

Iao Pepa

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A Monthly Newsletter of Iao United Church of Christ

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July 2018

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

This month I find myself remembering back a year ago with all the events being planned. The anticipation of the Mid-Year review, County Fair, upcoming Stewardship drive, the added Church Bazaar and so much more. We’ve been here before Iao; this time, I’m a bit more prepared with such anticipation and excitement because I know what Iao is capable of when *everyone* works together as a whole community. Therefore, I believe it is vital that those who have not participated in the enormity of the work it takes to get these events done, that we start learning the ropes to not only plan these events but seeing them through to the end. If new people do not begin to take on more of the responsibility, people will burn out and we will not have these important fundraising events in the future. Here is where we must ALL inspire our youth and teach them, but also learn from them.

So many things have happened from a month ago at Iao. We are now working on a partnership with “The Talent Search Program” from UH-Maui to enhance our afterschool tutoring program. The name of the afterschool program has been changed to “The Lillian Maeda Learning Center.” Because of the many contributions from so many, we were able to give the very first Lillian Maeda Scholarships to two well deserving individuals, Samantha Hill (middle photo) and Tim Greathouse (bottom photo) for their great academic achievements.

The Council, with the recommendations of the Witnessing/Reconciling and Outreach Community, has also agreed to proceed in becoming a “Blue Zones” church. This means that we will all strive to eat a bit healthier, exercise regularly, become eco-friendlier in our recycling and hopefully, we’ll be able to transition all our lighting to LED. There is so much more that we can do to reduce our carbon footprint as a faith community.

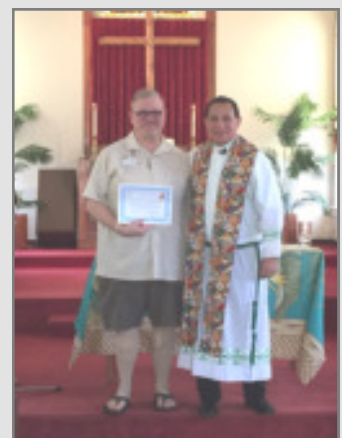
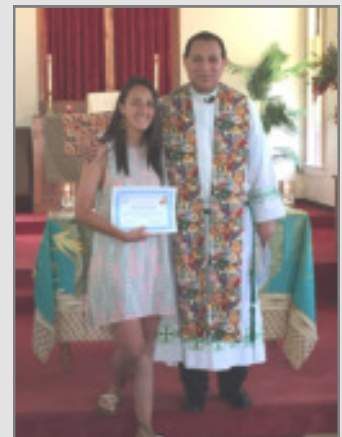
As we continue to move forward on our Pentecostal journey, let us remember what we claim to be our Mission that God has called us to live into as Iao United Church of Christ –

“We are a people of God, living and sharing the love of Christ and reflecting that love in words and actions.”

Thank you, Tim Greathouse, for this wonderful picture (top photo) of our Mission Statement embedded over our beautiful altar. We need to keep embedding these words, our proclaimed mission into our lives and in the life of this beloved church we call Iao UCC, not just in words but through our actions. Being the living *“hands and feet of Christ”* means that we are sent forth to realize our mission to ALL of God’s children, in worship and in our communities.

Above all this, love! For – “We Are Iao UCC!”

Blessings with love and appreciation,
Rev. Tino



July Lectionary

July 1 **6th Sun. after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

Healing Powers

July 8 **7th Sun. after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalm 48

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

Sent With Power

July 15 **8th Sun. after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

God-Inspired Joy

July 22 **9th Sun. after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Psalm 23

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Wherever You Are

July 22 **9th Sun. after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Psalm 145:10-18

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

God's Abundant Presence

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. •



From Pastor Tino's post on the church Facebook Group page: "I am blessed by community. Thank you, Yaeko Sasaki."



*This month's Worship Readers:
David and JayDee.*

July Worship Readers:

David Belew & JayDee Hadley

July Worship Responsibilities*

July 1

Greeter: *Danann Mitchell*

Head Usher: *Daniel Kamidoi*

Usher: *Youlida Yoruw*

Hostess: *Jane Tesoro*

Aloha Hour:

Maybelle Hashizume & Jane Tesoro

July 8

Aloha Hour:

Lee Murakami & Lynette Shiroma

July 15

Aloha Hour:

Satsigo Jim & Youlida Yoruw

July 22

Aloha Hour:

Gail Ideue & Jennifer Saito

July 29

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 David Belew
Mabel Kobayashi
- 7/7 Lee Yamamoto
- 7/11 Howard Ikeda
Katherine Tanaka
- 7/13 Jack Yoruw
- 7/14 Richard Carr, Sr.
- 7/15 Katsumi Tadakuma
- 7/16 Sepehana Hadley
- 7/17 Jackie Murai
- 7/18 Lei Ansai
- 7/20 Shirley Takitani
Kahulu Nunokawa
Hulukoa Nunokawa
- 7/22 Brittley Case
- 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.

On the Blessings of Being a Reader of Scripture

*"I can do all things through Christ
who strengthens me."*
Philippians 4:13

When asked if I would like to be a reader during worship, I hesitantly said YES. I wanted to serve the Lord but I had a fear of public speaking. I knew that I wanted to do this so I was determined to work through it somehow. I prayed diligently about it and the day came that it was my turn. I was so nervous at first that I had a hard time focusing. I prayed again and remembered that "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Phil 4:13). Week after week, I felt so moved and inspired by the readings and the responses that I received from the congregation. So many people came up to me and said "You're doing a Great Job", etc.

I felt that God was truly using me as a vessel to share the words!!! I am truly blessed to be part of such an awesome and accepting Ohana, here at Iao UCC. It was through my God guided acceptance of this opportunity and the positive feedback from other members that I was able to overcome one of my fears. I look forward to sharing the readings in the upcoming worships.

**Grateful Member of Iao UCC,
Shannon Furomoto**

Upcoming Noteworthy Events for your Calendar

Saturday, July 7

Harbor Cleanup w/ Micronesian Comm.

9:00 a.m. (Kahului Harbor breakwall)

Sunday, July 8

Stewarding Community

11:00 a.m. (Fujitomo Hall)

Friday, July 13

Ladies' Lunch Bunch

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Sunday, July 15

Worshiping Community

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

Monday, July 16

Maui Fair Committee

5:30 p.m. (Fujitomo Hall)

Friday, July 20

Iao Preschool Graduation

6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary & Watanabe Hall)

Sunday, July 22

SEMI-ANNUAL CONG'L. MEETING

10:30 a.m., after church service

Wednesday, June 27

COUNCIL

5:30 p.m. (Fujitomo Hall)

Sunday, July 29

Witnessing/Reconciling & Outreach Community

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

IAO UCC BAZAAR 2018

*The church will once again have its Annual Bazaar
which will take place this year on*

Saturday, August 4th, from 8 am to 1 p.m.

*Please plan on contributing bazaar items and bringing them
to Kanda Hall during the month of July.*

Tim's Mana'o



*Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ!*

Taking the role of Moderator has provided me with great learning opportunities and tremendous spiritual growth. Iao UCC has never ceased to amaze me for many years.

This month I am proud to report that we are working on becoming a Blue Zones Hawaii Church as a commitment to being a healthier community.

I am also proud to announce partnering with the University of Hawaii Maui College Education Talent Search Program to provide additional academic supports for after school tutoring in the Lillian Maeda Learning Center.

The following are some of the activities on our campus:

- July 11: Finance Committee Meeting
- July 20: Iao Preschool Graduation
- July 22: Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
- July 25: Council Meeting

Lastly I would like to thank the Buildings and Grounds Community, the Endowment Committee, the Fair Committee, Iao Preschool Team, Learning Community, Maui Kosrae Etawi, Micronesian Ministry, Pastoral Care Committee, Stewarding Committee, Witness/Reconciling & Outreach Community, Worshipping Community, Members of the Council and our very good Office Staff for making Iao UCC an enjoyable place to worship.

Watching God Work,
Tim Stewart, Moderator

Editor: the photo above is of Tim and his family (Sanoë, Anela and Alex) at a recent vacation on O'ahu; taken from Anela's Facebook page. Mahalo, Anela! :-)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Iao UCC's Annual Bazaar

Friday, August 3 – 6 to 8 p.m.
Saturday, August 4– 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Rummage-Sale

{ clothing, shoes, sporting goods, kitchenware,
furniture, household goods, plants, etc. }

Silent Auction

Food Items

Non-Profit Org. Tables

Please bring your donations of
rummage sale items to Kanda Hall
on any day this month.

If Kanda Hall is closed, leave your
items on the lanai and someone will
take them inside at the end
of the day. Mahalo!

CELEBRATION

Iao Preschool Graduation 2018

Friday, July 20 – 6:30 p.m.
At the Church Sanctuary
Reception to follow, at Watanabe Hall



Come join the Iao Preschool
Teachers, Staff, Students and Parents
as they celebrate graduation!



REMINDERS

A Hiroshima/Nagasaki Remembrance
Okinawan Cultural Center - Sunday Aug 5th - 5:15 pm

The Threat of Nuclear War - and what we can do to prevent it

Bill Durston, MD, is a board-certified emergency physician and a community activist with special interests in issues of social justice, preservation of the environment, universal access to necessary medical care, and violence prevention, from gun violence to nuclear war. Bill co-founded the Sacramento Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility in 2003 and has served both as president of PISO (Sacramento) and as a member of the national PISO Board of Directors, the U.S. affiliate of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize winning International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. He is co-founder and current president of the national organization Americans Against Gun Violence.

Come early to make original cranes from 4:30pm
5:15 pm program - Maui Talkie
Speaker: Bill Durston, MD
Kalo Music - Interfaith Peace Prayers
7:00 pm: Tea / refreshments
Walt / Talk Story
Free - Public Welcome
*688 National Place, Wailuku
(across from McDonalds, Eha St.)

Sponsored by the Hiroshima/Nagasaki Remembrance Committee, the Honolulu Judo Mission, the United Church of Christ, Okinawa Kosei Kai, Maui Seniors for Peace, and Maui Peace Action.

Uncle David Murata wants to remind everyone of the annual **Hiroshima/Nagasaki Remembrance** event, which Iao UCC always participates in. This year, it will be at the Okinawan Cultural Center in Paukukalo, at 608 Nukuwai Place (across from McDonalds on Eha St.) on Sunday, August 5th, at 5:15 p.m.

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY MEETING AND TRAINING:

"KNOW YOUR RIGHTS"

"SINAI OM PUNG" "JELA JIMWE EO AM"

"ETUH SUWOS LOM" "CONOCE TUS DERECHOS"

When: Thursday, July 26, 2018
Time: 5 - 7pm
Where: Malama I Ke Ola Health Center
1881 Nani Street, Wailuku, HI 96793

- ✓ Learn about your civil rights
- ✓ Learn about immigration rights and deportation
- ✓ Learn how to make an **Ohana Resource Kit** to organize your important documents and keep them safe
- ✓ Learn how to ask for help and where to get help
- ✓ Speak with attorneys about your questions

Dina Shek: Medical-Legal Partnership Hawaii
Kevin Block: Maui Immigration Law
Mateo Caballero: Legal Director, ACLU Hawaii

Free* *Light Pupus served* *Family 'GRAB N GO' binders to the first 25 participants

Maui immigration attorney Kevin Block would like to invite members of our Micronesian community to a community meeting and training concerning immigration rights. It will be at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 26th, at the Malama I Ke Ola Heal Center in Wailuku.

Iao UCC in the wider community...

Micronesian Ministry News

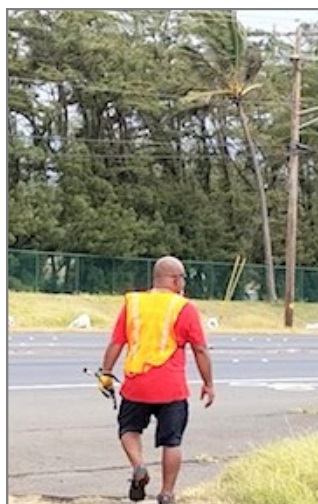
by David Murata

On Saturday, July 7th sixteen people turned out for the “Micronesian Giving Back to the Community” project to clean up of the highway and beach of Kahului Harbor.

Turnout of participants was less than the usual, possibly due to the wet and rainy weather. Volunteers who worked in periods of wet weather included Pastor Tino, Kosraens, Yapese, and Marshallese who came at 9:00 a.m and worked at the cleanup until 12:00 noon.

This activity sponsored by Iao UCC’s Micronesian Ministry team is to provide opportunity for Micronesians settling on Maui to share in community efforts to care for the land. One last cleanup in 2018 is scheduled for Saturday, November 3, and will be on the same site (Kahului Harbor) and same time (9 a.m. to noon).

All members of Iao UCC are invited to participate in this project.



Letter sent to the *Maui News* (Community News section)

July, 2018

Beloved Community of Maui:

I have been here for over a year now on this beautiful Island of Maui. As the newly installed Pastor of Iao United Church of Christ and in living into our Mission, I have been encouraging our faith community to reach out to the wider community and make contributions in many creative ways. On Saturday, July 7th, in partnership with the Micronesian, Kosraean, Yapese, and many other Communities, we joined together to pick up rubbish by the Harbor.

Being my first time doing this, I was deeply disappointed in the amount of rubbish found by the roadside. I would assume that the default may be to blame the “homeless” but I would guess that homeless individuals will not likely use what little money they have to purchase fireworks. Yes, many are to blame for a lot of the rubbish left behind on our beaches. But the fireworks that were just left lying around at the harbor I would guess was not left there by homeless individuals.

Native American, Chief Seattle once wrote: “You must teach your children that the ground beneath their feet is the ashes of your grandfathers. So that they will respect the land, tell your children that the earth is rich with the lives of our kin. Teach your children what we have taught our children, that the earth is our mother. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons of the earth. If men spit upon the ground, they spit upon themselves.”

What are we teaching our children today if we are so callous in how we treat our earth mother with rubbish and carelessness? If we are so willing to treat earth mother with such disrespect and contempt, what does it say on how we treat one another? The Island of Maui did not look so beautiful on Saturday, July 7th as we picked up rubbish from the roadside that never should have gotten there. I learned from my drill instructors in the Army many years ago as we were picking up garbage from around our barracks – “if it doesn’t grow – it’s gotta go!” Please community, if we make the claim that our Island of Maui is “beautiful” – then let us all pitch in and make it so. If you see rubbish, if it doesn’t grow – then it’s gotta go.

Blessings,
Rev. Tino Cordova, Pastor

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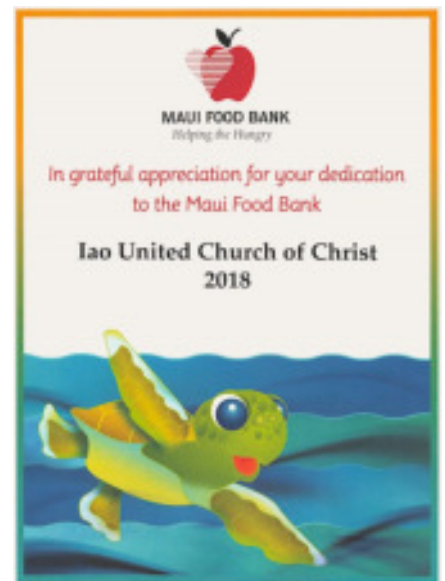
Larry Manning singing at the church service on July 1; he beautifully sang "Blessed, Broken and Given," eliciting much admiration on various folks' FB pages.

(Photo by Carolyn Kamidoi)

"I am watching a video right now of a very hateful street preacher yelling at your church. I loved your response of bringing them water and showing that even in their hate, you still showed love. This is the part of Christianity I miss. I am an atheist now so I see a lot of the hate from Christians like the ones shouting at your church.

I just wanted to thank you for being a reminder that the love still exists. That was the best response. It is the best way to respond to hate. More hate only feeds them. Thank you. I hope your church does well."

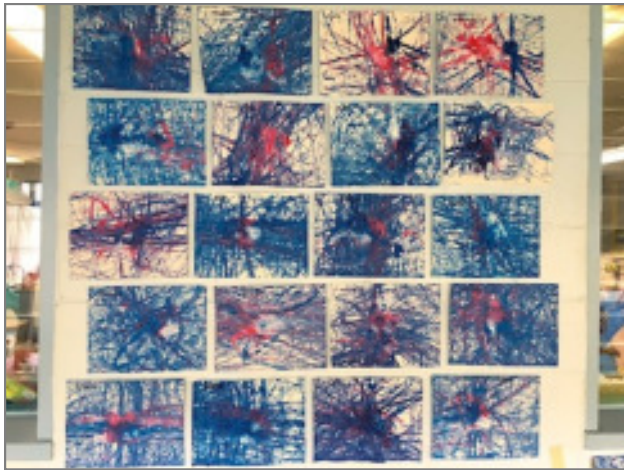
Many of you will recall an incident on November of last year, when church service was disrupted one Sunday morning by "protesters" on the street by the upper parking lot. The quote above is from an e-mail I received on July 11th, from someone named **Andy Slater**. Andy gave me permission to quote and print this in our newsletter. You can e-mail Andy at empathelist@gmail.com if you would like to respond to his kind note.



The Maui Food Bank sent us this certificate of appreciation, for all the food donations that church members have given, over the last quarter. Please continue your generous sharing



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Artwork by children at Iao Preschool; at Watanabe Hall...

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You are always welcome at Iao UCC.