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*"Making Disciples of Christ from All Generations"*

## PASTOR'S PAGE



Greetings in the name of the Risen Lord!!

Have you ever thought about why you do ministry? Have you ever thought about why you put money in the plate on Sunday morning? If you have, perhaps your answers sound something like this: I see a need in the world and I feel compelled to respond.

Somebody asked me to help. I feel guilty if I don't serve, or don't give an offering. The church needs my money. These are pretty common answers to the questions. If these are your responses, they are worthy and meaningful responses. Today, I'd like to ask you a deeper question: How does your relationship with God and your understanding of God factor into why you give?

You will soon receive a special publication prepared by the United Methodist Church that will help you explore this question more deeply for yourself. The publication, entitled "Why We Give", walks through the relationship between what we give and why we give both of our time and our treasure. In this publication you will hear the voices of brothers and sisters from around our global community expressing their faith and commitment. Also, you will receive information about some of our current ministry initiatives around the world and how our collective giving is making disciples of Christ, changing lives and transforming the world. Finally, you will see how people of faith have connected the dots between God's ongoing acts of giving and the various ways we might respond with our gifts in ministry for the sake of the Kingdom.

Laced within "Why We Give" is a witness to the enormous power of ministry that can be unleashed when we are committed to ministry as a community of faith. It is overwhelming to think about addressing the problems that exist in our

community if we believe it is up to us. For people who face these needs as if they are the Lone Ranger, and that it is totally up to them, paralysis is a common outcome. Scripture reminds us that we are not alone in ministry. We are intimately connected with one another in the mission to which God calls us. As the Kailua UMC we have so much more power and ability to bring to bear on the needs of our community. Every dime that goes into the plate on Sunday morning in conjunction with the work of our hands extends our ministry deeper into the community. This ministry, though it might seem overwhelming, is possible because of the grace of God. As Paul bears witness in Philippians, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

Beyond what each congregation can do on its own, we have a heritage as the United Methodist Church to be a global witness and laborer for the Kingdom of God. Part of our offering is pooled together with fair share offerings from UM congregations around the world to strengthen and extend our reach. This offering amounts to millions of dollars every year. "Why We Give" offers a snapshot of this ministry. In the weeks and months to come, you will receive two additional publications that more fully flesh out our common ministry with brothers and sisters around the world.

The ministry leadership of KUMC is committed to shepherding the church in our growth in grace, faith and ministry. This involves education. This involves asking deeper questions of our faith. This involves a commitment to a relationship with God that is expansive and always growing. Let us grow together.

Aloha and Agape,  
*Pastor J.T.*

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

Conrad Tsukayama.....a very pleasant guy and former KUMC member passed away several years ago. His memory lives on. Conrad's widow, Yoshi, and their family formed a trust in the memory of Conrad, which combined with others, helps to maintain our beautiful grounds and

church. 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 John Kojima [jakaloha@aol.com](mailto:jakaloha@aol.com) or Larry Marcum at [marcuml001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:marcuml001@hawaii.rr.com) . Thank you.

**HAWAII DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

The Hawaii District Conference will be on **Saturday, May 21, 2011** from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church. The conference will be followed by the Memorial Service for the late Reverend Dr. Frank Butterworth tentatively beginning at 2 p.m.

The focus for this conference is "Essential Ministries". The hope is two-fold: first to learn about the new Annual Conference structure (called the Five Essential Ministry Teams or 5 EMT) and to focus on the District Emphases—disciple-building, evangelizing, stewardship and answering the call to lay ministry.

Who may vote at District Conference? All local church officers, i.e. chairpersons, who are registered for the District Conference. This is according to the The Book of Discipline 2008 and the Cal-Pac Annual Conference revised Rule VIII.A.

Please register by **Tuesday, April 19, 2011**. The cost is \$10.00 per person and if anyone from our delegation wants to order a box lunch with bottled water, one order costs \$6.00. The church office has the registration form. Remember: deadline is Tuesday, April 19th.



*Susie Duprey in her Easter Bonnet!*

***MAY BIRTHDAYS***

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



**Happy Mother's Day!**



## **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE**

Mark your calendars! KUMC will once again be participating in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life!



When: July 9-10, 2011, Saturday 5 pm to Sunday 7 am  
Where: Kailua High School Football Field  
Sites: 8, 9, 10

Got to [www.relayforlife.org/kailuahi](http://www.relayforlife.org/kailuahi) and register. KUMC has 3 teams: ***Kailua United Methodist Church, Kailua United Methodist Church Seeker, Kailua United Methodist Church Youth.*** Go to "Join a Team" and follow the directions from there....team member registration is \$10.00 and you can pay with a credit card. Feel free to call Deborah Tom at 728-9993 or email her at [tomp007@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:tomp007@hawaii.rr.com) with questions.

### **2011 Hawaii School of Christian Mission CAMP PINEAPPLE 808**

**July 7-9 2011 (Korean Women)**

**July 8-10, 2011**

Registration Deadline: June 1, 2011

Cost: \$200

Scholarships available through Kailua UMW  
64-1510 Kamehameha Highway  
Wahiawa, HI 96786  
(808) 622-3929  
[www.helemano.org](http://www.helemano.org)

What is the School of Christian Mission? Schools of Christian Mission are opportunities to study a spiritual growth topic, a geographic area, and an issue impacting society. Participants grow in understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context. The studies give particular attention to the responsibilities of women in the fulfillment of mission. This mission education program strengthens the leadership and membership of the United Methodist Women.

#### **Study Offerings:**

***Coming Out on the Side of Grace: Forgiveness and Reconciliation.*** This is a spiritual growth study, which deals with the theme of how individuals, families, and communities are called to a life long journey of practicing forgiveness, justice, and reconciliation in our relational lives. This study aims to bring about personal and social transformation.

***Joy to the World—Global Christianity.*** This is the social study. "Joy to the World" is a shout of

celebration penned by the great hymn writer Isaac Watts in 1819. Although it is a beloved Christmas carol, its message does not stop at Christmas Day. The deeper message is not about the birth of a baby, but about fundamental changes brought into the world by the coming of Jesus Christ.

***Haiti.*** This geographical study is an overview of the cultures that shaped Haiti's past and the ongoing legacy of colonialism, along with glimpses into the heart and soul of Haiti's people through pictures and Creole adages. The impact of the devastating January 12, 2010 earthquake is also addressed.

***Bridging Class.*** The make-up of the bridging class is intentionally intergenerational on a one to one basis. Our hope is to encourage young women 18+ years to attend the School of Christian Mission and help them discover the gifts of community and experience their "more seasoned" Sisters in Christ and what they have to offer as they learn and grow together.

For more information and how to register for the 2011 Hawaii School of Christian Mission Camp Pineapple 808, please contact Marian Olson at 262-5826..



### **CALLING ALL KIDS...SAVE THE DATE! District UMC Elementary Camp June 3-5, 2011 at Camp Kokokahi**

This year's theme is "Praising God Island-Style". Join us as we go on an island odyssey, making the connection between Biblical islands and islands around the world. We'll join Paul and John and celebrate the good news that Jesus Christ reigns from sea to sea!

The camp is for kids who are just now completing 3rd through 6th grades. Registration is \$75. Limited scholarships are available upon request. For more information, call Rev. Charlene Zuill at 949-1210 or check with the church office for registration forms.

**KEY DATES FOR MAY 2011**

May 1	Church Conference
May 7	Hawaii Job Corps Car Wash
May 8	Mother's Day
May 15	New Members Welcome
May 28	Windward Samoan Youth Group Car Wash
May 28	IHS Meal Prep and Serve

***THE LAST WORD***

***“The sweetest sounds to mortals  
given are heard in Mother, Home  
and Heaven.”***

*~ William Goldsmith Brown*

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