

2021 SERVICE SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS AT ST. CLEMENT'S

Join us in celebration on ...

DEC. 24 • 5:00 PM
ONLINE + IN-PERSON

DEC. 24 • 8:00 PM
LESSONS & CAROLS
ONLINE-ONLY

DEC. 25 • 10:15 AM
ONLINE + IN-PERSON

DEC. 26 • 8:00 AM & 10:15AM
ONLINE + IN-PERSON

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS
ON DEC 27 & DEC 28

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Church Office Hours

Open Weekdays
9AM to 3PM

**Closed on Holidays*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Clement's is turning 125 in 2023! If you would like to join brainstorming discussions for the celebratory event please let us know!

Stitched Together With Love, St. Clement's newly-formed knitting and crochet group, is meeting every second Saturday (12/11) at 11AM under the church porte cochere.

Our food distribution program is still open to receiving donations of canned soup, corn beef, pork and beans, chili with meat, corn and vienna sausage.

Mahalo to this month's Food Distribution bagging crew:
Heloise Richardson and Beth Fincke.

Thank you to Holoua Stender for serving as the guest contributor for this month's newsletter!

ZOOM SERVICE OUTLINE

SUNDAY

Worship at 8AM & 10:15AM

ID#: 854 4414 6891

Passcode: 1515

Adult Discussion at 9AM

ID#: 854 4414 6891

Passcode: 1515

Bible Study (RBTL) at 9AM

ID#: 661 508 747

Passcode: 1515

TUESDAY

Compline at 9PM

ID#: 823 5666 8373

Passcode: 1515

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

CREATION CARE

Are you interested in becoming the church contact?

The Diocesan Creation Care Task Force is putting together a contact person from each parish to help spread the news about how all the Episcopal Churches in Hawai'i are working to help our environment. This person would communicate to the Task Force about how St. Clement's is working to care for the earth and to St. Clement's about what the Diocese and other churches are doing. Would you be interested in helping the earth through this communication role in our parish? Please speak to Pastor Heather.

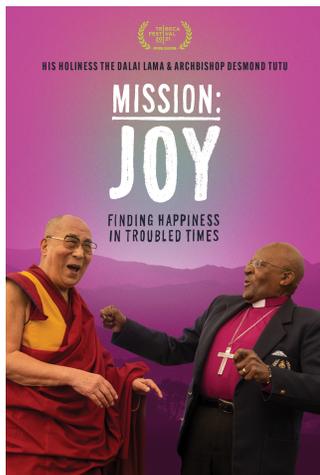
ADVENT LECTIONARY

A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church Year W by the Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney

During Advent and Christmas our Bishop has given us permission to use a different lectionary than usual. (A lectionary is a schedule of readings to use at worship services. Our usual one is called the Revised Common Lectionary.) We will be using the readings designated by the Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney in her new book *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church Year W*. Gafney is a Hebrew Bible scholar/professor at Brite Divinity School in Texas. Her lectionary centers on the stories of women in the Bible. We will still hear the story of the birth of Jesus in the gospels, but we will spend more time with the women in the story. To pair with the women's stories in the gospels we will be hearing annunciation stories in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament.

FILM SCREENING VIA ZOOM

Watch "Mission: JOY" on Dec. 12 and 19 with Adult Discussion



Adult Discussion will be watching "Mission: JOY" and all are welcome! The screening will be split into two - the first half of the film will be screened on Sunday, December 12 at 9AM, and the last half will be shown the following Sunday, December 19 at 9AM. This is an **online** screening of the film, so please join us via Zoom to watch "Mission: JOY". This virtual event will be held in the same Zoom meeting room as our usual Sunday church services (Zoom links are sent out the day before, or you can use the codes provided on the preceding page). If you cannot join us on the aforementioned dates, please email the church office (secretary@stclem.org) and we'll send you a link so you can watch the film on your own time.

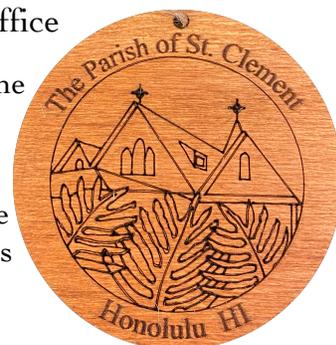
"Deeply moving and laugh-out-loud funny, His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu share science-backed wisdom of how to live with joy in troubled times in Mission: JOY."

ADVENT GIFT BAG

Pick one up during Sunday services or stop by the Church Office

This Advent, we are distributing free gift bags to help us all remember the reason for the season! You are welcome to pick one up from the Church Office during office hours, otherwise you can grab one when you come for worship services on Sunday mornings.

Our "Advent At Home" bags include a custom St. Clement's ornament (pictured on the right), an Advent devotional, Nativity stickers, a DIY Nativity ornament, LED candles with a paper wreath to color, and the Episcopal church's "Way of Love" pocket guide.



SCHOOL SNAPSHOTS

A sneak peek into a school day at St. Clement's



The class of B4 sit in front of the many canned goods donated by the students of St. Clement's School.



The students of C1 stand in front of their donation to our Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive.



Students in B3 play Thanksgiving Bingo.



The students in B1 get ready to celebrate Thanksgiving in their turkey hats.

The students of C2 enjoying a song by Kumu Tony in Hawaiian Culture.



Students in C3 celebrate World Kindness Day by decorating our Kindness Tree.



A student in B2 sharing the Letter of the Week, the letter "J".



THANKSGIVING BREAK

By Holoua Stender

Ehulani is home for Thanksgiving break. After a semester at UC Irvine, she came home for a week-long break to see family and friends, and eat her share of turkey, mashed potatoes, yams, cranberries, stuffing and gravy. Then on Sunday, after her break, it was back to college for twelve more days of classes and finals.

Ehu had a good experience at school. She's met new friends, experienced college midterms, bonfires, roller-skating at a neighborhood rink, dinners with the girls, and the double-decker dorm experience. All in all, she did well, adjusting to her new role as an anteater (UC Irvine's mascot). No homesickness. No tearful phone calls. In fact, I think I was sadder than she was, when she left for school.

Everyone said, it'll be difficult for Ehu. She's such a mommy and daddy's girl, and she'll miss her parents a lot. Nope, people were wrong. She took to college like a duck takes to water. When we dropped her off, Allennette thought we should stay at Irvine for a few extra days, just in case. Ten (10) extra days were overkill for Ehu. After 4 or 5 days, she remarked, "you know mom and dad, all the other parents have left already." In other words, why are you folks still here?

Emancipation from our "kid" was a wake-up call for Allennette and me. She and I spent our last few days at Irvine, eating, sight-seeing and walking at the bird sanctuary, or Newport Beach. This mini vacation gave us time to recalibrate, and to readjust to our new lives as empty nesters. For the past semester, we've spent some of our time in long conversations to really get to know each other again. It's been great!

Thanksgiving break gave all three of us some time to reconnect and reflect on all the blessings that we've been granted. We are so thankful and appreciative, as we look forward to having a warm family Christmas and enjoying another happy new year.

SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE

Food Distribution Statistics from October and November

In October 2021, the Parish of St. Clement distributed 209 bags of canned goods and rice to community members in need. Those 209 bags went on to feed 201 adults and 82 children. Out of all of our recipients in October, only 14 of them are employed and only 38 receive government assistance. In November 2021, the Parish of St. Clement distributed 183 bags of canned goods and rice to community members in need. Those 183 bags went on to feed 196 adults and 78 children. Of the aforementioned recipients, 16 were working and 31 received government aid.

If you are interested in helping with our food ministry, there are multiple ways you can get involved...

- We are looking for a new Food Distribution Coordinator. The coordinator is responsible for enlisting volunteers and assigning them to various tasks that make up our Food Distribution ministry.
- You can volunteer every Wednesday from 10am to 12pm or on the third Saturday of each month from 10:30am to 12pm. Tasks include manning our "Free Items" table, bagging the canned goods, checking IDs to sign recipients in on our computer system and handing out grocery bags.
- If you have a large vehicle (ex. minivan or truck) and are available in the morning on weekdays, you can join us on our foodbank runs. With an influx in need for food, we began going to the foodbank multiple times a month recently. We'd meet at the foodbank, do our shopping, load our cars then drive back to St. Clement's to unload at the Parish Hall.
- Can't make it in-person? No problem! We are still open to receiving food donations. A comprehensive list of goods can be found under the "Announcements" section on page 2 of the newsletter. You can drop off a food donation, or you can use an online grocery service and have them delivered to St. Clement during our office hours

DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY
<p>Holy Eucharist 8AM and 10:15AM</p> <p>Adult Discussion 9AM</p> <p>Bible Study 9AM</p>	<p>Office Open 9AM to 3PM</p>
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>Office Open 9AM to 3PM</p>	<p>Office Open 9AM to 3PM</p> <p>Assistance Available 10AM to 12PM</p>
THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Office Open 9AM to 3PM</p> <p>Farmers Market 4:30PM to 7PM</p>	<p>Office Open 9AM to 3PM</p> <p>Third Fri. (12/17) Kūpuna Box 12PM to 1PM</p>
SATURDAY	SPECIAL EVENTS
<p>Second Sat. (12/11) Knit/Crochet Group 11AM to 1PM</p> <p>Third Sat. (12/18) Food Distribution 10:30AM to 12:30PM</p>	<p>OFFICE CLOSED Mon 12/27 + Tues 12/28 <i>In Observance of Christmas</i></p>

