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Annual Meeting to be held on Zoom

Annual Meeting for St. Jude's Episcopal Mission will be January 24 at 11:30 a.m. by Zoom. Cynnie Salley will email Zoom links and instructions.

AGENDA:

APPROVE the 2019 Parochial Report submitted by the Senior Warden

APPROVE the 2021 Budget prepared by Treasurer Steve Stigall

VOTE for 3 persons to fill two 3 year terms for Committee members-Teri Martindale and Diane Nelson's terms are expiring and one 2 year term as Phyl's term is expiring. . We have four (4) folks running this time out: Cordelia Burt, Deb Johnson, Faye Miller and Steve Stigall.

Each person brings a unique combination of experience and perspective with them.

Nominations may be taken from the floor at the time of the meeting but the person must be known to the Treasurer and must consent to be on the ballot.

NOMINATE and VOTE for three (3) delegates and three (3) alternates for the 2021 Annual Diocesan Convention. It will be held remotely again. No one has to leave the island and the business will be handled in a matter of a few hours.

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Santa and his elves were back for the Keiki Christmas Drive-Thru this year. Steve Stigall, Karen Pucci and Cordelia Burt assisted Santa (Don Hatch). Elf, Thom White snapped the photo.



EPHIPHANY

BY CORDELIA BURT

Come let us
Adore
 Him



The liturgical color is white, until after the First Sunday after the Epiphany, when it becomes green. Epiphany means “revealing” or “showing forth,” and the Epiphany season begins with the showing forth of Jesus (the extension of his ministry) to the Gentiles, specifically to the wise men of Matthew’s Gospel, who are the first to know of his divinity.

Epiphany thus proclaims Jesus as Savior of the whole world and prepares for the proclamation that the church is the new people of God, with God’s promises of salvation now applying to all the peoples of the earth.

Epiphany:

The Feast of the Epiphany is January 6, and the Epiphany season runs from January 6th until Ash Wednesday which is February 17th this year, and the beginning of Lent.

From A New Dictionary for Episcopalians.

Epiphany





Around the church yard

By Contributing Editor Don Hatch
(Also St. Jude's Bishop's Warden)

Thursday afternoon Free Hot Meal: On Thursday, Oct. 8th St. Jude's started giving out Free Meals every Thursday starting at 4:00 pm until the food ran out.

Faye Miller organized this effort, and arranged for the volunteers. She also discussed the free meals with several businesses in Ocean View and has received contributions of food from the Malama Market and BJ's Pizza.

Since starting the program Faye has served on 11 Thursdays for a total of 481 meals, and the average is 44 meals each week.

In early December, the Ka'u School told me they had a lot of airplane blankets that were donated to them and wondered if we could pass them out during our Thursday dinner and I said YES. For the next two weeks we gave out light blankets with the meal. I believe there were around 100 blankets.

When the Big Island Giving Tree (BIGT) picked up tables, we gave them the remaining blankets.

The next week, the school texted me that they received more blankets; so, we started giving out the second bag of blankets on Saturday Dec. 17th.

Big Island Giving Tree (BIGT) was open in our lower parking lot on Saturday, Dec. 12th, 8:30 am until 12:00 noon.

Everyone was required to wear masks and keep well apart from each other.

Keiki Christmas Party – Drive By: On Saturday, Dec. 19 we did a drive by Christmas party for our Ocean View children.

Our volunteers included Santa Claus and four elves.

We set up three tents in our handicapped parking lot, close to the road, with tables under the tents. On the first table we had a lot of books organized by age. Next came the decorated and stuffed stockings, then bead jewelry, knitted head bands, decorated pillow cases, and candy canes.

Then a big wind came up and blew one of the tents over. We grabbed the tents and then one of the elves got the concrete bricks stored in the church for use by the Covid-19 testing teams and the school learning hub. Buddy dropped by the church and brought some rope to tie everything together.

The Big Island Giving Tree (BIGT) was set up between us and the park with lots of clothing to give away. Before we opened, cars were lined up going around Paradise Circle.

We opened a little before 10:00 am and by 11:00 am we had given away most of our gifts. We started with 100 stockings and they were all well received. The last car that came through had three children and we gave them our last two stockings.

Medicare Advantage Free Counseling: Tom Hasslinger has been providing free Medicare Advantage counseling at various places on the Big Island, and on Thursday, Nov. 26th he set up his tent in St. Jude's church yard during the Thursday afternoon meal.

When he arrived at the church, there were several people waiting for him.

Kona Keiki Closet: On December 12th, Kona Keiki Closet gave away children's clothing at St. Jude's. In the morning they handed out advertisement flyers

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Fish Hopper

Groovin' with the Grazing Girlz

By Karen Pucci

The vaccine is coming! There is a light at the end of this dark tunnel. But it ain't over yet so continue to wear your masks, wash your hands and stay home.

On our last trip into Kona, we stopped off at the Fish Hopper. Fish Hopper is an open air spot on Ali'i Drive with a faboo ocean view. Been around before we ever started visiting. We used to frequent it when we came over as tourists but it has probably been 20 years or more since we went there. They had good food and decent prices. They still have good food. The pricing is competitive (and they do have some less expensive specials on a sandwich board outside) but alas not the bargain it once was. At any rate, we made a point to go there after we read that the owner was using the food to feed his employees while they were shut down. We like to support those who support others. We were there in time for breakfast.

There is a hilarious ad for their bloody Marys. They start at \$4.99 BUT for \$3.50 per item you can turn it into a veritable meal of seafood and veggies with vodka. I think if we went with all that had been offered, it would be around \$20.00. Uh no. The menu has benedicts, omelets, pancakes, usual breakfast meats and eggs, loco moco and lots of other goodies to numerous to list. And they were not out of anything!

I had an apple juice (\$3.50) and Dungeness crab benedict (\$16.95). It is two slices of English muffin, a soft poached egg and a choice of rice, potatoes or toast. I went with rice. The menu said "fresh" crab but I know better. None the less there were large chunks of tasty Dungeness on the muffins. If it was frozen, they figured out a way to make it taste good with a nice texture to boot. Good hollandaise, eggs were a tad over cooked which I will take over under cooked any day.

Anna ordered orange juice (\$3.50) which she did not find remarkable, a Kalua pork omelet (\$13.95) and a side of bacon (\$3.95). That omelet was a wee bit different than other places. I would order the pork for me when we return. All in all, an enjoyable visit. I took a peek at the on line menu, lots of fish offerings for lunch and dinner. Take out available. Everyone was masked up. Nice staff. Full bar, credit cards accepted, open air under a large covered lanai with fans. Great view. Girls say Go Graze!

FISH HOPPER. 75-5683 Alii Drive Breakfast from 7:00a to 11:00a, Lunch 11:00-3:00; Happy hour 3-closing, Dinner 4p-9p. FREE but LIMITED PARKING IN THE REAR.

Notes: Black Rock Pizza is opening up. They are in the spot Pat's Pies occupied...Tommy Bahamas has re opened its upstairs restaurant. The menu is not as robust as it used to be but that is true just about everywhere. However, they now have distanced outside seating on their wrap around lanai and the 'inside' is very open and again distanced tables. Staff is masked and gloved up.

The new, mega Safeway store is opening on Henry below the highway. Gas will not be available until June though. None the less, looking forward to not being out of everything when we go. No official word now on what will occupy the old store space. Lots of rumors though.

Note to you all. We have taken to wearing a face shield along with a mask when we know we are going to be inside for more a few minutes (shopping mainly). Our eyes can be a conduit for the virus to get inside us. Nothing is fool proof but I feel a bit better. Also grocery shopping tip. We use the plastic bags in the produce department as gloves to pick and examine produce and fruit. Then we put what we choose in the bag.



The Reverend
Richard Stetson

January Flavor of the Month

Father Richard Stetson will serve St. Jude's from his home in British Columbia. Thank you, Father Richard for being willing to share your gifts and talents with us, from afar.



January

Dates to Remember

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| 1 | Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ |
| 3 | The Second Sunday after Christmas Day |
| 6 | The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ |
| 10 | The First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ |
| 16 | Festival of Hope |
| 25 | 100 th Birthday party for Nolene's mom,
Isabelle Boos. Zoom link in email. |



January Birthdays

7th	Beverly Nelson
13th	Cynnie Salley
16th	Brian Stewart
20th	Tina Fowler
27th	Deborah Johnson
31st	Isabelle Boos



January Anniversaries

1	Thom White & Bud Sherfield
18	Tom Eklo & Stephen Ingerson
21	Richard & Cordelia Burt

Nolene's mom to celebrate 100th birthday!



On January 31st, Isabelle Boos will celebrate her 100th birthday!

Isabelle is Nolene Weaver's mother, who visited St. Jude's a couple years ago.

Women's Bible Study is excited to hold a "short and sweet" birthday party on Zoom after our January 25th Bible Study, on Zoom.

We'll light a candle (or two or 100), sing Happy Birthday and share our aloha with this lovely lady.

Anyone reading this is invited to drop a birthday card in the mail to Isabelle.

Isabelle Boos
203 West Street
Julian, NE 68379



It's Just A Bend In The Road

by Helen Steiner Rice

Submitted by Angeline Fischer (Cindy's Mom)

When we feel we have nothing to give
And we are sure that the song has ended
When our day seem over and the shadows fall
And the darkness of night has descended
Where can we go to find the strength
To valiantly keep on trying
Where can we find the hand that will dry
The tears that the heart is crying
There's but one place to go and that is to God
And dropping all pretense and pride
We can pour out our problems without restraint
And gain strength with Him at our side
And together we stand at life's crossroads
And we view what we think is the end
But God has a much bigger vision
And He tells us it's only a bend
For the road goes on and is smoother
And the pause in the song is a rest
And the part that's unsung and unfinished
Is the sweetest and richest and best



So rest and relax and
grow stronger
Let go and let God
share your load
Your work is not finished or ended
You've just come
to a bend in the road

	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
Monday		Senior Nutritional Program	Women's Bible Study @ Bev's 10:00 AM						Hula Practice		NA			
Tuesday		Ka'u Food Pantry <small>(setup & Dribble food)</small>		Food Pantry <small>Monthly Last Thu.</small>									Celebrate Recovery	
		Ka'u High Summer School												
Wednesday													NA	
Thursday													Al-Anon	
Friday														
Saturday														
Sunday														

Indicates this is a St. Jude's Function

NA = Narcotics Anonymous

Marshallese First Assembly of God Church

St. Jude's Weekly Schedule During COVID-19 Suspensions



WHAT'S COOKIN' AT ST. JUDE'S?

For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. Matthew 25:35

Potato Soup

Ingredients

- 6 medium potatoes cubed
- 2 cups diced ham
- 1 medium onion diced
- 1 can of corn
- 1 cup milk
- 1/4 cup butter
- 3 cups water
- Salt & pepper to taste

Reserve for Later

1/4 cup flour

1/2 cup (or more) milk for thickening sauce.

1/2 cup grated cheese

1/4 cup crumbled bacon

Fresh parsley



Directions

- Put the ingredients into the slow cooker or crock pot.
- Set on High for 1 hour
- Reduce heat to medium/low for 3 more hours or until potatoes are soft.
- Add the flour and milk mixture to thicken
- Cook for 1/2 more hour.

Serve with crumbled bacon and grated cheese on top, garnish with fresh parsley.



Festival of Hope for Families

Ocean View Distribution

January 16, 2021 • 9am—11am

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Please RSVP. Look for the on-line Eventbrite opening up the week of January 4th, 2021

*Child & Family Service has teamed up with community partners to provide drive-thru direct resources, service, and food to families impacted by COVID-19. More information on this **free drive-thru** community event will be released at a later date. Registration required.*

*Seeking volunteers to prepare the lohaki bags in Kealakekua and volunteers for distribution in Oceanview. Please call **808-785-5415** or email **apadilla@cfs-hawaii.org** if you wish to help!*

CFS complies with CDC guidelines at all times.

Zooming into Advent



St. Jude's women zoomed into Advent this past season, with a digital Christmas Tea. Coordinated by Cordelia Burt and Cindy Cutts, each guest received a packet of goodies for the digital party a week before the

event. A handmade invitation invited guests to "Zoom into Advent" and contained the zoom link for the party. It was complimented by an Advent calendar, a light reflecting tree ornament, hand crafted lavender soap; refreshments were included from Punalu'u Bakery and Bigelow Teas. Debbie Johnson provided her original artwork meditation cards, and a Christmas Blessing inventory card was also included with a challenge card to make a date to be a blessing, during the holiday season. Each guest also received a copy of a vintage classic book, "A Cup of Christmas Tea."

Since Women's Bible study switched to meeting via Zoom, membership has spread across the U.S. The Zoom Christmas Tea included women from Alaska to Florida, Utah to North Carolina, Colorado to Oregon and of course all of us in Hawaii. Twenty-four guests attended in 10 states!

Teri Martindale opened the party with inspiring readings from noted authors.

Guests were asked to introduce themselves, and share their praises and prayers for the day. Cindy's granddaughter, Kyra, age 4, used a video to tell the Christmas story using her "little people" creche and Disney Princess dolls. She was followed by The Reverend Constance Garrett who enlightened the group on Advent history. Carolyn Coil shared a rich history of Advent traditions both from church and within her family. Debbie Johnson explained her design concept of the meditation cards she created.

Professional actor, Judy Leavell, from Athens, Georgia, performed an inspiring monologue about Bethlehem, that tugged at hearts, and made the group smile. Cordelia recited a poem, titled the "Three Queens" which moved everyone into laughter. Cindy challenged each guest to evaluate how everyone could be a blessing to someone during the holiday season, and even included a date card, to schedule that blessing. Finally, Reverend Mary Janda closed our tea party with a short message, reminding us that this year it was especially important to focus on Advent, and to prepare our hearts for the Christ child.

The Christmas Tea was well attended, and received warm reviews. For many in attendance, it was a rare social event during the pandemic isolation. During this Advent season, one of social distancing, restricted travel and serious health concerns, the Christmas Tea program and party packet was comforting, fun and emboldened hope for many of our guests.

In our prayers...

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Thanksgiving:

We offer thanksgiving for the many answered prayers we have received at St. Jude's.

This month we pray for:

Grateful hearts, kindness, tender-hearted forgiveness & love in our relationships;

Health protection, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic: for our kupuna, our loved ones, our leaders, our medical personnel, ourselves.

Healing: Phil, Stephanie, John, Sue, Marsha, Darryl, Rev. Cathy, John, Michael, Linda, Laura, Bill, Father Bob, John, Cathy, Maxine, Brittnee, Doug, Pat, Kepi, Bob, Steve, Lorraine, Pynne, Richard, Carol, Cade, Joe, Brian, Ginger, Bill, Elaine, Angie, Charlotte, Marvelle, Nancie, Tammie.

Strength, peace and comfort for care-givers or families of those who are ill or who suffer loss.

Healing and restoration of broken hearts, finances, families and relationships.

Safety for all who are traveling; peace for those who unable to travel.

Safety, wisdom and courage for front liners: for all those in protective or public service (law enforcement, firefighters, emergency responders, military personnel, teachers, administrators, clergy, physicians, nurses, medical team members, civil leaders, cashiers, truck drivers, postal employees, and all essential workers).

For all who are navigating a new school year and a new learning style. The children who study at the St. Jude's Learning Hub.

For protection from COVID-19, natural disasters, violence and tragedy: we pray for restoration of lives, financial loss and displacement of families forever impacted;

For the re-opening of our church and all her ministries, in a safe environment of warmth, music, Holy Communion and divine connection.

For our shower clients: that they will continue to feel our love, in the midst of crisis.

Blessings, wisdom, energy, enthusiasm, discernment and encouragement for the leaders of St. Jude's and for the many volunteers who keep our church operating; and for local, national and international world leaders, help us to work together.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Church yard

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at several of the Marshallese villages and in the afternoon, they gave away children's clothes.

Mother nature wasn't very cooperative, because when they started setting up in the lower parking lot it started raining very hard. I opened the church and they set up inside. There were 14 volunteers and they all worked at setting up the tables with children's clothes organized by age and size.

I stayed until the mothers and children were there picking out clothes. They had large bags that they gave to the people receiving the clothes.

I went home and they called me when they were ready to close.

When I got there, they were sterilizing the tables and putting them away.

They closed their day's work with a group prayer.

Ka'u School District Gives out Supplies and Computers: The Ka'u school district used St. Jude's facilities monthly to distribute school supplies and computers.

Ka'u Mobile Learning Hub: Many of the Ka'u students don't have access to the internet; so, the Ka'u school district has set up four mobile learning hubs to provide internet access, and they have teachers there to help the students.

The St. Jude's hub is located in the lower parking lot and also inside the church. There is no limit on the number of students. As more students arrive, they set up another table with a student at each end. They can spread out across the entire parking lot. The limiting factor is how many computers can access St. Jude's two wi-fi networks before it gets too slow.

I usually drop by to make sure everything is ok every couple of days. One time I counted 20 students working. They said the internet was very slow.

We upgraded both of our internet connections to the fastest connection Aloha Broadband has.

After the upgrade, the Aloha Broadband technician said that each of the Wi-Fi's should be able to handle 12-15 connections before overloading.

On Wednesday, Dec. 16th I was at the church to receive a new printer, and I counted 17 students in and around the church. Some were inside the church and several were sitting outside. Then I noticed that there were tables set up in the lower parking lot with around seven students working from there.

St. Jude's continues Recording the church service and posting on our

Web: St. Jude's Bishop's Committee has elected to continue recording the church service and posting it on our web site.

Their reasoning was, with the quarantine in place any arriving priest would be quarantined in McKinney Place, our vicarage, for two weeks before they could lead a service at St. Jude's, and since our next several priests are scheduled for only one month each, it simply wouldn't work for them.

The priests scheduled to be here in person are working with our staff to record their sermons from their home or church.

We thought we might go back to live services in December, but we just learned that the earliest we will have a priest here is February 2021, and depending on travel restrictions it may be delayed past then.

Free Saturday Soup Kitchen: The soup kitchen has been shut down since August.

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Meeting

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At the time of the meeting, we hope to impart our plans for re-opening the church for in person services.

AFTER the annual meeting concludes, the newly elected Bishop's Committee will meet by Zoom to select officers and any other business.

PLEASE, MARK YOUR
CALENDARS,
WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR
INSTRUCTIONS AND LINKS
FROM CYNNIE SALLEY
AND PARTICIPATE
IN OUR
ANNUAL MEETING

More church yard

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Faye's Thursday meal has met some of the need that St. Jude's had been supplying.

St. Jude's hosts Free Hot Showers: We started our Free Hot Shower community support programs in Sept. 2013, and have hosted over 8,200 Free Hot Showers.

In April 2020 we shut down the free hot shower community support program indefinitely. When the pandemic restrictions have eased, we will open it back up to the public.

The Bishop's Committee used emails to conduct most of the church business. The annual church business meeting will be held on Zoom on January 24th. Watch for the Zoom link in your email.

Computer Lab: The Computer lab is in a small room with the computers 1-2 feet apart. There is no way to socially distance and sterilizing the computer, table, and chair between users would be almost impossible; so, we closed the lab on Saturday, March 14th and it will be closed until further notice.

Education for Ministry (EMF) class has been continued using Zoom to meet virtually.

Aloha Hour using Zoom: After our Sunday service, St. Jude's always has an Aloha Hour with a potluck lunch. Many of the church members miss sitting around discussing what was going on in our friend's lives; so, we started having a Zoom aloha hour each Sunday at 10:00 am until 11:00 am.

It isn't as cozy as meeting in person, but a big plus is that several of our priests have joined us for our Zoom Aloha hour.

Women's Bible Study using Zoom: Women's Bible study gathers Mondays on Zoom. Membership has grown to include women from across the U.S. Many of the "national" members were invited by Carolyn Coil.

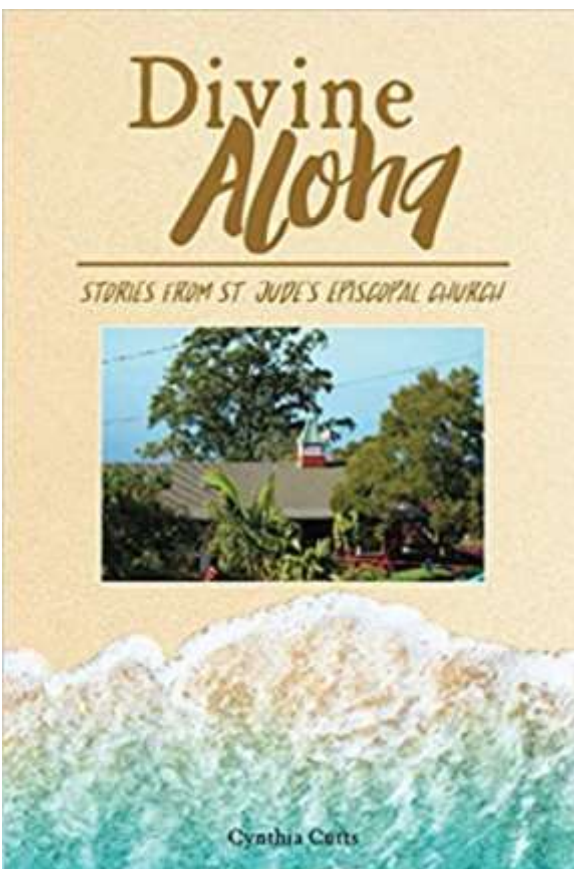


*Lord, now lettest thou thy
servant depart in peace,
according to thy word:*

*For mine eyes have seen thy
salvation,*

*Which thou hast prepared
before the face of all people;*

*A light to lighten the
Gentiles, and the glory
of thy people Israel.*



Watch your email for information about a

Book Launch Zoom Party

For all contributors to

Divine Aloha

Copies of the book are available
by emailing Cordelia

cordelia@bak.rr.com

The book is also available on

[Amazon.](https://www.amazon.com)



Keiki Closet set up at St. Jude's for free clothing distribution for local families.



Big Island Giving Tree was back at St. Jude's, serving the community with a wide variety of donated goods.

Keiki Christmas



Stockings and books were given to local keiki in the first ever Drive By Keiki Christmas event at St. Jude's. Practicing social distancing and contact-less service, Santa and his elves delighted children with free stockings, jewelry and books.





Mondays¹⁸
10 a.m.
Via
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Tuesdays @ 9 a.m. on Zoom
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Mentors

Check email for
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Lemonade Party

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Monthly Church Clean up

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