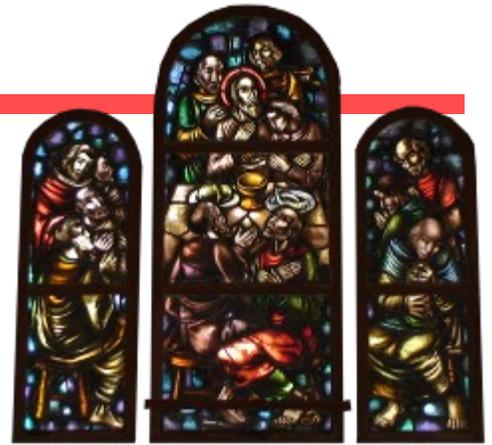




The Journey

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

An Online Monthly Pictorial News Record



December 2019

Let us this month

- * Seek help if you need it
- * Take the initiative to restore broken family relationships
- * Attend Christmas services
- * Talk with household members about disaster preparedness and response
- * Pray for guidance in selecting a new rector
- * Volunteer to help with new ministries

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Angels at Play Preschool & Kindergarten



Thanksgiving Chapel Service November 27, 2019

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Give Thanks

Next Meeting December 15th
Conference Room

William Mok, Senior Warden

Leland Lee, Junior Warden

Richert Au Hoy, Treasurer

Don Hardaway, Vestry class of 2019

Gail Hirozawa, Vestry class of 2019

Carlton Pang, Vestry class of 2020

Dara Tawarahara, Vestry class of 2020

Kyle Ushijima, Vestry class of 2021

Ruth Yoshioka, Vestry class of 2021

Church members can attend

Annual Parish Meeting on January 26, 2020

Election of two vestry members, three convention delegates and junior warden



Richert Au Hoy

Words from the Committee

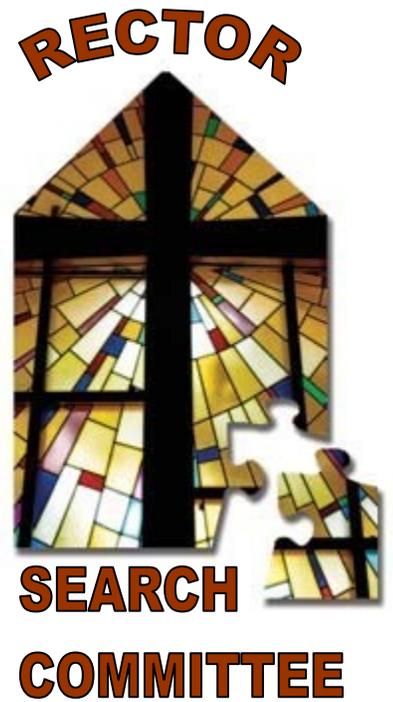
The Search Committee completed the last of four interviews of Priest-in-Charge candidates after church on Sunday, November 24. All interviews were accomplished through video conferencing in the Rector's Office using "Skype" software and a microphone, speaker and monitor connected to a laptop computer equipped with a camera. Each member of the committee was given one question to ask the candidate:

1. Describe your journey to faith and how your faith finds expression in the Episcopal Church. How and why were you called into ordained ministry?
2. What is your leadership style? Describe an instance that you used your style to resolve a problem.
3. What is your experience living or working in a multicultural environment? How have you incorporated multiculturalism into your ministry?
4. How do you feel your personal life experiences have prepared you for ministry?
5. What calls you to lead St. Mary's Episcopal Church?
6. What is your understanding of Christian stewardship? What is your personal discipline, and how have you preached or taught about it?

After the candidate completed his responses to these questions, he was given an opportunity to ask us questions regarding St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Each interview took about an hour, including at least several minutes of questions addressed to the Search Committee by the candidate.

Shortly after the last interview, the committee met with Rev. Cn. Alexander Graham to determine which three candidates would be forwarded to the Vestry. The names and supporting information of the three selectees, along with detailed guidance for the next phase of the selection process, were presented to the Vestry on Tuesday, November 26. In the coming weeks, the Search Committee with Vestry guidance will host a weekend visit to the church for the candidate (and spouse, if any). After all the candidates have visited, the Vestry and the Bishop will meet to decide which candidate is called to be the priest of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

We give special thanks to Tatjana Johnson for preparing the interview questions, and to Jackie Mok for leading the interviews. We ask for your continued prayers that we will soon know the priest whom God has already chosen for us.



Pablo Cortez, Rev. Cn Alexander Graham, Laurie Lee, Richert Au Hoy, Tatjana Johnson and Charlene Date - November 3, 2019

Our November Celebrants

Rev. Preston Lentz



Rev. Heather Patton-Graham



Rev. Imelda Padasdao



Our November Guest Presenter

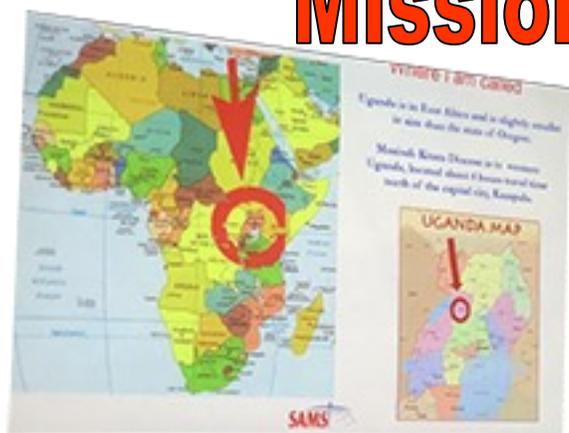
Janine M. LeGrand

Missionay in Uganda

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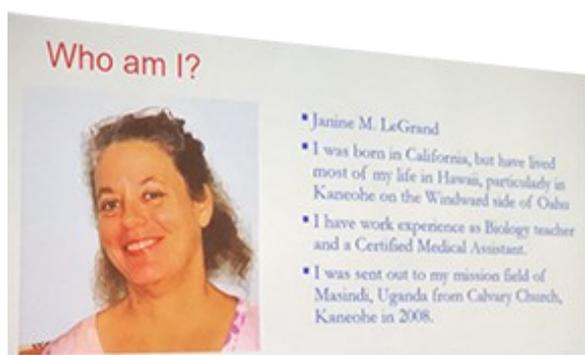


Missionary Work in Uganda

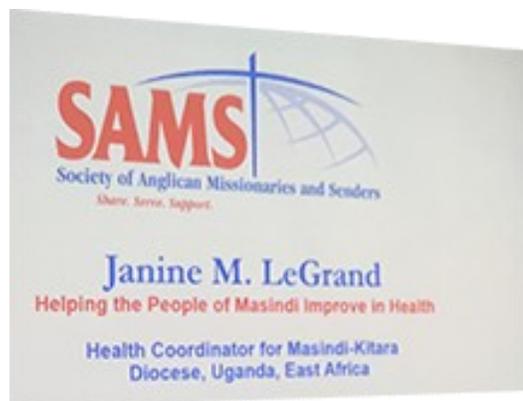


On Sunday Nov. 24, Janine LeGrand visited St. Mary's. She was warmly welcomed by parishioners, especially those who remembered her from prior years. After service, Janine gave a presentation on her mission work in Masindi, Uganda.

Janine has been serving in Uganda for 11 years with The Society of Missionaries and Senders, commonly known by their acronym SAMS. Janine serves as Health Coordinator for her diocese in the Church of Uganda.



Janine's focus is to show the love of God in a tangible way through helping people to be healthier. Her work is a mix of health education (in basic areas such as clean water, disease prevention, nutrition, etc.) and helping people get access to quality clinical care. She helps train upcoming church leaders in health basics. She works with other organizations to help make quality clinical care accessible to people. She works to organize outreaches utilizing US medical volunteers around 5 times a year providing free care to thousands of patients. She helps educate the public in health topics and also helps church leaders be examples of healthy behaviors and health resources in their communities plus doing a number of other activities.



God is using Janine to save lives and make people healthier. Through her ministry the Church there is being strengthened. Muslims have become Christians and others have re-committed to the Lord. God's love is being shown and people know God and the Church cares about them. With God's help, Janine desires to serve in this work for many more years.

People wishing to support her work can make donation safely online at www.samsusa.org by selecting Support a Missionary then selecting Janine LeGrand. You can enter an amount either as a single gift or as a monthly donation. If giving by check, make the checks payable to the mission agency, SAMS, then put "Janine LeGrand" in quotes. Mail checks to SAMS, PO Box 399, Ambridge PA 15003.

Your prayers are greatly requested. If you wish to receive her occasional newsletter, send her a newsletter request to janinemlegrand@gmail.com. She thanks St. Mary's for their prayers and the support the church and members have given.



Janine LeGrand giving a presentation in St. Mary's Gathering Room



Thanksgiving Past

By James Maruyama

What was Thanksgiving Like for You?



Amy Ushijima

Amy Ushijima -

Thanksgiving was a wonderful time to give thanks and even when a young woman, Amy was always thankful for what God provided. Amy used to dorm at Mid-Pacific Institute and went to church often during time. Amy's son had a stroke a number of years ago, so Thanksgiving had special meaning for her as it offered a time to be thankful for good health and the smaller things in life.

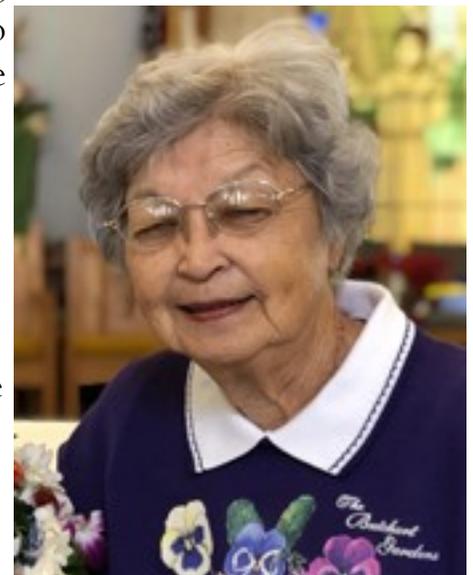
When Amy's husband was still alive, the entire family gathered for Thanksgiving at her home. Now Amy's daughter-in-law is in charge of Thanksgiving and always invites her to their home for dinner and celebration. Family has been very important to Amy. She has nieces and cousins who live close by to help her and also has other family member check-in on her on occasion.

Yet despite Amy's age she is still the matriarch of the family being the oldest of the siblings. Amy even promised her aunt (who passed away recently) that she would look after the rest of the family.

Tamae Endo -

Thanksgiving was mostly celebrated with family. Tamae's mother-in-law's two nieces were born on Thanksgiving Day, so every year their families handled the Thanksgiving turkey. Even now Tamae doesn't really know how to cook a turkey as her daughter does the cooking every year.

Amy and Tamae both, wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving year.



Tamae Endo

You See Them First

By James Maruyama

Meet Our Greeters – Sets Kouchi and Arlene Sato

With their bright smiles and friendly disposition, Church Greeters Sets Kouchi and Arlene Sato have been welcoming St. Mary's church members and guests alike faithfully for the past few years.

For **Sets**, the position came about by chance. Sets took over for George Nakamura, who was originally one of the first Greeters for St. Mary's in the early 80s. Sets had recently been baptized at the time and wanted to help out the church in some small capacity. Ever since then, Sets has been a mainstay in welcoming everyone



to church. Sets noted that she used to do much more (such as assisting with the offertory) but since getting hip surgery, she hasn't been able to help out as much as she would like. Sets loves to greet everyone to church especially new visitors to the church and hopes that more younger parishioners come to St. Mary's to help the church grow.



Arlene was recruited to be a greeter after George retired from the position and has been helping Sets for the past number of years. Although Arlene has to come to church early every Sunday, she enjoys meeting new people and the opportunity to welcome everyone to church service every Sunday. While attendance has been down in recent months, Arlene is hopeful that once a new pastor has been found, it will go back up

Byron Uahinui receives a bulletin from Sets Kouchi

November Aloha Hour



Rose Chu with
Carlton Pang



Giving Thanks To:

Lee, Chu, Liu and Date Families

Healing Prayer Service

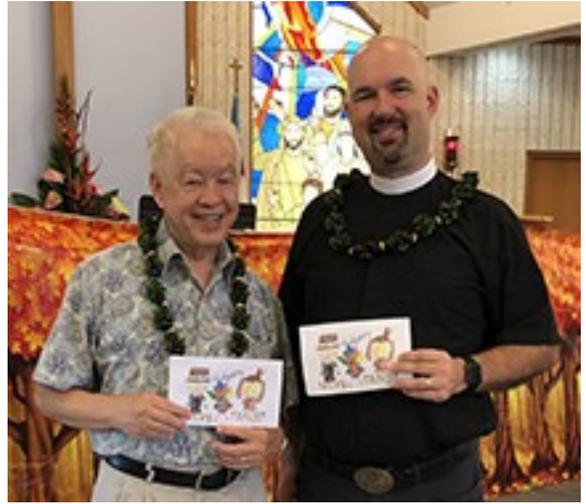
12 noon

Wednesdays

December 4th & 18th



Little Angels Give Thanks



On the morning of November 27th, The Rev. Cn. Alexander Graham spoke with and prayed for the children of God at the Angels At Play Preschool & Kindergarten's Thanksgiving Chapel Service. Rev. Graham was there due to the vacant rector position at St. Mary's. The little ones really loved his presence and each spoke in a microphone saying what they were thankful for.

The Sanctuary was packed with parents, grandparents, and others watching, listening and maneuvering to capture the best photo of their angel for a keepsake.

Playing the piano during the eight songs the children sang was Richert Au Hoy, a long time member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.



St. Mary's homeless ministry was blessed during the service. Blessed because the little angels brought can goods and placed them in Thanksgiving boxes to be distributed later.

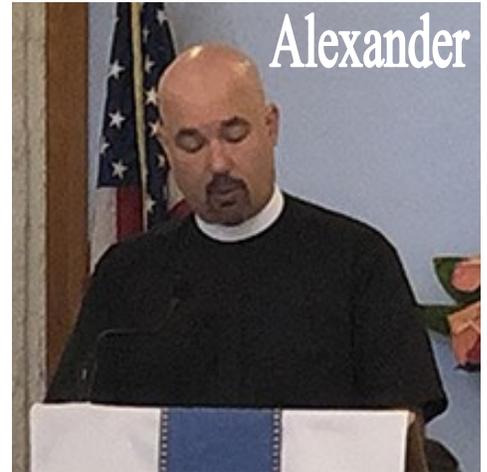
St. Mary's give thanks for the administrators, teachers and parents who love and train their angles to give thanks the God and those God works through.



Our November Readers



Ruth



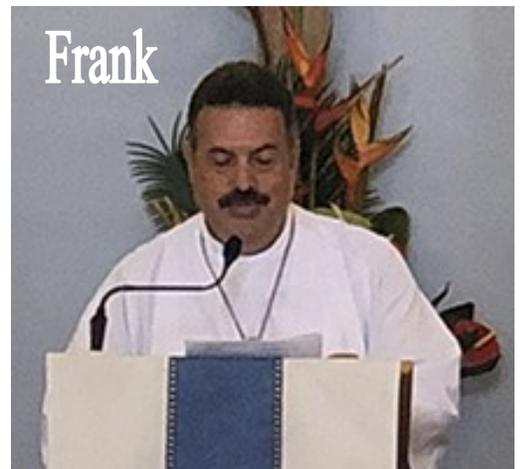
Alexander



Byron

Thank You

READERS



Frank



Isaiah



Pablo



Martha

Contemporary Christmas Sing-A-Long

LIGHT SUPPER

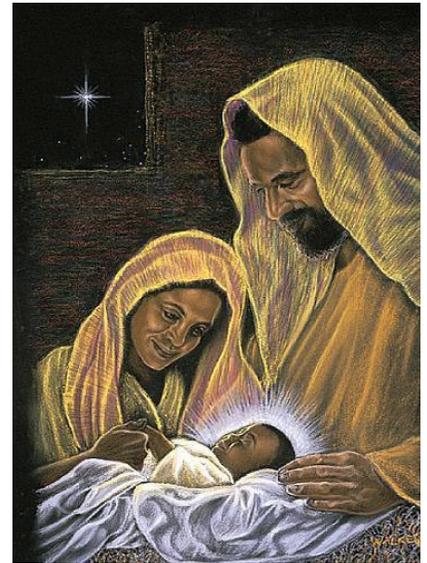
December 20th * 5:30 pm - 7:00pm

SINGING begins at 6 PM

Christmas Eve Service 10pm



Christmas Day Service 10am



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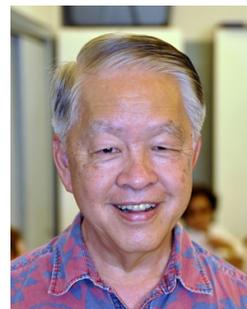
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Mo'ili'ili Homeless Outreach Service

No outreach in December.
Resume 1-30-2020



Sunday Worship Service 9:00am

Office Closed

December
5th 18th & 25th

Prayer Ministry

8:15am
Sundays in
Soldier Chapel

Vestry Meeting 10:15am
December 15th at 10:15am

December Supply
Rev. Haaheo Guanson
Rev. Heather Patton-Graham
Rev. Benjamin Newland



December Birthdays

20-Jackie Uahinui
22-Leah Condello
23-Dara Tawarahara
31-David Blanchett

Free Health Classes

YOGA

CLASS

Tuesdays 10:00am
Gathering Room

WARRIORS

AT EASE CLASS

Saturdays 10:00 am
Gathering Room



Service of Singing, Prayer and Healing

Wednesdays: December
4th and 18th
12pm—12:40pm