

# Ke 'Alemanaka

## The Parish Postings

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An Inclusive and Caring Christian Community

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### From Canon Kate



As I move here to Honolulu to be with all of you I find myself engaged in the many tasks that come with moving. Some of the tasks are fun like exploring new neighborhoods and visiting new shops, but many of the tasks are tedious like completing change of address forms, getting the car registered and taking the driver's test in order to get a new license. Among my many tasks is the patio in the back of the condo that I have rented. How will I make it a serene and comfortable place to sit outside and enjoy? I've decided to put in a number of pots with herbs and I'm looking forward to the project.

The next step in this project is deciding on the plants. Do I plant seeds or buy well established plants? There are advantages to different approaches. Seeds would be the least expensive but would take a long time to grow. I could buy immature plants and tend them through to maturity – this would be the *via media*, the “middle way” of which Episcopalians are so fond. Or I could buy mature plants, enjoy them now and anticipate pruning them back in the very near future. There are plusses and minuses to each approach.

What does all of this have to do with the *Ke 'Alemanaka*, our newsletter? I find myself wondering if my patio can be compared to the Parish of St. Clement. Are we planting or transplanting the faith in individuals and the church; are we starting from scratch or nurturing well established growth; are we attempting to grow immature plants into more mature plants; are we tending older more established plants that need regular pruning? I believe it is all of these.

Just as I am the gardener or caretaker of my plants, we are all the caretakers of the church. My task as the gardener is to be faithful to the process of planting, watering, feeding, weeding, and pruning. No matter how hard I try I cannot give the plants growth. Nature gives the growth; I can only be faithful to the process of gardening and let nature take its course.

The same is true for all of us in the church. We are all called to faithfulness. We are all called to be faithful to the process of work, study, play, and prayer to nourish and feed the spiritual life of individuals, both ourselves and others, and the spiritual life of the church. St. Teresa of Avila, one of the great mystics of the church, compared the spiritual life to a garden planted by God but tended by us. The spiritual life of individuals and of the church are tended through our faithfulness to the disciplines of work, study, play, and prayer but growth is given through the grace of God. God gives the growth. Thanks be to God.

Blessings,  
~~ Canon Kate



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| Jim Thomas          |                  |

## Attendance and Offerings for April

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| April Attendance            | 478       |
| April Offerings             | \$29,372  |
| YTD Income as of 04/30/16   | \$238,413 |
| YTD Expenses as of 04/30/16 | \$230,644 |

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**DEADLINE FOR THE JULY ISSUE**

**Wednesday, June 15, 2016**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Hau'oli la hanau to all  
Those born in June

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| June 1  | Scott Taber   |
| June 2  | Moria Amjadi<br>Canon Kate Cullinane<br>Jasmine-Grace Natividad |
| June 3  | Sandra Kagesa<br>Marty Roach<br>Derek Tom                       |
| June 4  | Mary Carpenter<br>Jodi Yoshioka                                 |
| June 6  | Diane Barrett<br>Moani Crowell                                  |
| June 7  | Laura Goemans   |
| June 8  | Beverly Davis-Amjadi<br>Carol Taylor Kim<br>Charles Yung        |
| June 9  | Paul Romagnoli  |
| June 12 | Rick Gronna   |
| June 14 | Loi Chang-Stroman   |
| June 15 | Marisa Proctor<br>Francis Lum                                   |
| June 17 | Fred Shea   |
| June 18 | Martha Kaser  |
| June 21 | Waihi Alo   |
| June 23 | Grant Elgersma<br>Chaz Hill                                     |
| June 26 | Jeanne Davis<br>Maile Hong                                      |
| June 27 | Joanna Polevia<br>Deborah Candace Love                          |
| June 29 | Emma Waters   |
| June 30 | Chuck Hill  |

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

## Zumba Gold

**A special, low-impact version of Zumba  
for Seniors, but all ages welcome!**

**Fridays, 10 am-11 am  
(9am-10am on 6/17/16 only)  
Vi and Paul Loo Parish House  
Free to all church members**

## An Inclusive and Caring Christian Community

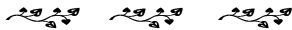


St. Clement's "tag line" for the past number of years has been "An Inclusive and Caring Christian Community." When I read this the first time, it was part of my investigations and discernment regarding a possible call to the parish as the Associate Rector.

From past experiences, I'd learned to be a little skeptical. Organizations are not always what they claim to be. Churches are often no exception.

However, when I flew to Honolulu for the first time in October, 2014, and I met with members of the parish, I soon realized that this inclusiveness and this caring nature, was imbedded into the fabric of the Christian community here on the corner of Wilder and Makiki.

Openness and full inclusion for the LGBTQ community is a core part of our life together. As a parish in partnership with *Integrity USA* we believe, as *Integrity* does, in "making the world a better place for LGBT persons to know and express God's love." (<http://www.integrityusa.org/>)



### Directory Additions and Corrections

Our 2016 Parish Directory was distributed at the annual meeting in January. Additions and corrections were included in the April newsletter. Here are a couple more. If you don't have the latest version (bright yellow cover), please call the office or stop by and pick one up. Also, if you have a photo that you would like us to include, please email it to parishadmin@stclem.org or call the office and arrange to have your picture taken.

**Bray, Maxine** - delete email address

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Honolulu, HI 96826

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### Mahalo Nui Loa

♥ To **Keli`i deFrancia, Paul Romagnoli, Kehau Kali Berquist, Christopher Golding, and Kate Cullinane** for helping with the Camp Mokule`ia work day.

I was therefore cautiously encouraged to read Michael S. Schmidt's recent article on a transgender study commissioned by U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter (Schmidt 2016). Schmidt reminds us of the estimated 2,450 transgender active-duty members of the military who are not currently able to "serve openly."

Although the White House continued to call the issue "complicated," and the commissioned transgender report has not yet been made public, the very fact that this essential inclusion issue is being spoken about is a small step forward for the many in our armed forces who long to be fully themselves in all aspects of their lives. Nevertheless, there is a long way to go!

So, at St. Clement's, as we continue to examine and re-examine how best we can be an inclusive and caring Christian community, and as we consider the process to call a new rector in this period of transition, I commend the issue of full inclusion in the armed forces, and in wider society, to our daily thoughts and our prayers.

~~ Blessings,  
Christopher+

Works Cited:

Schmidt, Michael S. 2016. "Openness would not hurt military." *Star Advertiser* May 17: A3.



### Prayer Chain Ministry

You may not be aware that there is a public prayer list and a confidential prayer list. The Prayer Chain members are currently praying for almost 100 people.

Members of the Prayer Chain met recently and decided on a new policy for the prayer lists. When someone asks for a name to be put on the prayer list, **the name will generally be kept on the list for three months**. The name will be removed from the list after three months unless the person requesting the prayer *calls and* specifically asks for the time to be extended.

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list please contact the church office at 955-7745 or contact a member of the Prayer Chain ministry: Jane Anderson, Beth Charlton, Lorraine Dove, Chaz Hill, Pam McCoy, Elizabeth McCutcheon, Nellie McLaughlin, and Kathleen Norris.



~~ Submitted by Canon Kate

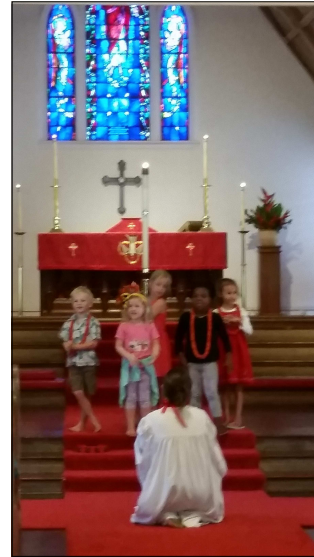


The annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon for Meals on Wheels, Hawai'i was held on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Japanese Cultural Center. A number of St. Clement's parishioners help to deliver meals with this organization. Mentioned at the luncheon were Mary and Andrew Carpenter, Keli'i deFrancia, Anna Derby Blackwell (shown above with Canon Kate), Lot and Peggy Lau, Terry Ledford, Susan Quimby, Heloise Richardson, Anne Swanson, and Carol Taylor Kim as well as the Parish of St. Clement.



Parishioners from St. Clement's currently staff two routes with each parishioner taking just one day a month to deliver meals. If you would like to be part of this ministry please contact Anna Blackwell or the church office.

~~ Submitted by Canon Kate



**Above:** Sunday schoolers took an active role in the 10:15am service; **left and below:** Rev. Chris baptized Owen Tabor Rozycki with family and friends participating.



### REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

#### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2017

The Parish of St. Clement and friends Journey to the Holy Land – all are welcome!

The price for the land trip (airfare is not included) is \$1870+150 in tips, based on double occupancy. There are a limited number of single rooms and there is a \$540 supplemental charge for these rooms. This cost includes all land transportation, meals, and quality accommodation.

#### 11 days – October 20-30, 2017

Pilgrimage under the direction of the Rev. Christopher Golding and local guide, Canon Iyad Qumri  
Jerusalem, Jericho, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Nablus, Bethlehem, Emmaus, & much more

#### Optional pilgrimage extension (for additional cost):

#### 10 days – October 31-November 9, 2017

"Christian Zionism and Colonialism - a Response from Palestinian Christians"  
Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Centre's Fall Witness Visit

Register your interest with the Rev. Christopher Golding [associate@stclem.org](mailto:associate@stclem.org) today to ensure your place on this wonderful journey!

~~ Submitted by Rev. Chris





# 2016 Grads



## Alofa Carpenter

St. Andrew's Priory School  
College: Will decide between  
University of Hawaii, Manoa  
& University of British  
Columbia, Vancouver on  
June 1st.

Major: Undecided - leaning  
towards English and  
Computer Science.

*"There will be times in your life  
when you'll just need a  
reminder that you're not alone  
in your hardship, and that*

*progress takes time."* Alofa Carpenter, *New Warrior*.

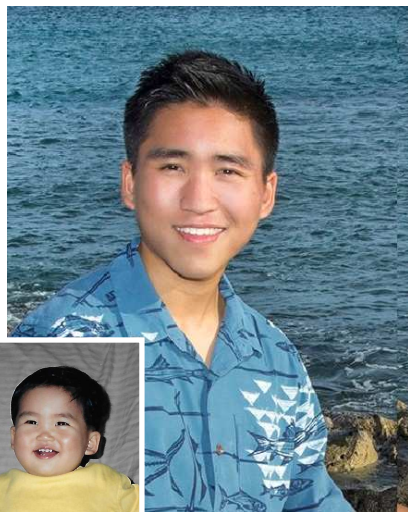


## Loi H. Chang-Stroman

Punahou School  
College: University of  
Redlands in California  
Loi enjoys school, football,  
travel, friends, surfing, and  
serving as an acolyte at St.  
Clement's Parish.

*Born in Kealahou, Big Island  
of Hawaii, November 15, 1997  
to parents Dr. Loi M. Chang-  
Stroman & Dr. Joy McElroy.*

*He was baptized at his  
grandparents' parish, All Saints Episcopal, in St. Louis,  
Missouri. He attended early school on the Big Island, and  
came to Honolulu for middle school and high school.*



## Tyler Wong

'Iolani School  
College: Gonzaga University  
Plans: He is joining the  
Bulldog Pep Band, trombone  
player

Major: Engineering  
He enjoys running,  
basketball, and ultimate  
frisbee.

*Baptized at St. Clement's in  
1998; has volunteered with*

*St. Clement's Food Outreach program*

# 2016



# JUNE

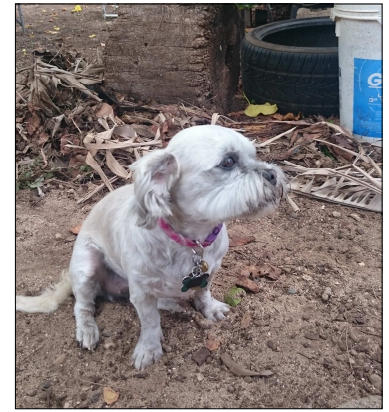
| <b>Sun</b>  | <b>Mon</b>  | <b>Tue</b>   |
|---|---|--|
| <b><u>Parish Office Hours</u></b>   |   |  |
| <p>M/W/Th/F - 8:30 am-4:00 pm<br/>Tues - 8:30 am-7:00 pm</p>  |   |  |
| <p><b>5</b><br/>7:30 Holy Eucharist-CH<br/>8:45 Bible Workbench-PH2<br/>8:45 Adult Discussion-PH<br/>10:00 Sunday School-PH/C Bldg<br/>10:15 Holy Eucharist-CH<br/>7:00 Daily Reflections-PH</p>  | <p><b>6 CLERGY SABBATH</b><br/>5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG<br/>6:00 EFM Class-SL<br/>7:00 Mankind Project-MB<br/>7:30 AI-Anon-PH</p>  | <p><b>7</b><br/>2:00 Staff Meeting-PH1<br/>5:00 Labyrinth Open-PKG</p> |
| <p><b>12</b><br/>7:30 Holy Eucharist-CH<br/>8:45 Bible Workbench-PH2<br/>8:45 Adult Discussion-PH<br/>10:00 Sunday School-PH/C Bldg<br/>Last SS until September<br/>10:15 Holy Eucharist with<br/>Graduate Recognition-CH<br/>11:30 Prayer Chain Mtg-PH1<br/>Noon IHS Cooking-Kit<br/>7:00 Daily Reflections-PH</p> | <p><b>13 CLERGY SABBATH</b><br/>12:30 Tourist Wedding-CH<br/>5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG<br/>6:00 EFM Class-SL<br/>7:00 Mankind Project-MB<br/>7:30 AI-Anon-PH</p>  | <p><b>14</b><br/>2:00 Staff Meeting-PH1<br/>6:00 Vestry Meeting-PH</p> |
| <p><b>19 Father's Day</b><br/>7:30 Holy Eucharist-CH<br/>8:45 Bible Workbench-PH2<br/>8:45 Adult Discussion-PH<br/>10:00 Sunday School-PH/C Bldg<br/>10:15 Holy Eucharist-CH<br/>7:00 Daily Reflections-PH</p>  | <p><b>20 CLERGY SABBATH</b><br/>5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG<br/>6:00 EFM Class-SL<br/>7:00 Mankind Project-MB<br/>7:30 AI-Anon-PH</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCS Summer Session Begins</b></p> | <p><b>21</b><br/>2:00 Staff Meeting-PH1</p>                            |
| <p><b>26</b><br/>7:30 Holy Eucharist-CH<br/>8:45 Bible Workbench-PH2<br/>8:45 Adult Discussion-PH<br/>10:00 Sunday School-PH/C Bldg<br/>10:15 Holy Eucharist-CH<br/>2:00 Tourist Wedding-CH<br/>7:00 Daily Reflections-PH</p>   | <p><b>27 CLERGY SABBATH</b><br/>5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG<br/>6:00 EFM Class-SL<br/>7:00 Mankind Project-MB<br/>7:30 AI-Anon-PH</p>   | <p><b>28</b><br/>2:00 Staff Meeting-PH1</p>                            |

**Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

|   |  |   |  |
|---|--|---|--|
| <p><b>1</b><br/>8:00 SCS Teacher<br/>Prof. Dev. Day-PH<br/>10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH<br/>12:00 Tourist Wedding-CH<br/>5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG<br/>5:30 Overeaters Anon-PH2</p> | <p><b>2</b><br/>10:00 Holy Eucharist-ARCADIA<br/>4:30 Farmers Market-PKG</p>                               | <p><b>3</b><br/>10:00 Zumba Gold-PH<br/>11:30 Tourist Wedding-CH<br/>8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH</p>                              | <p><b>4</b><br/>9:00 Altar Guild<br/>11:00 Tourist Wedding-CH<br/>4:00 Tourist Wedding-CH</p>  |
| <p><b>8</b><br/>10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH<br/>5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG<br/>5:30 Overeaters Anon-PH2</p>   | <p><b>9</b><br/>11:00 Tourist Wedding-CH<br/>4:30 Farmers Market-PKG</p>                                   | <p><b>10 King Kamehameha Day<br/>Offices Closed</b><br/>10:00 Zumba Gold-PH<br/>8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH</p>                   | <p><b>11</b><br/>9:00 Altar Guild<br/>9:00 iFoG-PH</p>   |
| <p><b>15</b><br/>10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH<br/>5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG<br/>5:30 Overeaters Anon-PH2</p> <p><b>Ke `Alemanaka Deadline</b></p>                                   | <p><b>16</b><br/>9:00 IHS Cooking-Kit<br/>4:30 Farmers Market-PKG</p>                                      | <p><b>17</b><br/>9:00 Zumba Gold-PG<br/>11:30 Margaret Nunn Funeral<br/>&amp; Reception-CH/PH<br/>8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH</p> | <p><b>18</b><br/>9:00 Altar Guild<br/>10:30 Food Dist. Prep-KIT/PH<br/>11:30 Food Distribution-<br/>KIT/PH</p>   |
| <p><b>22</b><br/>10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH<br/>5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG<br/>5:30 Overeaters Anon-PH2</p>  | <p><b>23</b><br/>11:00 Tourist Wedding-CH<br/>4:30 Farmers Market-PKG</p>                                  | <p><b>24</b><br/>10:00 Zumba Gold-PH<br/>8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH</p>  | <p><b>25</b><br/>9:00 Altar Guild<br/>4:00 Tourist Wedding-CH</p>  |
| <p><b>29</b><br/>8:00 SCS Chapel-CH<br/>10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH<br/>2:00 YO! House cooking-Kit<br/>5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG<br/>5:30 Overeaters Anon-PH2</p>                  | <p><b>30</b><br/>8:30 Holy Folders-PH<br/>4:30 Farmers Market-PKG</p> <p><b>Ke `Alemanaka Assembly</b></p> |   | <p><u>Key</u><br/>CH - Church<br/>PH - Parish House, main hall<br/>PH1 - Meeting room 1 in Parish House<br/>PH2 - Meeting room 2 in Parish House<br/>MB - Music Building<br/>SL - Staff Lounge<br/>KIT - Kitchen<br/>PG - Playground<br/>PKG - Parking Lot</p> |



## Camp Mokule`ia Work Day Part 2



Parishioners and other volunteers helped as site restoration efforts continued at Camp Mokule`ia with a second Work Day in May.

**Above left:** Camp Director David Turner and Paul Romagnoli; **Above right:** Buffy deFrancia



*May, 2016. A visit to our Holy Land at Pentecost gives us a chance to reflect on how we live the Gospel each day. The situation in Gaza remains dire, graduations bring hope and*

### Tongues of Fire



Conversation with Suhaila Tarazi, Director of Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza, is both exhilarating and devastating. Al Ahli is the oldest in Gaza and the only remaining full service Christian hospital in that devastated place. Suhaila tells us of bombardment every night, even though we don't hear about it in the news.

She also told us of a family with three children living in one room after their home was destroyed in the bombing in 2014. They have no electricity and burn candles for light. The crowded conditions caused one of the candles to set the room on fire, killing two of the children and sending the remaining child to the Al Ahli Hospital emergency room. They were not able to save him. These tragedies sear the soul.

I asked what we could do. She asked for support for their Free Clinic, which serves those who cannot pay. They see dozens of underweight and malnourished children each week, undiagnosed cancer and burn victims needing ongoing treatment. Each visit is only \$30. We can do this now.

Suhaila asked us to bring the following message to you: "Our job is to provide some hope, to keep hope alive. We work to improve the quality of life here, to be an example of tolerance in a brutal place and to be a witness to all as children of God." You have helped provide that hope through your gifts. Thank you, thank you to each donor. Al Ahli's doors could not stay open without your generous support.

This Sunday is Pentecost. I have the privilege of being in the place where our faith tradition began, on the day when we remember that beginning. Please pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for its people. And support the schools and hospitals that offer stability and hope. They're counting on us.

- Anne Lynn, President

# Farmers Market Ministry Teams

Volunteer to help with this ministry by contacting  
Pam Fern (943-8987 or 561-1070) or Tim Hurd (372-9563)

| Task   | June 2  | June 9   | June 16                                   | June 23                                      | June 30                                   |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| <b>Point Person for Set Up and Parking 3:00-5:30pm</b> | Keith Kalway                                  | Keith Kalway   | Jim Quimby                                | Tim Hurd                                     | Tim Hurd                                  |
| <b>Parking 3:30-5:30 pm</b>                            | Jim Thomas                                    | Pam Fern   | Pam Fern                                  | Dana Anderson                                | Pam Fern                                  |
| <b>Set Up 4:15-4:45 pm</b>                             | Jim Betts<br>Nellie McLaughlin                | Jim Betts<br>Pam Fern                                    | Liz Ho                                    | Dana Anderson                                | Pam Fern                                  |
| <b>Point Person 5:30-7:30 pm</b>                       | Pam Fern - 561-1070                           |  |   |  |   |
| <b>Receipts, Rents 6:30-7pm</b>                        | Martha Morgan                                 | Susan Palmore  | Michele Morikami                          | Martha Morgan                                | Susan Palmore                             |
| <b>Take down/<br/>Closing*<br/>7:20-8pm</b>            | Beth Fincke<br>Jim Mattingly<br>John Marlowe* | Soane or Nicholas<br>Lino<br>Sandy Souza<br>Arthur Buto* | River Kim<br>Ken Morikami<br>Beth Fincke* | Sandy Souza<br>Jim Mattingly<br>Beth Fincke* | Beth Fincke<br>Jim Mattingly<br>Pam Fern* |

## Vestry Highlights

May 2016

The vestry met on May 10, 2016. Highlights include:



- Appointment of Martha Morgan to serve as Treasurer
- Designated funds from the estate of Sally Edwards to the Capital Improvement Fund
- Allocated monies from the Capital Improvement Fund toward the renovation of the school sand box

- Identified potential candidates to approach about willingness and availability to serve on the Search Committee
- Received written reports from the School Board of Directors, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Associate Rector, and Interim Rector.

~~ Submitted by Kehau Kali Berquist  
Acting Clerk of the Vestry



Thanks to Shirley Catrander 01-13-2001  
HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, at 6 pm. Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend the Vestry Meetings. We serve a light supper prior to the meeting and enjoy having visitors.

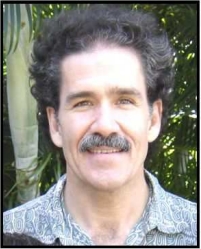
## A View from the Pew

*“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of  
the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I  
have commanded you.*

*And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

*Jesus, The Great Commission / Matthew 28:18-20*



The majority of Christians accept the Trinity, meaning that, as outlined in the Nicene and Athanasian Creeds, there is only One God, but that God is revealed to us in “Three Divine Persons” who are distinct yet one in substance, essence, or nature. I must confess, I am not too big on theology. I think we

spend too little time and energy on ways to experience God and too much time and energy studying and arguing about theology, disparaging and excluding others over theology, and excommunicating and massacring one another in the name of theology. Quite frankly, if it became apparent that God was revealing God’s Self through a sea turtle at the Waikiki Aquarium, I would go there every Sunday to worship instead of St. Clement’s.

While I am not going to argue here for or against the Trinity, I am going to agitate because I find both arguments intriguing, if not enlightening. Though a brief generalization for an expansive subject, the argument for the Trinity ~ though nowhere in the New Testament is the word Trinity or anything similar to it used to describe or represent God ~ is that God is referred to, described as, and acts in the manner of three different personages, personages in English that we translate as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Further, whenever any of these three personages is brought up in the New Testament, it is clear that the One God and the only God is the subject. As a result, out of these three personages for God found in the New Testament, the Trinity was recognized by many early Christian leaders and their followers, and, after much debate, eventually adopted as Christian dogma.

The arguments against the Trinity are manifold, beginning with, as shared above, that nowhere is a Trinity of God mentioned in the New Testament. In other words, and rightly so, those who deny the Trinity of God argue it is a conclusion that early Christian leaders ~ human beings ~ made without direct Biblical authority. While this is correct, if we are to remain consistent and thus fair, neither is the Virgin Mary described as a “virgin” in the New Testament. The correct translation should be “maiden.” To be sure, ideally in ancient Jewish culture, maidens ~ meaning young unmarried women ~ were supposed to be virgins, but as we know from other stories in scripture, that was frequently not the reality. In other words, much like the Trinity, because of Mary’s maiden status, without direct biblical authority, early Christian leaders ~ human beings ~ concluded that Mary was a virgin.

Another argument against the Trinity is that, in addition to the New Testament, the word Trinity is not found in the Old Testament either. This is true as well but, like the New Testament, God is also referred to, described as, and acts in the manner of three different personages. While many differently nuanced names are used for God in ancient Hebrew, they effectively condense into three manifestations, that is Ha` Av ~ meaning The Father, Ben-Adam ~ meaning the Son of Man or Humanity, and Ruach Ha-Kodesh ~ meaning the Holy Spirit. To be fair, the traditional Jewish understanding of God revealed as such differs from the traditional Christian understanding. However, both share the understanding that the Father refers to God as being the source of Creation, the Son of Man refers to God as being revealed in humanity ~ even in its most frail and vulnerable manifestations ~ and the Holy Spirit refers to God as being the divine influence over creation.

A third argument against the Trinity is that it is so similar as to be borrowed from earlier pagan religions that were polytheistic ~ meaning the belief in many distinct gods, pantheistic ~ meaning the belief that Creation is the equivalent of god, autotheistic ~ meaning the belief god is inherently within us and we all can achieve godhood, and deistic ~ meaning the belief at least one god exists, that it or they created the universe with a plan, but once created the plan is unalterable. If similarity is grounds for exclusion, then Buddhism must be excluded because of its similarities to Hinduism, Shinto must be excluded for its similarities to Taoism, Judaism must be excluded as result of its similarities to Zoroastrianism, Islam must be excluded because of its similarities to Hubalism, and all Christianity must be excluded because of its similarities to Egyptian Benuism and its belief in resurrection.

Call me a romantic ~ I’ve been called worse. Call me a heretic ~ I’d be in good company. Yet, it seems to me the point is not how God is revealed. Instead, it is that God being God, reveals God’s Self without limitation, and that the limitations imposed on God by God’s own Creation ~ believers and unbelievers alike ~ serve only to limit our understanding of and experience with God. God, as revealed in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at the very end of his human experience, commanded us to do one, and only one thing:

*“I give you a New Commandment,  
that you love one another.  
Just as I have loved you,  
you also should love one another.”*

*Jesus, His Commandment / John 13:34*

*~~ Submitted by Scott Suzuki-Jones*



# JUNE 2016 Lay Minister Schedule

| Sunday                       | JUNE 5  | JUNE 12   | JUNE 19  | JUNE 26   |
|------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| <b>Lectionary<br/>Year C</b> | <i><b>The Third Sunday<br/>after Pentecost</b></i>                | <i><b>The Fourth Sunday<br/>after Pentecost</b></i>                               | <i><b>The Fifth Sunday<br/>after Pentecost</b></i>                   | <i><b>The Sixth Sunday<br/>after Pentecost</b></i>                          |
| <b>Readings</b>              | 1 Kings 17:17-24<br>Psalm 30<br>Galatians 1:11-24<br>Luke 7:11-17 | 2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:10, 13-15<br>Psalm 32<br>Galatians 2:15-21<br>Luke 7:36 - 8:3 | Isaiah 65:1-9<br>Psalm 22:18-27<br>Galatians 3:23-29<br>Luke 8:26-39 | 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21<br>Psalm 16<br>Galatians 5:1, 13-15<br>Luke 9:51-62 |
| <b>Flowers</b>               | Beth Fincke   | Kiki Fordham  | Beth Fincke  | Beth Fincke<br>Adrienne Lau   |

\* \* \* \* \* **7:30 am Service** \* \* \* \* \*

|                    |                                |                               |                                |                 |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Lector</b>      | Sandy Souza                    | Keith Kalway                  | Hew Reynolds                   | Kingsley Wong   |
| <b>Lector/EM</b>   | Martha Morgan                  | Scott Hauger                  | Liz Ho                         | Susan Palmore   |
| <b>Euch. Min</b>   | Pam Fern                       | Martha Morgan                 | Dana Anderson                  | Dana Anderson   |
| <b>Altar Guild</b> | Sandy Souza                    | Sandy Souza                   | Pam Fern                       | Cecilia Fordham |
| <b>Ushers</b>      | Harrison Ishida<br>Sandy Souza | Sandy Souza                   | Kingsley, Joni & Tyler<br>Wong | Sandy Souza     |
| <b>Coffee Hour</b> | Tahmi Brodhead                 | Leslie Isaki<br>Martha Laxson | Kingsley, Joni & Tyler<br>Wong | Cecilia Fordham |

\* \* \* \* \* **10:15 am Service** \* \* \* \* \*

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|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Lector</b>      | Elizabeth McCutcheon | Landen Taga   | Gayle Chang                        | Hilary Gangnes             |
| <b>Lector/EM</b>   | Brad Siefkes         | Moria Amjadi  | Jane Anderson                      | Paris Priore-Kim           |
| <b>Euch. Min</b>   | Moria Amjadi         | Jane Anderson | Paris Priore-Kim                   | Moria Amjadi               |
| <b>Altar Guild</b> | Beth Fincke          | Beth Fincke   | Beth Fincke                        | Beth Fincke                |
| <b>Ushers</b>      | Arthur Buto          | Liz Baldwin   | Arthur Buto<br>Liz Baldwin         | TBA                        |
| <b>Coffee Hour</b> | Moani Crowell        | Tau'eva Lino  | Nellie McLaughlin<br>Beth Charlton | Liz Baldwin<br>Miwako Shen |

**Greeters Team: Jim Quimby**

7:30 am Service: Jim Quimby, Carol Taylor, Annabel Murray

10:15 am Service: Beth Charlton, Liz Baldwin





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Schedule of Worship Services  
Sundays: 7:30 am and 10:15 am  
Wednesdays: 10 am

## Datebook

Fridays in June and July  
10 am-11 am Zumba Gold classes

Friday, June 10 **Kamehameha Day Holiday**  
**Offices Closed**

Sunday, June 12  
Last day of Sunday School until September  
10:15 service - Recognition of Graduates

Tuesday, June 14  
6 pm Vestry meeting

Wednesday, June 15  
**Ke` Alemanaka Deadline**

Friday, June 17  
11:30 am Margaret Nunn Memorial Service  
and Reception following

Saturday, June 18  
11:30 Food Distribution and Lunch

Monday, June 20  
SCS Summer School begins

Thursday, June 30  
**8:30 am Ke` Alemanaka Assembly**  
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Parish Office Hours:  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 am to 4 pm  
Tuesdays, 8:30 am to 7 pm  
Staff meetings - Tuesdays, 2 pm-3 pm

Thursdays  
4:30 pm Farmers Market