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"Making Disciples of Christ from All Generations"

PASTOR'S PAGE



Greetings in the name of the Risen Lord!

So what really happens when we pray? Are they empty words? Does God really listen? Does God really answer prayer? If God answers prayer, why don't I hear it; why don't I get what I want? These are all very deep and important questions. I believe with all my soul that God does

hear our prayers. I also believe that God answers our prayers (even though the "answers" might not always be perceived or make sense in the moment).

The more important question to ponder, I believe, is the question "what really happens when we pray?" There are some who interpret the passages of Scripture, particularly New Testament passages, as an act of trying to change God's mind, if not to change the nature of God altogether. These passages seem to suggest that prayer is about arm-twisting God for our own ends. All we have to do is pray "in Jesus' name" and we will get whatever we want. These passages forget the other element of Jesus' life and teaching where His prayer to God was "not my will but Your will be done."

Thomas Long, in his book Whispering the Lyrics, references a scene from Shadowlands (a film based on the life of renowned author C.S. Lewis). In this scene Lewis has just returned to London after marrying the American Joy Gresham at her hospital bedside. Joy was dying of cancer at the time and through her illness she and Lewis discovered a deep love for each other. When he encounters a friend, who is unaware of the marriage, Lewis decides to speak only of the marriage when asked if there is any news of Joy. Lewis responds: "Ah, good news, I think, Harry. Yes, good news." Thinking that he is sharing information about Joy's medical condition the

friend responds: "I know how hard you've been praying...now, God is answering your prayer." Lewis responds..."That's not why I pray. I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I am helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God; it changes me."

Prayer is a magnificent gift of God to us. It is the means of God's grace to shape us, form us and transform us. In prayer we are shaped into God's image. In prayer, we open our self to God's presence, God's love and God's will. In return, God kneads from us our self-centered approach to life, faith and the world. We are changed. In that process our prayer changes. We seek to live in God's work and grace in the world. No longer do we expect God to be our ATM or Get Out of Jail Free card.

The bad news is, this is rarely a quick or easy change. Our self-centeredness rarely wanes easily. The good news is that this transforming work of God is part of a whole life lived in the arms of God who created and loves us like no other. This is a life-long journey to the heart of God. As your journey to the heart of God continues, through all the obstacles and joys that your life includes, I pray that you will know the fullness of God's peace.

Aloha and Agape,
Pastor J.T.

DID YOU KNOW? - YOUR KUMC FOUNDATION



Christopher Taylor Tilghman was a Navy Seal and a KUMC member. He was killed in the line of duty during the invasion of Panama in 1989. As it was important to their son Chris, his parents; Taylor and Helen Tilghman established a fund benefitting KUMC's Outreach in his name. 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 timfern@hawaii.rr.com or Don Raymond donraymond@hawaii.rr.com. Thank you.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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



FOURTH OF JULY POTLUCK PICNIC
Sunday, July 3, 2011



On the lawn adjoining the sanctuary after worship
All church celebration
POTLUCK PICNIC—FOOD AND FUN
For the entire family!

Hot dogs, buns, condiments and cold drinks will be provided

Last names ending in:

- A-G Salads*
- H-O Main Dish*
- P-Z Dessert*

Please join us in celebrating Independence Day!
Feel free to bring your lawn chairs and mats!



50TH ANNIVERSARY OF RON AND JOAN FAUX

Ron Faux, our former pastor, and his wife, Joan will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 11, 2011 in California. For those of you who would like to send letters or cards, you can send them to: Ron & Joan Faux, c/o Jennifer Kelly, 316 E. Jackson Avenue, Orange, CA 92867.



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 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 with questions.

KUMC GRADUATION SUNDAY



We will be recognizing our graduates on Sunday, June 5th. Please call the church as soon as possible with graduates from high school and above. Those who have been identified so far: Alex Tom (I'olani), J.T. Davis (Le Jardin Academy), Tori Riggs (Punahou), Tiana Raulik (Punahou),

Thomas Greenleaf (Murrieta Valley High School), Caitlin Killam (PharmD from University of the Pacific), Cherise Reis (AND from Kapiolani Community College), Pamela Maile Nakanelua (MSW from UH), Paul Casken (California Maritime Academy), Damien Casken (California Maritime Academy).



KAILUA METHODIST PRESCHOOL GRADUATION 2011

Friday, May 20th, 32 four and five year olds graduated from our preschool and will be kindergartners in the fall! Congratulations of all the graduates and their families!

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

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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.

KUMC SUMMER FEST 2011

Saturday, August 6, 2011



Kailua United Methodist Church will be hosting its first annual Summer Fest on Saturday, August 6, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.! The purpose of our Summer Fest is to be a community of faith in fellowship, working and serving together with three goals:

- A community service outreach for vendors of crafts, produce and plants
- A mini Health Expo
- An opportunity to raise money for our church's ongoing ministries

We need volunteers, here is who we have lined up so far:

Co- Chairs	Michael Tsuruda and Deborah Tom
Finance	Carol Kalahiki
Publicity	Nicia Platt
Logistics	Patrick Tom and Bruce Ayres
Food	Cheryl Hazama & Chanda Ahokovi
Activities	Jenni Seese
Parking	
Music	Steve Petranik
Thrift Store	Shirley Minn
Crafty Angels	Natalie Oda
Registration	Krystle Hara
Health Expo	Sue Pignataro
Tech Support	Rob Thompson



If any member would like to have a booth, please let us know (Amway, Pampered Chef, Avon, jewelry, etc....)! Applications for vendors will be available on the church website. If you have any questions, please contact Michael at 479-5283 or Deborah Tom at 728-9993 or tomp007@hawaii.rr.com.

FRIENDS OF MEKOKIKO

Aloha Everyone! First, we have finally been issued our *Certificate of Occupancy* which makes us a legal commercial entity allowing us to advertise and book guests. That is the first step toward financial independency. We are pleased and thankful!!!

Second, we have an astounding number of people and teams signing up for work teams and other work-related proposals. Unfortunately, this translates to much more help than we have materials for building. I've been doing some calculations and find that I only have to keep a step ahead of volunteers and raise enough money to keep supplies on hand for them, month by month, day by day. And right now, I need an infusion of help to be ready for the summer peak of volunteers. If you have not donated lately, I'd welcome a \$10 or \$20 bill from you! And if everyone that reads this just sent \$10 right now, we'd make it through the summer. Good thing I'm not in charge of fund raising! Or am I? If you can help, please do so. Thank you. Here's my mantra for May: "**Got \$10?**"

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LOOKING FOR A MINISTRY TO PARTICIPATE IN?

The church has quite a few banners that need to be cleaned, cataloged and stored properly so they are easier to locate. If you are looking for a ministry to participate in, this might be just what you're looking for. We are also looking for a monthly communion steward who is responsible for setting up communion before worship on the first Sunday of every month and arranging for the Eucharistic ministers who assist with communion. Please call Shelley in the church office at 261-6238 and she will fill you in on the details regarding these needs. Thank you.

WINDWARD CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT



The Windward Choral Society will hold two performances of their 3rd Annual Spring Concert, "Life in the Valley," at the Windward United Church of Christ in Kailua on June 3rd and

4th. These FREE popular concerts regularly are standing room only so be sure to get there early! The Friday evening performance will be at 7 p.m. and a special Saturday matinee performance will be at 3 p.m. Special guests include members of the Marine Forces Pacific Band and the Ka'anohiwaianuenu Hula Studio. A calabash will be there to accept donations that support the wonderful programs throughout the year. Call 254-5717 for more information.

KAILUA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH DATE NIGHT/PARENT RESPITE NIGHT

Healthy parent relationships = healthy families. And for single parents or mothers with deployed husbands, it is respite for the soul.

Drop your kids off at KUMC the last four Fridays in July—July 8, July 15, July 22 and July 29 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. There will be a program based on this year's VBS Panda Theme/Kung Fu Panda. The program will be run by KUMC adult leaders and the Youth group and will include dinner, music, crafts, games and more! This program will be available to children of pre-school age to sixth grade. The cost is \$5.00 per child per night to cover bento style dinner.

Please call the KUMC office at 261-6238 or print off registration form from website and fax to 262-2066. Pre-registration is highly recommended as there is a limited space; and registration on the day of the event will be space available only. Please call Kevin Lockette at 228-0340 if interested in volunteering.



KAILUA FOURTH OF JULY PARADE SHAVE ICE TENT



Come down and join us at the 65th Annual Kailua Fourth of July Parade and support our Shave Ice tent! We will be selling shave ice at our annual shave ice sale located at 78 South Kainalu Drive across from the Kailua Recreation Center from 9:00 a.m. till the end of the parade. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. We are also asking for donations of 16 oz. cases of water, Sprite, Diet Coke, Coke and Hawaiian Sun Lilikoi Passion. Drop off your donations of water, etc. at the church office beginning the week of June 26th.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all for the generous support of our Relay for Life Kick-Off on Sunday, May 22, 2011. There were lots of baked goodies and delicious hot items that were enjoyed by everyone and which brought in a total of \$432.00 for the American Cancer Society.

KEY DATES FOR JUNE 2011

- June 3-5 District UMC Elementary Camp
- June 5 Graduation Sunday/Foundation Scholarship Awards
- June 16-19 2011 Annual Conference
- June 18 Habilitat Car Wash
- June 25 IHS Meal Prep and Serve

THE LAST WORD

“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.”

~ Robert Louis Stevenson

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED