

# Around the Church Yard

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### **Computer Lab:**

Our Computer Lab has been open since April 14th so it has been open for 28 weeks, and it is an enormous success.

Constance Garrett's friend, (and now our friend too,) Marie Lewis, visited the lab while she was here to help with the Thanksgiving dinner for St. Jude's Saturday family. Marie's interest and support of the lab manifested into a grant for computer lab supplies.

### **Jumble Sale & Plant Sale with All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast**

This was another great success. We served All-You-Can-Eat Pan-cake breakfast and our shower family enjoyed pancakes instead of soup that day.

For the sale, we had Potted Plants, Kitchen Tools, Hand Tools, Gourmet Whole Grain Mustard, St. Jude's Coffee, Mac Nuts, Craft Products, and much much more.

### **Thanksgiving Dinner for our Shower Family:**

We had our third annual Thanks-giving lunch for our Saturday family on Saturday, November 17th and it was a huge success.

They baked eight turkeys (around 100 pounds), dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, and pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

I'm not sure how many plates of food they served, but I know they rolled up 100 sets of napkin and utensils and then had to roll-up some more around 11:30 am. I would guess they served around 140 to 150 meals. Steve said he knows they used over 100 plates, but didn't count.

This was a family custom for the Steve Stigall, and Dan Garrett family and this is the third year they shared the custom with us.

This year, like last year, Dan and Steve's sister Reverend Constance Garrett joined them, and her friend Marie Lewis, who bought us some computer lab supplies, was with her.

This took place during our regular shower time and computer lab time. When they were setting up the kitchen, six people were working and then as they were ready to serve even more joined them. There were people serving the food, others cleaning the tables as people left, someone going around to pick up the used plates, someone taking pumpkin pie to the tables. All together I believe there were 16 volunteers working the turkey dinner.

While we had 16 people working the turkey dinner, we also had two people managing the showers, and two people managing the computer lab. That comes to 20 volunteers working at St. Jude's that Saturday. As we were shutting down for the day, two more people arrived to get the towels from the showers so they could wash and dry them. It might take a village to raise a child, but we have an army of volunteers at St. Jude's.

### **Mobile Spay and Neuter Clinic:**

The Hawaiian Humane Society had their mobile working in our lower parking lot on Monday, October 8th. They are open from 7:30 am until 4:00 pm.

The Mobile Spay & Neuter Waggin' will be at St. Jude's Episcopal Church on Mon. 3 Dec, 2018 (7:30 am - 4:00 pm)

Hawaii I Humane Society strives to make spay and neuter accessible and affordable for the Big Island, Hawaii residents. Low-income pet parents and those with limited transportation qualify for their free spay neuter service in their new, state-of-the art **Mobile Spay & Neuter Waggin'**.

Services they provide are Spay or neuter surgery, Nail trim for an additional \$5 per animal with spay/neuter surgery, Microchip for an additional \$10 per animal with spay/neuter surgery, Hawaii County dog license, available for \$2.10 per animal with spay/neuter surgery

Surgery is done by Appointment Only. You can make an appointment online at [www.HIHS.ORG](http://www.HIHS.ORG)

If you don't have access to a computer, or don't have the computer skills needed to make an online appointment, **NO PROBLEM.**

Every Saturday from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm we have an open computer lab at St. Jude's where you can make an appointment. If you need help understanding how to make the appointment, we can help you with that. The lab is also open two Mondays a month, during Senior Nutrition activities and anyone is welcome to join them.

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Keiki Christmas Party:**

St. Jude's has decided to repeat the Keiki's (children's) Christ-mas Party similar to how we did it last year.

The event will take place on Saturday, December 15th, which is the same time the community Keiki party will be going on across the street in the park. Details about this event are located on page 33.

We'll set up four stations in the lower parking lot in the area nearest to the park.

At the first station, each participant will receive a book containing three tickets.

The first ticket lets them into **Rudolph's Reading Room** where they can choose a book they get to keep and take home with them.

The next stop is to visit **Santa and his helpers at the North Pole**. Santa and his elves will give each visitor a Christmas stocking stuffed with gifts. They also get to whisper in Santa's ear to let him know what they really want for Christmas. This is a great opportunity for parents to get pictures.

The last ticket lets them into **Mrs. Cringles' Kitchen** where they get cookies and some-thing to drink.

This will be taking place the same time we are having our free hot shower and hot meal program at the church, and by doing this in the lower parking lot it won't interfere with that activity. So, we will still need volunteers to man the shower project and others to make and serve soup. This year we will need a couple more volunteers because we will have the computer lab open.

Last year we had around 22 volunteers working on the showers, soup kitchen, and the Keiki Christmas party, and this year will probably be the same. Hopefully Santa and all of his Elves, and helpers will be available to help.

### **Christmas Eve Service:**

**Christmas Eve Service** is on Monday, December 24th. The program will start at 5:00 pm and we will start with Christmas carols, musical bells, hula, and at 6:30 Eucharist Service will start. This year the Reverend Tom Eklo will be officiating the service.

After the service we will have our Aloha Hour potluck dinner, which is actually a Christmas Eve feast.

Since we're a congregation with people from various parts of the country with different traditions, we try to include everyone's holiday tradition and especially their favorite food. In the past we have had Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Tamales, Enchiladas, and New England Clam Chowder. If you have something you especially like, please share it with us.

This is something you don't want to miss.

### **Spaghetti Dinner:**

Our January fundraiser is a Spaghetti Dinner which will be held on Friday, January 11th.

Doors open at 5:30 pm and we will start serving dinner at 6:00 pm. Dinner includes Spaghetti, Spaghetti Squash, your choice of Red Sauce or White Sauce, Meatballs, Salad, Drinks, and Dessert.

Prices are \$8 for a single, \$15 for two, and \$20 for a family.

This has become one of our favorite fund raisers for the community and for the folks preparing and serving the food, and you can't beat the price for a great meal.

For the folks making and serving the food, it is a fairly easy meal to prepare. We cook the spaghetti and spaghetti squash and add the sauces as it is served. The only ingredients that take much time to prepare are the sauces and meat balls.

See you there!