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"Making Disciples of Christ from All Generations"

PASTOR'S PAGE



Greetings in the name of the Risen Lord!

I write this with great anticipation for the coming celebration of Easter. While it is true that the core of our faith makes us Easter people everyday, it is equally true that each of our Sunday worship experiences is itself an Easter celebration (even during Lent). That being said, each time we gather for the annual celebration of the resurrection of our Lord is an opportunity to learn new things about the event. More importantly, it is a new opportunity to experience God's grace more deeply in our life. Each year is a new chance to feel the power of new life in a new way.

Over the years I've had Easters that were perfectly ordinary and some that were truly extraordinary. In general the difference had more to do with the state of my heart and soul than the diligence of God. Let's face it...most of the time, our life and our journey is uneven. That is something we get used to. It is something we learn to be patient with. This is an experience that should move us to deeper trust in God.

I look forward to this Easter for two reasons: First, I'm excited about my first Easter with you, my new Ohana. I have been so deeply touched by your hospitality and aloha. I have also been inspired by the experiences so many of you have shared about the way the Spirit has been working in your life through this season. Second, this Lent has been a particularly fruitful time in my life and faith. God has blessed me with deeper understanding of my life and

experience. The journey of healing and new life I've been on these last six years hit a critical turning point. The idea of faithfully living beyond the empty tomb has new meaning for me this year.

That's what it's about, afterall. Easter is not simply the warm fuzzy recollection of something that happened a long time ago. Easter is the renewal of a promise that comes again and again and again. This is part of the same promise that has been witnessed to by people of faith for countless centuries; that God journeys with us everyday and through all the circumstances of life. The promise is not only about Jesus's resurrection from the dead. It is a fundamental new definition of life. It is a life of mercy and compassion. It is a life of ministry and action. This is a life we are invited to share through our faith in Christ and our trust in God. Like the ancient Israelites, like Nicodemus, like the women at the well, like the man born blind we have an open invitation to embrace God's grace. This Easter I hope and pray for you an experience of this transforming grace and the promise of new life beyond the empty tomb.

Aloha and Agape,
Pastor J.T.

DID YOU KNOW? - YOUR KUMC FOUNDATION



The Richard Lee Trust as arranged in memoriam by his wife, Natalie Oda Lee, benefits our college-bound KUMC family ... annually. Along with other trust interests specifically set-up to help defray college expenses these gifts aid individuals, communities, and thus all of us. It's easy to fund an existing trust or start a new trust.

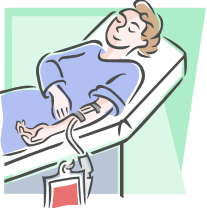
You will find an envelope in the back of the pew where you may make a tax deductible donation. For questions please contact either Ann McBirnie amcbirnie@hawaiiantel.net or Jerry Allen Jerry-Allen@hawaii.rr.com

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

If you are interested in the April birthdays, please call the church office at 261-6238 and we will be happy to help you. Mahalo!



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.**

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

Kailua United Methodist Church was host to three families on February 27th through March 6th at Kelleway House. Nine children and 5 adults were served 14 meals and overnight hosts served 70 volunteer hours.

Bible study and youth groups volunteered their time and service to the guests. Many thanks to all whose service supports the interfaith non-profit organization of Family Promise!

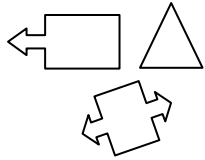


***DISTRICT UMW SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT
Looking for Peace?
Saturday, April 9, 2011 at
Harris United Methodist Church***



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.



PIECES OF KUMC HISTORY: *The Kelleway House*

A pile of rocks and a grove of plumeria trees on an acre of land mauka of the sanctuary became the setting for a second parsonage in 1961. Although, as Rhodes Martin notes, "it was not easy to dream dreams when mortgage payments had to be met monthly," the dream was coming close to reality when it became known that the property of some 37,000 square feet might be available. Standing on the land were an old house, the home of an elderly Hawaiian man, and the plumeria trees he tended for gathering blossoms for lei makers. Ownership was divided among several people, and it took much time and patience to sort out the various claims before release could be granted to purchase it in fee simple. Leading the way on this was Bruce Cark, a common sense lawyer, who gave uncounted hours of time and professional service to the church.

At the same time many members felt it unwise to proceed with the project as it would add to the burden of the already considerable debt. However, there was much to be said for acquisition of the land to safeguard the privacy of the sanctuary. After much deliberation, the decision was made to go ahead, and the lengthy action to obtain approvals from the Board of Missions in New York, the Southern California-Arizona Conference in Los Angeles and the Hawai'i Mission in Honolulu to get it underway. Eventually everything came together, and a sale was negotiated for \$32,000 or just under \$1.00 per square foot.

Among the dedicated members at the time was George Kelleway, a chief engineer for the Army Corps of Engineers office at Fort Armstrong, a man of vision and commitment. He had helped plan and make the move to Church Row and then was to play a pivotal role in building the new parsonage. With the help of his architects and engineers, he designed the new parsonage. With the help of his architects and engineers, he designed the building and got an exceptional construction bid from a contractor who gave the profit he made back to the church.

When it came time to begin the hard work of preparing the site, George not only supervised the job but also labored to move dirt, rocks and trees and put in the sanitary system that required hundreds of feet of pipe to connect with the sewer at the education building. Every Saturday many volunteers came out to work and then returned the next day to worship with aching backs and blistered hands. After hundreds of hours of volunteer labor, the church got a quality 3-bedroom house on a wonderful lot for only \$22,000.

Later the church members felt it only fitting that it be called the Kelleway House in appreciation of George who had put so much effort and time into the project.

...contributors George Kelleway, Rhodes Martin, Harry Fuller, Shirley Minn, Mas Oishi, Allen Miller and Rod Kats. (ad hoc Committee on Church History)

Source: *An Intimate History of the Kailua United Methodist Church*, 1993, Print

Memories of Sixty-Three Years

CHURCH WORK DAY

The Trustees are planning a Church Work Day for April 16th, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in anticipation of Easter. Everyone is invited to help out with sprucing up the sanctuary and grounds. Light breakfast and lunch will be served. A sign up sheet will be on the coffee hour table after worship or you can see any trustee to sign up. Help beautify our church and grounds for the Easter season! For more details email Steve Platt (steveplatt96@yahoo.com) Mahalo!



TRAVEL TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN JUNE

Heads up! For those going to the Annual Conference session at the University of Redlands this June, the biggest change this year will be the travel agency used. Montrose Travel is located in California so one cannot delay making his/her reservations if he/she wants to travel with the group because the agency is not easily accessible and there is a time difference of three hours if you need to call the agency.

As usual the conference session will be from Thursday, June 16 through Sunday, June 19. The Hawaii group will leave on Wednesday, June 15 and return on Sunday, June 19.

A list of Official Delegates will be emailed to pastors; they must confirm the listing by checking the names and contact information. After the names and their email addresses have been confirmed by the pastors, the information letter on making airline reservations with the Travel form will be emailed to the pastors and local church delegates. Those wanting to travel with the group will need to fill out the Travel form and send to Montrose Travel as soon as possible.

LENTEN STUDY RESOURCES

Spiritual Formation

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Holt, Bradley P., Thirsty for God: A Brief History of Christian Spirituality, Fortress Press

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Merton, Thomas, An Invitation to the Contemplative Life, Word Among Us Press

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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR RHOADES MARTIN

The Rev. Rhoades Martin who was a pastor here from 1959 through 1967 passed away last summer on the mainland. His ashes will be scattered at Kailua Beach Park across from Buzz's restaurant on Saturday, April 9th at 9 a.m. for those of you who would like to pay your respects to his family.



HEMET HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT

On Sunday, April 3rd at 6:30 p.m. here in the sanctuary, we will be blessed with a concert performed by the Choral Music groups of Hemet High School, Hemet, CA. The top choirs will be on Oahu for a festival and tour. They are an outstanding performance group under the direction of Dr. Brent Wells. We have a connection with this choir as Sally Greenleaf (Pastor J.T.'s wife) is their accompanist. Please plan to join us for an evening of outstanding music. Also, if you would like to provide transportation for the group back to their Waikiki hotel after the concert, please contact Pastor J.T.



2010 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- April 17—Palm Sunday—Worship for all generations 9:30 a.m.
Traditional procession of palms led by our children.
- April 21—Maundy Thursday—Simple meal of soup and bread at 6 p.m.; Service of Holy Communion at 7 p.m.
- April 22—Good Friday—Windward Community Service at 10 a.m. at Windward UCC;
KUMC Evening Service-Tenebrae at 7 p.m.
- April 24—Easter Sunday—Sunrise, 110th Annual Service at Punchbowl at 6:15 a.m.;
KUMC Worship for all generations 9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt following worship

Please remember to bring flowers and leis to adorn the cross on Easter Sunday! And bring your friends!



NEED FINANCIAL HELP FOR COLLEGE?

April 30th is the deadline for submission of your application and two Letters of Recommendation for a 2011-2012 Foundation Scholarship. Application forms can be obtained online at the KUMC website (kailuaumc.org) or from the church office. KUMC members in good standing, or a child or spouse of such a member may apply. Three scholarships of \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 are awarded each year. Other smaller amounts may be given if sufficient funds are available. For more details, contact Foundation Scholarship Chair Larry Marcum at marcumL001@hawaii.rr.com or by phoning 261-8752.



SAVE THE DATE!
District UMC Elementary Camp
June 3-5, 2011 at Camp Kokokahi for kids
completing grades 3-6. Registration forms and
brochures will be available later this month. For
more information, please call Rev. Amy Wake
(522-9560) or Rev. Charlene Zuill (949-1210).

**Verne Cooney Award 2011 for
Excellence in Christian Education**

The Rev. Verne Cooney was the first Chairperson of the Conference Board of Christian Education. Since 1994, the Board has honored his legacy by presenting an award to recognize the work of a professional or volunteer in Christian Education.

The Conference Board of Christian Education is seeking nominees who have distinguished themselves by doing an outstanding job as a Sunday School Teacher, coordinator of Christian Education programs, age-level ministry worker, innovator in Christian Education, or in any other capacity to nurture Christian formation and spiritual growth through Christian Education programs in your church. This may also be a person who creates new and innovative classes and has the heart of a servant, even if not a "teacher." Please use this opportunity for leaders in your church to consider these qualities to nominate a person who embodies the best qualities of a Christian educator.

Please complete this cover sheet with the name of your nominee and the nominator. On a separate sheet of paper, please describe your nominee's unique gifts and contributions. Please give specifics about special accomplishments, talents, gifts and graces. How does this person nurture and contribute to Christian formation and disciple making? Please include details, such as classes taught, years of service, age levels of students served, innovative ideas, teacher training attended, Christian Education ministry beyond the local church.

Return this form and your nomination narrative to the Chair of the Board of Christian Education: Suzanne Morgan at 6652 Heil Ave. Huntington Beach Ca. 92647. The deadline for submittal is April 15, 2011 Email submittals can be sent to suzanne@cumchb.org.

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DOLLY TOWNE—QUIET DISCIPLE

The District UMW will be holding their Spiritual Life retreat on Saturday, April 2 and local churches were invited to select a "quiet disciple" from among their members. Kailua chose to honor Dolly Towne.

Dolly was born in Seattle, Washington. She attended schools there and graduated from the University of Washington. She went on to seminary in Chicago. Before graduating, World War II broke out and her family was interned. She had no home to go to, so she went to New York City where she was employed at the Methodist Headquarters at 150 Fifth Avenue.

Eventually she made her way to Hawaii, married Gordon Towne and raised three children. She taught preschool at Harris Memorial Church; and upon moving to Kailua taught full time at Aikahi Elementary School while raising her family, singing in the church choir, and teaching Sunday School.

Upon retiring from the Hawaii Department of Education, Dolly never slowed down. Besides volunteering in the church office, she served as the wedding and funeral coordinator. She opened the church for Sunday service and sang in the choir. For years she helped with the Christmas pageant; making, washing and drying the costumes for the program. Dolly is truly a Quiet Disciple!

Kailua United Methodist Women are proud to honor Dolly Towne as our Quiet Disciple.

UMW QUILT SHOW

Dianne Cook presented a wonderful program on quilting at the last KUMW's luncheon held in Holman Hall. Over fifty quilts made by Dianne and her mother, Meta Giesselmann, were shown. There were many fascinating stories about the designs and inspirations for these beautiful works of art. One unusual quilt had been made to honor those serving in the military. Photos had been transferred to fabric squares and



incorporated into the quilt design. Dianne and Meta have made shawls for the Shaw Ministry and their support for this project is truly appreciated. Thank you for sharing your special quilting talents and skills for so many to enjoy!



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.

PACIFIC EMERGENCY-JAPAN EARTHQUAKE/TSUNAMI

Please give generously to the Pacific Emergency Japan Tsunami through UMCOR—Advance #3021317. A massive 9.0 magnitude earthquake and subsequent 33 foot tsunami slammed through northeast Japan on Friday, March 11th causing complete disaster. On record, the earthquake us the strongest to hit Japan in 140 years, and it replaces last year's earthquake in Chile as the fifth strongest ever anywhere in the world. There are three ways to give through UMCOR:



- Online: www.givetomission.org
- By offering: for local church and Annual Conference credit, put your gift in the offering plate on Sunday.
- By check: Make your check payable to UMCOR and mail to: UMCOR, P. O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087.
- By credit card: Call toll-free (800) 554-8583.

Thank you for your generosity!

***A FOND ALOHA TO
Pastor Mike, Cris, Caleb and Baby Girl Tolbert***

***Wishing all of you best wishes today and always!
We'll miss you!***



KEY DATES FOR APRIL 2011

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| April 9 | Memorial Service for Rhoades Martin at Kailua Beach |
| April 16 | All Church Work Day |
| April 17 | Palm Sunday Service and KUMC Blood Drive at Kelleway |
| April 21 | Maundy Thursday Service at KUMC |
| April 22 | Good Friday Service at KUMC |
| April 23 | IHS Meal Prep and Serve |
| April 24 | Easter Sunday Service and Easter Egg Hunt |

THE LAST WORD

“For I remember it is Easter morn, and life and love and peace are all new born.”

~Alice Freeman Palmer

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