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"Making Disciples of Christ from All Generations"

PASTOR'S PAGE



Greetings in the name of the Risen Christ!

I think I will call this installment Potpourri. I have a few ministry updates to share with you about our shared life. We begin on August 6th with Summer Fest and I hope that you will find a way to be involved in this new outreach ministry opportunity. This is a great opportunity to be better

known and understood in the greater Windward Community.

First: I want to share my deep gratitude for the many people who do so much (often behind the scenes) to further and strengthen our ministry. I continue to be blessed as I learn more about the many things that happen, even some things of which I was not previously aware. While so many of these folks wish to remain anonymous, let me simply say Mahalo for your love, dedication and commitment to Christ within our ohana of faith.

Second: During the month of August two areas of focus will be leadership training and small group leader training. If we are to expand our reach of ministry further into the community, we will need additional people to lead these efforts. A Ministry Leadership Training on August 10 will include information and discussion on the ministry goals and emphases for the coming year, how to set meeting agenda, running meetings, check requests, working with the website and Facebook, and how to submit articles for the order of worship and the KKP. Additionally, if we are to expand our opportunities to nurture discipleship from all generations we will need to strengthen our Christian Education ministry. On August 13th, there will be training for people interested in leading small groups and/or Bible Studies. My goal is to have new an Adult Sunday morning class formed this fall and I'm looking for a leader.

Third: An update on our work toward the Sanctuary Renovation. After many constructive

conversations with a variety of church members here is how it boils down. To begin, in 2008 the church's strategic plan identified the need to remodel the Sanctuary. Some of the primary issues identified were: lighting, visibility of people who lead in worship, and lack of space for all of our worship leaders including the Praise Team, Bell Choir and Praise Dancers. Here is a thumbnail sketch of the solutions that the Board of Trustees will be considering in August: (a) Replace the pulpit and lectern with a smaller, movable pulpit using the material from the existing pulpit and lectern (this to provide more flexible space for our various worship leadership groups). (b) Raise and expand the chancel platform to provide better visibility for worshippers. (c) Improve lighting of the chancel to mitigate the back lighting and reflection from the back wall in the chancel. If you have ideas or questions to improve the project it is not too late. Feel free to speak with either Briggs Christie or myself to share your thoughts.

Finally: As a way of strengthening the bonds of relationship in our congregation, we will begin having a monthly lunch after church on the second Sunday of each month. These events will coincide with the reception of New Members, which will also happen on the 2nd Sunday of the month. One of the hardest things to do in any new environment is to get to know people. There are some who can do this more easily; many others can spend weeks drifting around the edges before they either find a group or they simply drift away. To be the church that fulfills our mission and vision requires us to pave the pathways for all to find their way more deeply into our family. Plan now to attend our first 2nd Sunday Meal on August 14th.

It is an exciting time...come, be part of all of these ways that we are living our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ from all generations.

Aloha and Agape,

Pastor J.T.

THE MEANING OF SUMMERFEST by Michael Tsuruda

The reason we are having Summerfest at KUMC is not only to raise necessary funds for the church, outreach into the surrounding community, create tradition by getting all members to participate in festivities, and strengthening the bond in our Ohana, but mainly it is to be obedient to scripture.

Springfest, Summerfest, and Autumnfest were designed to correspond to the 3 pilgrimage seasons of the tribes of Israel, which include the Seven Feasts of Israel.

Springfest represents the Passover period which include the Feasts of Passover, Unleavened Bread, and First Fruits. As everyone knows, the Israelites were delivered out of Egypt because the Lord passed over the land and struck all the firstborn down, unless their doors were protected with the blood of the lamb. The next day they were told by Pharaoh to leave, which is why the Lord instructed the Israelites not to use yeast in their bread, as there would not be time for it to rise (as well as yeast representing sin). The Lord also instructed Moses to commemorate all firstborn to Him by eating unleavened bread for seven days and offering up the firstborn on the seventh day. The Feast of First Fruits, associated with the barley harvest, was also the day that manna stopped in the promised land. Jesus, then fulfills prophecy by being crucified on Passover (the Lamb), entombed for 3 days as a sinless body (unleavened bread) and then rising from the dead to be offered as First Fruit to the Lord.

Summerfest corresponds to Pentecost, where Jesus and the Holy Spirit visited the disciples on that very day to start up the modern day church to fulfill the prophecy of the Feast of Weeks. This Feast of Weeks was to celebrate the wheat harvest, 50 days after the First Fruits as instructed to Moses by the Lord.

Pastor JT has been teaching the importance of Pentecost as it is directly related to the growth and development of KUMC. Without the Holy Spirit, our congregation will flounder and dissipate as seems to be the fate with all the other mainline churches. Because of church politics we were unable to start with Springfest, however with the hope of a new beginning, it is ironic that we will start with Summerfest as it relates to Pentecost and a new church.

Autumnfest, which corresponds to Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Feast of Tabernacles (fruit harvest) are the only unfulfilled prophecies left. As you can see, all these sabbaths, revolve around agriculture.

We are lucky to have Deborah Tom put heart and soul into this event, to make sure all the building blocks and cornerstones are set. Please come and build upon what she has worked on so that we can be obedient to the Lord and blessed with the Holy Spirit.

***AUGUST
BIRTHDAYS***

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

**EAT AND GREET**

Your Membership and Evangelism Committee is all about greeting our visitors and welcoming newcomers to our church. We are constantly thinking of new ways to get to know one another. And of course, we live to eat! So voila....Eat and Greet!

Since we will be receiving new members on the 2nd Sunday, we decided to schedule light luncheons that same Sunday in our newly renovated Holman Hall. We will prepare the lunch at our first gathering and hope that other groups in the church will volunteer to take a Sunday for the coming months.

We invite all to come and especially encourage visitors and new members to join us. We also hope that all of you will take this opportunity to sit with someone you either do not know or that you don't know well so we really do become a loving, caring Ohana.

2011 CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Thank you for allowing me to represent our church ohana at the 2011 California-Pacific Annual Conference. I was truly blessed by the music, hearing outstanding speakers, listening to lay people and clergy share their concerns and opinions on current issues. And, it was a special blessing to see friends from the past: Jim

and Gwen Johnson, Ken and Nancy Heflin, Ron Faux, Claudia Genung-Yamamoto, and Niponi Finau, who was a student I supervised at Hawaii Loa College. I even go to visit with parishioners from the church he now serves (proud "parent" syndrome!).

A comprehensive summary of the Annual Conference was included in the July-August "Ka Leo Mekokiko". Those having internet access are invited to go to hawaiidistrictumc.org and read Ms. Switzer's report. A copy has been posted in the Kailua United Methodist Church Narthex, but it is easier to read leisurely on your computer.

To me the highlight of the conference was the sharing by Rev. Darryl Fairchild, community organizer in Dayton, Ohio, and his wife, Rev. Kim Armentrout, pastor of Elden UMC in Ohio. They spoke at the first lay session and Rev. Fairchild addressed the ordinands at the Service of Ordination. Emphasis was on ministry **with** the poor, not **for** the poor. Think about it!

For one year we have been hearing that it would be proposed to organize the conference into five districts (down from eight) and that large districts would be subdivided into mission areas. Hawaii District though larger than all other districts in our conference (lots of ocean) remains unchanged. Proposal passed. Emphasis will be on working together with other congregations to be in ministry.

The Conference also approved a plan whereby existing boards, committees and agencies will be reorganized under Five Essential Ministry areas. The work remains much the same, but a new vocabulary will need to be learned. (Yikes!) Local congregations will work together in ministry "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world". The attempt is to simplify, which should work once we become accustomed to the new vocabulary.

The Conference schedule was adjusted in an effort to shorten the length of Annual Conference, but 2011 being the year lay and clergy delegates to General Conference are elected according to the procedure dictated in the Book of Discipline, more time was required for the dozen or more secret ballots needed. The following lay delegates were elected to represent California Pacific Annual Conference at the 2012 General Conference: Ken Ellis, Leanne Nakanishi, Mele

Maka, and JoAnn Fukumoto. Clergy delegates elected were: Tom Choi, Molly Vetter, Cedrick Bridgeforth, and Patricia Farris. General Conference delegates will also attend Jurisdictional Conference along with additional delegates elected. A complete list of all person elected to attend Jurisdictional Conference is included in the July-August Hawaii District Newsletter.

Because there was so much unfinished business, Sunday's session was re-scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m. Unfortunately, the approximately 100 Hawaii District delegates who traveled together had to slip out of the chapel early missing the Retirement Celebration in order to board the chartered bus taking them to Los Angeles airport.

Every time I attend Annual Conference I am amazed at how much is accomplished by the United Methodist connectional system. Several churches working together, sharing ideas, expertise, and funding can do wonderful works. The new emphasis on local congregations working together to identify needs and ways to meet those needs is so obvious it is almost embarrassing that we haven't done something like this before. Let's give it our best effort!

Aloha! God bless us all!

Shirley Minn



Building a community, strengthening lives. Nearly 80% of our families have transitioned out of homelessness into homes of their own, usually in 3-4 months. Over 70% of the parents secured or improved employment. Children have enjoyed improved health and education. With your generosity, Family Promise Hawaii is able to provide everyday consumables for families working to save and stabilize their finances. A big Mahalo to all volunteers for your dedication and kindness as KUMC hosts the families.

The next Family Promise rotation is coming up the week of August 28th through September 4, 2011. Our wish list includes: diapers size 3, 4, and 5; wipes; toilet paper; and paper towels. Breakfast foods would also be greatly appreciated.

To help or learn more about the program, visit Family Promise on the web at www.familypromisehawaii.org or contact Corabelle Earnshaw at canne@hawaiiantel.net.

KUMC SUMMER FEST 2011

Saturday, August 6, 2011

9:00 am to 3:00 pm



Please join us for our first annual Summer Fest, a celebration of summer featuring over 40 vendors - crafts, plants, produce, shave ice, Thrift Shop, local food, specialty items and more. Something for everyone! Hope to see you! Invite your friends! Contact Deborah Tom at 728-9993 to volunteer!

HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY UPDATE

Space in the Sato Cottage space has been cleaned and painted and is available for health counseling sessions or healing touch and small group sessions. We will be adding educational materials for personal use and group sessions.

Our next blood drive will be October 23, so please mark your calendar and take your iron if you tend to be anemic.

The Relay for Life was held at Kailua High School, KUMC had a very visible presence with three teams, management of the Silent Auction and the Shave Ice Booth. At present, our teams have collected \$2,232.00. Thanks to all for helping and contributing. And an extra special thank you to Deborah Tom for her leadership and commitment to this meaningful outreach effort.

Courtney Davis led several sessions of Laughter Yoga in Sato Cottage. Laughter Yoga is a form of exercise which helps release our innate healing hormones and chemicals. It will resume when Courtney returns in the Fall.

Our Senior Club pilot program met for six weeks in Sato Cottage for group exercise, discussion topic/guest speaker and lunch. Attendance varied but all together about 25 people participated including several non-church members. Feedback was positive and we will start up again in September.

A Food Pantry Ministry has been initiated which will create a small supply of non perishable foods at KUMC for disaster preparedness as well as a resource for folks in our community who are hungry and need immediate access to food. This will be a joint effort among the Health Ministry, Youth Group and entire church. Please continue to donate canned goods as you are able to the shopping cart in the narthex.

KUMC is collaborating with Project Dana, a non profit volunteer organization whose purpose is to support families and caregivers in the community. Through partnership with Project Dana we will receive education, training and liability coverage. Our goal is to be able to assist our members with various simple support services such as shopping, meal preparation, transportation, visitation and respite.

Blood Pressure screenings have resumed monthly after worship service. Please take advantage of our volunteer physician Dr. Carl Oettinger who will be available for health and medication related questions. He is a retired internist and specialist in kidney disorders.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sue Pignataro
Co-Chair-Health Ministries

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CALIFORNIA PACIFIC SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION –

MAKAHA 2011—by Zelma Osborne

Day 1— arrived, checked in, the first Plenary, first study class, ending with second Plenary and Vespars.

Day 2— breakfast, Plenary, study class, lunch, interest group session 1 and 2, dinner, cultural night (dancing).

Day 3— breakfast, study class, closing plenary.

Day 1— We had our first Plenary and were greeted by Reverend Tom Choi. After the Plenary it was time for our first study class, with dinner and the second Plenary following, finally heading to bed late in the evening. I had heard there were plenty of peacocks roaming around Makaha but did not see any.

Day 2— The morning Plenary involved an exercise. By silent actions we showed what it was like to be a victim of oppression and how it is to forgive. I played one of the oppressed. The oppressor made me kneel and bow my head. Then she asked for forgiveness by motioning for me to rise to my feet and asking me for a hug. It was a powerful example of what it feels like to be oppressed and what it feels like to forgive. I still did not see any peacocks.

The evening was filled with our cultural night activities. A presentation provided information about Haiti. The conch shell has a very different meaning than in Hawaii. Here, the sound of the conch historically denoted alii was approaching. Modern times evolved as now the conch can mean pau hana for some places and our church uses it to call the congregation to worship. In Haiti the sound of the conch called the slaves from the fields and any place they were working and rallying them to revolt. Performances of dances in traditional styles of Samoa, Hawaii, Tonga were next on the agenda. An interpretive dance was the finale. I still saw no peacocks.

Day 3— Before the final Plenary, I decided to take a walk and see if I could find a shortcut to the parking lot. As I walked down a path the sunlight was shining in my eyes, making me shield my eyes. As I peered down the path, a wisp of a cloud moved over the sun providing a quick respite from the bright sunshine. Comforted, I continued down the path. As I passed a hedge I heard what sounded like a chicken scratching the dirt. Walking quietly around the hedge I saw a peacock and her chick. She warily eyed me and I calmly and softly told her I was just looking and backed away. It was about time for the Plenary to start. I walked back toward the meeting room and heard a strange sound. Looking around I saw the mother peacock and her chick going down the same path I had just been walking on.

Seeing a peacock may seem like a small thing. It provided an important message to me. I might think I

am going down a path for one reason but God can have something totally different in mind for me. It can be something quite wonderful. I just have to be ready and listen, be aware and realize what it is.

FOODLAND'S GIVE ALOHA GIVES "ALOHA"

This September, KUMC will be participating in Foodland's *Give Aloha* program. *Give Aloha* is an annual program that allows Foodland customers the opportunity to support organizations that are important to them. The



concept is simple. For every dollar you donate to KUMC at a participating Foodland or Sack n Save, *Give Aloha* will make an additional contribution to KUMC. Basically, when you shop at Foodland show your Maika'i card to the cashier. Tell the cashier you want to donate to KUMC and she will look up our code. If you do not have a Maika'i card, she will give you one. You can donate any time or times during September up to \$249.00 for each Maika'i cardholder. Donations will be added to your purchases and can be paid for with cash, check or charge card. All donations will be totaled, and matched by Foodland, then distributed to KUMC in October.

This seems like a great way to pay your pledge (up to \$249.00), earn airline miles by using your credit card, and help KUMC! Donations are tax deductible so save your receipt. Donations will **NOT** appear on your church giving statement. Last year Foodland and Western Union donations to KUMC were \$1,902.12. So let's all go to Foodland in September and donate our pledges up to \$249 or give extra to KUMC.

DID YOU KNOW? - YOUR KUMC FOUNDATION



Bob Kessler, our beloved KUMC pastor in the late 1970's thru most of the 1980's died soon after retirement. His wife, Carol and Bob's surviving family established a trust keeping alive one of Bob's many passions....camping and hiking with the KUMC members. A fund was established in Bob's name to help others attend KUMC-sponsored campouts. His fund also provides for family counseling, travel opportunities, and the health and happiness of the family.

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 at johnkojima@gmail.com or Larry Marcum at marcuml001@hawaii.rr.com.

KEY DATES FOR AUGUST 2011

- August 6 KUMC Summer Fest
- August 12 Movie on the Lawn
- August 14 New Member Sunday
Meet and Greet Luncheon
- August 27 IHS Meal Prep and Serve
- Aug. 28 -
Sept. 4 Family Promise

THE LAST WORD

***By humility and fear of the Lord are
riches, and honour, and life.
~ Proverbs 22:4***

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