

Iao Pepa

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A Monthly Newsletter of Iao United Church of Christ

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March 2018

Blessings from Pastor Tino | *"We Can Walk On Water"*

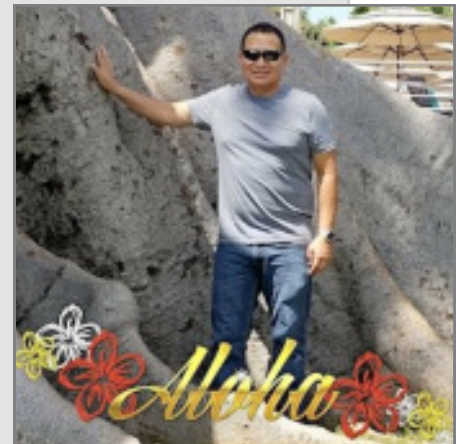
I pray and hope that my beloved Iao, family, friends, Ohana, familia are having a spirit-filled Lenten journey. Do you remember where you were on March 1st, 2017? I began as your settled Pastor a year ago and hit the ground running with Ash Wednesday service at our sister church – Wailuku Union. CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT? It's been one year ALREADY! WOW! Happy Anniversary Iao UCC! What an amazing year it has been and what a journey. Can you see where God has been working in our church throughout the year – and where we have been transformed as well? Rong Chao and I would like to once again, say Thank You for your call and your great hospitality that you have shown us throughout this 1st year together.

As I reflect on this first year, I am humbled and inspired to be the Pastor of a church that seeks to focus on what God is calling us to be and become. A futuristic church that walks by faith into the unknown, holding each other up, encouraging one another – knowing that God shall provide for our every need. I thank you for your prayers and encouragement, and I ask you to keep me accountable for my self-care. As an extrovert, I sometimes forget to take some time off as I get caught up on all the ministries and functions of the church – which is somewhat typical of a new pastor. I tend to get excited when I see God's hands working within the communities and ministries of Iao and forget that my body can only handle so much for so long. So, thank you for making sure I take some time off for prayer, reflection and rest.

This year has been surprisingly a year of growth for us. We brought in 7 new members, which usually doesn't happen within the first year of a new pastor. We now have about 10 more people that will be brought into our Iao family on Easter Sunday. This is all YOU Iao UCC – growth happens when you live out the gospel in our communities. Growth happens because of who we are as a church that takes pride in its hospitality and welcoming all who come into our sacred space. We must continue to live out our call and allow God to work through the hearts of those in our community – where they see Iao UCC as a beacon of hope, love and acceptance of ALL people.

As we continue our Lenten journey, keep unclogging that communication line between us and God and letting go of all the worldly garbage we do not need. Let us keep each other in our prayers as we move forward towards another exciting year together. This Lenten focus is to accept Jesus' invitation into a Holy Place from within each of us and to clean out all the worldly garbage that we have been accumulating from this past year that is unnecessary.

I love you, Iao UCC!
Pastor Tino



Tino posted this "postcard-selfie" on his Facebook page. He took it during the Clergy Retreat he attended in Kona in early March.

March Lectionary

Mar 4 **3rd Sunday in Lent**

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

Beautiful Law

Mar 11 **4th Sunday in Lent**

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

No Matter What

Mar 18 **5th Sunday in Lent**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-23

Deep in Our Hearts

Mar 25 **Palm/Passion Sunday**

Mark 11:1-11

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Philippians 2:5-11

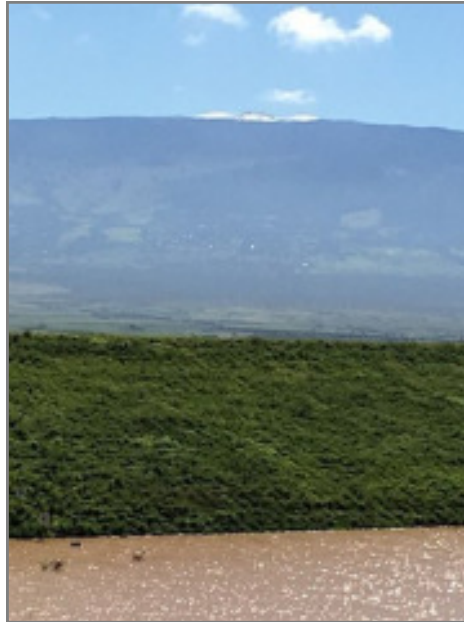
Mark 14:1-15:47

Into Jerusalem

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 towering column of light appeared above Wailuku town and Iao Valley one recent dusk.



A snow cap appeared on Haleakala Volcano a couple of weeks ago. Photo is from somewhere in Wailuku, by a water catchment pond.

March Worship Readers:

Lee Murakami & Jack Yoruw

Mar. Worship Responsibilities*

Mar. 4

Greeter: *Jane Tesoro*

Head Usher: *Paul Tonnessen*

Usher: *Katherine Hashiro*

Hostess: *Sanoë Awai*

Aloha Hour:

Shannon Furomoto & Jaime Ribao

Mar. 11

Aloha Hour:

Avis Wong

Mar. 18

Aloha Hour:

Jane Akitake & Anna Mayeda

Mar. 25

Aloha Hour:

Maui Kosrae Etawi

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

March Birthdays

- 3/4 Robyn Webb
- 3/6 Kimiko Tadakuma
Susan Lord
Lloyd Nebres
- 3/9 Roxanna Hamaku
Kameron Boro
- 3/10 Judith Kitagawa
Richard Komo
- 3/12 Grace Murata
- 3/13 Gail Ideue
- 3/14 Robert Hill
- 3/17 Yaeko Furukawa
- 3/18 Gladys Itamura
- 3/20 Larry Whitford
- 3/21 Sonny Yoruw
- 3/24 Danann Mitchell
- 3/25 David Murata
- 3/25 Domisiano Defang
- 3/30 Leora Murakami
- 3/31 Molly Murai

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.

Hiroshima/Nagasaki Remembrance Meeting

By David Murata

The Hiroshima/Nagasaki Remembrance Committee met on February 26, 2018 in preparation for events for 2018.

Iao UCC is a partner in this Maui community ecumenical group whose mission is to prevent nuclear proliferation.

The group was started several decades ago by a member of our church, Takako Dickenson who is now living in Washington, DC, but Iao UCC continues to be a “partner church” supporting this ecumenical Peace and Justice effort.

Actions taken at this meeting:

- Set August 5, 2018 for the annual remembrance event.
- Use the Okinawa Cultural Center as site for event.
- Approve having Dr. Bill Durston of CA as keynote speaker.
- Guest speaker consideration: Nainoa Thompson, navigator of Hokule’a.
- Fund raising: Consideration of contacting potential donors.
- After-program snack: Ask Marshallese church. (Note: Former Iao UCC member Lillian Maeda yearly supplied green tea drink).

Related events:

In June/July 2018 the ship *The Golden Rule*, crewed by Veterans for Peace, is scheduled to visit Hawaii. In 1958 the original *The Golden Rule* attempted to stop nuclear testing to contaminate our atmosphere. There will be events held on Maui and it will be a time to publicize our upcoming August 5 event.

Upcoming Noteworthy Events for your Calendar

Sunday, March 4

Stewarding Community

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

Sunday, March 11

Witnessing/Reconciling Communities

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

Sunday, March 11 & 18

New Member Classes #s 1 & 2

11 a.m. (Fujitomo Hall)

Thursday, March 5

Finance Committee

6:00 p.m. (Fujitomo Hall)

Friday, March 16

Ladies' Lunch Bunch

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Sunday, March 18

Worshiping Community

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

Saturday, March 24

Whale Watch w/ Pac. Whale Fdtn.

2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (see page 5)

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday service

9:30 p.m., at the sanctuary

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday service

6 p.m., joint service at Wailuku Union Church

Friday, March 30

Good Friday service

7 p.m., joint service at Iao UCC

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)

A Church-Wide Initiative Through Bible Study

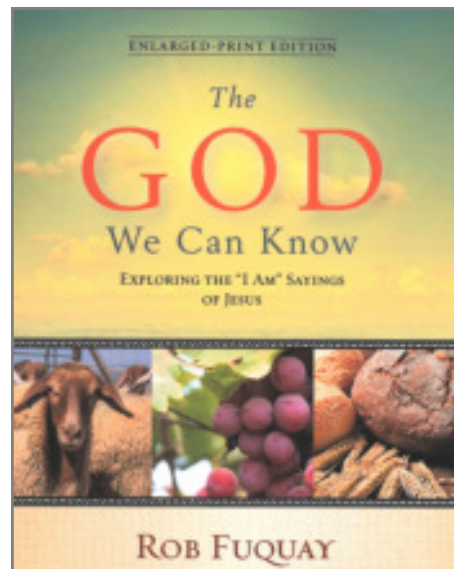
by Pastor Tino

Beloved community, as we begin to prepare ourselves spiritually for the season of Lent and Easter, I thought it would be great for us to study the “I am” statements of Jesus. As we explore the “I Am” statements that Jesus takes onto himself, how then do we turn those statements onto ourselves and as a church. I believe that after exploring these statements, we will see why “WE ARE IAO UCC.”

For this Bible Study series, we will be using a 7-week study guide by Rob Fuquay, titled “*The God We Can Know*.”

The study guide costs \$10, and we have 10 scholarships available. The introductory session is scheduled on Sunday, April 8th, at 11 a.m. You can sign up using the sign-up sheet in the sanctuary or call Lloyd at the office, 244-7353.

Sundays—11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
on the dates below
(Sessions held in the church sanctuary)



<u>First Half</u>	<u>Second Half</u>
April 8th—Introduction	August 12th—Session 4 <i>“I Am the True Vine”</i>
April 22nd—Session 1 <i>“I Am the Bread of Life”</i>	September 9th—Session 5 <i>“I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life”</i>
May 27th—Session 2 <i>“I Am the Light of the World”</i>	October 14th—Session 6 <i>“I Am the Resurrection and the Life”</i>
June 10th—Session 3 <i>“I Am the Good Shepherd”</i>	



A Whale Watch Fundraiser* for Iao United Church of Christ

{ * For much-needed improvements and repairs to the church campus, buildings and grounds. }

WHAT A chartered 2-hour Whale Watch sponsored by the Pacific Whale Foundation

WHEN Saturday, March 24, 2018
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
(check-in time: 1:15 p.m.)

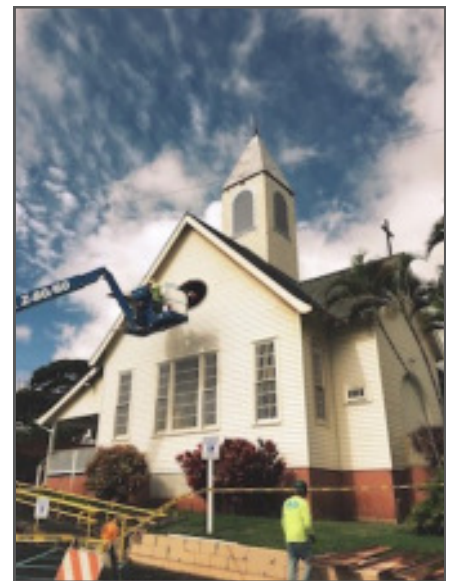
WHERE Ma‘alaea Boat Harbor
(check-in at the PWF Ocean Store)

COST \$ 50 (adult)
\$ 30 (youth 18-under)

Check payable to “Iao UCC”
Mailed to: Iao United Church of Christ
2371 W. Vineyard Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

Or purchase online at: iaoucc.org/giving.html

NOTE If you are unable to join us that day but would still like to donate to Iao UCC’s Fundraiser—please do so! We would be very happy to provide your ticket/s for one of our youth or anyone else who might not otherwise be able to afford the excursion.



March 5, 2018

Article for *Iao Pepa*

Submitted by: Youlida Yoruw with pictures of event;
David Murata with written report

Subject: *Community Cleanup By Micronesians*
Heading: **Micronesians Join Community Clean-Up**

Malama Maui Nui, the Maui organization that spearheads the effort to keep our County clean sponsored the March 3, 2018 “A Day Of Community” held at the Leisure Estate Park (next to Waihee Golf Club), Waihee. The Maui News reports that there were about 100 volunteers who showed up for the annual spring cleanup event.

Among those who assisted in this environmental care event were Micronesians living on Maui who volunteered in this community service which was coordinated by the Iao UCC Micronesian ministry.

The purpose of involving Micronesians is to show people on Maui that the newest immigrant settlers on Maui are part of the community and are willing to care for the land where they have settled. Iao UCC’s Micronesian Ministry provides volunteers with T-shirts printed with the words “Micronesians” on the front, and “Thank You Maui” on the back.

The Micronesian cleanup event is usually held along the Kahului Harbor beach roadway. Plans for 2018 is for quarterly volunteer events.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																			
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Members of the rejuvenated Witnessing & Reconciling Community, after their meeting on Sun., March 11th — fr. left: Youlida Yoruw, Jaime Ribao, Shannon Fuomoto, Jane Tesoro, Lee Murakami, David Murata, Rev. Tino (member not pictured: Consuelo Celestine; photo by Katherine Hashiro).

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Choir Director & Pianist	Karyn Sarring

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