If you are interested, please contact Mo. Giovan.

CARE OF PARISH: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & CARE OF CHILDREN

Sunday Nursery: St. Christopher's nursery is for children approximately 3 ½ years old and younger. We have a nursery staff of three who work in rotations of two a Sunday. The nursery school is located toward the back of the campus. Turn right at the second hallway in the back. We provide childcare from 8:30 to 11:00 am on Sundays and often during special season services as well.

Sundays 8:30 to 9:30: Informal Sunday School for 3 ½ and above: Miss Fran is here by 8:30 to offer informal Sunday School from 8:30 to 9:30, for children of choir members, and children of parents who arrive on campus for adult classes, etc. The informal Sunday School meets in the Library (between Rooms 101 and 102).

Sundays at 9:30: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for 3 ½ to 6 years of age: This class meets in Room 102. This is a Montessori-style program led by Tam Shema and Jane Claybaugh. This class joins us for communion in the church.

Sundays at 9:30: Godly Play for Grades 1-6: This class is team taught by four church members and their assistants. Godly Play is also a Montessori-style program. Like Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, this class also joins us for communion at the 9:30 service in the Church.

Youth: Our youth are invited to any of our adult formation programs, and also are invited to volunteer in our children's formation program. They will also be notified about outings, and service projects shared by other Windward churches. If you or a member of your family would like to be involved, please contact M.Giovan at rector@stchristopherkailua.org or 294.0695.

CARE OF PARISH: ADULT EDUCATION

Sundays, 8:30-9:15 and other times during the year: Sunday Forum: There is often a Sunday Rector's Forum in between Sunday service, meeting in the Rector's office. What would you like to study? What might you like to teach, or what kind of discussion would you like to facilitate. Contact the Rector.

Wednesdays, 6:00-8:30 PM: Education for Ministry (EfM): This is an ongoing class, from September through May, that requires pre-registering, and involves quite a bit of preparation. If you are interested in learning more about it, contact Joanna Witt (277.2195; dwitt6337@hawaii.rr.com).

Tuesday, 10:00 am-11:15 am: Bible Study: This ongoing group meets in the Rector's office to discuss the Bible and books pertaining to the Bible. Contact the Rector for information on what we are currently studying.

CARE OF PARISH: PRAYER AND CONGREGATIONAL CARE.

Healing Prayer: On the fourth Sunday of each month, following Communion, we have healing prayer in the Prayer Chapel. A member will pray with you. We truly believe prayer makes a difference. To be involved with healing prayer, please contact Mary Ann Knerr (388.6104; knerrm001@hawaii.rr.com).

Prayer Team/Prayer Power: Prayer Team/Prayer Power ministers hold no meetings; each offers prayers on his or her own schedule, maintaining the confidentiality of all prayer requests. This is a group of ministers who really know first-hand the power of prayer! If you'd like to join them in their prayers, please contact Maryalice Woody (221.6985; woody1002@hawaii.rr.com). (Also contact Maryalice, or the office, if you'd like to be prayed for, perhaps in confidence, by this ministry team.)

Congregational Care Team: This team helps with people who may have short-term needs such as provision of a meal or transportation to a doctor's appointment. If you would like to help in this way, please contact the Rector.

CARE OF COMMUNITY: OUTREACH

St. Christopher's has always been known for its outreach ministry. Barbra Green, barbrarip@gmail.com, is our coordinator for general outreach, although many of our outreach programs have another member who may serve as a contact. Here is a list of the outreach programs in which we are or have recently been involved. If a particular name is not listed, contact Barbra or the office for more information.

Family Promise: This is a national organization and St. Christopher's helped begin the Hawaii chapter in 2006. We provide overnight quarters and three meals a day for a week, four times a year, to families in transition. The Family Promise day house is also on our campus. There are sign-ups for meal preparation, staying overnight, etc. a few weeks before each Family Promise week. If interested, contact Mary Smith (thesmiths97@hotmail.com; 910.554.7766).

I.H.S.: Begun in 1978 by St. Christopher's Rector, Fr. Claude du Teil, Institute for Human Service (I.H.S.) has grown into the largest service organization on the island, working to prevent homelessness and hunger. We collect food quarterly, to feed about 300 people. If you would like to be involved or to learn more about it, please contact Barbra Green (808.854.1377; barbrarip@gmail.com).

St. Christopher's Christmas Dinner: On a Sunday in December, we prepare a Christmas meal that we share with State hospital and staff. We began this ministry in 1960. We sing together, laugh together and fellowship together. Please contact the office if interested in helping.

Other outreach programs include, but are not limited to:

Windward Senior Day Care Center, Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter, Women's Community Correctional Center in Kailua

CARE OF COMMUNITY: BUILDING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Beach Eucharist and Picnic: One Sunday near Labor Day weekend, we have our 9:30 service at Kailua Beach Park, followed by a “Chill-n-Grill” type picnic. Hot dogs and hamburgers are usually provided by the vestry and the rest is potluck. It is lots of fun and a great opportunity to get to know parishioners in a casual setting. If you’d like to help, please contact the office 262.8176.

Fellowship Hour: Do you like food? Do you like people? One of the most important ministries one can provide is the hospitality of food, especially when we have guests and relative newcomers. It gives us a way to welcome folks, invite them to the parish hall and have an opportunity to chat with them, and with friends as well. Can you provide for coffee hour one Sunday a month, or one Sunday every two months? That would really help us out so very much! If so, please contact the office 262.8176 or sign up in the Parish Hall.

Family Camp: Usually around the first weekend in May, we have a weekend Family Camp up at Camp Mokuleia. There is plenty of time for swimming, snorkeling, turtle-watching, eating s'mores and singing at the campfire, playing a softball game for all ages, playing Frisbee golf, and just hanging out. There is a morning Eucharist on Sunday, at the campfire. Information becomes available around February for the camp, but if you’d like to offer to help, contact Emily Hawkins (389.2822; emilyh@hawaii.rr.com).

Softball: St. Christopher’s has had a softball team that has practiced and played other Church teams in the spring and summer. It is currently on hiatus. If you are interested in helping to revive the church league in Kailua, contact Maryalice Woody (221.6985; woody1002@hawaii.rr.com).

CARE OF SACRED SPACE

House & Grounds: Do you have a hidden talent, like painting, woodworking, planting and maintaining a flower garden? Our sexton and volunteer grounds people do a lot of our work, but we do need all kinds of talents on work days (even just extra hands) and we especially could use someone with a green thumb to maintain or, at this point, revive, our flower garden by the office door. We welcome new “regulars” as well as occasional volunteers. If you could help with H&G, please contact Senior Warden Joanna Witt (dwitt6337@hawaii.rr.com; 227.2195), Junior Warden Daryl Cazinha (dcazinha0011@live.com; 235.8903), the office, or the Rector.

LEADERSHIP

Leadership: As with all Episcopal Churches, we are led by a vestry. The vestry includes the Rector, a Senior Warden (chosen by the Rector), a Junior Warden, and nine other at-large adult vestry members elected by the Church, who each serve for three years. Each year the nominations committee presents a slate for members to vote on at the Annual Meeting, which is the last Sunday in January. If you are a member in good standing (attend regularly, pledge, and support the life of the church), and would like to run for a leadership position, talk to a vestry member (vestry members' names and contact information are listed on the church bulletin boards), member of the Nominations Committee (usually announced toward the end of the calendar year), or Rector.

Your Group Could be Listed in this Brochure:

What would you like to see happening at St. Christopher's?

You could start it. That's the way the best church groups get going! Someone with a genuine interest in something gathers together a few like-minded individuals and things take off...

How about

A Book Group? A Women's Group? A Men's Group? Centering Prayer?

BESIDES THE ABOVE, HERE ARE A FEW MINISTRIES MANY OF US WISH WE HAD:

...Several lay individuals interested in leading / facilitating Adult Education programs (3 to 6 week sessions). Is there someone among you who would be interested in leading an Adult Education class? Please let the Rector know!

...A social group that goes on planned 'field trips' - to plays, to museums, to movies, on hikes, to restaurants - you name it...

...Organized dinners or desserts or pupu events for small groups, to get to know each other...

...others?