

From Contributing Editor - Myrtle Kaneshiro



Lent is here and started with Ash Wednesday on March 6, 2019. What is important about Lent? It is a time for reflection for all who are followers of Jesus Christ. When Jesus went into the desert for 40 days, he was tempted by the devil 3x. And we, today, see Lent as reminders of the temptations. Some of us may give up something we love to help us focus on Jesus and his teachings. It has been a long journey for me as a Christian. I used to give up coffee and that was it. I used to do this for years but now it seems that it was too easy.

Later, I would find a book of meaning as my Lenten study. One such book, *THE BOOK OF JOY* by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, was just a wonderful book to reflect on life during this season. Reading a book of the Bible and joining a Bible study group for Lent can also be meaningful. I now have a book on hand but I want to think of more ways where I can be of help to my neighbor. Am I doing enough? Can I donate my time or money to a cause affecting people's lives?

Everyone views Lent in many different ways and so I encourage you to take this time to reflect and ponder on your life as a Christian. +Amen.



Please join us!



Palm Sunday, April 14th

9am service at Good Samaritan



EASTER SERVICE, April 21st

9am—with an Easter egg hunt and refreshments to follow.



It's always nice to see old friends and first-time visitors to our church!



Amy (Ogai) Yan, visiting from Maryland, pictured with Jan.



Our piano player Ben Trusnovec with his mom, Ruth, and her friend Dan visiting from the mainland.



Rev. Greg Johnson, Rev. Malcolm Hee, and Rev. David Ota



Bishop's Committee Highlights:

1. We are in the process of transitioning into a new money management program for the fiscal operations of the church since the old program is now obsolete and the replacement is at a much higher cost. We have consulted with Peter Pereira and Roxane will be following up on which program to use. For now the counters have reverted back to recording things on a spreadsheet.
2. The Bishop's Committee is looking into ways of renting the parish hall for income. One of the ideas that is gaining momentum is dividing the Ewa end of the hall into two large rooms in which a family could reside; upgrade the bathrooms with added shower, and the addition of a washer/dryer, the latter of which has already been donated. This will require 3 bids. Peter Pereira advised us to use existing funds instead of obtaining a loan as long as there are funds still available afterwards. If all goes well, this project may take a few months and the church should recover the money through renting within a couple of years. It is exciting because this is an idea thought out of the box. More to come as the months progress.

Facilities Updates:

The pavilion railings were rotting and starting to wobble so we had it replaced. They are now nice and sturdy especially for our groups that use the pavilion weekly. The rainy weather has prevented the railings from being painted but once the weather clears it will get done!



Before

After

The back of the parish hall was cleared of debris thanks to Tony Dinozo, Cy and Gavin. Lots of bags were taken to the dump! We will be looking at how to spruce up the area even more!



Outreach:

Thank you to Jarrett Middle School for choosing to give part of their canned food drive to us for our outreach! Many have already been given to those in need! Thank you also to Roxane Matsumoto for picking up the donations, Deb & Gavin and Deb's co-worker, Angela Mendiola, for sorting the cans, and Malcolm Hee for organizing them in the kitchen!



Angela Mendiola sorting the cans



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW) QUIET DAY RETREAT:

Saturday, April 27, 2019
9:00 AM – 1:30 PM
St. Anthony Retreat Center, Kalihi
Cost is \$20

The Episcopal Church Women in the Diocese will be holding their annual "Quiet Day" Retreat on Saturday, April 27, 2019 (WAS March 23), at the St. Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi. The day begins with coffee and light refreshments at 9:00 AM, followed by worship, guided meditation, lunch, and sharing session wrapping up at 1:30 PM. Cost is \$20. For more information contact Louise Aloy at (808) 264-9830 or she can also be contacted by email at louisealoy63@gmail.com.



CAMP MOKULE'IA OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS TO ALL CHURCHES IN THE DIOCESE:

Camp Mokule'ia is excited to share their 2019 program that includes five summer camps for children and teens in grades 2 through 12, including a camp on Maui and the Big Island. Early bird rates are in effect until April 5, so plan your summer dates and register soon! To view the different camp options, visit their website.

For 2019, they are also offering every Episcopal church in the Diocese \$1,000 in camp scholarships. Each church will be given four \$250 summer camp scholarships! Contact our Sr. Warden, Deb, by calling the church office and leaving a message. Let's send some kids to camp!

Mark your calendars

March 17—Bishop's Committee Meeting after refreshments

March 22-24—Presiding Bishop in Hawaii for Renewal Conference at the Blaisdell and St. Andrew's Cathedral.

April 27—ECW Quiet Day Retreat at St. Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi; 9AM—1:30PM

April 28—Bishop's Committee Meeting after refreshments

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

KUPUNA MINISTRY:

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



PRAYER LIST:

Please submit names you would like included on our Sunday prayer list with forms located at the back of the church or email. They will stay on for the month and a new list will be generated at the beginning of each month.

Calendar for March 2019

Ministries

	Mar. 3	Mar. 10	Mar. 17	Mar. 24	Mar. 31
Supply Clergy	Rev. Malcolm Hee	Rev. Alex Geston	Rev. John Tomoso	Rev. Alex Geston	Rev. Greg Johnson
Altar Guild	Betsy Hata	Myrtle Kaneshiro	Pat Lum	Faye Hee	Jessica Lum
Lector	Ariel Lee	Russell Nishimoto	Betsy Hata	Gavin Nishihira	Paul Kaneshiro
Alms	Youth	Youth	Pat	Youth	Youth
Eucharistic Minister	Chris	Faye	Deb	Chris	Faye
Counters	Chris/Pat	Jessica/Melissa	Les/Myrtle	Chris/Pat	Jessica/Melissa
Flowers	Hee	Lent-no flowers	Lent-no flowers	Lent-no flowers	Lent-no flowers
Watering	Cy	Cy	Cy	Cy	Cy
Refreshments	Calvin Say	Hata	Myrtle Kaneshiro	Nishihira	Lori Chun

Happy Birthday

- Arthur Awaya—3
- Blaine Kiyuna—20
- Kai Kaneshiro—21
- Yayoi Marshall—23



- Darrell Omuro—27
- Jean Higa—28
- Kathy Nishimoto—30
- Dene Shimabukuro—30
- Lorilyn Hee (Lee) - 31

Calendar for April 2019

Ministries

	Apr. 7	Apr. 14	Apr. 21	Apr. 28
Supply Clergy	Rev. John Tomoso	Rev. Alex Geston	Rev. Annalise Pasalo (Tentative)	Rev. Malcolm Hee
Altar Guild	Pat Lum	Jan Motoshige	Taylor Omuro	Chris Omuro
Lector	Melissa Morinishi	Ariel Lee	Russell Nishimoto	Betsy Hata
Alms	Youth	Youth	Pat	Youth
Eucharistic Minister	Deb	Chris	Faye	Deb
Counters	Les/Myrtle	Chris/Pat	Jessica/Melissa	Les/Myrtle
Flowers	Lent-no flowers	(Palm Sunday) no flowers	(Easter Sunday) Church	Church
Watering	Cy	Cy	Cy	Cy
Refreshments	Hata	Nishihira	Nishimoto	Nishihira

Happy Birthday

Walter Lum — 2

Kelly Komata Anderson—16



Betsy Hata—22

Jonah Yoshimura—25

Rei Hamano—27

Reyn Shimabukuro—30

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Good Samaritan Newsletter

HIKARI

(The Light)



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

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

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