

Talking Story, at St. Jude's

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Christmas Eve Service Reflection

Standing room only service, touches lives

By Cindy Cutts

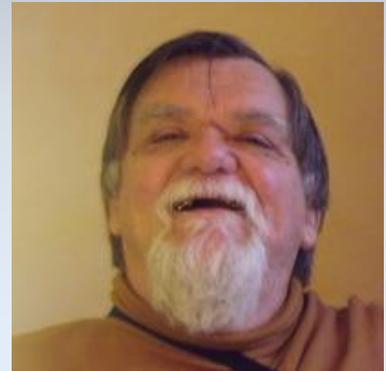
When I arrived for Christmas Eve services this year, I was sort of prepared for what to expect. This was my second Christmas at this parish, and I knew the format of an hour of carols, followed by a formal Eucharist service. But when I walked in and Ginger Stewart recruited (drafted?) me for bell ringing as part of the "Ring Along Singing of Christmas Carols with Hand Chimes," I was a bit hesitant. The friend who accompanied me was familiar with hand chimes and bell choirs, and Ginger was so enthusiastic, how could I decline?

Ginger began leading the carols, her lovely voice lifting above the din to start favorite hymns. I was mildly annoyed that I had to

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follow the bell music book, since I knew each of these carols by heart. (I had to follow along to know when to ring my chime.) It sounded so simple, but I quickly discovered that playing the chime required some discipline that I was unaccustomed to in my casual attitude about familiar music. My friend was playing her chime with confidence and sort of swishing her chime in the air with flourish that put my meager ring-a-dinging to shame. So I sat up, paid attention and before long I developed some enthusiasm.

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Priest of the Month

St. Jude's parish welcomes The Reverend Bill Teska, who began his stay with St. Jude's on December 28th. He will serve the parish through February.

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Coming Events

Watch for news about our special events in 2015.

February – **Mardi Gras, February 13th**

May - **Cinco De Mayo**

July – **Independence Day**

October – **Oktoberfest**

November – **Jumble Sale**

December – **Concert Series**

Christmas Crèche



The life-size Nativity scene that graced the church yard this Christmas was made by Ginger Stewart's late husband Bill. Here is the story of the St. Jude's crèche.

In 1991, in the churchyard of a small village just south of the Oregon-California border, was an almost life size crèche that caught the eyes of Bill and Ginger Harris, as they attended the friendly congregational church over the holiday season.

Bill was so fascinated with the life sized crèche, that he took pictures of it, and thought not much more about it until almost a year later and they were looking at all the pictures they'd taken over the 6 months of being in northern California. Before Ginger knew it, Bill had created a large scale drawing on huge graph paper from the snapshots. Bill began to construct a replica for their church yard.

The crèche first appeared behind the pulpit, complete with a spotlight in the manger shining up from where baby Jesus' face lay. The light enhanced a stained glass window and lit up the ceiling. Another year, the crèche graced the yard in front of the church.

After a few years, it seemed good to mount it on the lanai at Ginger and Bill's, complete with lights so that it could be seen from the road, as passersby would slow down to enjoy it.

After Bill died, the crèche remained stored under Ginger's house, until some years later, when St. Jude was "home" for Ginger, and she mentioned it at a Bishop's Committee meeting. Ginger offered to display the crèche at St. Jude's. Definitely the worse for wear, and clearly weathered, the figures certainly deserved refurbishing, but served the pleasure of folks at St. Jude for two seasons. This year, Elaine and Cindy felt moved to repaint them. The crèche was set up in the church yard, to the delight of parishioners and the many community members that visited the church throughout the season.

St. Jude's is proud to display the life-size crèche, and honors the memory of the man who made it.

Thank you Bill. (And thank you too, Ginger)

Christmas Eve

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After we exhausted the chime book selections, David shared his musical talents as he played more carols on the piano and we sang along. The church became more and more packed. It was fun to see our little church filled with people that I really didn't know, but I had prayed for, over the past year.

We lit the advent candles and then the Hula carols set the tone of island traditions swaddled in the story of the Christ child. (Those performances are available for review on our church website.) Reverend Elaine led the traditional service with humble candor, making the Christmas story scriptures come to life, and spill into the hearts of all. Silent Night was never more beautifully sung, than when worshipers sang together in the candlelight, while Cordelia added an unrehearsed descant. For a moment, I thought angels had descended on us. It was a magical night, laced with hope, joy and peace.

I'm the Christmas director in my family, responsible for all things Christmas at my house. In my flurry to be sure that everyone has a Merry Christmas, I nearly always lose some of my Christmas sparkle by Christmas Eve. But thanks to being drafted by a sweet, perky chime choir director, and the corporate worship of a small, joyful congregation, my Christmas rang true.



Around the Church Yard

By Don Hatch



St. Jude's main focus is community support and most of that support is for our local community friends. When our congregation isn't using the facilities for weekly services or various church

programs, the facilities are made available to help people or organizations in the Ocean View area. As a regular in the church yard, tending to the landscape or prepping for an event, I've seen how St. Jude's outreach ministries affect the community.

Free Wi-Fi: St. Jude's provides Free WiFi access for the community. This service is available in the church yard 24x7. There are also electrical plugs where they can charge the batteries in their phones and computers. Last year a family moved to Ocean View to build their retirement home and they used the service to keep in touch with their friends and children. They told us their children called St. Jude, "*The Patron Saint of WiFi*".

Free Hot Shower: Last year St. Jude's got one of their long term visions operational. They built a hot shower and opened it to our friends in the community every Saturday. The first day the showers were open, one of our congregation said she had food left from another community program and wanted to share it with the people taking the showers. The next week someone else had some food and by the third week it became part of our Saturday event. The St. Jude's congregation provides a free hot meal to our friends that drop by for a hot shower and anyone else that is hungry.

The second week the showers were open, my wife Beverly and I were working the shower when a woman came out of the shower crying. We were worried that the water was too hot and might have burned her. She said she was ok, but this was the first time she had warm water running over her head in over six months – it was just so wonderful.

The next week we had two young ladies (11 and 12 years old) run up and say, "Mr. Don, we were told we have to pay for the towels, how much are they?" I told them, "We have free towels, soap, shampoo, and hair conditioner." Over the next couple weeks I went through all of the body soaps, shampoo and hair conditioner with the 12 year old. She picked out all of the ones with sweet fruity smells, and she kept a stash of her favorites in the church office.

St. Jude's is a place many of us go each Sunday for Eucharist services followed by an Aloha Social hour. But to the Ocean View community it is much much more.

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Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 20th of each month. Submit **complete** news items including who, [with correct spelling of first & last names] what, when, where, why etc. to: cindycutts00@yahoo.com

All news items must be complete and submitted in writing.



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Worship Services

Holy Eucharist

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

**HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?**

St. Jude's Weekly Schedule

<http://www.stjudeshawaii.com>



Worship
Sundays
@
9:30 a.m.

	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			Narcotics Anonymous		Alcoholics Anonymous	
Tuesday														
Wednesday		Senior Nutritional Program								Girl Scouts Meeting			Narcotics Anonymous	
Thursday			Hula Practice								Al-Anon Support Meeting		Alcoholics Anonymous	
Friday		Senior Nutritional Program	Men's Bible Study @ McKinney Place 9 a.m.					Eucharist Service	Reserved For St. Jude's Special Projects					
Saturday				Free Hot Shower							Alcoholics Anonymous		Narcotics Anonymous	
Sunday		St. Jude's Eucharist Services & Aloha Social After Services						Marshallese Full Gospel Church Service				Marshallese Assembly of God Church Service		

Indicates this is a St. Jude's Function

He who feels that he is too small to make a difference, has never been bitten by a mosquito.



A kindergarten teacher was walking around her classroom of children, while they were drawing pictures. When she observed one tiny little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The child replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without looking up from her drawing, the little girl sighed, "They will in a minute."

Gift from the Diocese

St. Jude's congregation was extremely excited to receive a \$1000 gift from the Episcopal Hawaiian Diocese to replace the Shower Ministry water heater, which was stolen in November. We are so grateful for the support of the Diocese for our Shower Ministry.

Each Saturday, we serve the Ocean View population with free hot showers, clean towels, soap, shampoo and even hair conditioner to anyone who shows up. We provide a hot meal for anyone on the church campus that day as well.



**"Wireless communication is nothing new.
I've been praying for 75 years!"**

In Our Prayers

Jym Duncan fell on her daily walk the last week of December, and broke her hip. After a successful surgery, Jym is now in rehabilitation. She is accepting visitors at Kona Hospital.

Celebrations

January Birthdays

Beverly Nelson Jan 7
Cynn timer Salley Jan 13
David Mattson Jan 13
Brian Stewart Jan 16
John Prettyman Jan 23

Anniversaries

Thom & Bud Jan. 1
Richard & Cordelia Jan 21



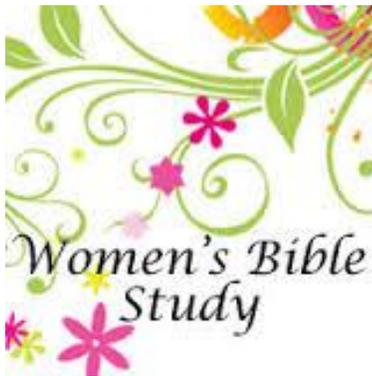
Why do we have Seattle Seahawks updates at St. Jude's?

2014 Super Bowl Champions Seattle Seahawks Center Max Unger, is an Hawaiian boy, and the grandson of Ray & Cynni Salley. The Seahawks have been missing Max, due to a high ankle sprain. He is expected to return for the January 10th NFC Division playoffs.



Lemonade Party/Church Clean Up Day
is January 31st 9 a.m. - noon.

Many hands make light work



Women's Bible Study meets Mondays at 10 a.m.
All are welcome. Contact Beverly Nelson for
more information beverly@hatchville.com

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