

# Ke 'Alemanaka

## The Parish Postings

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From Rev. Liz

### *A Day in the Life ... or What We Never Learned in Seminary.*



When I took my first sabbatical in 2007, one of my goals was to start writing a book about priests in parish ministry and everything we do that we didn't learn in seminary. I remembered that this morning as I examined a portion of a roof overhang at the back of the Cooke Building that came down as a result of the soaking of the recent heavy rains (not the building but the overhang).

Our sexton is on medical leave right now so it falls upon me or Chris+ or Jodi or Rei to pursue the appropriate measures to address the issue. In this case, the school staff was busy having the office carpeting removed because of a major flooding issue over the weekend. We'll need to figure out where the water came from and what to do about it.

And of course there has been flooding in front of the parish house. Will it reach the interior this time because the sump pump isn't strong enough to push the water through the drains?

Didn't learn how to deal with this stuff in seminary.

On the one hand, addressing these issues is crucial if we want to maintain our buildings and keep the campus safe for our students and parishioners and anyone else who comes to visit. On the other hand, these non-seminary-taught issues do eat into other responsibilities that were planned for the day.

We also have plumbing problems and key problems in the school that we need to start addressing today. And we need an update for the improvements that are being made in the parish hall (painting, room darkening shades, and floor refinishing).

Oh – the articles that need to be ready so Ke `Alemanaka can be printed this morning. If we can't get that finished this morning, Carolyn may have to stay into the evening because the Holy Folders will be here in the morning to fold them so Carolyn can take them to the airport post office to be mailed out before the weekend.

Of course, there are the regular daily activities that occur – requests for bags of food or for financial assistance, addressing strangers who affect the safety of the campus, ensuring that liturgical schedules are complete, answering phone questions and requests, bookkeeping and other financial requirements,

and issues that the vestry must address. I remember a teenager who was working in the office who complained that everything we do here is so much like “an office”! She thought this would be a *holy* place to work. So we had a little conversation about how even stapling or shredding papers or making packets can be holy activities – everything we do here is for the smooth running of a community of faith and to the Glory of God – no matter how quotidian (thank you, Kathleen Norris, for that wonderful concept!).

Fortunately we have an Associate Rector whose main responsibility is in-reach – pastoral care and other concerns – and we have parishioners whose ministries are to address other internal issues. And we are fortunate to have other parishioners who coordinate our outreach efforts.

But please know this: THESE ARE NOT COMPLAINTS! I write all of this to let you know what a variety of events happen every day in the parish office and how we all need to jump in and participate in issue resolution.

We had a parishioner in the office a couple of weeks ago and after about an hour, he said, “I didn't realize how busy this office is on a weekday!”

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**September 13, 2015**

**Return to 2 services on Sundays**

**7:30 am and 10:15 am**

**Sunday School begins again**

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## Attendance and Offerings for July

July Attendance	374
July Offerings	\$18,593
YTD Income as of 7/31/15	\$410,603
YTD Expenses as of 7/31/15	\$437,791

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**DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE**

**Wednesday, September 16, 2015**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Hau`oli la hanau to all  
 Those born in September

September 1	Bella Bell Jeff Malone
September 4	Leona Moir
September 5	Ronan Amjadi-O'Shea
September 6	Judith Gronna
September 7	Liz Krueger
September 8	Jordan-Rose Natividad
September 12	Alex Goemans Miwako Shen
September 14	James Kung
September 15	Jim Borg
September 16	Blaine Rogers
September 17	Fred Overstreet
September 18	Steven Souza
September 19	David Cicero
September 20	Susannah Gangnes
September 21	Jean Ann Milnor Grace Phillips
September 22	Melissa Burnz
September 25	Christopher Oda
September 26	Noa Alo Marijayne Nicholas Noel Nicholas
September 27	Charlie Schlieman Jim Thomas
September 28	Dorsey Gibson Sheryl Ann Runions
September 29	Auggie Chang-Stroman Susan Palmore
September 30	Elias Joseph

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

**St. Clement's Celebration**  
**Saturday, September 19**  
**5:30 pm**  
**Vi and Paul Loo Parish House**  
**Entertainment, Good Food,**  
**and info on YO! House**

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He's right. We're just a little bee hive of activity! And every day is different. And every day is a surprise.

There's a site on Facebook called "Things They Didn't Teach Us in Seminary." It addresses issues like an infant's death or a siblings arguing in the midst of a parent's funeral or preaching on Islam or closing a church. And every once in a while, there's something that's pretty funny that is posted. (The most recent being new words to "I Am the Bread of Life.") It's a fascinating website and I really enjoy the questions and answers because even experienced priests still have so much to learn.

Seminary teaches us the basics of the Old and New Testaments, theology, church history and tradition, and issues in ministry. Some denominations also require a facility with Hebrew and Greek. There's barely enough time to get through that foundational work let alone to add the more practical issues that new priests will need to address once they're in The Real World. And rarely is there time for actual training as counselors!

Many seminary professors and instructors have not had experience in any kind of management or staff supervision or actual conflict resolution so you might imagine the chaos that can result in any of those arenas. And their lack of experience probably is a major contributor to the lack of course work that addresses the more "secular" issues that are so important to the smooth running of the daily operations of parish and school.

But again – NO COMPLAINTS. A parish of office is an absolutely fascinating place to work because no two days are ever the same and because even the most organized of us cannot count on getting through our to-do lists for the day.

Children from the school taking an excursion to the parish office (Is that where Rev Liz lives?), parishioners who drop and "instigate" wonderful conversations in the front office, listening to River practice the organ, watching the tourist wedding parties that take photos in the area between the church and office – lots of interesting and fun and unexpected events that also enter our days.

And every day we learn something new or we learn that we actually do know how to problem solve even if we don't know a thing about plumbing or roofs or flooded carpeting.

So stop by some time and visit us and join us for a taste of what happens in the community between Sundays. We'd love to have you and you might even be able to help us address some of the daily happenings that contribute to making St. Clement's the community it is!

**Liz+**

## Family Promise Volunteers Wanted



*This message from Cecilia Fordham is about a ministry that addresses families in houseless situations. It's a different kind of effort that has a great success rate. Please talk with Cecilia about*

*getting involved. It's a really wonderful and personal way to be part of the solution... Liz+ [St. Clement's participates on a quarterly basis as a support congregation preparing dinners and getting to know the families.]*

Hello all,

We welcome volunteers who have expressed an interest in an active, time-efficient, and beyond helpful fellowship with the Family Promise families -- they regularly express their gratitude. We need at least one, preferably two volunteers at the Host congregation site with me, in addition to others who provide food. Our menus include: main dish, salad, bread and/or starch, vegetable, and dessert. You choose the dish you would like to prepare, and if you are going to be on site, bring it with you. If you are just providing food, label and leave it in the kitchen (refrigerator or counter) at St. Clement's.

Our last couple of quarters, the families have welcomed fruits and salads, but nothing too exotic. Most all like rice. They are frequently served spaghetti, and mac and cheese, so we try to mix it up a bit. We plan for 20, with enough for seconds. However, if there are a number of young children we may not need as much. Leftovers that are easy to pack and take to the Family Promise Honolulu Center the following day work well, too. If you're interested in volunteering, I will let you know the families and the numbers when I send the final menu.

We arrive at 5:45, dinner is at 6 pm and we are pau no later than 7 pm.

MAHALO once more for your kindness and generosity, Cecilia Fordham  
fordhamh001@hawaii.rr.com  
808-347-8024

*Please contact Cecilia for more information or to let her know how you can help. You are not obligated to contribute or participate every quarter.*  
<http://familypromisehawaii.org>

## New Interim Choir Director

Many of you know that Mark Haworth, our Director of Music, entered the local diocesan postulancy program with the goal of ordination to the priesthood. As part of the program, the bishop will assign him as a liturgical assistant to another parish in January 2016.

Mark has expressed an interest in functioning on a more liturgical level at St. Clement's before being assigned elsewhere. Beginning September 13, Mark will be vested in an alb and fulfill a variety of responsibilities around the altar – Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Gospeler, and other tasks that will help him become more familiar with the liturgical side of our worship.

Since he can no longer fulfill his responsibilities as choir director, the Rector has offered the Interim Choir Director position to Julia Golding. Julia's formal training and experience includes a Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Education from the University of South Wales. She was Director of Music for St. Paul's Anglican Church, for the Australian Youth Choir, and for the Anglican Parish of Morningside. Julia was also a soprano with the Fusion Vocal Ensemble, the Brisbane Chamber Choir, and the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra. And she was a music teacher and choir director for the Enoggera and Oakleigh State Schools and the Young Regional School of Music.

We hope you will welcome Julia in her new position and continue to support Mark as he takes on new responsibilities in his journey toward ordination.



## Prayerful Paying Attention

*Praying*



*It doesn't have to be  
the blue iris, it could be  
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few  
small stones; just  
pay attention, then patch  
a few words together and don't try  
to make them elaborate, this isn't  
a contest but the doorway  
into thanks, and a silence in which  
another voice may speak.*

*Mary Oliver*



I started this year's Parish Retreat at Camp Mokule'ia by quoting this poem to those gathered for Evening Prayer. Shared with me by a former Spiritual Director, it speaks to me of a simple paying attention that we are invited to in prayer.

On my shelves rest countless books of prayer, from the well-known "Book of Common Prayer" (1979) from which we draw our Sunday liturgy, to the wonderful English anthology of prayer which is "The SPCK Book of Christian Prayer" (1995), to tiny volumes like "50 Great Prayers from the Iona Community" (2009). My Anglican-Episcopal roots continue to draw me back to beautifully written prayers composed by others. This is often where I am more comfortable: a place of solace for when I find my prayer life becoming dry or disconnected.

However, Mary Oliver's words call me to another place, an unstructured place, where prayer finds itself expressed in a few words patched together out of a simple attentiveness to my present place or situation.

To "pay attention" is an invitation suited not just for a Parish Retreat – although that certainly is a great place in which to respond – but it is an invitation to a daily awakening to new possibilities, contained within the many bittersweet comings and goings which make up the ordinary.

It just may be that the "weeds in a vacant lot" move us to simply put a few honest words out there, and that in this everyday simplicity "another voice may speak."

*~~ Peace and blessings,  
Christopher+*

## The ABCs of Love . . .

*Use this alphabetical list of love-in-action verbs as a reminder of the many ways to reflect Christ's love:*

- *Accepts* • *Behaves* • *Comforts* • *Defends* • *Empowers* • *Forgives*
  - *Grows* • *Helps* • *Invests* • *Joins* • *Kneels* • *Listens* • *Mentors*
  - *Notices* • *Overlooks* • *Provides* • *Quiets* • *Rejoices* • *Supports* • *Tries*
  - *Understands* • *Volunteers* • *Welcomes* • *eXpects* • *Yields*
- adds • Zest to life*

## Let's Celebrate St. Clement's and Help Homeless Teens

Take out your date books and Smart Phone and write in the **September 19 square "St. Clement's Celebrates, 5:30 pm. Be There!"** It's time to applaud our church family! Let's get together for tasty food and agreeable drink and share our summer stories of politics, places, and people. Let's come together. We have much to celebrate including

- Our new Associate Rector, Rev. Chris Golding, and his great family have settled in. We are lucky to have them in our ohana.
- We continue to celebrate our numerous Outreach ministries from Family Promise to IHS to Food Distribution. We are particularly pleased to celebrate over 8 years with our adopted outreach program, YO! House, a refuge for homeless teens.

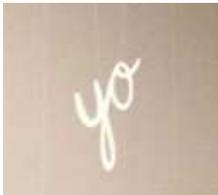
Right now we know that many teens who may have been abandoned by family or abused at home or spurned by society have been swept into the streets. Yes, they visit YO! House during the day and are given warm professional assistance and nourishing dinners. But come evening, they are back on the streets in danger again with no safe place to be.

St. Clement's folks ask, "What can we do about homelessness?" Here is our opportunity. On **Saturday, September 19 at 5:30 pm** join us for delicious food and refreshing drink, sit with your church friends, and support our effort to help YO! House find a new home where teens at risk can find help. There will be entertainment as well as lots of information about YO! House, ways for you to help fill their needs, and a silent auction of special items you won't want to miss.

*The photos below and to the right are of the current YO! House facility.*



Kitchen and food service area

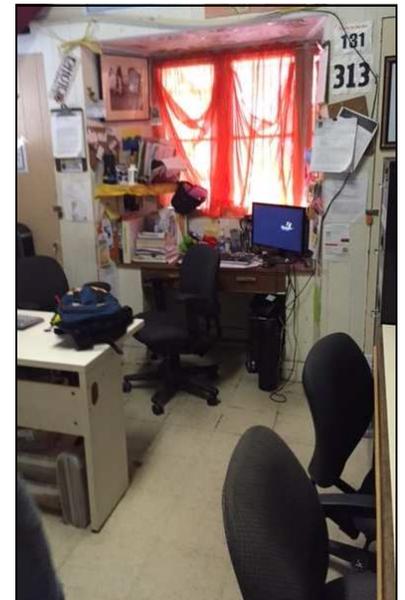


Laundry area

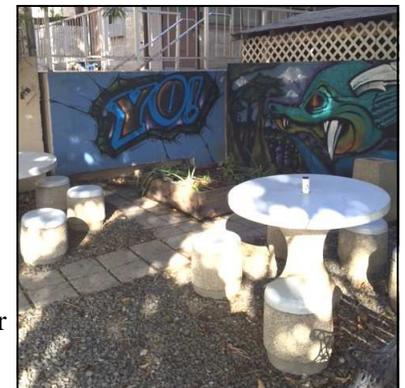
YO! House was started in 1989 and has been providing quality medical and social services to homeless, run away, and at-risk youth in a safe and non-judgmental environment. The Waikiki Health Center and Hale Kipa together respectfully work to make positive changes and improve the teen's health and quality of life. St. Clement's has been involved with YO! for 8 years, providing such things as meals, clothing, and backpacks, and have helped in education with GED support and Lunalilo Scholarship assistance.



YO! House Front door



GED Center



Back yard

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>
		<b>1</b> 2:00 Staff Meeting-PH1 5:00 Labyrinth Open-PKG	<b>2</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 5:30 Overeaters Anon-PH2 5:45 Na'Ohana BOD-SL 6:30 SATBQ Chorus- MB
<b>6</b> 9:00 Holy Eucharist-CH 10:30 Bible Study-PH2 10:30 Adult Discussion-PH 7:00 Daily Reflections-PH	<b>7 Labor Day– School &amp; Offices Closed</b> 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 7:00 Mankind Project-MB 7:30 AL-Anon-PH	<b>8</b> 9:30 Holy Eucharist-Arcadia 2:00 Staff Meeting-PH1 6:00 Vestry Meeting-PH	<b>9</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 5:30 Overeaters Anon-PH2 6:30 SATBQ Chorus- MB
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# September 2015

Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3</b> 3:00 Book Study-Kahala Nui 4:30 Farmers Market-PKG	<b>4</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH	<b>5</b> 9:00 Altar Guild-CH 10:30 Tourist Wedding-CH 12:00 Tourist Wedding-CH
<b>10</b> 3:00 Book Study-Kahala Nui 4:30 Farmers Market-PKG 6:00 Choir Rehearsal-CH	<b>11</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 4:00 Tourist Wedding-CH 8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH	<b>12</b> 9:00 Altar Guild-CH 9:00 iFoG-PH 11:00 Tourist Wedding-CH 12:00 Tourist Wedding-CH
<b>17</b> 3:00 Book Study-Kahala Nui 4:30 Farmers Market-PKG 6:00 Choir Rehearsal-CH	<b>18</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 10:00 Parish Event Cooking-KIT 11:00 Tourist Wedding-CH 8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH	<b>19</b> 9:00 Altar Guild-CH 10:30 Food Dist. Prep-KIT/PH 11:30 Food Distribution-PH 5:30 Parish Celebration & YO! House dinner- PH/KIT
<b>24</b> 3:00 Book Study-Kahala Nui 4:30 Farmers Market-PKG 6:00 Choir Rehearsal-CH	<b>25</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH	<b>26</b> 9:00 Altar Guild-CH 5:00 Iolani Parent Event-PH
		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Key</u></p> CH - Church PH - Parish House, main hall PH1 - Meeting room 1 in Parish House PH2 - Meeting room 2 in Parish House MB - Music Building SL - Staff Lounge KIT - Kitchen PG - Playground PKG - Parking Lot

## Outreach Ministries Make a Difference

[from a recent email from parishioner Anna Blackwell.]

...phone call from a friend last night said that a woman she'd been working with in a widows' support group in Kailua has had a complete turnaround - and we are in large measure responsible for underscoring it!

It seems that the lady, who is recovering from cancer, was unwilling until recently to admit that she was majorly depressed: unpaid bills mounting, including condo maintenance charges, and little or no money left to buy food. This friend had called earlier, and I recommended our Food Outreach program.

Now the lady has been persuaded to see a psychologist, who put her on an anti-depressant and so last Saturday she visited St. Clement's. She was surprised and pleased to be fed a hot lunch ("It was GOOD!" she kept repeating) and the food in the bag was a welcome relief from what seemed a steady diet of beans!

My Kailua friend was also pleased to hear that St. Clement's is part of Family Promise, and doing the Thursday night Farmer's Market for the apartment dwellers (and of course I bragged a little about our participation in Hawaii Meals on Wheels).

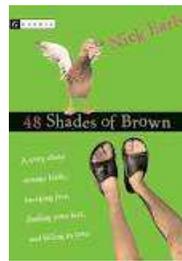
SO! Reach way up in the sky, bend that arm, and pat yourself on the back! God is good!

me ke Aloha pumehana - Anna



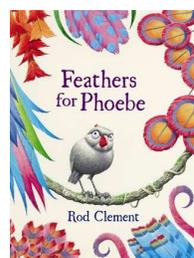
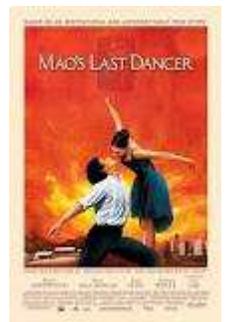
## The Goldings Like This - "Books"

From now, and throughout 2015, the Golding family shares some of their "Likes" with you as a fun little "getting to know you" exercise.



Chris likes **48 Shades of Brown**, a hilariously funny young-adult novel by Nick Earls (b. 1963) published in 1999. The majority of Earls' books are set in Brisbane, Australia, hometown to both Earls and Rev. Chris. Suitable for all ages, 48 Shades of Brown is about Dan, who in his final year at school, and with his parents overseas, is forced to grow up fast when he moves in with his 22-year-old aunt Jacq and her eccentric friend Naomi. The novel has been adapted into a stage play and a film (released in 2006).

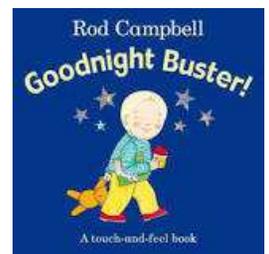
Julia likes **Mao's Last Dancer**, the autobiography of China born Li Cunxin (b. 1961) published in 2003. It recounts his journey from a young, impoverished village boy destined to labor in the fields, to a world-famous professional dancer. At age 11, Li was selected by delegates from Madame Mao's arts programs to join the Beijing Dance Academy, and in 1979 was selected to work with the Houston Ballet – the first official exchange of artists between China and the United States. Li moved to Australia in 1995 and is now the Artistic Director of Queensland Ballet, based in Brisbane.



Phoebe likes **Feathers for Phoebe**, a beautifully illustrated children's book written by Australian author and illustrator Rod Clement (b. 1961) published in 2010. Feathers for Phoebe tells of a glamorous bird who runs a beauty salon in the forest. She is only too happy to help Phoebe become the bird she always wanted to be, but Phoebe soon realizes that there is more to beauty than that which meets the eye.

James likes **Goodnight Buster**, a "touch and feel" children's book written by Scottish author and illustrator Rod Campbell (b. 1945) published in 2010. Goodnight Buster tells of Buster's bedtime and his time putting away his toys, having his bath and saying goodnight to his pets.

James loves having the book read with the alternative title of "Goodnight James."



## Farmers Market Ministry Teams

Volunteer to help with this ministry by contacting  
Pam Fern (943-8987 or 561-1070) or Tim Hurd (372-9563)

Task	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
<b>Point Person for Set Up and Parking 3:00-5:30pm</b>	Keith Kalway	Keith Kalway	Jim Quimby	Tim Hurd
<b>Parking 3:30-5:30 pm</b>	Jim Thomas	Pam Fern	Sue Quimby	Jim Thomas
<b>Set Up 4:15-4:45 pm</b>	Jim Betts Nellie McLaughlin Susan Palmore	Jim Betts Tim Hurd	Liz Ho Pam Fern	Dana Anderson Tim Hurd
<b>Point Person 5:30-7:30 pm</b>	Pam Fern - contact by phone 561-1070			TBD
<b>Receipts, Rents 6:30-7pm</b>	Susan Palmore	Martha Morgan	Michele Morikami	Michele Morikami
<b>Take down/ Closing* 7:20-8pm</b>	Beth Fincke Jim Mattingly John Marlowe*	Soane Lino Sandy Souza Arthur Buto*	River Kim Ken Morikami Pam Fern*	Beth Fincke Jim Mattingly Terry Ledford*

### Vestry Highlights

The vestry met on August 11, 2015. Highlights include:

- Hilary Gangnes, did a wonderful job filling in and leading the vestry in the absence of Rev. Chris and Rev. Liz.
- The vestry decided to give a donation to the Sunrise Ministry Foundation to support their inter-denominational "Journey to Wellness" event.
- The vestry also responded to a call for money to help Saipan out after devastating typhoon.
- There were also updates given about the listening process.

*~~ Submitted by Steve Kramer  
Clerk of the Vestry*

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, at 6 pm. Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend the Vestry Meetings. We serve a light supper prior to the meeting and enjoy having visitors.**



### Blessed in Aging Esther Mary Walker



Blessed are they who understand  
My faltering step and shaking hand  
Blessed, who know my ears today  
Must strain to hear the things they say.

Blessed are those who seem to know  
My eyes are dim and my mind is slow  
Blessed are those who look away  
When I spilled tea that weary day.

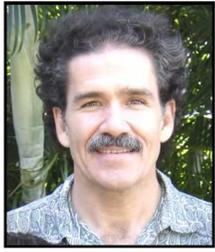
Blessed are they who, with cheery smile,  
Stopped to chat for a little while  
Blessed are they who know the way  
To bring back memories of yesterday.

Blessed are those who never say  
"You've told that story twice today"  
Blessed are they who make it known  
That I am loved, respected and not alone.

And blessed are they who will ease the days  
Of my journey home, in loving ways.

*This poem, as read by Mary Maxwell in the video  
A Reminder That Laughter is the Best Medicine."  
View the video online at CaregiverStress.com*

## A View from the Pew



*“Away with you Satan! . . .” ~ Jesus / Matthew 4:10*

It is news to no one, but Christian religious affiliation and church attendance have dropped steadily over the past 40 years in the United States. The “mainline” Roman Catholic, Protestant, Episcopal, and Eastern Orthodox churches have taken the hardest hits, but even to the once flourishing Fundamentalist and Pentecostal churches, the statistics are alarming to everyone except, of course, those of us who no longer affiliate with a religion or go to church. What’s even more alarming, however, is the drop is not just among our senior, middle-aged, and young adults, but also among our teens, adolescents, and children.

Everyone has an opinion. Religious critics refer to our society becoming more secular as a result of the influence of the physical sciences, its technological advances, and resultant humanism. Social critics point out how demanding our society has become in terms of the days of the week we work, the hours of the day at work, and as a result the limited amount of time we have left for our personal lives. Likewise, school. In addition to spending more time in school, children now spend more time than ever outside of school in extra-curricular activities such as athletics, music, the performing arts, and the fine arts.

Then there are those of us who still affiliate religiously and go to church. We are more self-critical, wondering if the old fashioned appearance of our church is less than inviting if not intimidating to the un-churched; or if the pews are too uncomfortable and fail to provide a sense of community for our guests; or if we need to be more technologically savvy in our services; or if we need to enclose our sanctuaries and install air conditioning to reduce noise and increase comfort; or if we need to update our hymns and supporting music, not to mention the language in our liturgies; or if our clergy should jettison traditional garb and adopt the contemporary attire of their parishioners. And the list goes on.

All this being said, a recent conversation with some young adults was very revealing to me and more than a little shocking: None of the above concerns was even mentioned. Not - a - single - one. Instead, the commentary went something like this: “Church does little or nothing for me.” / “I get nothing out of church.” / “Really, church is just a waste of my time.” / “Organized religions claim that everyone is invited, but they are very exclusive, you can just feel it.” / “Religions are more interested in judging others than welcoming them.” / “Religions like to point out what makes them different from others, not what makes us all the same.” / “I think it’s a generational thing. My generation is looking for a more authentic religious experience. Your generation is more comfortable with an institutional one.”

In other words, if we stop and think about what is being said here, what people are saying to us is they have no “relationship” or “connection” with church, let alone religion. In fact, many people feel or have been rejected by one, the other, or both as a matter of fact or at least perception. Put another way, in fact or in effect, instead of using the worship of God, the sharing of Holy Scripture, and the provision of good works as a means of bringing people into relationship with God, us and one another, we have instead used these gifts as a means to judge and, as a result, alienate each other.

Thinking back on the life of Jesus, He connected with and formed a relationship with everyone he came into contact with, with the noted and sole exception of Satan. His ministry was ever-expanding from Jew to Samaritan to Gentile; from men to women to children; from the ritually clean to the unclean; from the healthy in mind, body, and spirit to the sick, to the injured, to the possessed, and even to the dead. Jesus only cast out demons; He never cast out a fellow human being. Jesus’ every act was designed to bring us into relationship with him, whether he was quoting the Torah, delivering sermons to his flocks, challenging his disciples with parables, curing the ill, healing the disabled, raising the dead, sharing his very last supper with the man who betrayed him, or forgiving the men who crucified him.

If Jesus’ example is any indication, our task is to invite, include, and enjoin all of God’s children into every aspect of our religious and personal lives. Whether it be a welcome under the porté cochere, a reading from Holy Scripture, the singing of a hymn, a sermon from our clergy, a greeting at The Peace, sharing the Eucharist at the altar, conversation in the Parish Hall, reaching out in community service, or just inviting someone over for a meal, believe it or not our challenge *is not* to increase religious affiliation and church attendance. It just isn’t. Instead, our challenge is to devote all of our energy into bringing all of our brothers and sisters, bar none, regardless of religious, ethnic, social, economic, or political distinctions, into relationship with God, with us, and with one another.

*“Let the little children come to Me . . .”  
~ Jesus / Matthew 19:14*

~~ Submitted by Scott Suzuki-Jones



# SEPTEMBER 2015 Lay Minister Schedule

Sunday	SEPTEMBER 6	SEPTEMBER 13	SEPTEMBER 20	SEPTEMBER 27
<b>Lectionary Year B</b>	<i>The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
<b>Readings</b>	Proverbs 22:1-23 Psalm 125 James 2:1-17 Mark 7:24-37	Proverbs 1:20-33 Wisdom 7:26—8:1 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38	Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1 James 3:13—4:3-12 Mark 9:30-37	Esther 7:1-10, 9:20-23 Psalm 124 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50
<b>Flowers</b>	Adrienne Lau	Kiki Fordham	Beth Fincke	Beth Fincke Adrienne Lau

**\*\* 9:00a Service \*\***  
**ONE SERVICE ONLY**

\*\*\*\*\* **7:30 am Service** \*\*\*\*\*

<b>Lector</b>	Mary Carpenter	Sandy Souza	Hew Reynolds	Kathleen Norris
<b>Lector/EM</b>	Sam Hawk	Jim Quimby	Scott Hauger	Dana Anderson
<b>Euch. Min</b>	Dana Anderson	Liz Ho	Pam Fern	Martha Morgan
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Beth Fincke Annette Jim Sandy Souza	Sandy Souza	Pam Fern	Cecilia Fordham
<b>Ushers</b>	Art Buto Terry Ledford Sandy Souza	Sandy Souza	Kingsley, Joni, & Tyler Wong	Sandy Souza
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Moani Crowell Terry Ledford	Leslie Isaki Martha Laxson	Kingsley, Joni, and Tyler Wong	Cecilia Fordham

\*\*\*\*\* **10:15 am Service** \*\*\*\*\*

<b>Lector</b>		Nellie McLaughlin	Anna Blackwell	Gayle Chang
<b>Lector/EM</b>		Jane Anderson	Paris Priore-Kim	Brad Siefkes
<b>Euch. Min</b>		Sam Hawk	Mark Haworth	Mark Haworth
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Annette Jim Beth Fincke	Annette Jim Beth Fincke	Annette Jim Beth Fincke
<b>Ushers</b>		Liz Baldwin	Arthur Buto Liz Baldwin	Arthur Buto
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		Tau'eva Lino	Nellie McLaughlin Beth Charlton	Liz Baldwin Miwako Shen

**Greeters Team: Jim Quimby**

7:30 am Service: Jim Quimby, Carol Taylor, Annabel Murray

10:15 am Service: Beth Charlton, Liz Baldwin





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Schedule of Worship Services  
Sundays: 9:00 am  
Wednesdays: 10 am  
1st Wednesday of month: 7 pm

## Datebook

Sunday September 6

9 am One Service Only

10:30 Bible Workbench & Adult Discussion

Monday, September 7 - **Labor Day Holiday**

Offices and School closed

Sunday, September 13 - **Return to 2 services**

7:30 am and 10:15 am Holy Eucharist

8:30 and 8:45 am Bible Study & Adult Discussion

Wednesday, September 16

**Ke` Alemanaka Deadline**

Saturday, September 19

10:30 am Food Distribution and Lunch

5:30 pm Parish Celebration & YO! House Dinner

Wednesday, September 30

**8:30 am Ke` Alemanaka Assembly**

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 am to 4 pm

Tuesdays, Sept 1, 8, 29 - 8:30 am to 8 pm

Tuesdays, Sept 15 and 22 - 8:30 am to 3 pm

Thursdays

4:30 pm Farmers Market