

Ke 'Alemanaka

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St. Clement's Worship Services



We are not able to gather in person to worship right now, but we can worship together by using **Zoom!** Zoom can be used on smart phones, tablets, computers and by phone.

Contact Pastor Heather if you need help with setting up Zoom.

~~ Pastor Heather

SUNDAY MORNINGS:

Morning Prayer: Sundays at 8 am and 10:15am.

We will pray Morning Prayer together over Zoom. After that time the Zoom Chat Room will be open for people to connect with each other and see members of St. Clement's 'Ohana. (Bring your own coffee and snacks.)

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/420176454>
Meeting ID: 420 176 454

Adult Discussion: Sundays 9am-10 am.

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/420176454>
Meeting ID: 420 176 454

Reading Between the Lines (Bible Study): Sundays 9am-10am.

Zoom: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/661508747/?pwd=K2FocUFOS2E1dGNQTFBZV1Mwd2pKQT09>
Meeting ID: 661 508 747
Password: 395117

Everyone is invited to join in studying one of the Sunday lessons. Please contact secretary@stclem.org for a PDF of the study materials.

WEEKDAY OPPORTUNITIES:

Compline: Tuesdays at 9 pm we will gather on Zoom to pray together.

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/626300095>
Meeting ID: 626 300 095

EFM (Education for Ministry) Wednesday evenings members of EFM will gather over Zoom.

Noonday Prayer: Thursdays at 12pm we will gather on Zoom to pray together.

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/804924376>
Meeting ID: 804 924 376

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Our Zoom links can also be found on our website (stclem.org).



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*Hau'oli la hanau to all those
born in April!*

*April 2 Yoon Kim
 Hazel Milnor
 Viv Woo
April 3 Marilyn Kali
April 6 Jose Henao
April 7 Tamahere Alo
April 9 Dylan Fraser
April 11 Arthur Buto
 Ken Morikami
April 19 Barbara Pleadwell
April 20 Maxine Bray
 Jayson Harper
April 21 Nancy MsDonald
April 23 Susan Quimby
April 27 Kai Waters
April 30 Jill Haworth*

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

NEW OFFICE HOURS

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

**We will only be open on Wednesday
mornings, from 10AM-12PM for food and
financial assistance**

Items for Ke 'Alemanaka may be submitted to the
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Phone: (808) 383-3930
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DEADLINE FOR THE MAY ISSUE

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

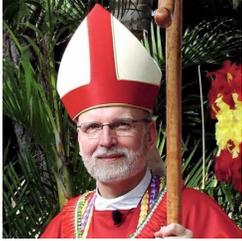
Please watch your email for details about our

Holy Week services!



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT From the Bishop

Extension of suspension of public worship and gathering in the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i through April 30, 2020



The formal suspension of public worship and gatherings is extended through April 30, 2020, for the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i.

With the guidelines and statements from State officials, mandatory curfew for Kaua'i County, the "Shelter in Place" order for Maui County, new restrictions by the City and County of Honolulu, statements from the Mayor of Hawai'i County, the move of independent schools (including our own St. Andrew's Schools, Seabury Hall and 'Iolani School) to "virtual" classes, and the extension of "spring break" by the Department of Education into April, I have decided that the Diocese (congregations, clergy, lay leaders, Diocesan Support Center staff, and Bishop) need to plan on the suspension of public worship and gatherings through the end of April. "Shelter in place" orders may impact office operations in our churches and for the Diocesan Support Center.

Word from governmental officials from the State and Counties suggest a longer period of social distancing including not meeting in groups (now of no more than ten). Extending the suspension allows clergy and lay leaders to plan for virtual worship and expanded systems of keeping in touch with parishioners.

As for Easter celebrations, we must remember that every Sunday is a celebration of Christ's resurrection. This year, however, the first Sunday we can again worship together in our churches, will be a true "Easter" celebration (whatever the date on the calendar). I hope we celebrate our return as our "Easter Sunday" whenever it can happen.

We continue to pray that before April 30, this suspension on public worship (and government restrictions) can be lifted.

The COVID-19 crisis has forced us – and much of the world – into introspection and taking our humanity into account. I have been delighted to see the new opportunities for prayer and care being taken up by our clergy and congregations. Thank you.

The 14th century English anchoress, Julian of Norwich, is most remembered for the phrase: "All will be well, and every kind of thing will be well."

The source of her confidence is the Love of God known in Jesus Christ. Her years of solitary prayer led her to love. She concludes her "Showings" with the reflection:

"So I was taught that love is our Lord's meaning. And I saw very certainly in this and in everything that before God made us he loved us, which love was never abated and never will be."

In this time of "social distancing" and physical separation, I pray you know the love of God. "All will be well, and every kind of thing will be well."

Aloha ma o Iesu Kristo, ko mākou Haku,

+Bob
The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick
Bishop Diocesan
The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i

Mahalo Nui Loa...

- ♥ To **Sandy Souza** for her many years of service to the St. Clement's Farmers Market
- ♥ To **Terry Ledford** for his service as the clerk of the Vestry

Thank
you



Parish Snap Shots



The Kitchen Krew for the "Dinner with Our Neighbors" on March 7th. From left to right: Rev. Dr. Ha'aheo Guan-son, Pam Fern, Mary Carpenter, and Sandy Souza (not pictured). *Photo by Sandy Souza.* See page 8 for more information about the event.

St. Clement's Tech News

In March the parish began to use a new e-mailing service called MailChimp. It allows Pastor Heather to send Parish-wide emails, and makes it easier for us to add new members to our e-mailing list.

If you did not receive email messages last month from Pastor Heather and would like to be added to the mailing list, please go to <https://mailchi.mp/2f45e4785d9e/stclemsubscribe> and enter your email address to subscribe to the new system.

You can learn more about our online church services as well as our updated office hours by visiting our website at <https://stclem.org> and see the "Special Announcement" section at the top of the home page.

Makiki Farmers Market

Starting Thursday, April 2, the Makiki Farmers Market will be re-opening for take-out only.

Since farmers markets have been deemed essential services by the local authorities, vendors will be back to offer an assortment of foods, but tables and chairs will not be available for on-location dining.

**Makiki Farmers Market is open on Thursdays
from 4:30pm to 7:30pm**

***Pam Fern will be on-site
for the market's opening and closing***

St. Clement's Weekly Calendar

We've adjusted our schedule due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
Check your email or our website for up-to-date news.

Sunday:

8AM—Morning Prayer*
9AM—Adult Discussion*
10:15AM—Morning Prayer*

Wednesday:

10AM-12PM—Food pantry open at
church office
6PM—Education for Ministry*

Tuesday:

9PM—Compline*

Thursday:

12PM—Noonday Prayer*

The church office will be closed, except for Wednesday mornings

**Online service offered thru Zoom*



Samaritan
Counseling Center
Hawaii

To the Parishioners of St. Clement's,

Last year, St. Clement's made a generous gift to our Client Assistance Fund, which subsidizes mental health counseling for people who are uninsured, underinsured, elderly, and low-income. It allows clients to receive the care they need without having to choose between basic needs (food, clothing, shelter), and mental health.

Your gift subsidized counseling for 34 clients through 52 counseling sessions. 22 clients were women and 19 clients were seniors aged 65 and older. Eight counseling sessions were in a home or nursing facility at no additional cost to the client. In FY 2019, we served 569 clients and held 3,252 counseling sessions. The Client Assistance Fund subsidized 169 clients and 1,232 counseling sessions. Your support means so much to us and makes a difference in people's lives.

Mahalo,

Rachelle Chang
Executive Director
Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii
808-545-2740

Dinner with Our Neighbors Fernhurst YWCA March 7, 2020

*Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose
of building up the neighbor.*
~ Romans 15:2 (NRSV)



St Clement's hosted a joyful neighborhood dinner in the Parish Hall for the Residents of the Fernhurst YWCA. This was held March 7 Saturday. (Before the Coronavirus social distancing).

The delicious buffet dinner was prepared by chef extraordinaire Pam Fern with assistance from Sandy Souza, Mary Carpenter, and Ha'aheo Guanson. Yummy homemade chocolate chip cookies 🍪 were made by Beth Fincke. The YWCA brought sorbet and more cookies.

Beth made 30 floral bouquet 🌸 centerpieces for add beauty to the table. These bouquets were also favors for each guest to take home. Mary Carpenter did the set up, clean up and everything in between. The parish hall was festive.

The program consisted of talking story and sharing about programs at St Clement and the Fernhurst YWCA. Invitation was extended to all to participate and volunteer in the programs at St Clement. Powerful stories were shared by residents of the YWCA, including gratitude for the backpacks 🎒 given to the residents. Mike Town told the story of his mother who had stayed at Fernhurst YWCA many years ago. She taught others to be kind and helpful to each other. 🌸

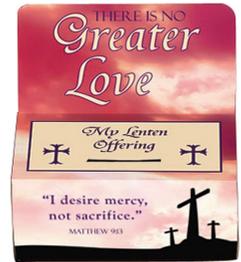
What a wonderful night of neighbors getting together. Appreciation to all for your participation, time, and love in building our community.

With aloha & appreciation
Haaheo Guanson 🌻

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Lenten Coin Box Fundraiser! Acolyte Ministry's Micro-Loan Project Fill a Box and Serve a Neighbor-in-Need



Our Acolyte Ministry has been making micro-loans to needy people, families, and groups in this country and overseas for four years now. We have loaned more than \$4,000 to people to help them support themselves, their families, and their communities. Only \$43 has not been repaid and we have re-loaned the repayments again and again to other needy borrowers. This is a 99% repayment rate.

Please help us help our Neighbors. Fill-up your coin boxes with coins, cash, and checks and return them to the Church on Easter Day. Coin boxes are available when you enter the Church and in the Parish Office.

Peace be with you...

"You must love your neighbor as yourself. I Am the Lord."



We once again have \$1,000 in scholarships for children/youth to attend Camp Mokule'ia this summer! Please speak with Pastor Heather if you are interested in \$200 off overnight camp or \$100 off daycamp (in Honolulu). More information is available at:

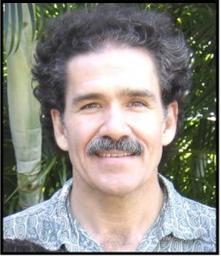
<https://www.campmokuleia.org>



A View from the Pew

“If you knew hope and despair were inalterable paths to the same destination, then, which one would you choose?”

~ Robert Breault, Opera Tenor



As I write, the Season of Lent is closing as rapidly as the Season of Easter approaches. The spiritual winter of dying and death is ending and the spiritual spring of new life and living is about to begin. Yet, here we are in the midst of a pandemic that has sickened 100's of thousands of people and killed thousands of others, mostly the weakest and least able among us to fight off the viral culprit and defend themselves. I feel caught between feelings of absolute melancholy and those of complete joy. I am torn between the existential dread of annihilation and the transcendent expectation of resurrection. Despair and hope. One of my daughters says that I am spiritually bi-polar and need to chill . . .

I am sure there are a number of explanations for this impasse. The most probable one, however, is not the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, it is the wife of an old and close friend who is struggling with the passing of her beloved father. He was by no means a young man. In fact, he was very old. He did not die of a terrible disease. He did not suffer. His discomfort was minimal. He was not alone. Truth be told, my sense is he had experienced just about enough of this human, existential experience and was ready to move onto the next transcendent, Heavenly one. Why would his daughter struggle so?

Well, I'm sure she plain misses him, and terribly so. Still, I wrestle with the temptation to judge her, even though it gets us nowhere when we judge our neighbors, and God is less than pleased when we do. Analyzing and assessing her circumstance is also tempting, but it often takes us to exactly the place morally and ethically where we did not want or intend to go as we cross over the ever-blurred borders of analysis, assessment, and judgement and find ourselves judging, yet again, instead. On the other hand, if we can discipline ourselves enough to strictly analyze and assess what is going on, at the very least there is often something for us to learn, sometimes even to gain, not just for the people we are concerned about, such as my friend and his wife, but likewise ourselves.

For example, both my friend and his wife grew up agnostic, if not atheist. Even so, both households were relatively religious. Nonetheless, it was a cultural practice about identity instead of an expression of belief and faith in something beyond ourselves. Jew, Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, or whatever, often we are more concerned about what we are, instead of who we are. It reminds me of so many of us who had our children baptized, and who then had them confirmed, instead of our children being baptized and becoming confirmed. We proudly observe Holy Days, Seasons and Ceremonies, instead of experiencing them, and that which is beyond them and transcends us all.

“We must become the change we wish to have in the world.”

~ Mohandas Gandhi

*“With this faith we will hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope.
With this faith we will transform jangling discord into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood.
With this faith we will work together, pray together, struggle together, go to jail together,
and stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will all be free one day .”*

~ “I Have a Dream” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

~~ Submitted by Scott Suzuki-Jones



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Datebook

Sundays at 8AM & 10:15AM

Morning Prayer via Zoom

Tuesdays at 9PM

Compline via Zoom

Thursdays at 12PM

Noonday Prayer via Zoom

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**.