

Iao Pepa

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A Monthly Newsletter of Iao United Church of Christ

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

July 2017

Blessings from Pastor Tino

“Grow in Faith, Hope, Peace & Love”

Aloha My Extended Ohana!

“Trust God” – is a phrase that is always in my thoughts. Especially at times when I question whether I am doing God’s calling, if what Iao has called me to do as your Pastor, so like “doubting Thomas,” I keep reminding myself to “Trust God.” Trust God that a muralist will come to teach the youth how to paint a mural. Trust God that our Food Bank barrel will get filled. Trust God that who Iao UCC has become and is becoming, will reach the hearts of our wider community. By trusting in God, we have seen many new faces on Sunday morning and many returning faces. This is a great sign of our Pentecostal Journey together beloved community, that we must continue to “trust God.” Let me encourage all of us, to recall the words of my messages and of scripture. When we cannot find the words or actions to be evangelists, disciples, healers, listeners, Christ-like – “trust God.”



As we celebrate our Nation’s birth, let us also remember what makes this nation great – its diversity. We also remember the sacrifices and hardships that got us here and how we should remind the generations that follow us, the history of this nation, both good and bad. The ideas that were put forth to grow this vast nation, and all its communities, but also the loss of innocent lives on which this country was built. I truly believe that the “melting pot” should not be looked upon as an ideology of assimilation, but a big large pot of tolerance, acceptance and love for each other and of each other’s cultures – that is what makes our nation strong and what should be celebrated. “One Nation Under God” means that the homeless are sheltered, the hungry are fed, the lonely are comforted, the . . .

I ask for your prayers as I travel to New Mexico this month. I am excited to be taking a trip with Rong from LA to my old stomping grounds in Mosquero, which is a small village in Northeastern New Mexico. Also excited to see my grandkids! The Village of Mosquero will be dedicating the City Park in honor of my brother Chris who was killed in action in Vietnam by friendly fire. I have been asked to do the closing blessing to the dedication of which I find it to be of great honor, considering I was 5 years old when he passed away. So, with the many celebrations we might do in the month of July, let us also remember our veterans, families and our soldiers who are serving this nation.

Blessings on a continued Pentecostal Journey! Don’t forget – “Trust God”
Rev. Tino Cordova, Pastor

July Lectionary

July 2 **13th Sunday in Ord. Time**

Genesis 22:1-14
 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
 Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:4-42
Holy Welcome

July 9 **14th Sunday in Ord. Time**

Genesis 24:34-38
 Psalm 145:8-14
 Romans 7:15-25a
 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Chosen Journeys

July 16 **15th Sunday in Ord. Time**

Genesis 25:19-34
 Psalm 65:9-13
 Romans 8:1-11
 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
A House Divided

July 23 **16th Sunday in Ord. Time**

Genesis 28:10-19a
 Psalm 86:11-17
 Romans 8:12-25
 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Place of Blessing

July 30 **17th Sunday in Ord. Time**

Genesis 29:15-28
 Psalm 119:129-136
 Romans 8:26-39
 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Weaving the Future

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. ●



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!

July Worship Readers:

*Danann Mitchell
 & Rita Whitford*

July Worship Responsibilities*

July 2

Greeter/Usher: *Tim Stewart*
 Head Usher: *Mike Yamashiro*
 Usher: *Richard Carr*
 Hostess: *Lee Murakami*

Aloha Hour:

S. King, D.Krueger, S. Awai-Stewart

July 9

Aloha Hour:

Jane Tesoro & Maybelle Hashizume

July 16

Aloha Hour:

Alan Yamamoto & Mike Takamatsu

July 23

Aloha Hour:

Avis Wong

July 30

Aloha Hour:

Maui Kosrae Etawi

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

July Birthdays

- 7/3 Courtney Akitake
 Anela Awai-Stewart
- 7/4 Dorothy Lester
- 7/6 Mabel Kobayashi
- 7/7 Lee Yamamoto
- 7/11 Howard Ikeda
 Katherine Tanaka
- 7/13 Jack Yoruw
- 7/14 George Matsuo
- 7/15 Katsumi Tadakuma
- 7/16 Sepehana Hadley
- 7/17 Jackie Murai
- 7/18 Lei Ansai
- 7/20 Shirley Takitani
 Kahulu Nunokawa
 Hulukoa Nunokawa
- 7/23 Ayanson Fugow
- 7/28 Jennifer Saito
 Travis Ikeda
- 7/30 Francis Yinmed

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.

Save the Date!

敬老の日

(Keiro No Hi)

Sun., September 3, 2017

11 am to 2 p.m.

Dani's Restaurant
880 Kolu St., Wailuku

Adults: \$23; Teens 12-19: \$18
Children 11 & under: \$15



As has been the tradition at Iao United Church, we will once again celebrate our kupuna who have reached 88 years of age, as well as our living treasures who are 89 and above.

There will be an ono Japanese buffet, fun, fellowship, story sharing, tears of happiness and joy, as we "Remember when...". Come and share the history of these amazing people.



Keiro No Hi organizers Jane Tesoro and Lee Murakami at the church office planning this year's event.

Upcoming Noteworthy Events for your Calendar

July 7-8 & 14-15

Intro. To the New Testament

ETCL Workshop offered by the Tri-Isle Association
(held at Wailuku Union Church)

Friday, July 14

Iao Preschool Graduation

6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, July 16

Tim Greathouse will be our **Guest Preacher**, as Pastor Tino will be away (see his column on p. 1).

Sunday, July 23

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

right after church service that morning.

Sunday, August 6

Hiroshima-Nagasaki Remembrance Day

at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Sundays—August 13 & 20

Church Membership Classes

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Fujitomo Hall)

Sunday, September 3

Keiro No Hi

11:00 a.m. at Dani's Restaurant (see info on this page)

October 5 to 8

Maui County Fair 2017

Iao UCC's famous Frosty Pog booth at the Fairgrounds

Saturday, October 7

Maui Pride—for the first time ever, Iao UCC will have a table at this event (11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Trinity-By-The-Sea Episcopal Church in Kihei)



The Bird-of-Paradise bush in back of the sanctuary is in summer bloom... I wonder who planted it there originally. Anyone know? — editor (LN)

Photos from the 2017 Aha Pae'aina of the Hawaii Conference UCC

(held on June 16-17 at the Kamehameha Schools Maui campus in Pukalani)



Photos by Tim Greathouse, who was a delegate to the Aha—along with Gail Ideue, Youlida Yoruw, Jeromy Palik, Paul Obet, Semeon Sighra, and Pastor Tino.



Iao UCC is a “Five for Five” church...

From the United Church of Christ (USA) website:

“The success and sustainability of United Church of Christ’s national ministries is relying on your church’s contribution to basic operating support and mission. Being ‘5 for 5’ means that your church is a leader, providing support to Our Church’s Wider Mission and the Special Mission Offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, Neighbors in Need, and the Christmas Fund.”

Iao UCC’s contributions to UCC in 2016 totaled \$ **12,059.44**:

- **Our Church’s Wider Mission** (OCWM) \$ 10,000.44
- **One Great Hour of Sharing** 629.00
- **Neighbors in Need** 545.00
- **Christmas Fund** 500.00
- **Strengthen the Church** 385.00

In addition, in 2016 the church contributed \$ **315.00** to the Opukaha’ia Fund, which is a Hawaii Conference scholarship fund that supports the training of local clergy for Christian Mission. Apart from the UCC and HCUCC, Iao Church contributes **\$1,000.00** annually to the Pacific School of Religion’s scholarship fund. The generosity of this community of faith over the years has been noteworthy.



This certificate was given to Pastor Tino and Iao UCC by Conference Minister Charles Buck, at the June Aha Pae'aina.

Blessing of our Graduates, by Pastor Tino

Sunday, June 25th, 2017

Heavenly Creator,

We ask for your almighty hand to be upon all those who graduate this year.

Bless their lives from this day on with goodness and love.

Help them to stay true to their dreams, to use their gifts wisely, and to walk into the future with faith, hope, and great love.

May God's blessing follow you all as you find new journeys to travel.

May you walk safely along the pathways of your dreams.

May God's gentle hand guide the decisions you will make and the passions that you follow.

May your hearts and lives always reflect His love and truth, and may hope be a light within you that you carry into each new day.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Amen.

Kathleen Johannes — graduated Iao Middle School, going to Maui High

Isaiah Mathin — graduated Iao Middle School, going to Maui High

Sonny Yoruw — graduated Iao Middle School, going to Baldwin HS

Joshua Yoruw — graduated Baldwin HS, going to Snow College in Utah.



Sonny (left) and Joshua Yoruw (right) with Pastor Tino. Other graduates, Isaiah Mathin and Kathleen Johannes were not at the service that morning. Photo is by Annie Hill, posted to the church Facebook group page.

Iao UCC Represented at General Synod



Pictured above are Hawaii Conference UCC delegates to the 2017 General Synod of the United Church of Christ. This year, the Synod was held in Baltimore, Maryland, and ran from June 30th through July 4th.

One of the HCUCC delegates was our own **Kathy Tanaka** (in red, above). From the UCC website:

“Every two years, General Synod brings together thousands of faithful members of the United Church of Christ for formal church witness, inspirational worship, and fellowship with friends (new and old).

In June 2017, thousands from across the country (and abroad) gathered for General Synod 2017 at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, Maryland. There, they discerned resolutions of witness, church structure, and function. They stood up for issues that demand a faithful witness and joined together in worship each day to lift up the Still-speaking God.”

Order your Iao UCC T-shirts now!

(A fundraiser in support of our Iao UCC Youth Family—the [application form](#) is an insert to the printed/mailed copy of this newsletter, or at the very last page of the digital/e-mailed version.*)

Logo on front of t-shirt



Text on back of t-shirt



T-shirts will be in Men's or Women's sizes and available in white, pink, or light blue.

* The shirts will also come in handy to wear at the **Maui County Fair** this October... and possibly for when we march at the opening parade—

—look for details on this exciting event in the upcoming August and September issues of *Iao Pepa*.



Ladies Lunch Bunch

By Rita Whitford

Ladies Lunch Bunch is alive and well and meets on the third Friday of the Month, place to be named as it is up to the ladies.

When we first started this year, I asked “Do we want to discuss and solve the problems of the world?” and it was a definite no. So we talk and have fun.

Did you know—**Grace** plays the piano, **Maybelle** holds her breath when Herman sings, **Cheryl** loves to sing with the choir, **Jan** is expecting another grand baby, **Rena** will miss our next meeting in July due to travel (to a city in Nevada), **Joyce** is going on a cruise in the fall, **Joy** is spending the summer at her cabin in Canada while **JoeAnn** came from South Carolina to house sit for her, **Roz** came to her first lunch and then came to church, **Heide** grew up in Berlin, **Evelyn** retired from Wailuku Sugar, **Yaeko** missed because she was on the mainland visiting family, **Susan** missed but she watches Netflix, **Dawna** will miss July because she will be spoiling her grandbaby on the mainland, and me who knows?

Ladies please join us for a fun time on **July 21st at the Kahili Restaurant** at the Golf Course in Waikapu.

P.S.
Cheryl is missing from these photos... because she was taking them!
Mahalo, Cheryl.



A Summer Day In the life of Iao Preschool

(photos by Pastor Tino)





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Dusk on the church campus, one evening at the end of June...

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Preschool Director	Flerida Iniba
Choir Director & Pianist	Karyn Sarring

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

T-Shirt Order Form



*Fund Raiser in Support of our
lao UCC Youth Family*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, ST, Zip Code: _____

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Qty	Men/Women T-Shirt	Color of T-shirt (White/Pink/Light Blue)	Size	Price (\$20 per)

Order Form Due by Sunday, August 20th Total Due Now: _____

Make all checks/money order payable to: lao UCC

Thank you for your support of our lao UCC Youth