

Ke 'Alemanaka

The Parish Postings

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The Property Committee and the Vestry are considering adding air conditioning to the church. As you know, temperatures and humidity are rising, and in Hawaii the length of unseasonable weather is lasting longer due to global warming. Often this makes worshiping in our church very uncomfortable, and for some parishioners unhealthy. Some have even stopped attending.

We have solicited three proposals for this job. The only evidence of the system in the church will be floor vents, which will not change the aesthetics of our beautiful church. All the other equipment will be outside, including under the church building. The proposals came in at \$310,000 (RMI Mechanical), \$288,000 (Advanced A/C Contracting), and \$188,000 (HI-Power AC). We are considering the bid from HI-Power AC. In addition to being the lowest bid, they have extensive experience in air conditioning churches.

Use of the air conditioning in the church will depend on the temperature and humidity. This will probably restrict usage to the 10:15 Sunday services, tourist weddings, large school gatherings, and choir rehearsals. The system is zoned with security controls so that the entire system does not need to be used all the time and only a few authorized people will have access to it. Electricity usage is estimated to be equal to or less than what we use now to run 16 mechanical fans.

We have considered other options. Mounting fans on the church pillars will affect the aesthetics of the church and require electrical work. The same will be true for ceiling fans, and neither would be as efficient. In the past we have used the Parish House for Sunday services when the church was not available; however, it requires weekly setting up, taking down and storing

equipment due to the constant use of the Parish House for our many community meetings. As long as COVID-19 limitations are observed, we can only have 20 people in the Parish House versus 45 in the church.

Even though we are in the midst of the pandemic and economic distress for many, there are good reasons to be considering this now. The climate will only continue to get hotter, more humid and last even longer than the five months that we experienced last year. Of course, the costs will also rise if we fail to take advantage of the offer that we have now. The fact is, that even if we act now the whole process of ordering, filing permits, getting approvals, and installing the equipment will take five to six months.

We value your input and ideas. We will need to have a capital improvement fundraiser since most of our Capital Improvement Fund was spent on the reroofing, new gutters and painting the church building. Please be a part of the conversation by emailing your questions and concerns to our parish secretary at secretary@stclem.org by **July 10**. If you would prefer to submit written feedback call the church office or email the secretary to request a response form and envelope that will be sent to you via snail mail.

There will be a Parish Zoom forum on this important matter at **6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2020**. Meeting ID: 861 1048 1850. Password: 1515. The link will be sent out closer to the forum date.

Sincerely,
The Property Committee and the Vestry

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

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July 15 Annette Jim
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NEW OFFICE HOURS

**Due to the COVID-19 outbreak we have
revised our office hours.**

**We will be open on
Mondays and Wednesdays 9am - 12pm**

**Food & financial assistance will only be
available on Wednesdays from 10am to noon**

Items for Ke 'Alemanaka may be submitted to the
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DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST ISSUE

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

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

JUNE 2020 ATTENDANCE TOTALS

Sunday Worship:

- 8AM services:

- 53 attended in-person

Average in-person attendance each

Sunday = 14 people

- 75 attended via Zoom

- 10:15AM services:

- 97 attended in-person

Average in-person attendance each

Sunday = 25*

This count includes youth that are
in Sunday School

- 86 attended via Zoom

Tuesday Compline: 34 attended via Zoom

Thursday Noonday Prayer: 15 attended via Zoom

Join us for online and in-person worship and discussion!

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

In-person youth Sunday School at 10AM



Tuesdays

Compline at 9PM

Meeting ID: 823 5666 8373

Password: 1515

zoom

Thursdays

Noonday Prayer at 12PM

Meeting ID: 839 7613 6339

Password: 1515



Tuesday, July 21

Air Conditioning Forum

Meeting ID: 861 1048 1850

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

929 436 2866

July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:45 AM Bible Workbench 8:45 AM Adult Discussion 10:15 AM Morning Prayer 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM Parish Staff Mtg. 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 PM Compline 	
<p>5</p> <p>Family Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Church Service 9:00 AM Bible Workbench 9:00 AM Adult Discussion 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Church Service 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM Parish Staff Mtg. 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Labyrinth Open 9:00 PM Compline 	
<p>12</p> <p>Outreach Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Church Service 9:00 AM Bible Workbench 9:00 AM Adult Discussion 10:00 AM Church Service 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist 11:30 AM Prayer Chain Mtg. 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM Parish Staff Mtg. 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 PM Compline 	<p>Tax Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00 PM PS3 Or
<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Church Service 9:00 AM Adult Discussion 9:00 AM Bible Workbench 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Church Service 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM Parish Staff Mtg. 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM AirCon Forum 9:00 PM Compline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00 PM PS4 Or
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM Noonday Prayer 4:30 PM Farmers Market 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clergy Sabbath Independence Day (observed) 8:00 PM Strivers for Sobriety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independence Day 9:00 AM Altar Guild 	
8	9	10	11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM Noonday Prayer 4:30 PM Farmers Market 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clergy Sabbath Last Day of Summer School 8:00 PM Strivers for Sobriety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Altar Guild 	
15	16	17	18
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Parish Snap Shots



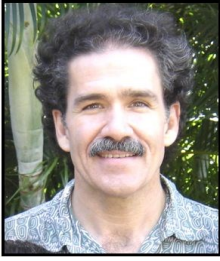
In-person services resumed as St. Clement's implemented safe gathering practices that include staying home if sick, a temperature check at the church door, masks and hand sanitizer available at the back of the church, marked seating areas on the pews to maintain physical distancing, and the continuation of Zoom connections for remote participants, as many parishioners still prefer this online experience.



A View from the Pew

*"For freedom, Christ has set us free.
Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."*

~~ Paul / Galatians 5:1



One reason I love to read Holy Scripture, whether Jewish, Christian, and/or Islamic (I confess I dabble in Hindu and Buddhist scripture, too), is to figure out what God is really sharing through our inspired, yet woefully feeble, translations of God's infinite, eternal and divine Word into our very finite, limited and human languages. What I have learned in the process, however, whether fact or fiction, poetry or song, parable or figure of speech, is that each and every book, chapter, and verse of Holy Scripture is metaphorical (resembles), allegorical (figurative), illustrative (revealing), parabolic (teaching), and emblematic of (constituting) the Word of God.

Take the story of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Ishmael and Isaac. On the surface, it is about an elderly Sarah who, having no children by her husband Abraham, gives him her young slave, Hagar. Abraham and Hagar conceive a child and she gives birth to a son, Ishmael. While satisfied she now has a stepson, Sarah begins to fear she will lose Abraham's favor to Hagar and Ishmael. Unaware, they are visited by God, revealed in three strangers who enter their encampment. Abiding by the code of the desert, Abraham treats them as neighbors, invites them into his family tent, honors them as guests, and lavishes on them hospitality. During their stay, the strangers observe Sarah has no child of her own, but before leaving, foretell she will conceive and bear a son. Sarah gives birth to Isaac, becomes secure in Abraham's favor, but insists he banish Hagar and Ishmael when Ishmael begins to torment Isaac. Torn, for he loves them all, Abraham consults God who, to his dismay, agrees with Sarah. Abraham concedes, banishes Hagar and Ishmael to the desert, where they almost perish until God intervenes and rescues both.

Admittedly I truncated the story. Nonetheless, the points we typically take from it are, above all else, we must listen to and obey God, even if contrary to our own feelings or values, and that God will take care of the "details" . . . such as Hagar and Ishmael. We think this even though the Apostle Paul very teaches us differently. To Paul, it is an allegory. Hagar represents our slavery to the Human experience. Sarah represents our freedom in the Divine experience to come. Ishmael and Isaac represent the titanic struggle between the existential and transcendent. Abraham represents God's children, us, and God's desire that, in Abraham banishing the allegorical Ishmael, we choose the allegorical Isaac instead, meaning God's will, not our own. It is about choice, not obedience.

"Where two or three gather in My Name . . . I am there among them."

~~ Jesus / Matthew 18:20

Which, believe it or not, brings me to George Floyd. The life and death of George Floyd is emblematic of four centuries of African-American slavery and oppression, discrimination and segregation, injustice and imprisonment, persecution and murder. His life and death illustrate virtually all people of African descent who have ever lived in America. Ironic as it is tragic, we are experiencing a parabolic moment when the people of this country responsible for the ongoing existence of this inhumanity can begin to, continue to, and forever change it, meaning you and me. It was a corrupted police officer who killed George Floyd, but he is a pointed metaphor of a society which has tolerated and even espoused this inhumanity to date. Officer Chauvin kneeling on George Floyd's neck to keep him down, restrain him, shackle him, cut off the life in him, and kill him, and defiantly so, is a hideous allegory to what African-Americans have been experiencing, living through, and dying with for over 400 years.

To re-phrase a verse from the classic labor union organizing song, "Joe Hill", which many of us grew up with in the 1960's and 1970's during the protests for Civil Rights and against the Viet Nam War,

*"George Floyd's not dead, said George to me . . . said George, I did not die
When people of faith stand-up for what's right . . . then George is at their side
Then George . . . will be at . . . your side."*

~~ (Original lyrics and music by
Alfred Hayes & Earl Robinson, © 1938)

~~ Submitted by Scott Suzuki-Jones



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Datebook

Worship Services

Sundays at 8AM & 10:15AM

In-Person and via Zoom

Tuesdays at 9PM

Compline via Zoom

Thursdays at 12PM

Noonday Prayer via Zoom

Mondays & Wednesdays

9am to 12pm Church Office Hours

Thursdays

4:30 pm Farmers Market

New Office Food Pantry Hours

The office food pantry is open on Wednesdays from 10 am to Noon **ONLY**.