

The year of the Epiphany season will soon be over and on February 14, Ash Wednesday is observed and the season of Lent begins. Some of us start the season with the imposition of ashes on our foreheads at a service. Lent has always brought to mind the idea of giving up something you like so that one can focus on the season of Lent and what God wants us to do. At Good Samaritan church, the colors are purple with all the altar hangings. There are no fresh flowers on the altar except for the possibility of greens. I have given up many things through the years, but now I try to get a special reading or book. This year my choice will be *THE BOOK OF JOY* by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. With Lent approaching, think of what God may be saying to you and think of what we at Good Samaritan Church need to do as we go forward in our outreach to people who do not know the love of God.



### Annual Meeting on January 8, 2018

The annual Meeting was called to order by Senior Warden Debbie Nishihira. Several items were passed. Highlights of the meeting were:

- The 2018 balanced budget was passed.
  - The preschool savings account is being closed and deposited to the church account.
  - Rental of the parish hall for special occasions.
  - Rummage sale fundraisers in the spring and fall will continue.
  - Discussion and planning on getting at least a half-time priest will continue into the year.
- Bishop's Committee members were confirmed and/or elected.
  - Jr. Warden - Les Hata
  - 3-yr. term: Chris Omuro and Melissa Morinishi
  - 2-yr. term: Myrtle Kaneshiro and Rich Marshall
  - 1-yr. term: Lori Chun and Jan Motoshige
- Diocesan Convention
  - Delegates: Faye Hee, Melissa Morinishi, and Deb Nishihira
  - Alternates: Taylor Omuro and Rich Marshall

After the conclusion of the meeting, a potluck was enjoyed in the parish hall.

Next meeting is set for February 18th after church refreshments. Business that needs to be done is the appointment of a clerk and the start of talks regarding the future hiring of a part time priest. Come with your ideas!



Visitors in January included Jerry and Lenie Nishihira pictured to the left with Calvin Say, Cy and Deb Nishihira.

We also had a special visit by Father Halter's daughter and granddaughter pictured to the right with Jan Motoshige.



Our newest lector, Ariel Lee, doing the readings on Sunday.



Pictured in church are Vivian Hee, Alice Chinen, Simeona Geston, and Lillian Oshiro.



## Kupuna Ministry

Jan Motoshige and Mildred Ogai visit the Palolo Chinese Home.

Please let Janice know of any ideas you may have or share for the Kupuna Ministry.



"As we GIVE, we find that 'sacrifice brings forth the BLESSINGS of heaven'. and in the end, we learn it was no SACRIFICE at all."



# Mark your calendars

## Episcopal Church Women's Meeting (ECW):

The Episcopal Church Women will be having their first meeting of the year at Good Samaritan's parish hall on Saturday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30am – 12pm with a hosted lunch. All women are invited to attend! RSVP to Jan if you are interested in attending so we can get a head count for lunch.

## Refreshments/Flowers:

New sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board at the back of the church. It was agreed upon at our annual meeting that silk flowers or greenery around the property will be used when there's a blank for that Sunday.

## T-SHIRTS FOR SALE!

A few more Good Samaritan t-shirts remaining....\$15 - contact Jan. Great to wear at church events!



**February 8**—Episcopal Asian Ministries Planning Meeting, 6 pm. Epiphany Church Parish Hall

**February 10**—Episcopal Church Women's Meeting, 9:30 am. Good Samaritan Church Parish Hall

**February 18**—Bishop's Committee Meeting after refreshments

**February 22**—IHS 9am—12pm, St. Mary's

**Every Wednesday**—Tri-church Bible Study at St. Mary's Episcopal Church—10:00 am to 11:30 am (Led by Michael Kim of St. Luke's )

**Last Thursday of every month**—IHS at St. Mary's, 9:00-12:00. Any help is welcome—stay for a few minutes and observe the difference this program is making in our community! Upcoming dates: October 26th and November 30th.



Don't forget ..... drop your pennies in the CPC jar

## JARRETT PRIDE DAY

Looking ahead...Good Samaritan will again have a table at Jarret Middle School's Pride Day event. It will be held on Saturday, March 3rd from 9am—2pm. Volunteers to work a shift on that day will be welcome! If you have any new ideas on what to do on that day, please let Jan or one of the Bishop's Committee members know.



## Calendar for February 2018

### Ministries

	Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 18	Feb. 25
<b>Supply Clergy</b>	Rev. Kate Cullinane	Rev. Kate Cullinane	Rev. Annalise Pasalo	Rev. Annalise Pasalo
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Deb Nishihira	Betsy Hata	Myrtle Kaneshiro	Pat Lum
<b>Lector</b>	Gavin Nishihira	Paul Kaneshiro	Melissa Morinishi	Ariel Lee
<b>Alms</b>	Youth	Youth	Pat	Youth
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Chris	Faye	Deb	Chris
<b>Counters</b>	Chris/Pat	Jessica/Melissa	Les/Myrtle	Chris/Pat
<b>Flowers</b>	Kaneshiro	Nishihira	Lent	Lent
<b>Watering</b>	Cy	Cy	Cy	Cy
<b>Refreshments</b>	Lee	Kaneshiro	Hata	Nishihira

*Happy Birthday*

Feb. 1—Kendall Lui

Feb. 5—Ariel Lee

Feb. 5—James Higa

Feb. 7—Kenneth Marshall

Feb. 7—Rodney Nishimoto



Feb. 8—Donna Ujimori

Feb. 13—Matthew Hirai

Feb. 16—Taylor Omuro

Feb. 24—Coel Oshiro

Feb. 27—Taylor Fukunaga

Feb. 28—Les Hata

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# HIKARI

(The Light)



The Rt. Rev. Robert L. Fitzpatrick, Bishop of Hawaii

Debbie Nishihira, Sr. Warden  
Les Hata, Jr. Warden

## February 2018

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