

# Talking Story, at St. Jude's

St. Jude's Episcopal Church  
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## **Reflections of a visiting priest**

A rector's diary of time at St. Jude's Episcopal Church  
from October 29 to December 26

By Reverend Elaine Barber

The two month stay at St. Jude's was a return visit for me, and it was so good to see familiar faces and to know the mission of the parish members, who give with dedication, love and God's grace. There were some key events, which I feel tell the story of the time I spent at St. Jude's. Some of these joyful happenings were each

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and every week in the time I served the parish.

Sunday worship and the weekly communion services were important to bring a religious tone to the spirituality of our members; gatherings for women's and men's Bible study allowed us to go more deeply into God's Word; the Saturday showers contributed to our greater community; and the work of so many hands helped to complete the gifts for the children and the elders, which brought happiness and excitement to hundreds of people at Christmas.

There were also very special events, which stand out as high points in my time with the parish: the wedding on November 22 for Kepi and Milton Bartlett featured Native American and Hawaiian touches; the Garage Sale, which allowed people to receive inexpensive "gifts" and allowed the parish to prosper financially; the visit of Bishop Fitzpatrick gave him a closer look at the ministry of St. Jude's and affirmed our mission statement; the four Saturday concerts were full of talent and entertainment; Christmas Eve certainly was a "mountain top experience" with the gifts of music, sacred hula dancing, and a wonderful fellowship hour.

On a personal side I was able to enjoy a visit from my first cousin, who lives in Maui for a weekend of exploring, a longer visit from my oldest son and his family during their Thanksgiving break, and personal time with many generous parish members, who hosted me for meals and "down time". Jerry Wegweiser and I drove to the beach near the Old Airport where we honored and celebrated the life of his first cousin with a memorial service. The Messiah concert was also another highpoint for me that week.

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## **Coming Events**

*Watch for news about our  
special events in 2015.*

February 13 – Mardi Gras

May 8 - Cinco De Mayo

July 3 – Independence Day

October 9 – Oktoberfest

November 7 – Jumble Sale

November 7 – Plant Sale

December – Concert Series

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### What happened to the Medical Van?

In 2014 St. Jude's had a free medical van sitting in its parking lot. The van came with a nurse practitioner named Jackie and we credit her with saving the lives of two of our members.

Many of our friends in Ocean View live off the grid and have no medical service available and across the last year Jackie provided free medical services including health exams, perform medical tests, give advice, and wrote prescriptions.

The Kilauea Volcano lava flow has cut off access roads into some areas, leaving some residents in the Puna District with no access to medical facilities. Since the purpose of the medical van is to provide medical services where none are available, in November the van was moved to support the people cut off by the lava flow.

We miss Jackie and hope to see her drop by St. Jude's when she is in the area.



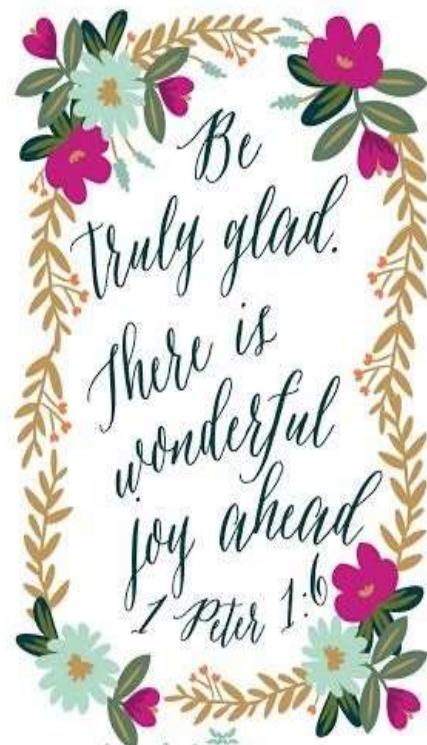
All and all this was a time to enjoy the beauty and the slower pace from my normal life in Minnesota.

I am now back to parish work at several church communities, substitute teaching in Science and Religion and walking my puppy, Bailey, each day. My extended family will gather to do an Epiphany meal together this week and enjoy a post-Christmas gathering.

I am blessed to have been in the loving arms of the St. Jude Church for my visit, and I am blessed to be home again with my friends and family. The care and love you all shared with me is so appreciated. I send my prayers, blessings, and peace to you in Christ's name.

*Elaine*

Elaine Clyborne Barber



# *Talking Story, at St. Jude's*

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*We welcome submissions!*

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## **Around the Church Yard**

By Don Hatch

*For every Silver Lining,*

*There's a Cloud*



The last year has been an eventful one for Ocean View and St. Jude's has seen some changes - some good and some not so good.

The plants are green and full of flowers. Last year we had over 38 inches of rain. In 2013 we had a little over 8 inches and in 2012 there we recorded only 2 inches. So it's safe to say that the draught is over for the present. Now the water tanks are all full and everything is green and beautiful. But along with the beautiful flowers and landscaping, the weeds are also very, very happy.

We have a work day around the church each month called a "Lemonade Party." It's usually the first Saturday of each month. We clean the church, pull weeds, trim bushes, and anything else that's needed. When we finish we are usually rewarded with a glass of lemonade, a hot dog, a social time with friends, and a good feeling of completing something beneficial.

As last year progressed the constant rain caused the weeds to grow faster than we could pull them. We pulled the small weeds, chopped the big weeds and within a week they were back stronger than they were before we tried to kill them. We didn't kill them, we made them stronger!

In June I moved into a new house that had set empty for a year and the weeds were waist high – even in the driveway. I had the same problem as the church yard, only bigger and in my face every day.

I tried several things to clear the weeds, and finally started spraying the weeds with a weed killer and then pulling up or chopping down the dead weeds. Then a few days later, new seeds had sprouted and I had to do it again. After a little while I only had to do it once a week and finally every two weeks. We applied that same approach to the church yard and within one month the yard looked much better and in two months it looked great again. Now we can spend more time drinking lemonade and eating hot dogs instead of pulling weeds.

The weeds aren't the only thing that has grown with the rain. We now have several flocks of wild chickens living around the church yard and I've seen one hen with chicks; so, more are on the way. My plan was to catch them and then serve chicken and dumplings for the hot lunch St. Jude's provides each Saturday with the Free Hot Shower we provide the community.

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## (*Silver Lining – Continued from page 3*)

When I was ten years old I often chased and caught chickens, but over the last 65 or so years the chickens have gotten so much faster than I remember. So far this chicken catching game has resulted in catching several chickens in cat traps. However, this has a complication, because I have to stay close to keep the cats out of the traps. Several of the feral cats around the church have become so tame, the only way I can keep them out of the traps is to hold them in my lap and pet them.

Speaking of cats, does anyone need a cat as a house pet or mouse catcher? We have several extra cats around the church that would make great pets. We want to keep **Chubbers**, **Legs** and **Cookie Monster**, but we are willing to share the others, with someone that will give them a nice home. Please talk to Cordelia, if you need to identify the “church cats” from those up for adoption.



**Mardi Gras**  
**Ocean View**  
**Friday Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> 2015**  
**Take Your Valentine Out For**  
**Mardi Gras**

Doors open at 6:00 pm and dinner served from 6:30 until 9:00

Live music provided by **David Matson**

Along with live music you get Dinner including **Emeril Pork Stew, Red Beans and Rice, Cornbread, Drink, and Dessert**

Tickets are available at the door for \$8 per person or \$15 for two.

The best way to pre-purchase your tickets is to come to our **Sunday services** which start at 9:30 am each Sunday, join us for an Aloha potluck social after the services, and buy your tickets while you are there.

You can also pre-purchase tickets from Thom White, Elaine Meier, or Cordelia Burt. The event contact number is 808-939-7555 (leave a message)

**The party takes place at** ➔

The southeast Corner of Keaka Pkwy  
and Paradise Circle

**St. Jude's Episcopal Church**

**92-8606 Paradise Circle**  
**Ocean View, HI 96737**

Proceeds from this event helps pay operating expenses for our community service programs such as Free Hot Showers, Free Hot Lunch, and Free WiFi.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Father Moki will visit with the Bishop's Committee and to observe how the St. Jude's Shower Ministry works.

Feel free to drop by the church on March 7<sup>th</sup>, to chat with Father Moki and share your perspective on the Shower Ministry.





Worship  
Sundays  
@  
9:30 a.m.

# St. Jude's Weekly Schedule

	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Noon	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	9:00 PM
<b>Monday</b>		Senior Nutritional Program						Hula Practice		Narcotics Anonymous			Alcoholics Anonymous	
<b>Tuesday</b>			Women's Bible Study @ Bev's 10:00 am						Narcotics Anonymous					
<b>Wednesday</b>		Senior Nutritional Program							Brownie Meeting			Narcotics Anonymous		
<b>Thursday</b>			Hula Practice							Al-Anon Meeting	Alcoholics Anonymous			
<b>Friday</b>		Senior Nutritional Program						Eucharist Service	Reserved For St. Jude's Special Projects					
<b>Saturday</b>			Free Hot Shower							Alcoholics Anonymous	Narcotics Anonymous			
<b>Sunday</b>		St. Jude's Eucharist Services & Aloha Social After Services					Marshallse Full Gospel Church			Marshallse First Assembly of God Church				
<b>Indicates this is a St. Jude's Function</b>														



Be realistic - plan for a miracle.

## In Our Prayers

*Jym Duncan is making great progress as she heals her broken hip.*

*Our new Bishop's Committee members as they begin a new year.*

*Connie Santana as she recovers from foot surgery.*



**Does God have a favorite in the Super Bowl?**

**NFL Super Bowl  
XLIX**

**Sunday,  
February 1**

**3:30 PM  
on NBC**

University of Phoenix  
Stadium,

Glendale, Arizona

**Good Luck,  
Max!**

## St. Jude's 2015 Bishop's Committee

Cordelia Burt      Beverly Nelson      Lynne Reynolds

Cynnie Salley      Karen Pucci

Bishop's Warden      Thom White

*Thank you for volunteering your time and talents!*

### Just sayin'...

A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping."



**Go  
Seahawks!**



### February Birthdays

*Marjorie Berry*

*Lynne Reynolds*

*Richard Burt*

*The New Year  
Roars In at  
Ocean View  
...*

2015 started out with a bang. On January 3<sup>rd</sup> Ocean View experienced a big wind storm that took down lots of trees in the area.

Although there was no damage to the church there was lots of damage in the area and many people living off the grid lost their living quarters in the fierce storm winds.

This storm brought stronger winds than when the hurricane came through here last year. At the summit of Mauna Loa wind speeds of over 160 miles per hour were recorded. This is equivalent to the wind speed in a category five hurricane.

There were trees down all around Ocean View and several large eucalyptus trees fell across the highway between here and Naalehu, blocking the only highway for most of a day.

***St. Jude,  
The Patron Saint of WiFi***

St. Jude's WiFi is available 24 hours each day and it seems to be one of the first places new people to Ocean View find. It helps them keep in touch with friends and family. But this service is more than a convenience for our community. If you're around the church when the school bus drops off the children, at the park below the church, you will notice many of them stop by St. Jude's to use our WiFi access to help with their homework.

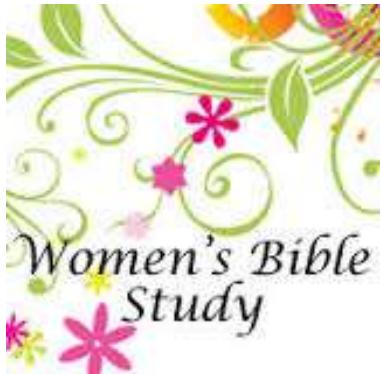




Lemonade Party/Church Clean Up Day

February 28<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. - 11 a.m..

*Many hands make light work.*



Women's Bible Study has moved to **TUESDAYS** at 10 a.m. Contact Beverly Nelson for more information. [beverly@hatchville.com](mailto:beverly@hatchville.com)



Meets at McKinney Place on Fridays at 9 a.m.

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