

Get Involved at St. Christopher's!

To get involved in any of these activities contact the person(s) listed below.
You may also contact Angie Dye, our Parish Administrator in the office
(262.8176 or admin@stchristopherkailua.org)
or the Rev. Giovan King (294.0695 or rector@stchristopherkailua.org)

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

CARE OF PARISH: WORSHIP

Acolytes: Acolytes light the altar candles and may carry the cross or torch (large candle stick) down the aisle (mostly at the 9:30 service) and often read scripture, if interested. Contact The Rev. Preston Lentz (523.9488; revprestonlentz@gmail.com).

Altar Guild: This guild prepares for Communion and all services the church offers: baptism, weddings, funerals, foot washing at Easter. 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; caitilin.embree@gmail.com).

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. Although they don't really have a Head or Chair, perhaps the first person to contact might be 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 Paula Sterling (808.208.4099; kealaula1@yahoo.com)

Choir: The St. Christopher's Choir sings at the 9:30 services from September to 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@hawaiiantel.net) or just show up!

Ushers: Ushers turn on the sound system and fans or air conditioners before the service; they hand out bulletins, give lei to visitors, take up the offering and usher people to the altar rail to take communion. They also 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, notify Sunday school classes about when to come to the sanctuary to share communion with us. **There is an Ushers and Greeters leaflet**, that gives more detailed information as well. If interested, contact the rector or Parish Administrator for 9:30 service, or Fred Smith for 7:15 service (230.8606; fymjsmith@gmail.com).

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

Eucharistic Visitors: We currently have three Eucharistic Visitors who are 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 the Rector.

Counters: Counters are another key Sunday volunteer group. Counters work in groups of two, each group serving once a month. They tally donations received on Sundays (and the preceding week). If interested, please contact Fred Smith (230.8606; fymjsmith@gmail.com).

CARE OF PARISH: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & CARE OF CHILDREN

Sunday Nursery: St. Christopher's nursery is for children 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.

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

Sunday 9:30: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for 3 ½ to 6 years of age: This class meets in Room 102 from September through June. This is a Montessori-style program led by Tam Shema, Carter Kimsey, and Jane Claybaugh. This class joins us for communion in the church.

Sunday 9:30: Godly Play for Grades 1-6: This class, which meets from September through June, is led by four church members (MG Coppola, Tom King, Christine McElwain, and Nancy Perry). Godly Play is also a Montessori-style program, and also joins us for communion at the 9:30 service in the Church.

Youth: This year is a year of rebuilding for our youth group. We have three or four youth in the seventh grade. We gather at homes off campus, for conversation and meals, and go to movies or other events together. The Youth also do some service projects together. Our youth are invited to any of our adult formation programs, and invited to volunteer in our children's formation program. If you or a member of your family would like to be involved, please contact the Rector (808.294.0695; rector@stchristopherkailua.org) or our Curate, the Rev. Preston Lentz (523.9488; lentznp@gmail.com).

CARE OF PARISH: ADULT EDUCATION

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

Tuesday, 10:00-11:15 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.

Tuesday, 6:15-8:45 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).

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) or Maryalice Woody (woody1002@hawaii.rr.com; 221.6985)

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. Here is a list of the main outreach programs in which we are or have recently been involved. If a particular name is not listed, contact the Rector or the office for more information.

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

Institute for Human Services (originally the "Peanut Butter Minister"): Begun in 1978 by St. Christopher's Rector, Fr. Claude du Teil, 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. To help, please contact John Stefan (808.754.8164; johnwstefan@yahoo.com); Penny Sonoda (808.218.2432; areinasonoda@gmail.com); or Larry Stamey (808.285.8873; lmonroestamey@gmail.com).

Windward Senior Day Care Center has been located on our campus since 1974. It is a wonderful place for day care for our kupuna in our community. To learn more about the Center, please contact the Rector, or check out their website at windwardseniordaycarecenter.org.

St. Christopher's Christmas Dinner: Since 1960 and until 2017, St. C's has prepared a Christmas meal that we share with State Mental hospital clients and staff; we sing together, laugh together and fellowship together as well. Sadly, this event is on hiatus, as the Hospital reevaluates off campus events, but we pray it will happen next year.

Other outreach programs include, but are not limited to:

Women's Community Correctional Center in Kailua, Hale Kipa, Community Helping Schools, and Donors Choose.

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; admin@stchristopherkailua.org).

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. Can you provide snacks for coffee hour one Sunday a month, or one Sunday every two months? That would help bless our parish so very much! If so, please contact the office (262.8176; admin@stchristopherkailua.org) or sign up in the Parish Hall.

Family Camp: Usually around the first weekend in May, we have a three-day 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. Information becomes available around February for the camp, but if you’d like to offer to help, contact Tom King (808.386.4202; tomgioking@gmail.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). We welcome new “regulars” as well as occasional volunteers. If you could help with H&G, please contact Senior Warden Joanna Witt (808.227.2195; dwitt6337@hawaii.rr.com), Care of Property Chair Hal Barnes (808.551.5253; halbarnes02@gmail.com) 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 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 and also in a brochure on the table by the organ), a member of the Nominations Committee (announced each fall), or the 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?

We are always looking for creative ideas of creating stronger fellowship within our parish. Here are some other great ideas that just need YOU to step up and coordinate:

A Fishing Group...

Short Adult Education programs, 3-6 week sessions

A Field Trip Group, think museums, plays, movies...

A Hiking Group

A monthly dinner/dessert/pupu group

All we need is one, two or three folks to step up and organize to make these ideas happen. Contact the rector or church office to let us know your interest.

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