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# NU'OLI

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## HOSPICE FUNDRAISER

Christ Church is on a roll to fill 3 tables at the Hospice Royal Tea Garden Party to be held on November 7 at 3 pm at Four Seasons Ballroom 3. As of 10/27 there are only 6 spaces left--so speak now if you would like to join us!

Did you know that Christ Church was a major player in the development of Hospice in Kona? Let's celebrate a job well done!

Contact Charlotte if you are interested in this fun, inspirational event.



Fr Dick Tardiff

### Rector's Column

With the approach of the winter months (according, at least, to the calendar!), it is time for us to prepare for a busier time in our life as a Parish. Advent and Christmas loom as seasons of particular emphasis in our church. We look forward to these wonderful times of reflection, anticipation, and celebration. Add to that, the return of so

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### Sr. Warden's Column



Christ Church seems to be functioning on all cylinders these days. The Living Center's Wednesday morning Communion service has an enthusiastic and growing group worshipping together. There is a Wednesday evening service and inquirers class every week, and Sunday services are well attended. We are moving ahead in dialogue with Meals on Wheels for kitchen use during the week--requiring that we certify the kitchen immediately. We are also in active dialogue with Family Support Services for rental use of our upcoming rectory building. The latter two please me greatly as they are a good use of facilities as well as a real service to our Kona community.

The biggest immediately obvious shortcoming is our lack of regular office help, particularly the lack of consistent answering of the office phone during the week. If anyone reading this Nu'oli has a free Tuesday or Thursday morning--you would be welcomed with open arms in the office from 9am-12pm. I am

living proof that the only real qualification is the ability to say, "Good morning, this is Christ Church Office, Charlotte/\_\_\_\_\_ speaking.

You also need to know that there is a current cash flow problem which must be addressed immediately, and causes us to be behind on the payroll. If you are a bit behind on your pledge, this is a good time to catch up. If you have had a good year, this would be a good time to remember your church with a special gift designated to the Balance the Budget Fund. Thank you for considering this need.

Your Senior Warden,  
Charlotte Melrose

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many of our mainland friends, and the months that, in more northern regions usually mean slowing down, become for us, a time when we pick up the pace. And this is all to the good, for it is a time when we renew old friendships and form new ones, a time when we come together as a church family to support one another in our varied and exciting ministries.

As if to prepare us for the busy weeks ahead, this past month has brought a flurry of activity at Christ Church. It all began with first Sunday, when we celebrated not only the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, but also the Baptism of our new friend, Nate Joski. The procession and blessing of the animals set the tone for the day and for the month. It seemed to me that, at least during the time they were gathered in the Queen Emma Community Center, the dogs, the cats, the turtle and rooster (and the fish) had agreed to come together in peace and fellowship in honor of their patron saint!

The celebrations and homecomings have continued throughout the month. In addition to the usual rounds of pastoral visits, have come several “bonus” events. Of course, our

diocesan convention is fast approaching. As I write, I am still feeling the joy we all felt when Tim and Laurie Skowronski joined hands and reaffirmed their wedding vows on the occasion of their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary! They and I are so grateful for the wonderful turnout at the service, and for the delightful reception afterward.

Yet another example of the tremendous spirit of Aloha that is ever present at Christ Church. Mahalo for calling Pam and me to be part of it!

In  
Faith,  
Father  
Dick



## On the Bookshelf



Book Review *God's Politics, Why the Right Gets it Wrong, and the Left Doesn't Get it*

Watching the church service at the National Cathedral on TV following September 11, I felt many emotions. It was comforting to see the rituals, and to hear the words of my own faith tradition. It was compelling to see world leaders in church praying. We grieved together; we were vulnerable and humble together. We faced the aftermath of terror, and the mystery of death as one. As we called out to God collectively for healing, I waited eagerly for the time of confession. It did not come. I waited for the command to love our enemies. It did not come. By the time the beautiful, moving, faith-affirming service was over, I knew the path our country would take. We would proclaim God's moral authority and then ignore God's commands. We would not forgive our enemies; we would not confess our sins; we would not seek alternatives to war.

*God's Politics, Why the Right Gets it Wrong, and the Left Doesn't Get it* is a book about our world situation today,

and an invitation to take seriously the words of the prophets. Author Jim Wallis asks us to heed these voices from so long ago.

Micah is my favorite prophet. His words are not complicated, not ambiguous: Live justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God. *Well, most politicians say, all that is nice poetry, but it isn't realistic; it has no practical value.* Wallis absolutely disagrees. He has mixed and mingled with religious and political leaders from around the world. He understands the issues and the stakes, yet still refuses to compromise.

Jim Wallis is founder of *Sojourners Magazine*, and *Call to Renewal*, a national federation of churches working together to overcome poverty. He is also a theologian, a preacher, a faith-based activist, and a Harvard professor.

Wallis describes four political options for Americans. First is conservative on everything (the economy, foreign policy, the environment, personal morality.) The second is liberal on everything. The third is libertarian (liberal on cultural

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and moral issues, but conservative on economic and foreign issues.) Wallis offers a fourth option for American politics, one that recognizes the integral link between personal ethics and social justice.

It is traditional on issues of family values, sexual integrity and personal responsibility, while being very progressive, populist, or even radical on issues like poverty and racial injustice. It affirms good stewardship of the earth and its resources, supports gender equality, and is more internationally minded than nationalist-looking first to peacemaking and conflict resolution when it comes to foreign policy questions.

Wallis asserts that this appeals to both religious and non-religious Americans who are: strong on issues like marriage, raising kids, and individual ethics, but without being right-wing, reactionary, mean-spirited or scapegoating against any group of people...They can be pro-life, pro-family, and pro-feminist all at the same time... they are decidedly pro-poor, for racial reconciliation, critical of

purely military solutions, and defenders of the environment...

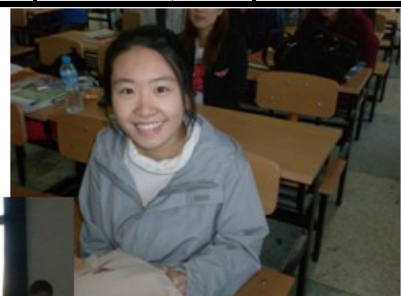
Wallis writes that *complaint* is our dominant form of discourse. To solve our problems we need to reframe debates, ask better questions. For instance, Wallis asks, when did Jesus become pro-rich? What does the Bible say about poverty? When did Jesus become pro-war? What scandalizes God? (and answers with a chapter titled *Amos and Enron*.) Wallis reiterates Micah's vision for national and global security. He believes that budgets are moral documents (and quotes Isaiah.) He ends with *hope versus cynicism*, and proclaims that *we are the ones we are waiting for*.

If you were frustrated with our last election, or current congressional scandals, if you are discouraged by the world news, if you are unhappy with empty, circular, or self-congratulatory rhetoric, this book offers hope. *God's Politics* is lively and compelling; an easy read that offers a new vision for political discourse today.

Ministries of the Sunday Worship September

	<b>Altar Guild</b> 7:30	<b>7:30 am</b> <b>Eucharistic</b> <b>Minister</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> <b>Eucharistic</b>	<b>Aloha Hour</b> 7:30	<b>Flowers</b>
Nov 7	Anne Anderson Joan Coupe	9a <b>Lorraine Sohm</b>		Pancake Breakfast	
Nov 14	Jasmine Locatelli	<b>Jasmine Locatelli</b>	<b>Betty O'Brien</b> Charlotte Melrose	Betty O'Brien And The	<b>Need Help!</b>
Nov 21	Peaches Schenk	<b>Bob Foerster</b> Jules Smith	<b>Jane Bockus</b> Meg Greenwell		
Nov 25 Thanksgiving	<b>Meg Greenwell</b>				
Nov 28	Jane Mowry	<b>Beryl Spalding</b> Nancee Cline	<b>CJ Kimberly</b> Linda Melson	<b>Need Help!</b>	
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Connie has send some pictures of her students for us to enjoy. They did do the Great Wall Walk and she has sent an album photos if you are interested in seeing them, please check the church web site.



# NOVEMBER 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Sat Nite Live Wallace Hall All Saturdays
7 Sunday 9am Breakfast 	8 EFM 6p	9 ECW 10a 	10 Evening Worship 6p	11	12	13 Rummage sale Sat Nite Live
14	15 EFM 6p	16	17 Evening Worship 6p	18	19	20 Sat Nite Live Wallace Hall All Saturdays
21 VESTRY MEETING Cursillo Ultreya 	22 EFM 6p	23	24 Evening Worship 6p	25 	26	27 Sat Nite Live Wallace Hall
28	29 EFM 6p	30	Dec 1 Evening Worship 6p	2	3 	4 Sat Nite Live Wallace Hall All Saturdays
				<b>Christ Church Office Hours Tue ~ Fri. 8 am - 2 pm Or by appointment</b>		

## ECW News November



There is still Mango Chutney available for Holiday Gifts. \$5.00 jar.

Instead of a Cookie Exchange this holiday season, ECW is planning a Cookie Extravaganza for refreshments for both services on Sunday December 12th. Everyone brings a batch of cookies and we **indulge** and then any left overs can be shared.

On Tuesday 14th ECW is holding a Morning Tea Open House to encourage the Women and Men of Christ Church to join us in our outreach. Come and learn what we have accomplished in 2010.

Beryl Spalding

President

More  
Photos . . .



### Christ Church Prayer List

Your continued prayers are asked for these people:

Andy Archibald, Betty Dunford, Odette Isacc, Pat Taylor, Jane Thomas, Connie, Benard Evangelista, Elijah, Mailani Thompson, Bev Thorne, Mary Luczon.

We are a praying community, which means that, not only do we believe in the power of prayer on a personal level; but that we also believe that we are called to offer our petitions and thanksgivings on behalf of others. We believe that God hears and responds to all of our prayers, individual and corporate. Every prayer is to God a love poem from a dear child. Like any loving parent, our God rejoices in the faith that underlies our prayer.

Our Christ Church prayer list is offered as but one way to respond to the many and varied concerns of our members and our friends. In an effort to keep this essential part of our prayer life current and relevant, we will be updating the list weekly, and have determined that each month we will start a new list. If you wish to keep a name on the list for an extended period, please contact the office *every month* to let us know.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

My personal **Thank you** to every one who helped with the Up Country Faire. We netted \$2800, half of which will go to Family Support Services.

At the breakfast on November 7th, we will have a guest speaker, Susan Maddox from **The Neighborhood Place**, this is the charity to whom we give our holiday monetary gifts. Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner.

Nov 13 ECW is having a Rummage Sale. Chairman Beryl says, "Donate your slightly used unwanted items, please make sure clothing is clean with no holes or stains, that electrical items are in good working order. You know the drill."

**The Queen Emma Luau** will be held on December 3rd:  
Evening Prayer at 5:00pm  
Dedication of the Queen Emma Community Center  
Luau at 6:00pm

Leialoha of Punana Leo has a scrumptious menu planned. If you wish to donate toward the cost of putting on this enjoyable event, cash, check or gift cards will be greatly appreciated.

Tickets are available in the office \$20

Mahalo,  
Beryl Spalding.

## Directory changes or corrections

The Church office is trying to update and publish a current parish directory. People have moved away; also just changed places where they live and phone information or e-addresses.

We would like to keep current with everyone, so please contact the office at [admin@christchurchkona.com](mailto:admin@christchurchkona.com), phone 323-3429, or leave the information at church. Provide your current information (address, phone, e-mail, birthdays, anniversaries). If any one would like to take on the job of creating a new directory (with photos?) and coordinating our various mailing lists, please let Father Dick know or leave a message on the church phone.



## CONNIE IN CHINA

The Australian dollar has reached parity with the US dollar. How does that affect your travel business? The US demanding that the value of the Chinese Yuan increase seems a bit heavy handed to me sitting here in Yanjiao. Most of the financial reports on TV deal with Asia.

I can't believe it is already the 15th of October. I've been thinking about what I want to write for the Nu'oli. Please cut and paste as needed!

I have three different levels of ESL and one level has two sections. It's challenging.

One young student wrote that he wanted to see the Great Wall, so I am organizing a field trip on public transportation for next Saturday. I don't know if the students have extra money for the trip or not. The students in my program pay double the tuition to be in an English speaking program. I have students from Mongolia, Inner Mongolia, and several Provinces in China. Some are ambitious, and some are in the program because their parents want them to be. 'Just like students around the world. One girl says she wants to be a doctor; another students says he wants to go to Harvard! Most of the kids do not work and have never worked apart from school work.

The Chinese government is talking about economic inclusiveness in the new 5 year plan for 2011-2015, which translates to distribution of wealth and social benefits for urban and rural people in all the Prov-

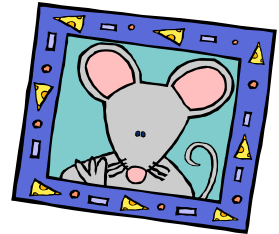
inces. Economic inclusiveness also means more consumer buying. The government wants to maintain a sense of economic and social well being to maintain the current political power. The political control is not felt in the political vacuum I live in. There has been a complete news black out about the Nobel Peace Prize being awarded to the political dissident and pro-democracy advocate, Liu Xiaobo; and, the recent CNN interview of Premier Wen Jiabao with Fareed Zakaria asking for political reform. English speaking TV is not available to the students on campus and the English speaking TV available is censored. My news is coming from the Internet which is just too large to effectively control without shutting it down.

One of the things I am doing for myself and enjoying is tai chi in the park every morning. The practice is an art form, and I read someone describe it as soft martial art. I find this time is my spiritual practice as I stand quietly, hear the music, pray, and have the rising sun warm my face as the day begins . . . mind into body, body into mind while keeping the Spirit. I haven't found a home church. I did meet a Chinese cleaning lady who was wearing a cross and we exchanged smiles, gestures and an understanding that she was Christian and I was Christian, but I have no Chinese language to communicate any further. I have Christian, co-teacher who is a good friend and support to me.

A special **thank you** for the prayers, love and support of the people, CCE.  
More next month.  
Blessings,  
Connie

**NEWS FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE**

Whether it's by phone, email, snail mail or coconut wireless, we all like to hear about the goings-on of our congregation family. Whenever you have news to share, please call the office at 323-3429 and leave a message for the Church Mouse.



Jane and Bev are away visiting her new grandchild on the mainland.

Jasmine will be off for the mainland the middle of Nov. until after the holidays seeing her parents, children, grandchildren and friends.

Jimmy and Peaches will be in the mainland visiting relatives on the East coast especially her Mamma Mia nephew and son.

There is a new member of the Rector's family. Ask about him.

Bev and Jane will return on Nov 4 happy to be out of the cold of the mainland and back into the sun.

Don't forget to drop Connie a note at

**Email:**

**cmzahalka@hotmail.com**



**November Birthdays**



*Maxine Everest* Nov 7

*Amber Pitts* Nov 12

*Joseph Boyle* Nov 14

*Glenda Hamilton* Nov 20

*Bob Foerster* Nov 21

*Linda Melson* Nov 21

*MaryLee Mayfield* Nov 25

**Birthday Lists**

Is your name missing? If so, we don't have your birth date in our records



## Upcoming Events

- 7 November 9a combined service with guest speaker
- 13 Nov ECW Rummage Sale in the Queen Emma Community Center
- 25 Nov Thanksgiving Service 9a
- 3 Dec Queen Emma Luau with the help of Leialoha of Punana Leo

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