

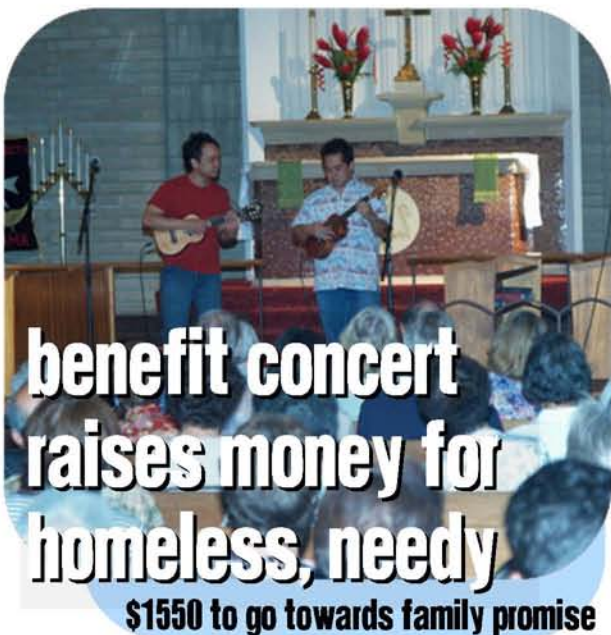
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"...to prosper...to inspire..."



[The Newsletter of
St. John's By-the-Sea]

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benefit concert raises money for homeless, needy

\$1550 to go towards family promise

Jesus said:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and
thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted
because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.

"Blessed are you when people insult
you, persecute you and falsely say all
kinds of evil against you because of
me. Rejoice and be glad, because great
is your reward in heaven, for in the
same way they persecuted the
prophets who were before you."

Grammy Award-
winner **Daniel Ho**
and **Herb Ohta,**
Jr. presented a
benefit concert at
St. Elizabeth's
Episcopal Church,
720 N. King Street,

on Saturday, August 4th at 1:00
pm. While the sounds of strum-
ming ukuleles delighted the
crowd, it is Hawaii's homeless
and needy that were truly
blessed. Tickets at \$15 each will
benefit the plight of families
who are homeless. All ticket
proceeds will go towards Family
Promise, a transitional homeless
project at St. John's by the Sea,
and Habitat for Humanity,
home building in Waianae for
permanent housing for home-
less and needy. The concert was
the debut of **Daniel Ho's** new-
est CD and book.

Family Promise is a continuing
project that St. John's By-the-
Sea has embraced since its in-
ception. If you have the heart to
help—either as a volunteer or
through a donation—please
contact **Fr. David Gierlach** or
e-mail MC_L@hotmail.com

Ko kakou Hokukula`a `ula

(Our Sacred Guiding Star)

We are a communion of
saints who worship Christ
and serve others.

We embrace the Hawaiian
values of:

ALOHA—We love and re-
spect God and one another.

MANA—We respect the
Spirit of God within each of
us and all things.

MALAMA—We are good
stewards of God's Creation.

PONO—We are righteous
and just in all our undertak-
ings.

"Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, 'Rejoice.'"
—Philippians 4:4

inside this issue...



new column: priest's post—its
on goings-on at st. john's.



prep day for east-west center
fundraiser on aug 24... and more!!!

Priest's Post-Its



We have had our first month together and I think things are moving...Our 9:30 Wednesday morning healing service/eucharist is growing by twos every

week...like the ark! We were 8 at last count...Here's what we do: we gather in a circle of chairs in front of the altar, we pray the prayers for those in need of healing, we have a couple of readings, we all share our reflections on the readings and on our lives, those who wish have hands laid on, oil anointing, then the eucharist. It's very informal, but very intimate too. Feel free to check it out anytime!



The "adults only" bible study follows the Wednesday morning service. You wouldn't BELIEVE what is in there! If you like RAW HUMAN DRAMA, SERIOUS FAMILY INTRIGUE, SEX, BETRAYAL, PLAGUES, AND MORE (like hope, forgiveness, unending loyalty, and peace), this is the place for you! I bring the donuts...



The Wednesday children's program at 3 pm is coming along. We have had a number of kids from the neighborhood, thanks to **Tori, Akahi, Shelby and Isaac. Lois, Alma, and Leone** have been stalwarts in reading to the children and rounding them up. We need fresh fruit snacks and donations of books...Also, I really want to get the kiln fired up so we can add art to the program...*Only one problem, I'm no artist! Any ideas anyone...?*



The bench campaign is going well...As you know, we are working to replace the benches outside of the church. We have had generous donations of \$800 so far, and the **Jim Willig Family** has offered to donate a bench themselves in honor of their first grandson **Tony!** (More on **Tony** below). Please make a donation if you can...The sooner we replace what we have the sooner our insurance man will sleep soundly through the night...



Family Promise is our commitment to the homeless, to shelter those in need...**The fundraiser by St. Elizabeth's raised a lot of money for Family Promise and for Habitat For Humanity: the amount to St John's for Family Promise is \$1550!** Thanks to **Mother Jodene Hawkins, the Vestry of St. E's** and to all of YOU who supported the concert event! This time around, because our hall was booked, we will assist Kailua Baptist in caring for the homeless. Please see me or **Tori** about cooking a meal and for the dates...



John Bossie, our member and friend, has redeployed to Iraq. Please keep him in your prayers and if you can, send him a letter, an email or a care package...His address is elsewhere in this newsletter. May Our Lord bless, keep and protect him and all who are in Iraq. May this war be brought to a speedy end...



It was a great joy to have **Mark and Lou Parsons**, with their now very grown children **William and Lisa**, back with us. **William** is off to Stanford to begin a PhD in Chemistry and **Lisa** is teaching 4th graders! Good thing only the children get older and not us, eh? **Lou**, a priest that we had a part in raising up, celebrated the Holy Eucharist with and for us! A true joy! **The Parsons** also made a very generous gift toward our bench fund (see above)...



Weddings and baptisms are going on at St. John's! **Maire and John Elliot** were made husband and wife on August 8, 2007 and our dear **Leo and Melody** will be married on September 1, 2007! **The Willigs'** first grandson **Tony (Sarah and Greg** are the parents!) will be baptized August 19, 2007. **Fr. Hopkins'** great grandchild will be baptized September 9...!



I cannot tell you how thrilled I am to be home at our beloved St. John's By-The-Sea! I will probably keep saying that for the next 10 years...Please bring your ideas, your prayers, your hopes, dreams and friends to the church as we work to transform ourselves, to bend ourselves, to that which God has called us to become...*aloha, david+*



Quotable Quotes from Notable Folks

"How great is the power of Prayer!...I say very simply to God what I wish to say, without composing beautiful sentences, and He always understands me. For me, prayer is an inspiration of the heart, it is a simple glance directed toward heaven, it is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial as well as joy; finally, it is something great, supernatural, which expands my soul and unites me to Jesus."

Teresa of Lisieux, *Story of a Soul*

For more on what makes her notable, here's one of many web links on her life story:



<http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?id=105>



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a way to help make a difference

Here's a way to keep up on what's going on in the Diocese and also to make your own contribution: be nominated for one of the positions that will be elected by Convention. Positions are available for Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, Cathedral Chapter, Ecclesiastical Trial Court, and Deputy to the Episcopal Church's General Convention in 2009.

For more information, go to the Elections tab of the Convention 2007 page on the diocesan Web site www.episcopalhawaii.org

those uto pennies add up

All congregations should have received blue United Thank Offering (UTO) boxes and envelopes, which the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) mailed out in June. **Joyce Kim**, the UTO Coordinator for Hawai'i, asks that congregations hold the fall "ingathering" of the UTO offering on Sunday, September 30. Then the congregational offerings can be collected at the ECW Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 13.

UTO is a way for people in congregations to make regular small contributions, perhaps each day, in thanksgiving for something. The "blue boxes" act like a "piggy-bank" for these small donations, and also as a reminder of one's faithfulness. On the UTO Ingathering Sunday, people bring their blue boxes (or a

discussions on 'communion matters'

The Theology Committee of the House of Bishops has prepared a study document for the Episcopal Church to use in consideration of the relationship of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion because of disagreements over human sexuality. The document, called *Communion Matters: A Study Document for the Episcopal Church*, will be the basis for a set of discussion groups scheduled throughout the Diocese on Monday, August 13, at 7:00 p.m. The discussions are intended to last no longer than two hours.

Below are the churches where the discussions will be held, with the names of the facilitator(s):

O'ahu:

St. Clement's, **The Rev. Liz Zivanov**

St. Christopher's, **The Rev. Cass Bailey**

St. George's, **John Hawkins** (Chair of the Transformation and Evangelism Department) and **Susan Moore** (Bishop's Warden of St. George's)

Maui:

Good Shepherd, Wailuku, **The Rev. Moki Hino**

Kaua'i:

St. Michael and All Angels, **The Rev. Mary Lindquist**

Big Island:

Holy Apostles, Hilo, **The Rev. Russ Johnson**

Christ Church, Kealahou, **The Rev. Carol Arney**

check with the total amount, if they so choose) to church. The total contributions then go to the UTO office for grants to churches for mission projects.

From these small contributions from people throughout the Episcopal Church, almost \$2.5 million was given in grants in 2006. Last year, the people of the Diocese of Hawai'i gave \$20,000 to UTO. St. Matthew's Church, Waimanalo, was the recipient of a 2006 UTO grant of \$30,000 for roof repair.

Shipping costs for the UTO materials are being paid for by the Hawai'i ECW. If you received an invoice for shipping, please send it to **Joyce Kim** at

joycekim@hawaii.rr.com



“Let the little children come to me...”

A 2-page pictorial on the growing Wednesday afternoon reading program for children within the community.





But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven..."
(Matthew 19:14)

Interested in
helping grow and
expand the
children's program?

See Fr. David
for details.





ding dong bell!

It's back-to-school time at St. John's!

Sunday School resumes **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**. Registration and activities will begin in Ho`okano Hall at 9:30. Children will join their families in church at the time of The Peace.

The curriculum will continue the PowerXpress program that everyone enjoyed last year with some exciting new units, including "Daniel and the Lion's Den!" All children three and older are welcomed with enthusiasm! Youth in seventh grade or older are encouraged to join our corps of shepherds.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND SHEPHERDS: Please make every effort to attend a 15-minute meeting **SUNDAY, AUGUST 26** immediately after the service. We'll gather at the conference table outside David's office before the Bishop's Committee convenes. We'll work up a calendar and distribute teaching materials.

Please call me with any questions.

Vicki Fay 247-4981
Sunday School Coordinator



Quotable Quotes from Notable Folks

"If we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered to us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."

C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*, ed. Walter Hooper (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1980), 26

For more on what makes him notable, here's one of many web links on his life story:



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/C._S._Lewis

John 15:13 *Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends...*

We all have at least one friend or family member in the military, risking their lives as they fight overseas. In fact our own church member **Jon Bossie** is stationed again in Iraq, after having recently returned from the country!

On behalf of **Fr. David** and the **Ho'oulu**, we encourage you to send any e-mail or letters of encouragement or care packages to remind him how much we love, honor and respect him for selflessly serving our country.

He can be reached at:

E-mail: **jonathan.bossie@gmail.com**

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And, of course, let's continue to pray for his—and other servicemen and women's—safe return!

Prep Day for East-West Center fundraiser: August 24 at 9 am at Ho'okano Hall

St. John's By-the-Sea will again be hosting the East-West Center at Ho'okano Hall. The function will be a full luau with live entertainment. **Volunteers to help out with prepping for this major fundraiser for our church are needed.** The monies will go towards the operating budget of our church. The East-West Center will be providing the guests at \$45/person, so no ticket selling will be involved. But your helping hands will be needed to help make this a success! See **Fr. David** for details.

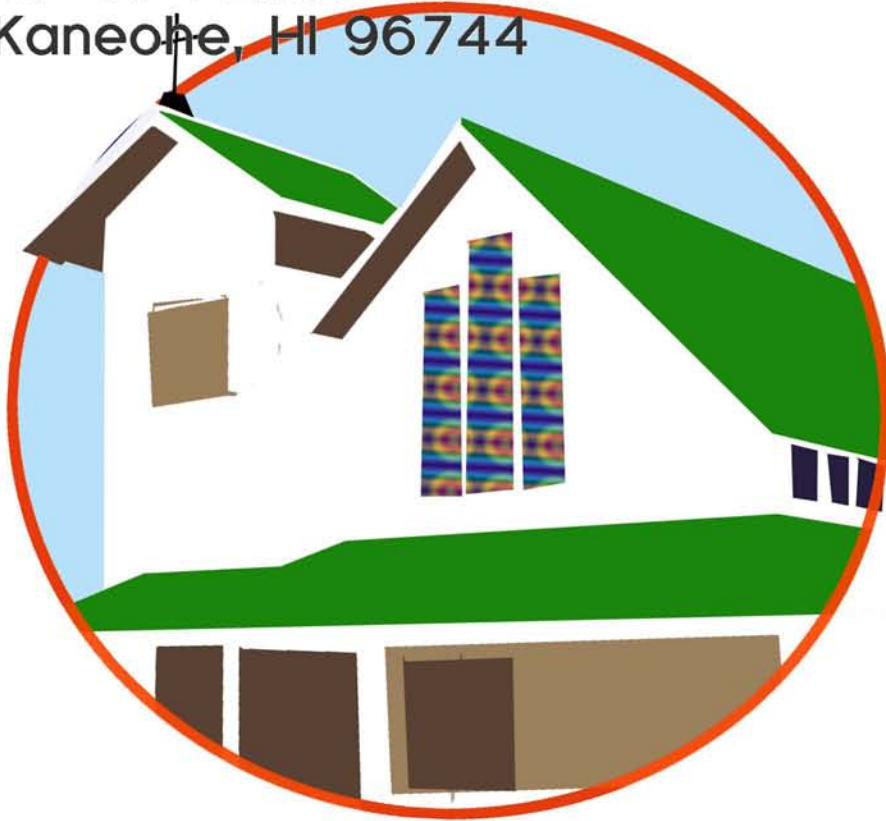


aloha, readers:

Here's **your** chance to share your experience at St. John's By-the-Sea with our readers.

Simply send us your story and accompanying photos to the editor at **MC_L@hotmail.com**

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**welcome to
st. john's by-the-sea**

**sunday service
starting at 9.30am**

**wednesday eucharist/healing service
starting at 9.30am**

bible study follows wednesday service

**afterschool children's program
wednesday afternoons at 3pm**