

# Iao Pepa

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*A Monthly Newsletter of Iao United Church of Christ*

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## Blessings from Pastor Tino | *“Time of Renewal Begins”*



We at Iao United Church of Christ hope and pray that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We continue to pray for a joyous and spirit-filled Advent and Christmas season. As we enter into this time of anticipation of the birth of Christ, let us remember our own rebirth and renewal as we begin to pray, discern and dream of what the future holds for Iao UCC. I remember growing up in rural New Mexico, when the snow would begin to fall, practicing for Christmas programs, the smell of a pine tree in the house, putting wood into the stove, and of course, Mama’s cooking. There are so many traditions that I can still remember that I wish I could still do, but only a memory of them remains. Maybe as time comes and goes, we are changed and transformed to something new as rebirth occurs – and yet community, God remains and never fails us. Let us continue to dream, anticipate a rebirth, and never fear change as our God continues to bless us during our Advent and Christmas season.

Because we are Iao UCC, because we have many community partners walking with us on this journey we call life – YUP IAO – we surpassed last year’s Maui County Fair fundraiser. Not only did we surpass it, we blew it out of the park. We surpassed last year’s net earnings of \$35,574 with a net income of **\$48,413**. The contributions of so many, the hard work of so many, the dedication of so many – and of course by the Grace of God – we give thanks for such a successful fundraiser. This is what a community looks like when we trust in God, trust in each other, and trust in our community partners – all things are possible Iao, all things are possible.

In November, we celebrated my one year as your installed pastor. Even though the person with his bully-horn visited us again, we must never allow someone else’s hate to determine our call from God. It has been a wonderful year together and, God willing, I look forward to many more to come. As I have mentioned before, I have never experienced a time in which I did not look forward in coming to the office or to worship. There have always been “God moments” that I see every time I come. I don’t even think of it as “work” but a privilege to serve this amazing church we call Iao UCC.

I pray this prayer for you as we move into our Holiday Season together:

*God-Creator from above, within, and around us, I ask that you send your angels from heaven to surround this community, and the community you call us to serve as we wait for the birth of your son, Jesus. May we allow ourselves to experience a time of renewal and a time of rebirth in our own lives. Open our hearts to newness and change, even when change seems hard and frightening. I pray for our church that gives and loves, expecting nothing in return but your grace. May we seek your guidance as we follow the star that leads us to the manger. Amen, Amene.*

**Remember to always live a life of hope, peace, love and joy! For – “We Are Iao UCC!”**

Blessings from a grateful pastor,  
Rev. Tino

(Editor’s note: the beautiful stole that Tino is wearing in the photo above was an early Christmas gift to him from Rong Chao Bi.)

## December Lectionary

### Dec. 2 **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
 Psalm 25:1-10  
 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
**Luke 21:25-36**  
*Sign of Things to Come*

### Dec. 9 **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Malachi 3:1-4  
 Luke 1:68-79  
 Philippians 1:3-11  
**Luke 3:1-6**  
*Make Ready*

### Dec. 16 **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Zephaniah 3:14-20  
 Isaiah 12:2-6  
 Philippians 4:4-7  
**Luke 3:7-18**  
*Look Forward*

### Dec. 23 **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Micah 5:2-5a  
 Psalm 80:1-7  
 Hebrews 10:5-10  
**Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)**  
*Moving With Mary's Song*

### Dec. 30 **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
 Psalm 148  
 Colossians 3:12-17  
**Luke 2:41-52**  
*Who Is This Child?*

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. •



**Shannon Furomoto and Jaime Ribao** organized a homeless meal project on Thanksgiving Day, bringing bags of food to homeless folks in central Maui.



*Church members in The Maui News: Warren Orikasa and his family made the front page on Sunday, Dec. 2nd, for their work in helping restore and upgrade the floor at the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center in Kahului.*

## Dec. Worship Responsibilities\*

### Readers

Anela Awai-Stewart & Gail Ideue

### December 2

Greeter: Timothy Stewart  
 Head Usher: Daniel Kamidoi  
 Usher: Katherine Hashiro  
 Hostess: Heide Israel  
 Aloha Hour:  
 Jane Akitake & Betsy Scheller

### December 9

Aloha Hour:  
 Mike Takamatsu & Joy Yamane

### December 16

Aloha Hour:  
 Jan Saiki & Jane Tesoro

### December 23

Aloha Hour:  
 Jane Akitake & Anne Hill

### December 30

Aloha Hour:  
 Maui Kosrae Etawi

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

## December Birthdays

- 12.01 Alice Inouye
- 12.03 Timothy Stewart
- 12.05 Betsy Scheller
- 12.06 Maylani Hadley
- 12.07 Jane Akitake
- 12.08 Lynn Krieg
- 12.10 Vida Falan
- 12.11 Mark Mayeda
- 12.12 Karen Moody
- 12.18 Barbara Wimberley
- 12.20 Robynne Klein  
Jaymina Bathin
- 12.21 Johnalayne Yinmed
- 12.25 Wallace Yanagi
- 12.26 Gloria Nakama



*Our monthly Support Group Visitation squad (Jane Tesoro, Joy Yamane, Lee Murakami, Lynette Shiroma), made a special trip to Kihei to see Joyce Romero, who is now residing in Kalama Heights there.*

## 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.*



*Season's  
Greetings,  
everyone!*

The time to be jolly is officially upon us. I can't believe that this is the last month in 2018. This is a time to reflect on the year as well as a time to look forward to next year. As a church, we've done a lot and made great progress within the congregation as well as our community.

Both Advent and Christmas focus on the past as well as the future. In the past we tend to focus on the coming of Jesus as an infant born into poverty in Bethlehem. In the future we tend to focus on the coming of Christ in glory for humankind. This past and future perspective is reflected in the Scriptures.

A good memory that comes to mind is from a Charlie Brown Christmas: "An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'" Luke 2: 9-11

I hope we can begin Advent with a call to vigilance. Being vigilant means being prepared. We should not be caught off guard. Imagine if Christmas morning came and we woke up suddenly realizing that we forgot to prepare! Imagine if we had no gifts, no food purchased and no plans were made.

Advent Reflections: What does the word "hope" mean to you? What has God been doing in your life this year? What do you hope God will do over this Christmas season?

Happy Holidays,  
Timothy Stewart, Moderator

## Upcoming Noteworthy Events

**Sunday, December 2**  
**Worshipping Community**  
11 a.m. (Fujitomo Hall)

**Sunday, December 9**  
**Stewarding Community**  
11 a.m. (Fujitomo Hall)

**Wednesday, December 12**  
**Finance Community**  
5:30 p.m. (Fujitomo Hall)

**Friday, December 14**  
**Iao Preschool Christmas Program**  
6 p.m. (Church Sanctuary)

**Friday, December 21**  
**Ladies' Lunch Bunch**  
11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

**Friday, December 21**  
**Blue Christmas Service**  
6 p.m. (Church Sanctuary)

## Congregational Meeting (Approval of 2019 Budget)

*Please mark your calendars for  
this Congregational Meeting scheduled on*

**Sunday, December 23, 2018**  
*(taking place right after that morning's worship service)*

**Monday, December 24**  
**Christmas Eve Service**  
7 p.m. (Church Sanctuary)

**Tuesday, December 25**  
**Maui Kosrae Etawi**  
**Christmas Day Celebration**  
All Day (Church Sanctuary)

*Is there something—  
or someone—missing from your  
experience of Christmas?*

*Is your heart somehow not into  
the frivolity and gaiety of the  
season? Have you recently suffered  
loss of one kind or another...  
and find it impossible to enjoy this  
festive time of year?*

*Do you wish to have a quiet,  
more reflective service as a way  
to experience Christmas?*

**If so, Iao UCC's  
Blue Christmas service  
may be for you.**

*Please come, and bring a friend  
or family member you know  
who would appreciate such  
a service and light a candle  
for your loss.*



Come and welcome the Christ-Child on...

## ***Blue Christmas***

*...at Iao United Church of Christ*

**6:00 p.m.**  
**Friday, Dec. 21st**  
**Winter Solstice**  
*(the longest night of the year)*



**Save the date!**

## **Iao Preschool Christmas Program**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Friday, Dec. 14, 2018**

**The children will perform 'live on stage,'  
there will be a slide show  
(starring the Preschool children, of course)  
and a pupu potluck afterwards.**



**Come join us at Iao UCC's  
Christmas Eve Service**

**7 p.m.**

**Monday, Dec. 24, 2018**

**Mana'o**  
*Imagine*

Psalm 127:1

*Inā 'a'ole 'o Iēhova e kūkulu i ka hale, Ho'ōikaika makehewa ka po'e nāna e kūkulu:  
Inā 'a'ole 'o Iēhova e mālama i ke kūlanakauhale, Makehewa ka maka'ala 'ana o ka po'e mālama.  
Unless God builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.*

Most of our readings have widows in them this week. Widows symbolize poverty and suffering. Contextually it was unfortunately a male-dominated society. Also unfortunate was that women and children were not highly regarded. When Jesus said “Bless the little children” it wasn’t so much about their innocence. It was a statement saying, “Bless even the lowest of our society.” It was about justice for the oppressed.

Naomi and Ruth also suffered and in the suffering they learned to care, to love one another, as he calls us to also love one another. Naomi and Ruth had suffered and yet they were able to take their eyes off of their own suffering and each gave what little they had for the other. In their giving they were blessed.

Can you imagine Naomi left her home a place and culture that she knew and was familiar with only to lose her husband Elimalech and both her sons Mahlon and Chilion? Ruth was Naomi’s daughter-in-law by one of her sons. Ruth chose to follow Naomi and leave a place and culture she was familiar with.

Boaz was *ohana* to Elimalech Naomi’s husband and Ruth’s father-in-law. According to custom Elimalech’s *ohana* had a right of first refusal to all that was Elimalech’s. His widow and his daughter-in-law had no right to Elimalech’s property. Instead they were also considered property of Elimalech. Can you imagine? A society and culture that would treat widows in such a way?



But let’s also imagine that there were circuit breakers or safety nets for those in need. Ways for those in need to get food. Ways for widows to be taken cared of. They had customs such as gleaning in the fields. When the harvesters were done the less fortunate could go into the fields and collect what was left. Can you imagine that even the custom of a male *ohana* having dibs on Elimalech’s property would save Naomi & Ruth?

*Ruth 3:2 - Now here is our kinsman (our ohana) Boaz, with whose young women you have been working.*

Naomi reminded Ruth that Boaz was their family *goel*. The *goel*, sometimes translated *kinsman-redeemer*, had a specifically defined role in Israel's family life. The *goel* had *kuleana*, a responsibility. The kinsman-redeemer was responsible to buy a fellow Israelite out of slavery. He was responsible to be the "avenger of blood" to make sure the murderer of a family member answered to the crime. He was responsible to buy back family land that had been forfeited. He was responsible to carry on the family name by marrying a childless widow.

Let me share a little bit more about *kuleana*. We define it as responsibility. But this so called responsibility is not the kind of responsibility that becomes a chore. Like as a young boy I had the *kuleana* to take out the trash. Back in the day before trash bags. It also meant I had the *kuleana* to line the trash can with newspaper. It was a chore. *Kuleana* means that everyone participated in the work at hand. Each person does their part and each has a part in the whole. Many hands make light work. We are all parts of the whole.

We too as church have *kuleana*. We too in a sense are *goel* or *ohana*/redeemers as churches and church members to care for those less fortunate, for those that need our *kokua*, our help. How do we do that? How does Iao UCC do that? How do our church associations do that? How does HCUCC do that? What are those things we do as individuals, as a People of God do as stewards, caretakers to care for one another? To love one another, *aloha kekahi i kekahi*?

Imagine if we all treated each other as *ohana*. Just imagine if we lived the concept of Aloha. Not just because it is on the calendar of things we do. But because we each have a *kuleana* we each do our part. Imagine... and when we *pau* imagining, we do. Through *kuleana* let’s all become doers.

**FUNDRAISING: news from this and that...**

*Photos fr. Church Workday | October 27*

**Maui Fair 2018**

Expenses	7,424.10
Gross income	<u>55,837.10</u>
<b>NET income</b>	<b>\$ 48,413.00</b>

**Foodland's "Give Aloha" 2018**

Customer donations	\$ 284.10
Foodland contrib.	52.07
Western Union contrib.	<u>10.12</u>
<b>TOTAL raised</b>	<b>\$ 346.19</b>

**Amazon.com "Smile"**

As of Oct. 2018 **\$ 15.64**

If you are doing your holiday gift shopping via Amazon.com, for every purchase you make, Amazon will donate a fraction of the amount to the charity of your choice. **Consider making lao UCC your charity.** This is at NO cost to you. How to do this?

- (1) Simply point your browser to: [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)
- (2) ...and set "lao Congregational Church" as your charity of choice. (That was the way it was initially set up, not as 'lao UCC' or 'lao United Church.')

That's it! Again, this costs you nothing in addition to the price of the items you are purchasing. *Mahalo!*

**lao UCC T-Shirts (Youth Ministry Fundraiser)**

As of Nov. 2018 **\$ 460.00**

We have plenty more lao UCC t-shirts available for purchase at the church office. It's the same one being modeled below by Dennis at the Fair Booth last October. :-) (The darker turquoise shirts worn by Lloyd, Howard and Warren are last year's version.)



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*A watercolor of the church, by neighbor Nur Gibson...  
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**Sunday Worship** **9:30 A.M.**  
 Pastor Florentino Cordova  
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 Choir Director & Pianist Karyn Sarring  
 Preschool Director Flerida Iniba  
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