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"Making Disciples of Christ from All Generations"

PASTOR'S PAGE



Warmest Aloha in the name of our Christ. It seems as though our year has just begun and it is already time to prepare for Lent and Easter. In the early history of the church the season of Lent was a time of self-reflection and denial of earthly pursuits to align ourselves with the sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross and prepare us for resurrection and

new life. In short, this is another way to die to our self so that we may be raised with Christ. It was also a time of preparation for new converts. They were taught by church leaders in the basics of Scripture, Doctrine and Discipleship to prepare for their baptism and entrance into the community of faith.

In the modern church Lent is still practiced as a time of preparation and sacrifice. To use a theme that was part of our January worship, Lent is a time for God to prune us so as to strengthen our ability to live and serve faithfully. This pruning in our life enables us to bear the sweet fruit of God's love as we've experienced it. Remember...pruning is not punishment. The goal of self-examination doesn't end with a confession of "our sinfulness and unworthiness" as some traditions have emphasized. The ultimate goal of self-examination and sacrifice is to grow and strengthen our ability to live the new and abundant life offered to us in Christ. This is the life that we celebrate on Easter. There may be times when we don't fully understand the significance of Easter and how it fits into our life today. One of the lessons the Scripture accounts of that day teaches us that God doesn't leave us to twist in the wind. On that day Christ revealed himself in numerous ways to help the disciples journey through their confusion.

Throughout Lent, Easter and the season beyond, we will follow Christ through some of the basic questions of our life and faith. In the Sundays of Lent we will consider the tension

between sin and punishment & grace and possibility. Our texts will look at the sins that have been identified as the Seven Deadly Sins and we will hear Jesus' voice come to us through the Beatitudes to show us the "more excellent way". We will follow Jesus' journey through the Passion to Resurrection. Beyond the cross and the empty tomb we will work through the basics of Christian life and discipleship. In the season beyond Easter we will use the book Momentum for Life, by Pastor Mike Slaughter, as a resource. This book will be a resource in worship as well as a small group study available to all.

It will all begin on Wednesday, February 22, Ash Wednesday. We will gather in Holman Hall at 6:00 p.m. for a Simple Soup Supper. The Ash Wednesday service will follow at 7 pm. The Sundays of Lent will work through the theme listed above. Palm Sunday will begin our Holy Week worship. This will be a joint service with our Tongan brothers and sisters. It will feature the traditional procession of Palms in which our children lead us. Thursday, April 5, is Maundy Thursday, the day we remember the Last Supper, the institution of Holy Communion. We will worship together beginning at 7 pm. Friday, April 6, is Good Friday, the day we remember Christ's crucifixion. The Sanctuary will be open all day for prayer and reflection. We will have an opportunity to worship together again at 7pm on Good Friday. Easter Sunday will be a powerful celebration of Christ's resurrection that will include leadership by our Sanctuary Choir, our Dance Ministry, our Bell Choir and Brass accompaniment. You are invited to any and all of the worship opportunities and events that are a part of the blessed season. Invite friends, family and particularly people you know who may not have a church home. The gifts that we experience and the grace that we receive are meant to be shared, especially with people who don't know Christ.

Aloha and Agape,
Pastor J.T.

BLOOD DRIVE APRIL 29TH



Health Ministries is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Sunday, April 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Kelleway. Please look for Deborah Tom to sign up after worship or call her at 728-9993. Our church consistently collects among the highest numbers of blood units

collected of any church on island. Let's make sure we keep up the good work by donating! Mahalo for signing up to give the gift of life! **Reminder to our regular donors: please remember your 8 week timeline.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR ADULTS



KUMC will be having a new Sunday school class for adults beginning Sunday, February 5th at 8:30 a.m. Pastor Sam Cox will lead the first three week session that will look at the Bible and study basics. This will also be a good time to meet new people in the church.

Come join us and be a part of this new adult Sunday school. Hope to see you there!

FLOWER AND COFFEE SIGN UP



The altar flower and coffee sign up lists for 2012 are posted outside the church office in the narthex. Feel free to sign up for your special dates. Cost is \$20.00 for flowers and \$10.00 for coffee. Email Shelley at kailua.umc@hawaiiantel.net with

your special dedications for the bulletin. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 261-6238. Mahalo!



We are currently in the process of putting together a team to lead Vacation Bible School in July. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact

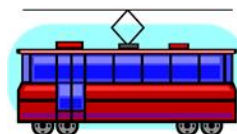
Pastor J. T. at 397-9191 or email him at pastorjt@kailuaumc.org.

FEBRUARY Birthdays

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



TROLLEY PARTY 2012



It's not too early to start planning for our Trolley Party 2012. This is an exciting ministry that provides opportunity for many to be involved. We are looking for people who are willing to provide overall leadership as well as providing leadership in special areas such as logistics, parking, entertainment, etc. If you are able to help, please email Pastor J.T. at pastorjt@kailuaumc.org. We want to get an early start on this and make it the best Trolley Party ever!

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

Our Ash Wednesday service will be at 7 p.m. on February 22nd. We will share a Simple Soup Supper at 6 p.m. in Holman Hall. Our Lenten worship emphasis will be an exploration of the so-called Seven Deadly Sins balanced with the Beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Join us for this special season.

DID YOU KNOW? - YOUR KUMC FOUNDATION



Trusts are started in a variety of fashions. They can be initiated for friends or loved ones who have passed away. Trusts may also be formed in the honor of special people as was done by KUMC's most recent Living Treasure, Shirley Minn. Likewise, funds such as for scholarships can be added anonymously or specifically directed in the trust wording as done in several trusts; most

recently the Barbara Burger trust.

It's easy to fund an existing trust or start a new trust. You will find an envelope in the back of each pew to make a tax deductible donation or please speak to or email Tim Fern at timfern@hawaii.rr.com or Don Raymond at donraymond@hawaii.rr.com. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP AT KUMC

Thinking of joining our Kailua United Methodist Church family? This is an opportunity to learn more about our small group ministries and volunteer program. New members will be received into the church in the spring.

If you are interested in joining KUMC or transferring your membership to KUMC, please contact our Membership ministry chairperson, Debbie Ritchie at (808) 263-1389 or email her at kailuadebbie@yahoo.com.

HOLMAN HALL CHAIRS



Mahalo to all who "bought" a chair for Holman Hall. We collected \$242 at the Eat and Greet. If you would like to contribute, please drop a check to KUMC with Holman Hall on the memo line or put cash in an envelope and mark Holman Hall on the envelope then put it in any Sunday offering plate. So far, we have collected a total of \$1,342 and are well on our way to our goal of \$1,800.

EAT AND GREET



Please join us in Holman Hall Sunday, February 12th for our next *Eat and Greet* brunch right after worship. The UMW will be providing a selection of pastas and sauces for the main meal. We are asking you to bring desserts or sweets for your "sweetheart" and/or bread to share. Everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there!

THE GARDEN AT KUMC

There are plans to have at least one vegetable garden on the grounds of KUMC. A garden is a living testament of the loving and serving ohana portions of the KUMC vision. The first of the vegetable gardens will be either in front of Sato or beside Sato.



The ground needs to be prepared and cleared. Mulch bins will be placed close to the garden to provide nourishment for The Garden.

The Garden at KUMC will provide vegetables and herbs that can be used for the nourishment of the congregation at the Eat and Greet lunches. The youth can learn how food is put on the table. The grounds of KUMC can be a showcase of our growing loving and serving ohana. Please join us.

If you are interested please contact Zelma, email ozzieosb@aol.com.



Help pre-selected homeless families move into a mainstream lifestyle. Kelleway House will be a comfortable home for the week of February 26th to March 3rd. Please volunteer to prepare and/or host meals and host overnight. Look for the signup sheet after worship. Please contact Corabelle Earnshaw at 261-2002 if you have any questions.

Notice to ministries and committees meeting in Kelleway: Kelleway House will be unavailable the week of February 26th to March 3rd. Please make other arrangements.

KAILUA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**SENIOR CLUB**

The Senior Club has resumed meeting in the Sato Cottage on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We are fortunate to be able to partner with UH nursing students. It is a win-win relationship in that we provide the students with an opportunity to work with elders in a faith community setting and the whole group learns something new every week on various health related topics. After the first hour of discussion and sharing, we move our bodies to music, either seated or standing. Then we enjoy a wonderful healthy lunch which usually includes Zelma's amazing cookies for dessert. There is no age limit or requirement, if you have a couple hours available on Thursday, come, enjoy and have some fun! No reservations required.



UH Nursing students assisting with some of our Seniors at our Thursday week Senior Club in Sato Cottage.



Everyone enjoying sitting Zumba!

BRITT LECTURES

President's Day Weekend
 February 17-20, 2012
 First United Methodist Church of Honolulu
 1020 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96814
 Ph. (808) 522-9555

OUR 2012 BRITT LECTURER

The Rev. Dr. Lovett Weems

A native of Mississippi, Dr. Weems is a graduate of Millsaps College; Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University; and Wesley Theological Seminary. He holds honorary degrees from Baker University and Central Methodist University.

Schedule of Lectures

Friday, February 17: Special Music at 6:45 p.m. Worship and lecture at 7:00 p.m. A question and answer period follows.

Saturday, February 18: Special Music at 6:45 p.m. Worship and lecture at 7:00 p.m. A question and answer period follows. .

Sunday, February 19: Special Music at 6:45 p.m. Worship and lecture at 7:00 p.m. A question and answer period follows.

Monday, February 20: 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Worship with clergy.

UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY PLANS

Right now we are exploring ways to connect with other UM Youth in our area. We would like to participate with the youth from Keolumana UMC and they would like to participate with us in youth and possibly church activities. This fits with an emphasis that our DS and Pastor J.T. are encouraging. One plan that we have begun to formulate is that both groups would like to have a joint lock-in. In case the definition of a Lock-in is unknown, it is a sleepover at the church or organization that is sponsoring the event.

The planning that has begun for this Lock-in is rather preliminary and we have not set anything in stone. The overall want that I have seen expressed is that we want to have a rather massive Lock-in between not only Kailua United Methodist Church and Keolumana United Methodist Church, but also including the Aiea United Methodist Church. We will use Holman Hall for what we hope is a massive event. For sleeping accommodations we would have to have everyone bring their own sleeping bags and pillows. For chaperones we would have the 3 pastors from their respective churches, as well as youth workers from each church, if needed. Also the elected youth officers from the respective churches would help to keep prohibited activities from happening.

After a group building exercise at Windward Mall we would all return to Kailua church and participate in activities that include games, food, worship and conversation between the different groups. Who knows, we might even sleep.

Beyond the current plans we will continue to build a relationship with Keolumana UMC We will be keeping in contact with Pastor Sam Domingo in order to plan for that future.

Thank you,

J.T. Landenberger, President of Kailua United Methodist Church Youth group

KEY DATES FOR FEBRUARY 2012

Feb. 4	World Wetlands Day
Feb. 5	Adult Sunday School
Feb. 11	KHS Band Booster Car Wash
Feb. 12	Eat and Greet
Feb. 17-20	Britt Lectures First United Methodist Church
Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday
Feb. 25	IHS Meal Prep and Serve
Feb. 25	KHS Band Booster Car Wash

THE LAST WORD

*“Love is, above all, the gift of
oneself.”
~Jean Anouilh*

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