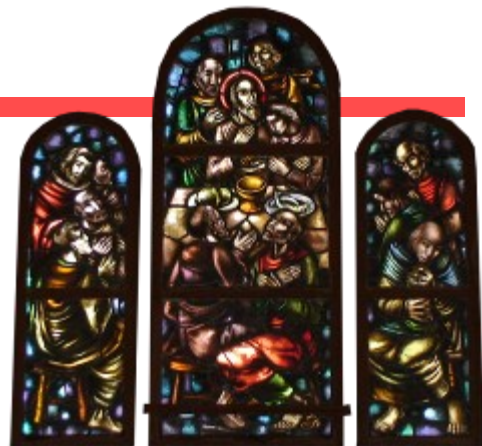




The Journey

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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Let us this month

- * Congratulate a young adult
- * Give our Parish Administrator food and money for the homeless
- * Secure a disaster preparedness kit in your home
- * Tell those in your household: I Love You
- * Invite a friend or neighbor to your church
- * Volunteer to help with the homeless ministry—last Thursday of each month

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Isaiah Horimoto

Blessing To All

Reflections

by Bill Mok
Senior Warden



By common characterization, St. Mary's is a Family parish. This intuitively describes our size, our style, and our familiarity and commitment to each other. But this label is sometimes used to broadly describe a church's constituency: one that attracts and ministers primarily to families, as opposed to, I presume, young singles?

I first came to St. Mary's as a young single in 1982. I was immediately welcomed into a very active young adult group. (*Strangely, one memory from those days is Leland sharing Pâté in one of those older cabins at Camp Mokuleia!*). Jackie and I were married at St. Mary's in 1984, and our two children were baptized here in 1993 and 1996 (I think). By now, my family is a fixture at St. Mary's. God willing, I may one day even advance in stature to become a patriarch, of comparable rank to many multi-generational families that have served as the backbone of St. Mary's since its founding over a century ago. Of course, that means Charis and Christopher must first do their part in expanding the Mok family empire....

Joking aside, I think I have a point somewhere. Won't it be nice if St. Mary's reaches out and ministers to another young adult like me almost 40 years ago, who would then bring up a family in our church and serve God in our midst for 40 years?

Let's embrace our culture whereby each and every one of us are integral members of our church family. But while treasuring the families amongst our congregation, let's reach out to all, and bring in that new person who would be part of us for the decades to come.

Words from the Committee

The Search Committee met following worship on July 28 to discuss the fourth draft of our parish profile (this was our second meeting during the month of July). Although there were a number of suggested changes, it was agreed that the twenty-page draft should be forwarded to Reverend Cn. Sandy Graham, the Diocese Search Coordinator, for further review. Suggested changes were incorporated into the fifth draft of our parish profile and the updated draft forwarded to Sandy Graham by e-mail that Sunday evening.



The most recent drafts were prepared by Jackie Mok, updating the 1999 St. Mary's Church Profile with earlier writings submitted by Tatjana Johnson, Pablo Cortez and herself. All six members of the Search Committee helped to select the photos to be used in the profile (sources included a box of old photos stored in the church attic, scanned photos used by Father Dale Hathaway for the Centennial booklet, and more recent photos Father David Blanchett had used for articles in The Journey. Richert Au Hoy is serving as the technology person, responsible for incorporating the selected photos within the profile text.

Sandy Graham responded in two days with recommended changes to the draft parish profile. We will incorporate these recommendations and then forward the new draft to our Vestry for final review. Both the Vestry and the Office of the Bishop need to approve the parish profile before it can be posted on the Diocesan website.

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Our July Celebrants



Rev. David Kennedy

July 7 July 14



July 21

July 28



Rev. Heather Patton-Graham

Isaiah's Camp Mokuleia Experience

By James Maruyama



Isaiah Horimoto

Isaiah Horimoto, who faithfully serves St. Mary's as an Acolyte, recently attended a week long camp retreat at North Shore's Camp Mokuleia along with 200 other participants from other churches+ from across the State for a six day/five night gathering which gave participants an opportunity to experience Christian fellowship.

Participants had the opportunity to make friends, learn social skills through fun games and experience the unconditional love of God through a shared spiritual experience.

Camp activities included zip lining, paddle boarding, hiking, team building, swimming, group games, devotions and other special activities.

Camp Mokuleia was donated to The Episcopal Church of Hawaii by the McInerney family in 1947. For the first 22 years the camp was used on an occasional basis for conferences and summer camp by the Episcopal Church. In 1969, the first year-round director was hired, leading to the development of the summer camping programs, church and school retreats/conferences, rental programs for adults and families, and Elder hostel programs for seniors.

Camp Mokuleia's website (www.campmokuleia.org) states that they uphold Christian and Hawaiian values by dedicating, maintaining, developing, sustaining and caring for Hawaii's natural resources while offering a safe gathering place for all who enter and provide for Christian ministry through intentional service to spiritual needs of the Episcopal diocese and the community.



Isaiah was the sole representative from St. Mary's to attend.

Isaiah noted that his best memories from the experience included making new friends and getting to know other youth from the various participating congregations.

The spiritual youth retreat is conducted every Summer. Those interested in participating in next year's gathering should contact St. Mary's for more information.

Editor's note: Each Episcopal Church in Hawaii was allotted four \$250 scholarships from Camp Mokuleia to attend the 2019 summer camps. St. Mary's took the offer to send Isaiah and used that \$250 scholarship for his registration fee which was \$460. Isaiah is currently the only acolyte and faithfully serves each Sunday so St. Mary's paid the remaining \$210 camp registration fee



A Time With Uncle Hugh

Photos by James Maruyama

A TIME WITH UNCLE HUGH

Hugh Kaiser our missionary to Indonesia and the Philippines held an informal spiritual experience Saturday, July 13th at St. Mary's in the Sanctuary. Those attending share stories & experiences with the Lord.

Missionary Hugh took "Questions and Answers" from the participants who were in attendance and the topics varied on different theological concerns from the attendees. After the session they had lunch in the Gathering Room and met for more fellowship in the sanctuary.



HUGH KAISER – session facilitator



Gail Hirozawa

Testimony given by Gail Hirozawa at Uncle Hugh Kaiser's Bible Study

(question posed by Hugh Kaiser for discussion)

How has your life changed since you first followed Jesus?

Before I first followed Jesus, I got so sick I couldn't set foot in any church. My life has changed in a way that I have become more involved in the Episcopal Church and here at St. Mary's. I am an acolyte, Lay Reader, Chalice Bearer, Crucifer, Eucharistic Minister/Visitor, Vestry Member, Diocesan Convention Delegate, and Prayer team member. I am also a member and Assistant Secretary for the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Diocese of Hawaii and Iolani Guild.

Some of my friends and family members have told me that they accepted Christ into their lives because of my work for the Episcopal Church of Hawaii, but especially for my work for St. Mary's.

An Eight Year Sandwich Ministry

By James Maruyama



Murray Cohen

Every Sunday at 2:30 PM, you will find devoted church member Murray Cohen hard at work distributing sandwiches to the disadvantage and homeless along Old Stadium Park's surroundings. He Delivers with the assistance of Fr. Walter Stevens and others. Murray has been faithfully providing this Sandwich Ministry for close to eight years.



Sandwiches packed and ready to deliver

On average, 35 bags of sandwiches are distributed to individuals but demand keeps growing every year. In the beginning Murray remembers only having to make 20 bags but now it has nearly doubled.

While St. Mary's church covers the costs for the program, it is Murray and Youngmi (wife of Murray) who make the sandwiches every Sunday morning to be distributed to everyone at the park.

Those who receive the sandwiches are genuinely thankful and some have even attended services as a result of the generosity of the church.

The Sandwich Ministry is continuing to expand and help is always needed to make sandwiches as well as distribute to those in need. If you would like to help with this continuing endeavor either through monetary support or volunteering your time, please contact St. Mary's for more information.



Heading
out to
the park
and surrounding
neighborhood

Road Map



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Mo'ili'ili Homeless Outreach Service

August 29th - 10am
In Gathering Room
Volunteers report at 9am



Sunday Worship Service 9:00am

**Special Weekday
Office Hours**

August 12th-23rd
9am-12 Noon

Prayer Ministry

8:15am
Sundays in
Soldier Chapel

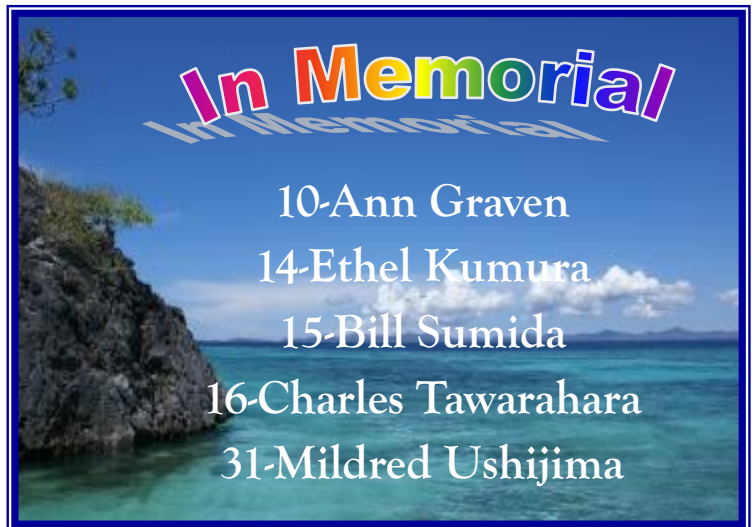
Vestry Meeting

10:15am
August 18th

August Supply

Rev. Philip Paradine
Rev. David Kennedy

In Memorial



10-Ann Graven
14-Ethel Kumura
15-Bill Sumida
16-Charles Tawarahara
31-Mildred Ushijima

August Birthdays

8-James Maruyama
9-Larke Golaski
30-Arlene Sato

Free Health Classes

YOGA

CLASS

Tuesdays 10:00am
Gathering Room

WARRIORS

AT EASE CLASS

Saturday TBD
August 24th & 31st
Gathering Room



August



7 - David & Martha Blanchett
28 - Roy & Jan Horimoto