

Iao Pepa

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A Monthly Newsletter of Iao United Church of Christ

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August 2018

Blessings from Pastor Tino | *“Strategic Unity—Through our Diversity & Strength”*

Hope that everyone has had a wonderful and restful Summer. Lloyd and I were beside ourselves that it felt like just yesterday that we were celebrating New Years. It was just yesterday that we began our 2nd year of ministry together.

I was able to attend the Iao Preschool Graduation last month and my heart just melted as I saw 23 children graduate and ready to move on to Kindergarten. I must admit, it brought memories back when my sons began school. I cried tears of joy as I dropped them off at school for the first time. They walked in with such brave hearts as Papa was outside in the van crying. So yes, this Pastor did the same during graduation as I have gotten used to seeing these 23 smiles on a regular basis – but as they continue to grow, I can only imagine how proud their parents, grandparents, and families are of these wonderful and beautiful children. We all had a part in this Iao UCC, with your support of our Preschool, and with the wonderful guidance from our amazing Preschool teachers and staff, these *keiki* have been given a strong foundation to begin their next endeavor on life's journey. A BIG shout out to Fley, all the teachers and staff of our Iao Preschool, the Board, volunteers and the many hands that make things happen for our children. Congratulations, graduates – Pastor Tino will continue to pray for you and your family.



So, now we have arrived into August 2018 — when we begin another cycle of new children enrolling at Iao Preschool. Maybe your own children or grandchildren are getting ready to begin another school year. Let us continue to pray for a successful and safe year for all the students. We must also continue to pray for and support the parents and grandparents as they deal with all the school events throughout the year.

For Iao UCC, here we go church! August seems to be the entry point in which we ready ourselves for major events such as *Keiro No Hi*, our Stewardship Campaign, and fund-raising events that help us achieve the many ministries we do together. This year, we will begin with our Bazaar Fundraiser, then on to our Frosty Pog Booth at the Maui Fair, which was a great hit last year, as always. People I talked to last year at the Fair said, "...we look forward to the Fair to have these 'frosty pogs' because we can't get them any other time." They get to taste the fruit of the hard work that goes on behind the scenes to make the Fair Booth possible. If you haven't participated before, now is the time to start learning the ropes as our *kupuna* are getting older and soon, they will not be able to do the hard work necessary to get the booth ready. If you can contribute with construction of the booth or volunteer some time to make our delicious frosty pogs, or even be a cashier, please contact the office and tell Lloyd you would like to volunteer for the Iao Fair Booth.

Correction of last month's "Thank you," goes to Shannon Furomoto for this wonderful picture (above) of our Mission Statement embedded over our beautiful altar. Let us continue with our Pentecost journey always remembering to love! For – "We Are Iao UCC!"

Blessings with love and appreciation,
Rev. Tino

August Lectionary

Aug. 5 **11th Sun. after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 11:26-12
 Psalm 78:23-29
 Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35
Bread of Life

Aug. 12 **12th Sun. after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
 Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
 John 6:35, 41-51
Shaping Community

Aug. 19 **13th Sun. after Pentecost**

1 Kings 2:10-12
 Psalm 34:9-14
 Ephesians 5:15-20
 John 6:51-58
Wisdom Quest

Aug. 26 **14th Sun. after Pentecost**

Psalm 84
 Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
 Ephesians 6:10-20
 John 6:56-69
Wisdom Quest

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. •



Lee Murakami broke her leg in mid-July, and had surgery to repair it; afterwards, she was at Hale Makua to recuperate and undergo physical therapy. She had many visitors there, including her grandson Ryan Foree, who took good care of his grandma before he left for med school in New York City in late July. Lee expects to be back and supervising Keiro No Hi in September.

Get well soon, Auntie Lee!



The above is an ad that ran in the Friday, Aug. 3rd Maui News; it was placed by Warren Orikasa (thanks, Warren!) with ad copy provided by the church office—and they still got Pastor Tino's surname spelled wrong ;-)

Aug. Worship Responsibilities*

Readers

Anela Awai-Stewart & Susan King

August 5

Greeter: Craig Bode

Head Usher: Tim Stewart

Usher: Lynette Shiroma

Hostess: Sanoe Awai-Stewart

Aloha Hour:

Shannon Furomoto & Jaime Ribao

Tim Greathouse & Jim Morrison

August 12

Aloha Hour:

Susan King, Dawna Krueger,
 & Sanoe Awai-Stewart

August 19

Aloha Hour:

Betsy Scheller & Linda Case-Tapia

August 26

Aloha Hour:

Maui Kosrae Etawi

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

August Birthdays

- 8/7 Daniel Hadley
- 8/9 Mary-Lynn Johannes
- 8/12 Lauren Akitake
- 8/13 Scott Akitake-Hill
- 8/13 Joshlynn Fugow
- 8/18 Maverick Falan
- 8/21 Tom Yamada
- Lora Yaeko Sasaki
- Joshlyn Miteg
- Jolyn Yinmed
- 8/22 Don Miyagawa
- 8/25 Rylan Yatsushiro
- 8/27 Craig Bode
- 8/28 Herman Hashizume
- Carol Kennedy
- 8/31 Sanoe Awai

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.

Tim's *Mana'o* | Moderator's Notes



*Grace,
Mercy, and
Peace from
Christ our Lord!*

As the beginning of the school year approaches here on Maui, it is time for many to get ready for more learning and academic achievement.

Education is the foundation for success. And for many years, Iao UCC has demonstrated a remarkable support for diverse learning across all age groups.

I am thankful that the members of this congregation have established the religious theology, the financial support, and the moral support as well as the needed oversight to ensure the quality of these good works on a large scale.

For example, here are some of the activities we're doing this month:

- August 6: Iao Preschool Begins
- August 12: Adult Bible Study Classes Resume
- August 20: After-School Tutoring Begins
- August 25: All-Church Campus Cleanup

It's important to note that our members should feel that they are physically and emotionally safe here. Our members should know that they are valued and respected, regardless of other factors such as ability, gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, or political views.

Our members should know that they have ownership and input related to organizational structure and expectations. Did you know that these are also characteristics of a positive learning environment?

Brightest Blessings,
Tim Stewart, Moderator

Upcoming Noteworthy Events

Fri. & Sat., August 3 & 4

Annual Bazaar & Rummage Sale

6-8 p.m. Fri.; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sat.

Sunday, August 5

Hiroshima-Nagasaki Memorial

4:30 p.m. (Okinawan Cultural Center)

Wednesday, August 8

Finance Committee

5:30 p.m. (Fujitomo Hall)

Thursday, August 9

Maui Fair Committee

5:30 p.m. (Kanda Hall)

Sunday, August 12

Stewarding Community

11:00 a.m. (Fujitomo Hall)

Friday, August 17

Ladies' Lunch Bunch

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Sunday, August 19

Worshiping Community

11 a.m. (Fujitomo or Kanda Hall)

Wednesday, August 22

COUNCIL

5:30 p.m. (Fujitomo Hall)

Sunday, August 26

Witnessing/Reconciling

& Outreach Community

11 a.m., after Aloha Hour (Sanctuary)

Keiro No Hi 2018

*The church will once again honor its elders
and beloved kupuna (turning 80 & 88 years of age)*

on Sunday, Sept. 9, 11 am to 1 p.m.

at Dani's Restaurant, 880 Kolu Street in Wailuku.

*Please contact **Jane Tesoro** (276-2663)*

*or Lloyd Nebres at the church office,
if you would like to attend this event.*

Iao UCC & Foodland's GiveAloha 2018

For the first time, Iao UCC is participating in Foodland's "Give Aloha" Program. This program honors Foodland's founder, Maurice "Sully" Sullivan and continues his legacy of giving back to the community. Since the program began in 1991, over \$20,000,000 has been raised for Hawai'i's non-profit organizations.



How it works: From September 1-30, 2018 you are invited as a member or friend of Iao UCC to make donations up to a cumulative total of \$249.00 per person at check-out. Foodland and Western Union Foundation will match a portion of each donation. Matching gifts will be calculated at the end of the program. *Organizations will receive 100% of all customer donations given to their organization, plus their percentage of the matching gift provided by Foodland and Western Union.*

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How to donate: present your *Maika'i* card or phone number at the checkout counter and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to Iao UCC. Our five-digit registration code is **78972**. If you do not have a *Maika'i* card, you may request one. Your donation will be added to your grocery purchase total. Again, you may give up to \$249.00. The amount you donate and the name of the church will appear on your receipt.

Any donation must be made payable to "Foodland" or "Sack-N-Save." Donor names will not be released to the church, so if you would like us to know of your gift, please contact us directly so that we may properly acknowledge your gift.

Donations are tax deductible. Your donation will be tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Please save your store receipt for tax purposes since it will be the only record you will have of your donation. Total gifts to organizations will be announced shortly after the drive. For more information, you can go to:

givealoha.foodland.com



On the weekend of August 10 and 11, Pastor Tino, Youlida Yoruw, Shannon Furomoto and Warren Orikasa participated in a workshop "Atonement: How Jesus Saves Us," sponsored by the Tri-Isle Association HCUCC (of which the new president is Warren), which took place at our neighbor UCC church, Wailuku Union. The speaker was Prof. Randi Walker of Pacific School of Religion (above left).
(Photos by Shannon and Pastor Tino)



On Sunday afternoon, August 5th, members of Iao UCC participated in the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Annual Memorial, held at the Okinawan Cultural Center in Wailuku. Iao UCC has been a sponsor of this event for many years, dating back to when Auntie Lillian Maeda was involved in the Maui Peace Action community. These days, it is Uncle David Murata who is spearheading involvement with these groups. Uncle David is pictured at left with one of Iao UCC's newest members, Paul Obet—though Paul is a long-time member of the Maui Kosrae Etawi congregation that worships at Iao UCC.



Summer 2018 | The life of a community of faith, in pictures...



Above: Lao Preschool's graduation took place in the sanctuary, on the evening of Friday, July 20th. The children made these creative shirts and costumes themselves.

(Photo by Pastor Tino)

Below: Pastor Tino, as is now his tradition, made gift bags of school supplies for the students, which he presented to them at their graduation. (Photo by Lloyd)



On Sunday, August 5th Consuelo Celestine sang the anthem solo, "Center of My Joy." (Photo by Katherine Hashiro)



Church ladies enjoying Aloha Hour. (L to R:) Maybelle Hashizume, Yaeko Sasaki, Ruth Mukai, Heide Israel, Grace Murata and Jan Saiki. (Group portrait made by another church lady, Jane Tesoro :-)



Although the church had changed its name many years ago, the signs on the Main Street and West Vineyard entrances to the campus still said "Lao Congregational Church." Through the hard work of our Buildings and Grounds community, we now have new (and accurate) signs that express our identity, and our welcome to all. The rainbow flag will eventually be re-attached to the sign above. (Photos by Pastor Tino and Lloyd.)



More examples below of B&G guys working on various projects on campus—installing the new signs, which meant putting up new poles; building a housing for the new water heater at Kanda Hall, which was donated by Pastor Tino and Rong. (Photos by Katherine Hashiro and Lloyd.)



On Sunday, August 12th, Sami Hill danced the anthem hula, "Lei Ho'oheno" (Photo by Carolyn Kamidoi)



Longtime church member Toshio Seki passed away earlier this year on April 14, at the age of 85. His memorial service was held at Lao UCC on July 14th. Mr. Seki was a graduate of Maui High School and UH Manoa, and was retired from the Department of Education, Maui District Office. He was a proud member of the Maui Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association. He was predeceased by his wife Michie Ozaki Seki; and is survived by son Dean Seki and daughter Rene Takushi. (Photo of the altar at the memorial service by Jane Tesoro)



Let's Celebrate!

We are honoring church members
80 and 88 years of age
at Iao UCC's

Keiro Mo Ki 2018



David Murata & Maybelle Hashizume
two of our 5 honorees, came by the church
office last week. Our other honorees:

Sumiko Kuniyoshi
Lora Yaeko Sasaki
Larry Whitford

When: 11a.m., Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018

Where: Dani's Restaurant
880 Kolu Street, Wailuku

Cost: Adults \$25
Teens (12-19) \$20
Children (11-under) \$10

Please see Jane Tesoro to sign up to
attend; or Lloyd Nebres at the
church office, (808) 244-7353 or
iaoucc@hawaiiintel.net



Can you believe it? It is that time of the year again where we need to start planning for our very popular Frosty POG booth at the Maui Fair. This is the 96th Maui Fair and we have been selling our famous drink for the past 16 years. This is indeed our timeless tradition at the Maui Fair.

As always, we ask for your *kokua* in selling Frosty POG tickets. The tickets are \$5.00 for one 16-oz. Frosty POG or lemonade or two 16-oz regular lemonade or bottled POG. The tickets will be distributed in packs of four for \$20.00 a pack. Hopefully, you can help sell four or more tickets to



your family and friends. Inform them that the price of the Frosty drinks is \$6.00 at the booth and \$3.00 for the regular drinks. So, buying the tickets is really a no-brainer. We will begin distributing the tickets on the last Sunday of August which is August 26 and will continue distribution till the last Sunday of September. The Fair Committee would appreciate it if you can pick up a pack or two before or after service.

Likewise, we are asking for your valuable time in working in our booth. We really need workers to work 3-4 hour shifts from Thursday, October 4, beginning at 4:30 pm till Sunday, October 7 when the fair closes at 11:00 pm. The shift schedule be posted on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary starting August 19 and will remain there till September 23. Hopefully, this will give you lots of time to sign up for a shift and ask your friends and family to join in the fun and fellowship. Yes, working in the booth is more fun than work. On Sunday, September 30, we plan to pass out the free admission tickets for those who volunteer to work in the booth. So, it is a good idea if you come to church that Sunday to get your free admission ticket.

We are again wishing for a very successful year at the Fair and hope to raise \$40,000 for the church. Obviously, we cannot do this without your help and cooperation. Much mahalo!

See you at the fair!
Rena Hayashi, Fair Committee Chair

(Photo above by Katherine Hashiro, of the Committee meeting on Aug. 9th.)

August 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 11:00 AM Youth Service (Children) 1:00 PM Suncoast Methodist (S) 4:30 PM Hula Hula Nagasaki Annual Banquet (Chinese Cultural Co.) 5:00 PM Maui Korean Church (S)	6 9:00 AM Sun Prosehood Resumes (2017-18) Pastor's Day Off (Office Open)	7	8 9:15 AM -10:30 AM Al Anon (K) 9:30 PM FINANCE (F)	9 6:30 AM -8:15 AM Rotary of Maui (Kanda)	10 11:00 AM Ladies' Lunch Bunch (Sanctuary) 6:00 PM Korean Women's Fellowship (S)	11 8:00 AM Micronesian Church Yard Cleanup Day 7:30 PM AA (K)
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Photos from the Annual Bazaar and Rummage Sale | Aug. 3 and 4, 2018



Bazaar photos by Jane Tesoro, Pastor Tino, Youlida Yoruw, Anna Mayeda, Lloyd, and others (thanks for sending them to the Iao Pepa editor!).



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Dennis Hashiro putting up our Bazaar sign...

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Sunday Worship	9:30 A.M.
Pastor	Florentino Cordova
Moderator	Tim Stewart
Choir Director & Pianist	Karyn Sarring
Preschool Director	Flerida Iniba
Secretary/Iao Pepa Editor	Lloyd Nebres

You are always welcome at Iao UCC.