



St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, Kauaʻi

January 2018

## Recurring Events

- Adult Bible study  
Every Monday evening  
Goodale conference room  
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Centering Prayer  
Every Tuesday morning  
Resource Room  
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
- Ladies Bible study  
Every Tuesday morning  
Goodale conference room  
11:15 - 1:15 p.m.
- Loaves and Fishes  
Every Wednesday morning  
Parish Hall  
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

## Upcoming Events

- Adult Formation – Gospel of Mark  
Every Sunday morning,  
beginning January 7, 2018  
Goodale Center  
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- Annual Meeting  
Sunday, January 28, 2018  
Parish Hall  
Reception at 6:00 p.m.,  
followed by celebratory  
dinner and business  
meeting.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual All Angels Jazz  
Festival  
February 2-4, 2018  
Tickets for Friday and  
Saturday concerts \$50 in  
advance in the church  
office or online, \$60 at the  
door.  
Sunday masses 8:30 and  
11:00 a.m.

## Annual Meeting 2018

BY THE REV. ANDREW MCMULLEN

Throughout the country, Episcopal churches will gather on the last Sunday in January to hold an annual parish meeting which is required by the Canons and By-Laws of the Church. I have been to many of these, both as a parishioner and as clergy, and quite frankly, they tend to be rather lifeless and boring affairs as the business of the church is conducted. I view these differently; rather than a required business meeting, I see it as an invitation to celebrate all that we are in this place. Our main purpose is to come together in fellowship and joy, break bread and live into all our blessings, and then, along the way, have a meeting! Our celebration, and our meeting, will take place on Sunday, January 28, 2018. We will gather in our parish hall at 6 p.m. for a reception followed by a shared meal, served by members of our Vestry. We will conclude the evening with dessert as we tend to our required parish business.

As we lay down 2017 and look forward to 2018, there is much to celebrate, and to look forward to, in the life of the parish. St. Michael's continues to be parish of strong love, faith and relationships. Our worship and music ministries are thriving. Outreach through Loaves and Fishes continues to feed those in need, and we are striving to find ways to expand our generosity and service in the name of Christ. We have met the challenges presented by our previous financial circumstances, and our overall fiscal health is as solid as it has been in recent memory. With a strengthened foundation, it is now time to seek our future, the identity and purpose of St. Michael's, both for ourselves and the greater community. This isn't so much a question of who we can be, or should be; rather, it is a focus upon who is God calling us to be at his vineyard on Kauai.

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## *The Herald Returns*

GAIL SMITH & PAT HILLEGONDS

After a hiatus of many months, *The Herald* returns under new leadership from Gail Smith and Pat Hillegonds, co-editors. The next few months will be a period of evaluating ways to make this newsletter an effective communication tool for the parish. As you can see, we're starting out with a simple two-page format while we develop our skills and figure out how much time we can devote each month. We are eager to solicit your feedback, so please don't hesitate to let us know what you'd like to see in these pages. In fact, if you'd like to contribute an article about a topic of interest to the parish, please let us know!

# Sixto Gets His Medal

PAT HILLEGONDS, CO-EDITOR OF *THE HERALD*

Sixto Tabay, a regular part of Wednesday's Loaves and Fishes community, finally got his medal. This is not just any medal, though. This is the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor that can be given. Mr. Tabay, a man of 92 years, was one of more than 250,000 Filipino and Filipino-American men who answered President Franklin Roosevelt's request to serve in the U.S. Army. He served for six years in The Philippines and in Okinawa. Of the 250,000-plus Filipinos who served during World War II, only about 18,000 still survive. Mr. Tabay is the last surviving Filipino living on Kauai who served in the 12<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

during the war. He is proud of the recognition, and proud of his service.

For more than 60 years, Filipino World War II veterans were ineligible for any Veterans benefits. In 2009, the Filipino Veterans Compensation Fund was established, giving each eligible Filipino World War II veteran a cash payment for service during the war. Last October, a ceremony was held in Washington, D.C., honoring all Filipino and Filipino-American World War II veterans with the Congressional Gold Medal. Bronze replicas of the medal are being distributed to the veterans or their survivors. Sixto Tabay finally got his medal. At all of his five feet three inches, he stands proudly, and salutes.

## Annual Meeting, continued

And the first step in that work is discerning the future clergy leadership for the parish, a process which I have begun with the Vestry and which you will hear about during Annual Meeting and in the coming weeks. It is both an exciting and important time for this parish, and our journey

this year begins with our Annual Meeting. I hope we will all gather to take that first step together!

May the coming year bring to you and your family blessings and peace!

## All That Jazz!

ALAN VAN ZEE, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

The twelfth annual All Angels Jazz Festival is coming February 2-4, this year featuring Latin Jazz music! Headlining artists for Friday night features Kauai's own Latin Jazz/Salsa band, Rumba de Fuego. Saturday night, we are pleased to welcome eight-time Grammy nominee, Tierney Sutton, appearing with Latin Jazz composer and performer, Gabriel Espinosa. Also appearing at this year's festival will be New Orleans jazz master, Matt Lemmler, with drummer, Abe Lagrimas and bassist, Darryl Miyasato, as well as

jazz ukulele virtuoso, Benny Chong, with bassist Byron Yasui. Don't forget the annual Jazz Mass on Sunday morning, with Matt Lemmler, instrumentalists and vocalists. This year, sponsorship opportunities are available to individuals and businesses. Volunteers are needed to help throughout the event. Contact festival director Alan Van Zee at [alanvzee@stmichaels-kauai.org](mailto:alanvzee@stmichaels-kauai.org) to find out more. Visit St. Michael's website, [www.stmichaels-kauai.org](http://www.stmichaels-kauai.org) or Facebook page for more details of the weekend or to buy tickets online.



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