

Ke 'Alemanaka

The Parish Postings

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The Light Continues

The Sunday after Christmas Day I invited everyone to keep their Christ candle burning beyond when they take down their Christmas decorations. If you do not have a Christmas Day white candle in an Advent wreath, I encourage you to find a large candle in your home. Place it in the middle of your table. It does not matter if it burns or is battery operated.

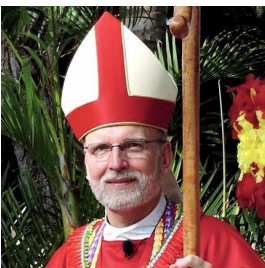
Keep your candle out throughout 2021. When the weight of the world seems too much, light your candle. When you have had a hard day, light your candle. When it feels like you could use a hug but are socially distancing, light your candle. When your family is driving you crazy but you are staying safe at home together, light your candle.

Your candle becomes a physical action of prayer- calling on God's light to shine when you have no words. Throughout history our ancestors of faith have used simple physical tools to help calm their hearts and enter into prayer. Incense, icons, statues, crosses, and candles have provided ways to move into God's presence.

This year we faced our current world situation and politics, as well as our time of isolation out of love to keep each other healthy – all of these things and more make it essential that we find ways to be in God's light. To feel the peace and love that comes from our creator shining forth in our homes.

So keep a candle on your table throughout 2021. (If you don't have one and would like one, let us know in the office and we will get one to you.) Light it to remind yourself of God's love. Light it to remind the world of God's love. Light it to remember that there is hope at the end of this journey. Light it to remember that we are lighting ours to send forth love to you.

Pastor Heather



Mark Your Calendars!

The Right Reverend Robert Fitzpatrick
will be visiting the Parish of St. Clement
on Sunday, **February 7, 2021.**



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NEW OFFICE HOURS

**The church office will be open
Monday through Friday
10AM to 2PM.**

Available at other times, by appointment

Items for Ke 'Alemanaka may be submitted to the
Parish Secretary

Phone: (808) 955-7745
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DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY ISSUE

Wednesday, January 20, 2021



*Hau'oli la hanau to all those
born in January*

<i>January 1</i>	<i>Wally Kojima</i>
	<i>Sophia Suzuki-Jones</i>
<i>January 2</i>	<i>Seamus Murphy</i>
<i>January 3</i>	<i>George Parsons III</i>
<i>January 4</i>	<i>Coilin Chambers</i>
<i>January 7</i>	<i>Joe Harding</i>
<i>January 9</i>	<i>Jackie Oda</i>
<i>January 10</i>	<i>Ben Chambers</i>
<i>January 11</i>	<i>Roxanne Ruth Kiessling</i>
<i>January 14</i>	<i>Nellie McLaughlin</i>
<i>January 16</i>	<i>Birthe Lauchengo</i>
<i>January 17</i>	<i>Kashmira Tata</i>
<i>January 18</i>	<i>Nicholas Fonseca</i>
<i>January 19</i>	<i>Karla Heath</i>
<i>January 23</i>	<i>Tracilyn Alo</i>
<i>January 24</i>	<i>Wendy van de Waal</i>
<i>January 26</i>	<i>Stephanie Jones</i>
<i>January 28</i>	<i>Eleanor Ing</i>
<i>January 29</i>	<i>Joni Wong</i>
<i>January 30</i>	<i>Fred Harrison</i>
	<i>Eileen Zorc</i>
<i>January 31</i>	<i>Michelle Villeneuve</i>

If we missed your birthday, please let the office know!

2021 Parish Directory Compilation

Slowly but surely the St. Clement's Church office has been updating our directory system. This month we are working on finalizing our contacts and ensuring that all the information we have is up-to-date. If you have moved to a different address or changed your email/phone number please let us know!

ONLINE SERVICE GUIDE

SUNDAYS

Worship Services at 8AM & 10:15AM

Meeting ID: 854 4414 6891

Password: 1515

Adult Discussion at 9AM

Meeting ID: 854 4414 6891

Password: 1515

Bible Study (RBTL) at 9AM

Meeting ID: 661 508 747

Password: 395117

TUESDAYS

Compline at 9PM

Meeting ID: 823 5666 8373

Password: 1515



To join any service by phone call one of these numbers and enter the Meeting ID and password.
669 900 6833
253 215 8782
346 248 7799

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2021 ANNUAL MEETING

This year's annual meeting will be held on January 31 — The last Sunday of the month. There will be one worship service at 9AM and we plan to begin the meeting at 10AM, with our participants joining us in-person and via Zoom. **If you'd like to attend in-person please contact us before January 25 to reserve a space.**

Copies of the Annual Report will be sent out via email, but if you would prefer to have a paper copy please let us know and we will print one out for you. Those who receive the newsletter in print will automatically receive a copy of the annual report in print.

The meeting will be held in the same Zoom room as the Sunday worship services. We will send out a link beforehand, as per usual.

Also, you can flip to *page six* to read through the bios of our new vestry nominees, Matthew Chapman, Brian Crow, and Susan Palmore.

We look forward to seeing you there!

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Adult Discussion 9:00 AM Bible Workbench 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist 2:30 PM FW Chapel 	<p>Teacher's Return</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM Parish Staff Mtg. 	<p>Back-to-School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Labyrinth Open 9:00 PM Compline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM SCS Chapel 6:30 PM Ed. for M
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Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

		<p>1</p> <p>Clergy Sabbath</p> <p>New Year's Day</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>... FW Church</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 AM Altar Guild</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Chapel Ministry</p>	<p>7</p> <p>4:30 PM Farmers Market</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Clergy Sabbath</p> <p>8:00 AM SCS Chapel</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 AM Altar Guild</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Chapel Ministry</p>	<p>14</p> <p>4:30 PM Farmers Market</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Clergy Sabbath</p> <p>8:00 AM SCS Chapel</p> <p>11:00 AM Kupuna Box</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00 AM Altar Guild</p> <p>10:30 AM Food Distribution</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Chapel Ministry</p>	<p>21</p> <p>4:30 PM Farmers Market</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Clergy Sabbath</p> <p>8:00 AM SCS Chapel</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00 AM Altar Guild</p>
<p>27</p> <p>House Cooking Ministry</p>	<p>28</p> <p>4:30 PM Farmers Market</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Clergy Sabbath</p> <p>8:00 AM SCS Chapel</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00 AM Altar Guild</p>

2021 Vestry Nominations — Introducing...

Matthew Chapman:

Matthew is from a kama'aina family with ties to Saint Clement's going back to the 1940s. Matthew graduated from Punahou in 1983 before attending college and graduate school on the mainland, and then returning home, where he met Nicole, now his wife, in 1992. They both attended Saint Clement's before leaving in 1994 to work in Asia. They returned to Honolulu, and Saint Clement's, in 2005, with their daughters Samantha and Zoe in tow.

Matthew became an attorney in 2006, clerking for Associate Justice Steven Levinson from 2006 to 2008, then spent three glorious years as Housedad before his current position as staff attorney at the Hawai'i Supreme Court. He has served on the vestry before, from approximately 2009 through 2012.

Brian Crow:

I grew up in a town just outside of Atlanta, Georgia and was brought up Southern Baptist. At the age of 18, I joined the U.S. Navy and served for 6 years. Upon my discharge, I returned to Atlanta and went to work while taking college courses. This is when I encountered the Episcopal Church. I went to an Easter service with my dad and it just felt right to me. After a while, I began attending regularly with him, and even started to go on my own on the Sundays he couldn't make it. I was attending services at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta, and that was working for a while, but I felt like something was missing. What I longed for was a sense of community, and so I decided to start reaching out to the various ministries in the church and found a men's Bible study group. I met with that group for a while and even got a little involved in the 20's and 30's ministry. However, before too long, I got seriously ill from diabetes and stopped attending services and ministry events. It was a while before I felt like returning.

After the crash of 2008, I lost my job and was adrift for a while because it wasn't easy to find work elsewhere. Eventually, I decided that I should go back to university and complete my degree. I had moved to Tennessee to live with my mother and get help with expenses and get back to contributing to society, and was able to go back to university for that reason. I also was eager to find a new church community. I went to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Murfreesboro, Tennessee and instantly felt like I was home. I got involved in youth ministry as a volunteer and young adult ministry for formation. I had a lot of valuable experiences, and although this was a good time in my life, it wasn't easy. It taught me a lot about stewardship, because I had lost nearly everything from my life before. What it taught me most is that the things that come to me in this life aren't mine. I'm just their steward for a while, so I must treat them responsibly. In my church life, I was a steward of the youth who were entrusted to the youth minister and his volunteer team for formation. In my personal life, I was a steward of what resources I could scrape together with working and scholarships, and needed to use these resources to pay living expenses and pay for studies. It was a challenge to which I was unaccustomed because I had lived so comfortably working as an engineer. Nevertheless, I value greatly the experience and the lessons it taught me. Eventually I was able to complete my degree and move to Hawai'i to attend graduate school, where I still am today. I first attended St. Andrew's Cathedral when I arrived in Honolulu, but not long after I met someone there who told me about St. Clement's. After I described my experience in Tennessee, she suggested that St. Clement's may be a better fit for me. The next Sunday, I came to St. Clement's and once again, I instantly felt like I belonged. Although with choir and food distribution, my ministry experience has been entirely different here, my sense of community has not. I know that St. Clement's will always be a part of me no matter where life takes me after graduate school, just like St. Paul's is still a part of me now. Now I am grateful for a chance to serve this parish which I love so much and to faithfully steward the responsibilities entrusted to me as a member of the vestry.

Susan Palmore:

I am a life-long Episcopalian and first joined St. Clement's Parish when moving here as a young bride and later joined St. Andrew's Cathedral where I served as a Sunday School teacher and a member of the Council. During my twenty years in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, I was member of the Chapel of the Cross where I was a Stephen Minister and served as a Vestry member.

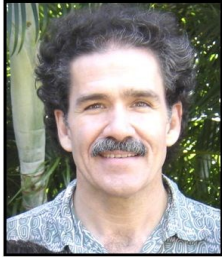
When I returned to Honolulu, I again joined St. Clement's because of the active social ministry programs. I have been active in the Saturday food distribution, IHS, and cooking for Yo House and RYSE, and have been a collector for the Thursday Farmer's Market. I regularly attend the discussion group between Sunday services. I graduated from the University of Hawaii with a master's degree. My professional work included a long tenure at the East-West Center here and at Family Health International in Research Triangle Park in North Carolina where I managed and directed international programs. Currently I am a docent at the Honolulu Museum of Art, a Board member at RYSE, and Secretary of our Condominium Board.

I have a daughter, son-in-law, and two Gen Z granddaughters who currently live in North Carolina. As we look ahead to 2021, I am interested in exploring how we can best strengthen our own Parish community and support the needs of our surrounding community. Thank you for considering me for the Vestry.

A View from the Pew

*“Well, it just goes to show you, Jane, it’s always something.
You either got a toenail in your burger or toilet paper clinging to your shoe.”*

‘Roseanne Roseannadanna’ (Gilda Radner / Original Cast Member, Saturday Night Live)



I wonder if Lorne Michaels, creator of Saturday Night Live (SNL), has a Biblical scholar advising the writers of this acclaimed show, now 45 years in making? Or, maybe, it is just the skits are often as universal and pointed as the stories in Holy Scripture. Though often distracted by lunacy and hilarity, I cannot recall a single skit ~ and I have seen them all ~ which did not knowingly or unknowingly, directly or indirectly, somehow address the great themes in God’s Word. Equity and intolerance (*Coneheads*), mercy and cruelty (*The Church Lady*), compassion and animosity (*Two Wild & Crazy Guys*), understanding and hostility (*Black Jeopardy*), hope and doubt (*Motivational Speaker*), self-image and God’s Image (*Pumping Up*), self-righteousness and hypocrisy (*The Canteen Boy*), trust and suspicion (*Samurai Delicatessen*), respect and disregard (*Point / Counterpoint*), ad infinitum.

This said, with only two Saturdays left in October before Election Day, SNL hit home, and hit hard. The first skit of the night was about one of the most fundamental themes of the Bible, *love and hate*. The skit was not a scandalous/hilarious twist on a Cain and Abel, Isaac and Ishmael, Jacob and Esau, or the Prodigal Son and Older Brother. Instead, it was a ruthless parody about an environment absent of love, a climate consumed with hate. Playing to an audience most certainly anti-Trump. SNL did not pander to our political bias or stoke our hopes for a Biden victory or the possibility of the Democratic Party keeping control of the House of Representatives *and* taking control of the Senate. Instead, SNL begged the question, how are we to go on with our lives *without* hate to fuel them? How are we going to fill the hate-filled cancer in our lives if excised by our vote? Are we, like so many of us in remission, going to continue our lives as if still sick, or are we going to move forward and heal from our wounds, physical as they are mental and spiritual? Are we going to revitalize and reinvigorate our lives, harmed and injured as they are? Or are we going to remain stagnate, and thus deteriorate, and inevitably destroy ourselves?

The skit reminded me of the legendary Jim Brown, considered by many to be the greatest professional football player ~ ever. In his retirement, he dedicated much of his life serving inner-city young people struggling with the self-destructive temptations arising out of their insidious poverty. Brown is also someone who, of all people, befriended the equally legendary comedian, Richard Pryor, at a time when Pryor needed someone like Brown most. Pryor was as notorious of a cocaine addict as he was comedian extraordinaire. When free-basing cocaine became the rage, an early form of processing and smoking crack-cocaine at the same time with a pipe, Pryor was immediately attracted to and obsessed with it. However, it was as hazardous of a way of getting high on cocaine as it was effective, involving the incorporation of highly flammable chemicals and igniting them with a butane lighter. Then, one night, while smoking crack *and* drinking 151 proof rum, in a drug and alcohol induced psychotic frenzy, Pryor deliriously showered himself with rum and then accidentally torched himself, suffering 2nd and 3rd degree burns over most of his body. Surviving somehow, Brown visited Pryor regularly at the burn center where he recovered from his burns, and then in the rehab center where he recovered from his addictions. According Pryor, when he was finally discharged from rehab and allowed to return home, Brown continued to visit him and, in his low, slow, monotonal authoritative voice asked, “*Now whatcha gonna do?*”

For Pryor, as simplistic as the question might sound to us, knowing Brown as well as he did, he understood it otherwise. He realized Brown was throwing down a knight’s chainmail gauntlet after slapping him with it on his sorry-face, challenging Pryor to a duel to the death, not with Brown, *but instead with his self*. He understood that Brown was not casually asking him what his plans were now that he was able to get on with his personal and professional life. Pryor knew that, on the contrary, Brown was asking him how he intended to change himself and, as a result, the way he had been leading his life before his near-fatal accident. The question was, are you going to continue with the status quo and, ultimately, destroy yourself and harm many others in the process, or are you going to change the status quo, save yourself, and in the process serve and save others? Shortly thereafter, following an *epiphanic* journey to Africa, Pryor dedicated much of his professional career to performing before audiences incarcerated in the US prison system and, no doubt to make a not-so-subtle point, fought against animal cruelty and advocated for their ethical treatment everywhere, whether wild, feral, domesticated, or pet.

*“I give you a New Commandment, love one another. As I love you, love one another.
By this, everyone will know you are My disciples, if you love one another.”*

Jesus / John 13:34-35

~~ Submitted by Scott Suzuki-Jones



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Worship Services

Tuesdays at 9PM
Compline

Sunday, January 31
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Annual Meeting begins at 10AM

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WED. ONLY: 10am to 12pm Food Pantry

Thursdays
4:30 pm Farmers Market

