

Iao Pepa

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A Monthly Newsletter of Iao United Church of Christ

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Blessings from Pastor Tino | *“Rock Rollers Make Things Happen”*

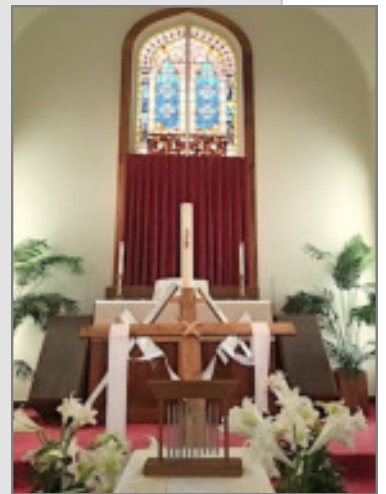
What an amazing, spirit-filled, spirit-led Lenten journey we have experienced and if the energy we experienced on Easter Sunday is telling of what's to come beloved community, I truly believe that our Easter journey will be just as exciting! As you have heard me say many times, I get excited when I see and experience the Holy Spirit working wonders through each of our hands, feet, mind and heart – for each of us IS the Holy Heart of God.

Who amongst us would have ever guessed that the liturgical scripture readings would match our work-in-progress UCC Conference Strategic plan – none other than our God. What's even more exciting is that we as a church implemented many of the proposals with great results. Since becoming your pastor a year ago, we, as a church for ALL people, have welcomed into membership, 13 new people into our beloved Iao family – and we've only just begun. Keep up the faith, and never let fear and old burial tomb clothes keep us from being visionaries with God.

Another plan that I would lift to God in thanks and praise is our continued engagement of our beloved Iao Youth & Children. This year has been one of trust-building, allowing their voices to be heard and seeing this great potential in each of them. There is still much more that I need to learn from them, and in who they are – because where they stand is also Holy! I am extremely proud in their willingness and their “yes” in performing our Good Friday Skit on March 30th – “The Crucifixion of Jesus.” They experienced in spirit, what our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and his disciples went through on that day of crucifixion. This, from my perspective, as a new and innovative kind of church, is a way of how our youth can learn about scripture, no matter how difficult, through the form of Theatre of the Spirit. Images behind a white sheet, stirs our imagination and allows us to really focus and reflect on the Words of Scripture being spoken through the voices of our youth. – For They Are Iao UCC!

As we move forward onto our Easter journey, we are called to rise up Iao. We could not get to Resurrection Sunday, until we experienced Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Crucifixion Friday. But all these days, all these times, all these experiences – are not stopping points, they are places of rest and reflections, they are not intended for us to stay in place – but for us to keep moving forward to Rise-Up Iao, Rise-Up and keep moving forward as resurrected people of God to new possibilities as a church – to keep moving forward as a new and innovative kind of church of the future – bringing our experiences of the past, but never living in the past. May this Easter blessing of resurrection be upon each of us and our beloved family, extended family throughout the year.

I love you Iao UCC!
Pastor Tino



April Lectionary

Apr 1 **Easter Sunday**

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8
Now What?

Apr 8 **2nd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31
Marks of Faith

Apr 15 **3rd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48
Christ Among Us

Apr 22 **4th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18
Enfolded by Love

Apr 29 **5th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8
Abiding in Love

The lesson in **bold** is the focus of both the message of the day and any Sunday School lesson; and the italicized title is the theme for the Sunday service. •



A new orchid plant given by Bert Akitake to grace the church office. (It joins the other plant he gave us a while back.)



Richard Carr e-mailed this photo to the church office sometime in late March with the note: "We attended an event from the roof-top terrace at One Main Plaza and our Church looks so beautiful!" That it is, Richard. :-)

April Worship Readers:

Kayla Bathin & James Morrison

Apr. Worship Responsibilities*

April 1

Greeter: Tim Stewart
Head Usher: Daniel Kamidoi
Usher: John Yoruw
Hostess: Lynette Shiroma
Aloha Hour:
Grace Murata & Jackie Murai

April 8

Aloha Hour:
Youlida Yoruw & Satsigo Jim

April 15

Aloha Hour:
Gail Ideue & Jennifer Saito

April 22

Aloha Hour:
Allison Ka'aihue/Jamie Park
Shannon Furomoto & Jaime Ribao

April. 29

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
- 4/14 Joy Yamane
Darson Defang
- 4/15 Benjamin Belsom
- 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
- 4/30 Warren Orikasa

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.

Iao UCC to Celebrate 123rd Anniversary on Sunday, April 29th

by L. Nebres

The last Sunday of April has been set aside to celebrate and commemorate almost a century and a quarter of the life and times of Iao United Church of Christ, of Wailuku, Maui.

As it is the 5th Sunday of the month, the worship service will be led by the youth—a fitting thing for a forward-looking church that nevertheless has long and deep ties to the past here in Iao Valley, Wailuku, and the Maui community at large.

Pastor Tino has also been touting that Sunday as a “**Bring A Friend to Church Sunday**,” so think of someone (or someones!) you’d like to invite to join us in celebrating a milestone of this warm, open, affirming, and welcoming community of faith.

The worship service will incorporate music in the forms of the usual choir anthem, an invited *koto* player, the hearty voices of our Maui Kosrae Etawi ‘ohana, and that lovely, special song that our long-time pastor Jack Belsom composed for Iao UCC’s centennial, “We Can Shape the Future.”

A photo shoot of the congregation is planned immediately following the worship service, in front of the church; the morning’s celebration will be capped with one of those legendarily ‘ono Iao UCC potluck lunches and a social at Kanda Hall where all can reminisce about the past, and enjoy the company of old friends and new.

Upcoming Noteworthy Events for your Calendar

Sunday, April 1

Easter Sunday

7 a.m. joint Sunrise Service at Ka’ahumanu Church

8 a.m. Youth Breakfast, at Kanda Hall

9:30 a.m. regular worship service

Saturday, April 7

Church Workday (campus cleanup)

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (lunch provided)

Sunday, April 8

Bible Study (Introduction Session)

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, April 11

Finance Committee

5:30 p.m. (Fujitomo Hall)

Sunday, April 15

Worshiping Community

11 a.m., after Aloha Hour (Fujitomo or Kanda Hall)

Sunday, April 15

Witnessing/Reconciling & Outreach Community

11 a.m., after Aloha Hour (Fujitomo or Kanda Hall)

Friday, April 20

Ladies’ Lunch Bunch

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 22

Bible Study (Session #1)

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, April 25

COUNCIL

5:30 p.m. (Fujitomo Hall)

Sunday, April 29

**Iao UCC’s 123rd Anniversary
Worship & Celebration**

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Saturday, May 12

Tri-Isle Association Aha Mokupuni

8:30 a.m. (Po’okela Church, Makawao)

A Month or So in The Life and Times of Iao UCC in its 123rd Year of Service



On Easter Sunday, 7 new members were consecrated during the service. From left to right: Richard Carr, Sr., David Belew, (Pastor Tino), Consuelo Celestine, Diane Riley, Donna Moore, and Dawna Krueger (who is already a church member but wanted a covenant reaffirmation). Not pictured is Mary Kanohokula, who was unable to attend the service that day. [Photo by Carolyn Kamidoi]



At the Pacific Whale Foundation whalewatch fundraiser on March 24.



Pastor Tino took the youth out for dinner at IHOP one Friday evening; it was a great treat for them, as none had ever eaten out before.



These faithful ladies of the church preparing the monthly meal for the homeless, which takes place on the last Thursday of the month over at the Hale Makana O Waiale shelter. Joy Yamane, Lynette Shiroma, Myriam Takamatsu, Sanoie Awai, Jan Saiki, and Maybelle Hashizume (not pictured: Church Moderator Gail Ideue, who organizes the effort, as well as purchases the supplies for the meal).



Pastor Tino and Shannon Furomoto at the Church Leaders' Event in Honolulu last February 24; not pictured but also delegates from Iao UCC were Youlida Yoruw and Tim Greathouse (who took this photo).

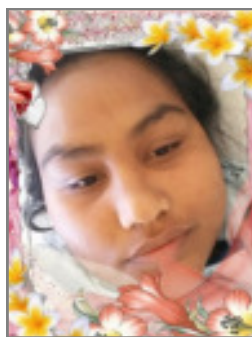
These portraits at the bottom of this page and the next are of Iao Church members and friends...



Tsugio Sakurada, 92
(09.21.17)



Raymond Kahookele, 70
(09.24.17)



Angelina Guchol, 34
(10.06.17)



George Matsuo, 90
(12.13.17)



Members of the Lao UCC Choir, under the direction of Karyn Sarring, lift their voices in faithful song every Sunday.



On Palm Sunday, members of the Kona Kosrae Etawi visited with our Kosrae members and sang during the service.



The Youth performed a moving skit for the Good Friday service; Episcopal Kahu John Tomoso was a guest reader for the play.



On March 14th, students in many schools around the country staged a walkout in solidarity with the students of Parkland, FL. This is Lao Preschool's version of it, with Pastor Tino tolling the church bell 17 times, once for each victim of the shooting.



Palm Sunday service began with a gathering song outside in front of the lanai.



Aloha Hour one recent Sunday hosted by Anna Mayeda and the Akitakes.

...who have passed away over the last several months. May they all rest in heaven's infinite peace.



Dick Takamatsu, 85
(01.15.18)



Richard Inouye, 91
(02.04.18)



Evelyn Matsuoka, 88
(03.27.18)



Sueko Y. Oshiro, 96
(04.02.18)

The Buildings & Grounds Community's lower parking lot wall project...



A heartfelt *mahalo* to Howard Ikeda's friend Ryan Ouye, a VP at **Service Rentals**, who made a donation to the church by waiving the excavator rental fee. Dennis Hashiro got to play with it for a whole day. Patronize SR for all your construction needs! :-)



Many of our community, both members and non-members of Iao UCC might know or not know—we had a retaining wall that was beginning to give way on our lower parking lot which was creating a safety issue. Our B&G team began with putting together a plan to get this wall and other items repaired and so began taking in bids from local contractors. The lowest bid for the repairs came in at about 42k of which would have taken us a while to fundraise.

Instead of waiting, our dedicated B&G crew began to do the work themselves a week before Easter. Within days, they had taken down two of the old retaining walls and with the help of the B&G team, volunteers and local community support, they built the new wall. The dedication and love they have for this Church by this amazing Community saved Iao, 39k—yes, they did the wall for less than \$3,000. On behalf of the Council and Congregation of Iao, we wish to express our sincere gratitude to the B&G Community, volunteers, and community support for their hard work and commitment to this most sacred of grounds. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Here is a list of projects coming up that might need some "people power" to complete:

1. Finish the handicap ramp.
2. Finish the Sanctuary front steps metal hand railings.

3. Paint the lower parking lot wall.
4. Strip the parking lot stalls and handicap stalls.
5. Put up the new signs when contractor finishes kitchen renovations.
6. Replace carpet in Fujitomo Hall.
7. Replace carpet in the Sanctuary.

Here's a list of expected items that will be needed:

1. Three-Compartment sink and faucets (industrial grade).
2. Countertop for the new cabinets going in the kitchen.
3. Copper pipe fittings 1 1/2" drain rain trap and drain pipes.
4. 60- or 80-gallon electric water heater.
5. 2 handicap toilets that are water saver type.
6. 2 vanities with sinks.

As you can see, these projects are extensive and will need a lot of people pitching in to get them done this year. If you can help with your time, talents and treasures, please contact Lloyd at the church office.

Again, thank you one and all for any help that you might be able to contribute.

Blessings, Rev. Tino.

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A noonday cloudscape over Wailuku, early April...

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