

# KANI KANI PELE

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*"Making Disciples of Christ from All Generations"*

## PASTOR'S PAGE



### *Greetings in the name of the Risen Christ!*

Each of us come to church for different reasons. We have unique needs that draw us and keep us at KUMC. Some of our ohana are drawn to the fellowship. Others come to be "recharged" for the week. Still others come out of a deep and abiding desire to deepen their relationship with the God we've come to know as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is not meant to be a complete list, but it does start the conversation. There is a deeper question we must consider as we move forward in ministry: What is the purpose of the KUMC?

According to our official statements our Mission is to "Make Disciples of Jesus Christ From All Generations." To accomplish this mission we seek to become "A Christ-Centered, Knowing, Loving and Serving Ohana." In 2008, KUMC engaged in an exhaustive process to discern this Mission and Vision. These statements shape every aspect of our ministry and keep us centered on who God is calling us to be.

As I am well into my second year of ministry with you I am deeply grateful. I'm thankful for the legacy of ministry that has been part of our life together for many years. I'm grateful for the servants, past and present, who have given so much to live into our Mission and Vision. As we live into the next chapter of KUMC we have a strong, vital foundation on which to build.

The next chapter of our life together involves looking more deeply at the question I raised above: What is the purpose of KUMC? The deeper aspect of this question is this: Whom do we serve? Is the sum total of our disciple-making ministry designed to only serve the people who walk through the doors at 1110 Kailua Rd.? In other words, are we only about caring for our own? Are we only about self-serving? Of course, the answer

to this is no! There are so many ministries we do outside of our physical address. We serve a large number of people in our world. These Outreach ministries give meaning and hope to those who serve and those who are being served.

However, is Outreach something that only a few of us do? Is Outreach just another program of the church? On this point, Scripture is clear. Outreach is what the church is about. Outreach is a core practice of the church. It is something we all do. What this means is a realignment of the relationship between our Nurture Ministries (worship, education, etc.), Support Ministries (Finance, Trustees, SPRC) and Outreach Ministries. We are called to strengthen, participate and invest in our Nurture Ministries. Not for the purpose of "feathering our own nest" but to prepare people to be in mission and ministry beyond the borders of our church. Our Support Ministries, similarly, have the responsibility to look beyond the institutional maintenance of KUMC. Their ministry is to work in partnership with other ministries (of the church and community) to provide the physical, human and financial resources needed to support our Nurture and Outreach.

Living into these new relationships will require all of us. This vision of our life together breaks the 80/20 rule\* that so often limits the ministry possibilities of the church. I am calling on all of KUMC to prayerfully consider and commit to this deeper vision of living out our Mission and Vision. Together, in partnership with others in the community there is much we will be able to do for the Kingdom.

\*The 80/20 rule is the reality in many churches in which 80% of the ministry is done by 20% of the people.

*Aloha and Agape,  
Pastor J.T.*

**HANDBELL CHOIR**

Our handbell choir is looking for more ringers.

Rehearsals have moved to Thursday nights in Kelleway. Come and support our music program and have an opportunity to join us at Disneyland in June 2012. No experience necessary. Come and join us!

**THE PASSING OF TAY TILGHMAN**

I know that many of us were saddened at the sudden passing of Taylor Tilghman. Tay died in the morning of September 19<sup>th</sup>. Many of you expressed your sadness of not hearing about this until after his service on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. If you did not receive the [info@kailuaumc.org](mailto:info@kailuaumc.org) e-mail or didn't converse with someone who knew the details, you were left in the dark. If you were caught in this vacuum I sincerely apologize. The schedule for the week was set according to the needs of the Tilghman family. We used the best means we had at our disposal to get the word out as effectively as we could.

Please be assured that Shelley Yuen and I will look at our communication system to determine if there is a better way to communicate in the future.

If you were not able to attend the service, but would like to see it, please call the office and order a copy of the DVD.

Taylor will be sorely missed by so many. He lives on in heaven and our hearts.

**CLAUDIA WEBSTER NO KA OI**

Each year local United Methodist Women (UMW) units have the opportunity to select someone they wish to honor at the Annual Conference UMW gathering. This year the emphasis is on commitment to PEACE AND JUSTICE. Kailua UMW wish to acknowledge their own Claudia Webster, who volunteers at the Women's Community Correctional Center in Kailua.

Claudia has made a difference in the lives of many people in many places from Oklahoma to the Philippines to Oregon to now in Hawaii. Probably in many other places in between! She is a remarkable lady who lives her faith.

**KNOWING CHRIST IS THE SOURCE  
OF TRUE HAPPINESS!**

**OCTOBER  
BIRTHDAYS**

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

**SUMMER FEST UPDATE**

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of you who made our first annual Summer Fest a success! Summer Fest was definitely "Faith In Action", our Kailua United Methodist Church community of faith working together. Our goal to sponsor a community outreach event was met, we had 50 vendors

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

Most of the 49 trusts in the KUMC Foundation benefit KUMC's upkeep in which we all benefit. Our grounds and facilities are maintained. Some trusts were established by regular KUMC members and others by guests or family members who lived afar. For example, the Caroline Hazel Raymond Trust, an educator and mother of KUMC member, Don

Raymond, regularly gives to KUMC and annually to The McCurdy School benefitting New Mexican Indian children.

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 Jerry Allen at [Jerry-Allen@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:Jerry-Allen@hawaii.rr.com) or Don Raymond at [donraymond@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:donraymond@hawaii.rr.com). Thank you.

**FOODLAND GIVE ALOHA PROGRAM UPDATE**

Thank you all for participating in this wonderful program and helping KUMC raise funds to continue our ministries and outreach in the Kailua community. As of September 27, 2011, KUMC collected \$3,236.00 through Give Aloha. Awesome job in supporting our church by being present in the community!

**FIRST FRIDAY ON THE LAWN**

Plan to join us for *First Friday* on October 7th for dinner and a movie on the lawn. We will be showing *Aladdin* at 7 p.m. 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!

**BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD**

Health Ministries is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Sunday, October 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Kelleway House. Please look for Deborah Tom to sign up after worship or call her at 728-9993. We have a lot of empty slots in the afternoon between 12:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

Mahalo to all who so faithfully give the gift of life!  
*Reminder to our regular donors: please remember your 8 week timeline.*

**SANCTUARY CHANGES**

At the September meeting, the Church Council voted to proceed with the removal of the pulpit and lectern, the remainder of the planter, extend the communion rail and build a smaller, moveable pulpit. There has been a lot of conversation and emotion surrounding this need. Pastor J.T., the Council and Worship Ministry leaders have listened to all the concerns that were raised over the months of conversation. The Council and Worship Leaders are in the process of reviewing designs for the moveable pulpit. This picture is not the final design but it is meant to give an idea of the direction we're going.

The changes will give our different worship leaders the flexibility and space to lead without the distractions that come from moving equipment from place to place. This should strengthen the flow of our service, enhancing the experience for all.

Finally, the Council also recognized that other changes and renovations that have been discussed should be considered in a more systematic way. To that end the work on sanctuary renovations that was suspended two years ago will be reinitiated.

## KEY DATES FOR OCTOBER 2011

Oct. 3	First Friday Movie Night
Oct. 8	Habilitat Car Wash
Oct. 9	Meet and Greet Brunch
Oct. 16	UMW Luncheon
Oct. 22	IHS Meal Prep and Serve Habilitat Car Wash
Oct. 23	KUMC Blood Drive

## ***THE LAST WORD***

*“Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.”*

*~ Maya Angelou*

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