



RETIRED CLERGY FAMILIES' NEWS



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"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy, 4:7 NRSV



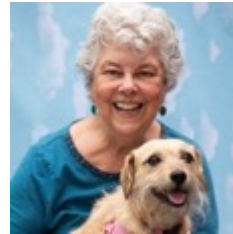
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Chaplains Column

The Rev. Bruce DeGooyer

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Throughout the year, as I send each of you birthday greetings (on behalf of our chaplains group and the diocese), at the same time I remember you in prayers of thanksgiving. Today, on the Feast of the Resurrection, I remember you in prayer again. Wishing each of you a most Happy and Blessed Easter.

Bruce+

The Rev. Heather Mueller

Dear Friends,

Retirement has not been a boring time I feel very blessed.

I have been providing supply ministry to several churches during the last three years and it has been a joy to preach and celebrate on an almost -every Sunday schedule, at a *(Continued on page 2)*

variety of churches. It is a great joy to be a part of several congregations and see old friends and meet new people in the churches where I serve. I am honored to be serving at Trinity Episcopal Church by the Sea on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter this year. Trinity is an outdoor church which meets in the ruins of a David Malo church. David Malo (1795-1853) was ordained at Haleakala church in Keokea and served several places, as a Hawaiian educator, politician and minister. The Trinity congregation is a very lively -caring community and the setting is stunningly beautiful.

Aloha in Christ, Heather

The Rev. Carol Arney I've been back in Hawaii now for almost 6 months, settled in my home (a condo on Date Street) where I love EVERYTHING about it but the traffic noise. I'm supplying regularly and finding it a challenge to have so much to do after 7 years of retirement. I'm deep into planning for Holy Week and Easter, editing this newsletter, and doing what they call the "activities of daily living." Life is good. **Happy Easter, everyone!**

The Rev. Frank and Norma Chun.

Jesus of Nazareth Invites Us to Dinner!

With April, has come a return to receiving wine (the Blood of Christ) at Communion.

But isn't the "common cup" still a health hazard? Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa, Canada reports: *"There is no documented evidence of diseases spread by sharing the cup. (Note: COVID is spread by aerosols and droplets. You could catch COVID by breathing air, that's exhaled by an infected person, more so than from sharing the common cup!)"*

Further, check this out:

<https://www.fox6now.com/news/red-wine-could-reduce-chances-of-covid-19-infection-u-k-study-suggests>

Drinking red wine could lower the risk of COVID infection! The journal Frontiers in Nutrition reported, "Drinking 1-2 glasses of red wine each week was associated with an approximate 10% reduction in the risk of being diagnosed with COVID."

Indeed, Holy Communion sounds better already!

d. Chang. D. For the past several months, especially through the Covid epidemic, like many of you, I have been rethinking some of the choices in my life. In addition, our daughters ganged up on me over Thanksgiving and Christmas when I visited them in Henderson, NV and Augusta, GA, and made me rethink continuing to live in Hawai'i, so far away from them. +Dick and I had wanted to age in place here in our "nest" but it is not to be. I returned from visiting with both of them two days ago, and I have signed a contract to move to Brandon Wilde, a senior continuing care retirement community in Evans, GA, on 78 acres of property with about 350 residents. It's a beautiful place with different levels of care available as your needs increase, and it is about 6 miles away from our 10 and 12 year old grandchildren. Once I get through the moving process, I hope to take occupancy on August 1 and stay there until I join +Dick in a much larger facility with better views, better food, better friends and a terrific Landlord!

Hawai'i will always be home, but the call of grandkids and nearby relatives is something I can no longer ignore. Please keep me in your prayers as I leave my home here. I will miss each of you, especially talking to our widows. Visit with +Dick when you are in town since I won't be doing that regularly.

Bruce+ will probably be coming up with a replacement for me as one of the chaplains on his team, so if you are interested in reaching out to widows and widowers of clergy let him know. However, CPG has said that I am needed in Georgia, so the work may be continuing there! We'll see.

Aloha a hui ho,

d. chang

Letter from the Editor

I welcome your contributions. Reach me: By email: arneycm@earthlink.net



News from around the world

from Paula Rudinoff:


On Feb 4, 2022, at 10:15 PM, Paula Rudinoff <rudinoff1@gmail.com> wrote:

February 4, 2022 - the second anniversary of Jan's death was celebrated in Venice, Italy at the 6:30pm mass at the Church of the Gesuati, the Roman Catholic church in the parish where St. George's Anglican church resides. Friends from St. Georges came. Giuseppe Baldan, a Roman Catholic deacon and Jan's dear friend, remembered him in a short message and our friend, Liesl Odenweller, soprano extraordinaire, sang Ave Maria acapella. After the mass we toasted Jan with prosecco at his favorite bar. It was lovely.


The rest of the family held their own remembrances in Seattle and Kauai.



Joshua sent this touching message:

I tried to feel him there with me, but it was only a wall with a plaque, then I went and sat with a homeless man with mental illness named Isaac ... he had set up camp  in front of the awesome doors .

I told him "My dad built this place!" He said " he did a good job... nice and dry!"

We chatted for a bit and I gave him some cash... almost lent him my truck ...That is when it felt like dad was with me!



At Nico's with Dave+:

Hollis+ & Ethel Maxson, Norma & Frank+ Chun and David Kennedy!

At the time of this visit, Dave expressed considering a move back to Oahu, from Spokane WA. Oahu Clergy & Spouses and Widows were contacted. A dozen folks had expressed interest in connecting, but also expressed COVID cautions, and an outdoor dining possibility, or were not available on the date & time chosen.

From Donor Macniece: Life here is good but I am kept busy. This is a 98% Buddhist country so no direct church work which suits me fine. Since I retired 16 years ago, I haven't preached or celebrated once. To me as I learned from Bishop Spong, retiring means stopping what you are doing and do something else. So I did just that.

I have been working with His Majesty King Norodom Sihamoni on projects to help students from the country - and there are many - who find they can't afford to continue with their university education.

Until the virus situation erupted, I was also speaking three times a year at each of the Universities in Vietnam, Laos Myanmar and also here in Cambodia which meant that I was on a plane to somewhere every month. But that had to stop with the virus restrictions. I hope at some point I can resume that again.

So at age 88 I am still in tip top health which is good. I just can't jump as high as I used to. But I never did much jumping anyway so not bothered. 😊

Roth and I are hoping to go back to Kauai for a few days to see the folk there, but we have to wait till things improve.

Hope all is well with you.

Donor



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Guess who?

It's Ed+ & Katie Bonsey! who were visited by Frank+ & Norma Chun, in mid-February.

The Bonseys have lived at Grand Lake Gardens, Oakland CA., since 2005. The Chuns were visiting family in Napa and drove to connect with the Bonseys. Ed+ had mentored Frank+ during his discernment years, prior to seminary.



April and May! Birthdays



Surviving Spouses

- Belquis Laun Shahin April 4
- Paula Rudinoff April 14
- Pricilla Millen April 21
- Eugenia Park April 22
- Jo Piltz April 22
- Margaret Cromwell April 27
- Teena Urban May 28

Clergy

- Brian Grieves April 4
- James Moore April 7
- Mary Tudela April 13
- Robert Nelson April 18
- Donald Hart April 22
- Lynette Schaefer April 23
- Greg Johnson May 7
- Ed Bonsey May 26

Clergy Spouses

- Kittredge Hawkins April 6
- Kathleen Kajimoto April 2
- Jean Buechele April 25
- Valerie Besenbruch May 4

Prayer for a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand:
Look with favor, we pray, on these
your servants as they begin another
year. Grant that they may grow in
wisdom and grace, and strengthen
their trust in your goodness all the
days of their lives, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Kapuakukui: Camp Mokule`ia's 75th Anniversary



Camp Mokule`ia is in the midst of observing its 75th anniversary in 2022, and will culminate with a festive celebration on **Saturday, September 3, 2022**. The theme for this event is "Kapuakukui" and **will honor the Rev. Canon David Kennedy**, who has served as the Camp's Board Chair since 2016. Canon Kennedy's father, the Right Reverend Harry Kennedy, Bishop of The Episcopal Church in Hawai'i, founded Camp Mokule`ia 75 years ago.

Kapuakukui will also be the Camp's largest fundraiser for the year and will feature a local buffet, great entertainment, silent auction, and lots of fun activities. Tickets for this event are now available, including sponsorships at three levels. For more information, visit the event webpage [HERE](#).

News from CPG (CHURCH PENSION GROUP)

Saint Paul, MN



All your chaplains are headed for St. Paul, Minnesota in the beginning of May for a five-day Triennial meeting of all the Retired Clergy Chaplains of the Episcopal Church. For all of us, but especially for those of us who are new to this ministry, it will be a great chance to meet and share with those who do the same thing in other Dioceses and Provinces.

due to the pandemic.

The ministry of the Retired Clergy Chaplains is supported by the Church Pension Group. This is quite logical as the retired clergy are the beneficiaries of the Pension Fund. In addition to meeting people from all over the country, we will be learning the ins-and-outs of the pension and all the other benefits of the Pension Fund.

I am sure we will have a lot to share in the next newsletter when we return.

We can only hope that the cold winter of Minnesota will be long past by May!