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## PASTOR'S PAGE



Greetings in the Name of the Risen Christ!

Much of what we do in worship involves "remembering". This is particularly true in our celebrations of the Sacraments (Baptism and Communion). This act of remembering is more than simply the act of

recalling facts or experiences. When we are called to remember in worship, we are actually called to re-member. That is, we are called to reassemble our life, faith and relationships with God and one another. There is so much of our experience that can chip away at our life of faith. Hurts, unmet expectations, crises of various sorts are like waves, wind and rain on the rocks. They can erode us and break us down over time. Coming together as the Body of Christ gives us the opportunity to remember and reclaim the gifts, grace and promise of God. In this re-remembering our strength is restored. Our faith is bolstered. Our faithful discipleship in the world is empowered.

On September 11 we will have a special worship service. September 11, 2001 is a seminal day in American history and the history of the world. Ten years later we have endured much. There is much about our world that is different as a result of the events of the day and the decisions made afterward. Much of this has been a negative impact. Some of these differences have been positive. As disciples of the Risen Christ we need to honor and recall the lives lost on that day and the families affected. We need to honor the sacrifices made by men and women in uniform and their families. We need to honor and recall the millions of innocent men and women

around the world who have been caught up in the war and violence of the last 10 years.

Our worship on that day will go beyond commemoration of people and events. In the last 10 years there have been experiences that have challenged our faith and galvanized our faith. This service will be an opportunity for our Ohana to celebrate the grace of God that has sustained us through these last 10 years. It will also be a time for us to reclaim, remember and dig deeper into the promise of our faith as we look to the future. The promise of new life that comes through Christ's resurrection still has the power to shape us and shape the world. This promise is more fully realized in our world when we are willing to commit ourselves to be a means of that grace for others.

Together on that day of remembrance we will put the pieces back together. This isn't an effort to turn back the clock to pre-9/11. It is a time to recommit ourselves to the faith that has sustained us and is the foundation of our future. Please join us. Please invite your friends who might be searching for a place for spiritual support on that day.

Aloha and Agape,  
*Pastor J.T.*

Dearest KUMC,

Oh how we miss you! We lovingly think of you so often and continue to feel blessed by your lasting friendship.

We are happy to share with you the welcoming of our daughter Corrie Faith Tolbert born on July 14. She was 8 lbs. 12 oz. and 20.5 inches long. She is a delightful baby and we look forward to the day when you can all meet her. As you may know, she is named after Corrie ten Boom, the author of **The Hiding Place** and a remarkable Christian woman who exemplified faith, courage, and unyielding love for Christ and humanity. Caleb is a fantastic big brother and adjusting well to his new surroundings, though he does ask about many of you often and misses you.

Thank you to those of you who have so graciously sent gifts for our sweet Corrie. We appreciate your kindness more than you know!

Warmest Aloha,  
Mike, Cris, Caleb & Corrie Tolbert

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



Tolbert hale in Virginia



Mike, Cris and baby Corrie



Big brother Caleb with baby sister, Corrie.

### KUMC WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, August 14th KUMC welcomed three new members to our ohana; Ashley Romero and Don and Victoria Curran. A Meet and Greet luncheon was held in Holman Hall hosted by the Membership and Evangelism committee. Over 100 people attended and everyone had a great time.



Don and Victoria Curran



Ashley Romero



Everyone enjoying the Meet and Greet

**PARTNERSHIP WITH PROJECT DANA**

Many of our KUMC members take time to visit and lend support to other KUMC members who have become ill, frail or otherwise in need of encouragement and support. KUMC has agreed to join in partnership with Project Dana to improve and strengthen these efforts. Rose Nakamura, Director of Project Dana, shared basic information during worship service on August 28th. There will also be an orientation and training session after worship service on September 18th. Everyone is invited. Whether you have five minutes or five hours to contribute, come to the training and learn more about the program and how each of us can make a difference.

Project Dana is an interfaith volunteer caregivers program sponsored by Moiliili Hongwanji Mission. The Project provides support services for the frail and vulnerable elderly and disabled population, thereby contributing toward their well being in their desire to enjoy continued independence with dignity in the environment of their choice. The mission is to provide friendly visits; transportation to church services, medical appointments, grocery shopping, etc.; friendly telephone calls; minor home repairs; light housekeeping; hospital, care home and nursing home visits; and caregivers' respite relief through the services of volunteers. In addition, Project Dana serves as a referral and linkage agency and works closely with more than one hundred and twenty-five (125) community and service agencies to ensure a continuum of services to older adults.

Recognizing the great and growing need of the frail elderly and their families in the community, and with the assistance of the National Federation of Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, Inc., now known as Interfaith Caregivers Alliance, Moiliili Hongwanji Mission started Project Dana in 1989. Built around the universal principle of "Dana", which means "selfless giving", the Project's mission is to provide selfless giving of time and energy while providing compassion and care without the desire for recognition or expression of appreciation. Therefore, volunteers practice "Dana" by serving the frail elderly and disabled.

Project Dana is comprised of an ecumenical coalition of twenty-eight (28) churches and temples statewide. Its headquarters are located at 2720 Nakookoo Street in the Moiliili district of Honolulu.

**MEET, GREET & EAT BRUNCH**

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....Meet, Greet and Eat!

Since we will be receiving new members on the 2nd Sunday of each month, we decided to schedule a light brunch that same Sunday in our newly renovated Holman Hall.

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.

Mark your calendars for our next Meet, Greet and Eat on **Sunday, September 11th**. Hope to see everyone there right after worship!

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEEDS HELP!**



Habitat for Humanity is building in Waimanalo again and we need 25 lunches for October 1, 2011. Can you help? We are asking for sandwiches, fruit drinks or cookies. See or call Natalie Oda (261-5125). And....if you can help with building a house, call Cris at 538-7070 or log on to [honoluluhabitat.org](http://honoluluhabitat.org) for more information. Mahalo!

**HEADSETS FOR HEARING IMPAIRED**



We have just received three more headsets for our hearing impaired but if you would like to have your own personal headset they may be purchased through the church office at a cost of \$121.00. Please place your order with Shelley in the church office.

*"God understands our prayers even when we can't find the words to say them."*

*~Author Unknown*

***KUMC'S FIRST ANNUAL SUMMER FEST A SMASHING SUCCESS!***  
***Thank you to all who helped! Enjoy the many faces and items of Summer Fest!***



*Aaron Tom, Jessica Miller and Yoshi Tsukayama*



*Jane Marcum...decisions, decisions!*



*Eric Reis, Kayla Reis and David Hazama*



*Handmade jewelry*



*YUMMY SHAVE ICE!*



*Handmade Hawaiian wood candles*



*Parking Lot Team who did an awesome job!*



*Beautiful colors of the Windsock tent*



*Suzanne Woolaway in the "Sweet" tent*



*Sweet Kettle Corn*



*Wilson Woodworking*



*Erin and Nemo Harding*

**KUMC MISSIONARY IN TOWN AT UMW LUNCH**

The Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto, KUMC's missionary from Japan was in town recently. The UMW sponsored a lunch at Cinnamon's in her honor. Lunch was followed by a power point talk in Sato Cottage about the triple disaster (earthquake, tsunami and radiation) in Japan. KUMC has donated to UMCOR for relief work in Japan.

Rev. Claudia is a former associate pastor of KUMC. She was here from 1988-1992 and KUMC is in a covenant church relation which helps support Claudia in Japan through the General Board of Global Ministries of the UMC. Please keep her and the people of Japan in your prayers.



*UMW luncheon at Cinnamon's in honor of Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto*



**FIRST FRIDAY ON THE LAWN**



Plan to join us starting in September for the **First Friday** dinner and movie night. Our first showing will be on Friday, September 2nd; the movie "Up" will be playing. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and movie to start at 7 p.m. We will plan to have a First Friday

every month with a new movie to be shown each month. Bring your own box dinner and join us on the lawn fronting the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. **First Friday**—the first Friday of every month; rain or shine!



**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**



KUMC Foundation trusts benefit agencies locally and around the world. An example of this is the Hockaday Trust which supports our KUMC general needs, One Great Hour of Sharing, and The Center for Apologetics Research.

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 at [amcbirnie@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:amcbirnie@hawaiiantel.net) or Tim Fern at [timfern@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:timfern@hawaii.rr.com).

## KEY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

Sept. 2      First Friday Movie Night at KUMC

Sept. 10     Habilitat Car Wash

Sept. 11     Meet and Greet Brunch

Sept. 12     KUMC Council Meeting

Sept. 24     IHS Meal Prep and Serve  
               Habilitat Car Wash

## ***THE LAST WORD***

*“I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.”*

*~Psalm 34:1-4*

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