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*"Making Disciples of Christ from All Generations"*

## PASTOR'S PAGE



Greetings in the name of the Risen Christ!

In Acts 2, Luke records these words spoken from the crowd: "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language...in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." For this reason, I contend that the miracle of Pentecost was not simply that

the uneducated followers of Jesus were empowered to speak languages that they didn't previously know. The full power of the miracle is revealed in the fact that people from all over the world who had come to Jerusalem on a pilgrimage were able to hear the Gospel in the language they could understand, their first language. This subtle distinction is important for us as we conceive our own sense of the witness God calls us to make.

When we respond to the call of Christ to bear witness to him and work out our call to live into God's Kingdom, we begin from our own personal experience and understanding. Like the first disciples it is our own experience that we know best. Our experience is vital when it comes to sharing faith. However, the true nature of witnessing runs deeper than projecting our story onto someone else. The fullest example of witnessing (as we see it in Acts) is learning how to share our experience and tell our story in a language that will be understood by the person who hears it. The grace in the Acts story is that the disciples didn't have to be mind readers. They were empowered by the Holy Spirit. What was true for those first disciples is true for us. When we pay attention to the Spirit, we will know the Spirit's power to speak in a language that another can understand.

In our church we are speaking all the time. We are speaking from our heart. We are speaking from our experience. We are speaking from deep places in our life that hold profound meaning. We are speaking to one another the stories of a merciful God, a faithful

Savior and a powerful Spirit. We are speaking, but not everyone who hears it understands what were saying. It is essential for us all to learn new languages. We are all called to be multi-lingual in the language of sharing our faith. We are called by Christ to reach out, to go out, and to share. Christ's commission sends us out to the whole world; a world where a great many languages are spoken. We can't wait for people to come to us.

One of our primary ways of sharing our faith and bearing witness is in our Sunday morning worship. Our current worship service is designed to speak a number of languages so that we may reach more people and tell them the story of God's mighty acts. Different styles of music, prayer, leading worship and proclaiming the Word are not theatrical devices used to entertain people. Because we live in a very diverse community all of this variance is designed to live out the spirit of Pentecost and preach the Gospel in different languages.

Our liturgy isn't the only thing that speaks on Sunday morning. Our worship space also speaks. Colors, lighting, comfort, upkeep, convenience, sound, technology and use of space all speak. They will either add to or detract from our ability to speak the Gospel effectively. For we who call this place home, it is likely that we have tuned out what the space is speaking, because its home for us. This is a problem for the church. When we cease to be able to see our space as a guest, a visitor, a young person or a person new to the faith we begin to overlook things that diminish the power of our voice and our witness. When the church becomes a place only for the people who are already here and already comfortable we cease to be the church. We lose our ability to reach out as the disciples did at Pentecost and, with the Spirit's power, proclaim God's mighty acts to a hungry, thirsty and diverse world.

Aloha and Agape,  
*Pastor J.T.*

**DID YOU KNOW? - YOUR KUMC FOUNDATION**



Of the forty-five plus trusts benefitting our church and its' activities, three mandate that its' interest earnings specifically go towards Outreach activities. The Fred Garland, the Christopher Tllghman, and the Hope Miller Trusts are designed this way. It's easy to fund an existing trust or start

a new trust. You will find an envelope in the back of the pew where you may make a tax deductible donation. For questions please contact either Tim Fern at [timfern@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:timfern@hawaii.rr.com) or Sarah Casken at [sarahcasken@gmail.com](mailto:sarahcasken@gmail.com) Thank you.

**BLOOD DRIVE IN APRIL—SAVE THE DATE**



Health Ministries is again sponsoring a Blood Drive on Sunday, April 17, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Kelleway House. **Please note change in date as per Blood Bank of Hawaii request.** To sign up, see

Deborah Tom or call her at 728-9993. Our church consistently collects among the highest numbers of blood units for any church on the island. Mahalo for signing up to give the gift of life! **Reminder to our regular donors: please remember your 8 week timeline.**

**VISION QUEST: YOUTH DIRECTOR SEARCH 2011**

A meeting will be held on Sunday, March 6 after worship. The focus of this event will be youth and parents coming together to share their vision for the direction of youth ministry in 2011, and which type of leader will be most effective in helping to get there. There will be food, games, discussion topics, and break out groups. Please mark your calendars for this event. We are shooting for 100% youth and parent participation in this event. See you there!

**MAKAPU'U HIKE SUNDAY MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>**



Join us on a hike to the Makapu'u lighthouse after service on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. We'll meet in the parking lot at 1 p.m. and carpool to the Makapu'u parking lot. Bring your sunscreen, bottled water and binoculars; we may get to see some

whales off the coast. All ages welcome...it's stroller friendly.

***MARCH BIRTHDAYS***



*If anyone is interested in the March birthdays, please call the church office at 261-6238. Mahalo!*



*The beautiful meditation garden here at KUMC.*





United Methodist Church  
Global Ministries

*Mission Festival*  
*March 5, 2011*  
*Mission in An Age of Global Christianity*

**Program**

"Joy to the World" by Norma Kehrberg  
"Hugging" by Maxine Wheeler  
Summer Mission to Mexico (Christ UMC)  
Worship Dance Workshop

**Time and Place**

Registration: 8:00 a.m.  
Program: 8:45-12:45 (lunch is provided)  
Trinity UMC  
1716 Komo Mai Drive, Pearl City  
(808) 455-9855

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***Registration Form***

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Persons Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes, I/we need Childcare**

Preschool (Number of children) \_\_\_\_\_ School Age (Number of Children) \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes, I/we will need a ride from the airport:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of people: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight Info: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration \$10.00 per registrant; make check(s) payable to HUMU and mail with registration form to:**

**Minja Choe, 1288 Ala Moana Boulevard, #27C, Honolulu, HI 96814**  
**MinjaKimChoe@yahoo.com**

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## KUMC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Kailua United Methodist Church Foundation is again offering Scholarships to eligible applicants.

**Who is eligible?** KUMC members in good standing, or a child or spouse of a member. Must be enrolled or enrolling in an accredited educational institution at the post-high school level. The required Application and Letters of Recommendation must be submitted by April 30, 2011.

**Where to obtain forms:** The Church Office, or online at the KUMC website, [kailuaumc.org](http://kailuaumc.org).

**What scholarships are available?** There are three scholarships in the amount of \$1000, \$750 and \$500 awarded each year. Other smaller amounts may be given if sufficient funds are available.

For further information, contact Larry Marcum, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, at 261-8752 or email at [marcumL001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:marcumL001@hawaii.rr.com)



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN QUILT SHOW



Please join us on Sunday, March 13, at 11 a.m. in Holman Hall for a quilt show. Guest speaker will be our very own Dianne Cook. Dianne is an experienced quilter who shares her quilts with family and friends. It is a privilege to have Dianne share her quilts with her church ohana. Don't miss this opportunity to see her work and hear her story. Lunch will be served. Free will offering accepted.



*Our yearly little Kōlea bird who visits us every winter season here at KUMC.*

## ASSOCIATE PASTOR UPDATE



Dear Friends,

This will be my last newsletter article to you. It is now time to move on after a truly blessed time in service with all of you.

During the time Cris, Caleb, and I have been at Kailua United Methodist Church, we have shared in worship, Bible studies, potlucks, picnics, youth meetings and trolley rides. We thank God for the friendships we have made, the meals we have shared, and the prayers we have prayed. We have laughed together and we have cried together. We've had the privilege of watching this church grow in its presence in the community and in the connection of its members. We have seen new leaders emerge and new passions kindled. We've seen people come to faith in Jesus Christ and rejoiced with others who have committed themselves to the service of the Lord. All of these things have been blessings to us! All of them gifts from the hands and heart of God!

At the end of this month, we will be moving to the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church, but are still uncertain as to which church we will be appointed. Please be in prayer for us on this matter. We trust that God has already prepared a place for us, we are now in prayer that God will prepare us for that place.

It is never an easy thing, to do what God requires, and my heart aches for how hard it will be to say "Goodbye" to all of you. I know that God has much in mind for the future ministry of KUMC, both to its congregation and to the town of Kailua. I pray that each of you see the purpose that God has for you and that your hearts will be ever focused on His will. Please keep us updated on the amazing blessings that we confidently feel are in store for KUMC.

Thank you, again, for all the love you have shown us. Please know that we love you. We will remember you fondly, miss you greatly, and pray for you often.

In the Love of Christ,  
Pastor Mike

## INFORMATION RELATING TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### *United Methodist Church Book of Discipline*

The Board of Trustees, as set forth by the United Methodist Book of Discipline, are subject to the direction of the charge conference; shall supervise, have oversight and handle the care of all real property owned by the local church and of all the property and equipment acquired directly by the local church. The board is to review annually the adequacy of the property, liability, and crime insurance coverage on church-owned property buildings and equipment. The chairperson of the Board of Trustees along with the chairperson of the committee on pastor-parish relations, and the pastor shall make an annual review of the church-owned parsonage to ensure proper maintenance. (Board of Trustees- 2524-2632).

#### Board of Trustee Qualifications:

The board of trustees, consists of not fewer than three nor more than nine persons. The trustee shall be of legal age and at least two-thirds shall be professing members of The United Methodist Church. No pastor is a voting member of the board of trustees unless elected as a member.

#### #2525-Local Church Board of Trustees Election:

The members of the Board of Trustees shall be divided into three classes and each class shall consist of an equal number of members. At the charge (church) conference, on recommendation by the committee on lay leadership or from the floor, it shall elect, to take office at the beginning of the ensuing calendar year or at such other times as the charge (church) conference may set, to serve for a term of three years or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified. The Board of Trustees shall elect from the membership thereof, to hold office for a term of one year...that the chairperson and vice chairperson shall not be members of the same class; that the chairperson shall be a professing member of the local church.

The KUMC Board of Trustees meet monthly. Church members may attend any monthly board meeting as an observer and/or are encouraged to contact a board member with ideas or concerns relating to all real or personal property of our church.

#### KUMC (9) Board of Trustee for 2011 are:

Class of 2011: TBD, Deborah Tom, Ron Kotoshirodo

Class of 2012: Ann McBirnie, Cliff Nobriga, Steve Platt

Class of 2013: Doug Waffan, Rick Rohr, Ed Suzuki



### ***DISTRICT UMW SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT*** ***Looking for Peace?*** ***Saturday, April 9, 2011 at Harris United Methodist Church***

*Peace....it does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart. ~Unknown*

*Looking for peace? Come join us on April 9th. Cost: \$13.00. This is a good opportunity to participate in a retreat. See Marian Olson to register.*



**KEY DATES FOR MARCH 2011**

- March 5      UMW Mission Festival
- March 5      Car Wash-Windward Samoan YG
- March 6      Youth Director Search Meeting
- March 13     UMW Quilt Show
- March 19     Car Wash-Hawaii Job Corps
- March 20     Makapuu Hike—Family Ministries
- March 26     IHS Meal Prep and Serve
- March 27     KUMC Membership Luncheon

***THE LAST WORD***

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.*

*~ Francis of Assisi*

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