

Iao Pepa

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A Monthly Newsletter of Iao United Church of Christ

2371 W. Vineyard St., Wailuku, HI 96793-1626

April 2017

Blessings from Pastor Tino

In Awe of “You Church”

Aloha Beloved Ohana,

What a wonderful first month (can you believe it’s already been a month?) that we have experienced together as a community of faith and as mine and Rong’s new extended family. Rong and I continue to be overwhelmed and blessed by your support, generosity, and love that you continue to show us and for that, we are forever grateful.

Our first month together has been a “dive right on in” type of journey for me. Attended my first community meetings sponsored by the Maui HIV/AIDS Foundation, Maui Non-Profit Association, Maui Homeless Alliance, and met with many local key agency leaders who are doing great work on this beautiful island of Maui. With the cuts in Federal funding, I sense a frustration from within the community and wondering how they will continue the vital services for those in need of valuable resources.

As we have been discussing, not only in my Sunday Sermons, but in many other discussions, we, as a faith community can volunteer our time to local agencies as a way of showing our support and bringing Iao UCC back into the community at large. Also, as we continue on our Lenten journey, we must remember that the journey is not only amongst ourselves, but with those in our wider communities – God is calling us to “go forth” and share a hug, a prayer, a shoulder to lean on.

A great example of who Iao UCC has become for me, one where I truly saw God’s work at hand was through you, “the church,” when we hosted the ECL’s “Homosexuality & The Bible” workshop. What was expected to be around 30 participants, ended up being 80+ and this was without much publicity. There are so many of you to thank for this great success, but we hope that through our efforts, people left with a better understanding of what it means to be a church for ALL people. Lloyd, Gail and all those who helped prepare meals, the Tri-Isle Team, our former Iao Pastors Jack and Wally, Rev. Tyler Connoley, and so many others contributed to a very successful weekend.

In our preparation for Easter Sunday, let us not forget that we must first experience and contemplate on Jesus’ last week of preparation to what led him to the cross. For there was no resurrection, without denials, pain, agony, and death.

May we continue to demonstrate our 5-Star attitude, as we demonstrate why we ARE a 5-Star Church!

Blessings with Love & Appreciation,
Rev. Tino Cordova, Pastor



April Lectionary

- Apr 2 5th Sun. in Lent**
Ezekiel 37:1-14
 Psalm 130
 Romans 8:6-11
 John 11:1-45
Breath of Hope
- Apr 9 Palm/Passion Sunday**
 Matthew 21:1-11
 Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27
Palm Sunday
- Apr 13 Maundy Thursday**
 Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14
 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 John 13:1-17, 13b-35
- Apr 14 Good Friday**
 Isaiah 52:13-53:12
 Psalm 22
 Hebrews 10:16-25
 John 18:1-19:42
- Apr 15 Holy Saturday**
 Job 14:1-14
 Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16
 1 Peter 4:1-8
 Matthew 27:57-66
- Apr 16 Easter Sunday**
 Jeremiah 31:1-6
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
 Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18
Easter Sunday
- Apr 23 2nd Sunday of Easter**
 Acts 2:14a, 22-32
 Psalm 16
 1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31
Body Language
- Apr 30 3rd Sunday of Easter**
 Acts 2:14a, 36-41
 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
 1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35
Breaking Bread



Sunday after Sunday, the sanctuary is graced (pun intended!) with the elegant—one could even say, lyrical—floral compositions that Aunty Grace Murata brings. These organic offerings are a delight to the eye, the mind, and indeed, the spirit. Mahalo nui loa, Aunty Grace!

April Worship Readers:

*Tim Greathouse
 & Joshlyn Miteg*

Apr. Worship Responsibilities*

Apr 2

Greeter/Usher: *David Murata*
 Head Usher: *Carolyn Kamidoi*
 Usher: *Paul Obet*
 Hostess: *Lee Murakami*

Aloha Hour:

Jane Tesoro & Maybelle Hashizume

Apr 9

Aloha Hour:

Avis Wong & Carley Defang

Apr 16

Aloha Hour:

Alan Yamamoto & Mike Takamatsu

Apr 23

Aloha Hour:

Grace Murata & Jackie Murai

Apr 30

Aloha Hour: *Maui Kosrae Etawi*

** (same greeter, ushers and hostess for the whole month)*

April Birthdays

- 4/1 Dennis Hashiro
 4/2 Yukie Emoto
 Edwin Ichiriu
 4/7 Annie Hill
 Jena Johannes
 4/10 Irene Pillon
 Ann Araki
 4/14 Joy Yamane
 Darson Defang
 4/15 Benjamin Belsom
 4/16 Raymond Kahookele
 4/17 Jonathan Kaneshina
 Ysabella Belsom
 4/21 Susan King
 4/22 Jane Tanji
 4/23 Kathleen Miyagawa
 Joshua Yoruw
 4/26 Alan Yamamoto
 Pamela Ikeda
 Jefferson Yinmed
 4/29 Mike Yamashiro
 JAC Yoruw

Aloha Hour Supplies

For Aloha Hour, the Buildings and Grounds Team will have a plastic tub set up with supplies used. There will be supplies such as plates, cups, utensils, and napkins. This plastic tub will be located in Fujitomo Hall.

On Sundays, Aloha Hour hosts/hostesses are asked to bring the tub down from Fujitomo Hall and returned to the same location after. Please list on the tub any items needing re-stocking and the Team will make every effort to keep up with the inventory.

Moderator's Memo

Aloha lao UCC,

How time flies! We are beginning the second quarter of 2017 already. My head is still spinning from the varied activities of the first quarter of this year. I thank all of you for your time and talents contributed towards our common goal of keeping lao United Church of Christ a vital presence in our Maui community.

April will also be a busy one for all of us:

- Saturday, April 8th will be our annual **Campus Clean-Up Day**. Please help as much as you can and bring some cleaning supplies and tools. Lunch will be served.
- Saturday, April 9th is **Palm Sunday**.
- Thursday, April 13th is **Maundy Thursday**, a joint service with our sister churches Ka'ahumanu Church and Wailuku Union Church, which we are hosting here at lao UCC. The service starts at 6:30 p.m., and will incorporate communion and foot-washing.
- Sunday, April 16th, **Easter Sunday**, will begin with a 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Ka'ahumanu Church. Our youth will be preparing and serving our traditional Easter breakfast here at Kanda Hall, starting at 8 a.m. Our Easter service will follow at 9:30 a.m.
- Our **Finance** and **Council** meetings will be back on schedule for the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, at 5:30 p.m. in Fujitomo Hall.



Finally, I am making a plea for someone to take on the challenge of stepping up and becoming lao UCC's new moderator. I have served in this position for over three years with joyful willingness and a sense of learning many new things; and, in the span of that time, have overseen the retirement of our pastor of many years, Jack Belsom; gone through the challenging transition period with our interim pastor Wally Kuroiwa; and finally, leading the welcome for our settled minister, Tino Cordova.

This has all been a wonderful learning experience for me, but new family obligations now require that I devote my full attention to that. Rest assured that I will still be around and helping as much as possible. Please let me know if you can "step up to the plate," as mine is overflowing right now. Like me, you will surely have a wonderful and blessed experience working with the talented and committed members and leaders of lao UCC.

In Christ,
Gail Ideue, Moderator

*Pastor Tino's
new cellphone number:*
(808) 740-8368

+
*(For any church-related
or pastoral services you
may wish to contact
him about.)*

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*The church office
number for regular
church business,
remains:*
(808) 244-7353

Photos from last month's "Homosexuality and the Bible" ETCL Workshop sponsored by the Tri-Isle Association HCUCC and hosted by Iao UCC...



Workshop main speaker Rev. Tyler Connoley (above) and small-group session leaders Paul Tonnessen and Al & Jane Nakatani (left).

Pastors Jack and Tino also led small-group sessions on the Saturday morning portion of the workshop.

(Mahalo to Carolyn Belsom, who took these photos during the workshop and shared them with us.)



A letter from Iao UCC's former pastor...



**'Aha O Nā Mokupuni 'O Maui,
Moloka'i Ame Lāna'i**
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March 21, 2017

Pastor and People of Iao UCC
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Dear Rev. Tino, Gail, and all Iao UCC,

On behalf of the Equipping Tomorrow's Church Leaders Team, I want to thank you for hosting the workshop on the Bible and Homosexuality. It is clear from the number of people who participated in that workshop that the topic was one that needed to be addressed, and we could not have done that without your hosting it.

Working with both Pastor Wally Ryan Kuroiwa and Rev. Tino Cordova made coordinating with team members both efficient and pleasant. Of course, Lloyd Nebres handled a lot of the details and printing that needed to be done. Although we reimburse you for the copies, we can never reimburse you for the loving service we received.

And what shall we say about the food? The evaluations are in and the food was great. Of course, those who have eaten at Iao UCC were not surprised. We felt lovingly cared for both in the food service and the way you accommodated the various parts of the workshop.

We must thank you for supplying some of our workshop leaders. Rev. Tino and Paul Tonnessen were great. I also know that Paul had a hand in recruiting Al and Jane Nakatani. If that were not enough, how could I have spoken about working with churches in the Open and Affirming process if we hadn't shared that journey?

Those who participated in the workshop know what an Open and Affirming Church is because of your loving hospitality. Thank you for all you are and all you do.

Your fellow servant in Christ,


Jack E. Belsom

Holy Week Services

at Iao United Church of Christ
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Sun., April 9th **Palm Sunday Service—9:30 a.m.**

Thu., April 13th **Maundy Thursday Service—6:30 p.m.**

Fri., April 14th **Good Friday Service—12:00 noon**

Sun., April 16th **Easter Sunrise Service—6:30 a.m.**

(joint service with Ka’ahumanu & Wailuku Union churches, at Ka’ahumanu Church grounds)

Easter Sunday Youth Breakfast—8:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Service—9:30 a.m.



James Morrison took this wonderful photograph of the church steeple one bright Sunday morning, posting it to the church’s Facebook Group.



*A darkening and stormy sunset scene (above); and a sunny day panorama of the church campus (below).
Photos by L. Nebres.*



Bert Akitake donated a painting of his, this still-life with kaki (persimmons), and which now graces one of the restrooms up at Fujitomo Hall.



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Striking cloud patterns above Wailuku one recent morning.

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Sunday Worship	9:30 A.M.
Interim Pastor	Wally Kuroiwa
Moderator	Gail Ideue
Church Secretary	Lloyd Nebres
Preschool Director	Flerida Iniba
Choir Director & Pianist	Karyn Sarring

***You are always welcome at
 Iao United Church of Christ.***