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A Wonderful Gift to the Parish for our 125th Anniversary By Kathleen Norris

Thanks to the work of professional historian Wendy Tolleson, the Parish of St Clement has something that few churches have, and that is a history of our land and buildings. I'm fairly certain that no other church in the diocese has one, because when I told Bishop Fitzpatrick about the new St Clement's book, he seemed a little jealous - even St. Andrew's Cathedral doesn't have such a thorough documentation of its history!

The book may have a dry title, "The History of the Land and Buildings of St. Clements Church 1840-1973". But the text reveals many interesting facts I suspect most parishioners don't know. In the mid-1800's, for example, the land where our church stands was in an area called Kulaokahua ("the plain of the boundary"). It was a barren wasteland with no water, no agriculture, and few trees, just a few wild cattle who foraged there.

Prior to the great Mahele, the land division of 1847 between the Crown, the ali'i, and commoners our land belonged to M. Kekunanaoa, the father of Kamehameha IV and Kamehameha V. Beginning in 1851 land grants became available in the area, and fee simple lots from 1 to 50 acres were sold. In 1856 John Meeks, a ship's captain and trader who had become a friend and advisor of Kamehameha I (and had introduced mangoes to Hawaii in 1842) was granted the parcel where St. Clement's stands.

After 1879, when the Makiki water works were built, and a reservoir and canal brought water and new residents to the area, our neighborhood became known as the Beverly Hills of Honolulu, as many prominent families built mansions there. One, Greystone, built by Alfred Hocking, still stands on Nehoa Street. The reservoir may be found mauka of the church on upper Makiki Street.

Our first church was constructed in 1898, and when a new church was built in the years 1938-1942 to accommodate a growing congregation (with some delays because of the war) the old church was moved from the Diamond Head/Makai corner of Makiki and Wilder to where the church stands today. A part of the old church was incorporated into the larger new church building.

There are many such details in the narrative, and also brief biographies of the rectors, architects, church trustees and major donors who built up the parish of St. Clements over the years. The last section contains a wealth of maps, copies of documents, correspondence, newspaper articles, and also photographs of the church that I suspect most parishioners have never seen, including one of Lila Lefferts Cooke, who donated the funds to build the school building on campus that is now named for her.

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Church Office Hours

Open Weekdays
8:30AM to 4:00PM

**Closed on Holidays*

MAHALOS

Mahalo to August's faithful Food Distribution
crew:
Holo Stender, Beth Fincke, Ann Ogilvie, Annette
Kirkpatrick, Chris Haskaylo. Pam Fern, and
Phoebe Tse.

Mahalo to the crew that prepares and delivers chili
and mac salad to RYSE and YO! House: Jane
Anderson, Karen Brousseau, Robert Nakatsuji,
and Dana Anderson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leesa Steadman, the Parish Office Manager,
will be on vacation (out of the office) from
Monday, September 11, 2023 through
Monday, September 18, 2023. Thank you to
Liz Balwin for volunteering to help cover the
office that week.

ZOOM SERVICE OUTLINE

SUNDAY:

Worship at 9:30 AM

ID#: 854 4414 6891

Passcode: 1515

Adult Discussion at 8:30 AM

ID#: 854 4414 6891

Passcode: 1515

Bible Study (RBTL) at 8:30 AM

ID#: 853 8655 3153

Passcode: 1515

Also meets in Parish Hall.

You can join any service with
your phone! Just call this
number: 1 (669) 900-6833
Then enter the meeting ID
and passcode when
prompted.

It's a great photo -- Mrs. Cooke is wearing a spectacular hat, and she looks like one formidable lady !

The parish will retain the original of this volume, and copies will be given to the diocese archives, and also the church office, which will have two copies that may be borrowed by parishioners. The parish is most grateful to Wendy for her diligent research, as well as the contributions of others whose knowledge was invaluable in this effort. To help us celebrate our 125th anniversary, Wendy donated her services free of charge.



Sunday Service Schedule

The Vestry voted that the church will continue with one service at 9:30 a.m. until a new priest-in-charge joins our parish. The new pastor will determine the service schedule(s) after arriving.

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			<p>KEY: PH - Parish House KCH - Kitchen CH - Church MR - Music Room PL - Parkng Lot</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM Vigil (CH) 8:00 PM Strivers for Sobriety (PH) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Altar Guild (CH) 10:00 AM Compassionate Friends (MR) ... Strivers for Sobriety (PH) 6:30 PM Tongan Choir Rehearsal (PH)
Beth Fincke on vacation						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Adult Discussion (PH 1) 8:30 AM RBTL (PH) 9:30 AM Canon Sandy Graham's Visit 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Family Sunday (Sunday) 10:30 AM Social Time - PH 1:00 PM Tongan Church (CH) 7:00 PM Daily Reflections (PH) 	<p>Office Closed</p> <p>Labor Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 PM AI-Anon (PH) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Tourist Photoshoot (CH) 5:00 PM Labyrinth Open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM SCS Chapel (CH) 5:00 PM Na 'Ohana Meeting (SL) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30 PM Farmers Market 6:00 PM Choir Practice (CH) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Strivers for Sobriety (PH) 7:00 PM Tongan Bible Study (CH) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM RYSE Meeting (PH) 9:00 AM Altar Guild (CH) 6:30 PM Tongan Choir Rehearsal (PH)
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Yom Kippur						
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MONTHLY PARISH BRIEF

News from St. Clement's School

Students are back on the campus with the start of the new school year.

New Sexton Hired

We are pleased to announce that the church has hired Emelio Lanner as the new Sexton. He will begin work on September 2, 2023, and we look forward to having him on board.

Parish Happenings

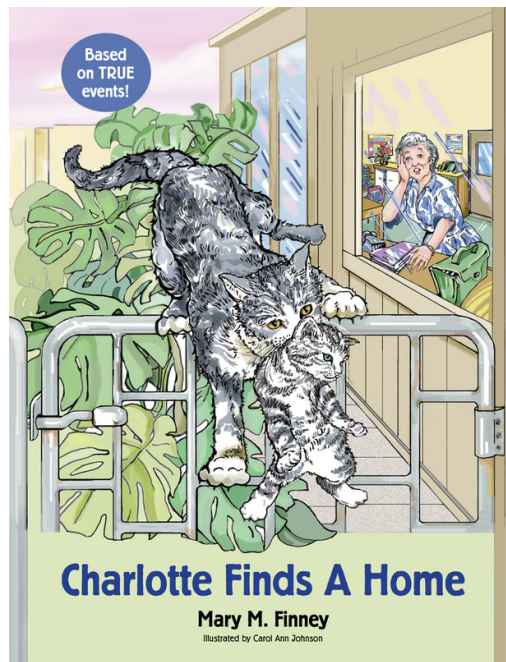
Volunteers Needed - If you would like to help out the Parish with our Food Distribution ministry, please contact the church office. We always need more volunteers to help with picking up food from the Food Bank weekly, to help bagging the food, and to help with distributing the food on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Sunday School Resumes - Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 10, 2023.

Campus Security and the Gates - The church leadership and vestry are currently working on finalizing arrangements to ensure the safety of our campus during nighttime hours. As part of this effort, a new fence and gates have been introduced. The gates will be opened by the school's Safety and Security Officer on school days and by the sexton on Saturday and non-school days. Negotiations are underway with an individual who has agreed to take on this task, as well as conduct a campus sweep to ensure everything is in order before locking the gates at 10:00 p.m. Keep an eye out for further updates on this matter.

Senior Warden's Vacation - The Senior Warden, Beth Fincke, will be away on vacation from Sunday, August 17, through September 11, 2023. Please contact the Junior Warden, Soane Lino, or the church's office during that time.

News from our Extended Ohana



We are happy to share the news that Mary Finney's book, *Charlotte Finds a Home*, which is set at the Parish of St. Clement, has been published. Mary will be here on Sunday, September 17, 2023, to meet with everyone interested in her book. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

From the news release about the book:

Cuddly cats. A resourceful mama. Unexpected human help.

Here's a family –adventure tale of drama and surprises... full of both animal and human caring.

Charlotte Finds a Home is a true story with all the elements of a heartwarming yarn that children of all ages can relate to. It's about a momma cat who finds ways to keep her family safe in trying times and of staffers in an Hawaiian church and school, and school kids who pitched in to help.

This delightful story and its kid friendly illustrations also offers a bit of Hawaiian culture, especially about "Ohana", the Hawaiian sense of family.

Initial setting: Honolulu; When Mary Finney learned about Charlotte and her kittens from the recently retired director of St. Clement's School, she was quite "taken" by all the details of these events and suggested, "This would make a charming children's story! You should write a book about this!" The director responded, "No, but YOU could write it!" Although Mary had no experience writing a children's book, she agreed to do so.

Present Setting: Pacific Northwest: After multiple household moves, Mary connected with Carol Ann Johnson, an experienced illustrator, who had lived in Hawaii and written some Hawaiian children's books. Slowly, the story and the illustrations came together, under the guidance of Peanut Butter Publishing, a Seattle based company.



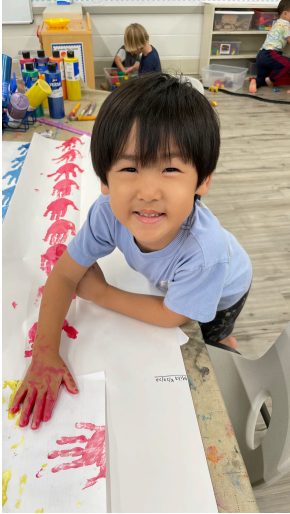
BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

- September 1 - Bella Bell
- September 5 - Ronan Amjadi-O'Shea
- September 9 - Jodi Yoshioka
- September 21 - Grace Phillips
- September 26 - MariJayne Nicholas
- September 28 - Karla Bee
- September 29 - Susan Palmore



SCHOOL SNAPSHOTS

A view into the school days at St. Clement's



How many hands tall am I? - A student in B2 uses his handprints to show how tall he is.



Sweet Music to the Ears - Students in B1 enjoy Ms. Woodward's Music



Sharing the Aloha - The students of C3 engage in Kumu Tony's Hawaiian Culture class.



Puzzle Solving - A student in C2 starts an alphabet puzzle.



Mixing up the Playdoh - Students in B3 enjoy mixing playdoh on their first day of school.



Just Hangng Around - Two students of C1 are "monkeying" around on the monkey bars.

A Fond Farewell to Stan



On Saturday, August 19, 2023, the school and church had a party to celebrate Stan Ornellas and his hard work and dedication over the years with the Parish and St. Clement's School. It was a wonderful party with good food, company, and many memories. Uncle Stan wanted to thank everyone, and he wrote the following:

"I would like to thank the St. Clement's parishioners for all the years of enjoyable employment and for all that you have done for me. I've really enjoyed working with the people of St. Clement's Parish. I've also enjoyed working with the teachers and staff of St. Clement's School.

With fond aloha,

Uncle Stan."





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Sunday Services:

Sunday, September 3, 2023, 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Canon Sandy Graham will be both preacher and celebrant

Sunday, September 10, 2023, 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Mary Carpenter will be leading Morning Prayer.



SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY
Holy Eucharist 9:30AM Adult Discussion 8:30AM Bible Study 8:30AM	Office Open 8:30AM to 4PM

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Office Open 8:30AM to 4PM	Office Open 8:30AM to 4PM Assistance Available 10AM to 12PM

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Office Open 8:30AM to 4PM Farmers Market 4:30PM to 7PM	Office Open 8:30AM to 4PM Kūpuna Box (9/15) 12PM to 1PM

SATURDAY	SPECIAL EVENTS
	Office Closed: Monday, September 4 Labor Day