

Iao Pepa

Na Makani

A Monthly Newsletter of Iao United Church of Christ

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March 2019

Blessings from Pastor Tino | *“Focused on the Future”*

Are we ready Iao Church? Ready or not, here comes Lent! I'm excited about the Lenten Liturgy for this year for its reflective, meditative and “inward center” focus. For this reason, we have decided to give it a go with an Inter-faith Candlelight Prayer & Worship – Taizé style. Imagine with me, watching and listening to a group of 100 monks from around the world chanting devotional songs to Christ in Taizé, France. My first week in seminary was when I experienced this form of worship. Many of the new seminary students gathered with the community of New Spirit Church on campus and I were in awe, hearing our fellow seminarians – it felt like I was hearing the voices of angels singing which, for me, was an affirmation that I was at the right place.

This season of Lent, Iao UCC wishes to bring a similar experience into our sacred space. Beginning on March 14th and every Thursday up to April 11 at 7:30pm, we will bring this same type of worship with some modifications. You can go to YouTube and search for Taizé music to get a glimpse of what this form of devotional worship looks and feels like.



As we enter our Lenten journey, I encourage us to really reflect on our walk with Christ. Reflect our journey to our own cross that bears our griefs, sorrows, pain, but as Rob Fuquay mentions in his Bible Study Handbook “The God We Can Know – Exploring The ‘I Am’ Sayings of Jesus,” this journey is not a “staying” place, but only a “stopping” one. Beloved Community, there is resurrection after the cross, there is hope, there is life, but we cannot get away from the journey itself. We must continue to lean on one another in times of trials. We must be willing to walk across fields like Christ to bring comfort to the afflicted. When we find ourselves worn and tired – let us enter into a time of solace, meditation and prayer with the Holy Spirit.

This month let us also hold our brothers and sisters of The United Methodist Church denomination in our prayers. Many are hurting, wounded, or possibly even angry at the stance the denomination took at their recent conference gathering against their LGBTQ+ members and clergy. I am reminded of this quote from their founder – to ‘pray without ceasing’ – in which we should hold near our hearts which goes beyond doctrine:

“God's command to ‘pray without ceasing’ is founded on the necessity we have of his grace to preserve the life of God in the soul, which can no more subsist one moment without it, than the body can without air.” ~ John Wesley

We hold a sacred space for you, we may not have all the answers, but we have a listening ear and two shoulders to lean on. As you rejoin your communities, may each of you find comfort and peace during this most difficult time. We at Iao United Church of Christ pray that the wings of angels surround you and bring you comfort on this Lenten journey.

In all things – Trust in God.

Blessings with love and appreciation,
Pastor Tino

[Editor's note: the photo above—Pastor Shrew Mongkeya of the Kosrae Etawi, Pastor Tino, Shannon Ribao and Youlda Yoruw—is of Iao UCC's delegation to the Hawaii Conference UCC's Church Leader's Event held on Saturday, Feb. 23rd at Nu'uaniu Congregational Church on O'ahu.]

March Lectionary

Mar. 3 **Last Sun. after Epiphany**

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36

Astounding Glory

Mar. 10 **First Sunday of Lent**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

Wilderness Companions

Mar. 17 **Second Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

Strong and Tender

Mar. 24 **Third Sunday of Lent**

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

Open Invitation

Mar. 31 **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Embracing Love

The lesson in **bold** is the focus of both the message of the day and any Sunday School lesson; the italicized title is the theme for the Sunday service. •



Last month's *Ladies' Lunch Bunch*: Dawna Krueger, Heide Israel, Joy Yamane, Jan Saiki, and Maybelle Hashizume



Maeda Tutoring Program student Jeralyn Tamaq proudly shared with tutors her Certificate of Recognition as "Wildcat of the Month" at Wailuku Elementary School.

Mar. Worship Responsibilities*

Readers

Sharon Sigrah & Jane Tesoro

March 3

Greeter: Youlida Yoruw

Head Usher: Rena Hayashi

Usher: Sonny Yoruw

Hostess: Jan Saiki

Aloha Hour:

Sanoë Awai, Susan King
& Dawna Krueger

March 10

Aloha Hour:

Jan Saiki & Betsy Scheller

March 17

Aloha Hour:

Maybelle Hashizume & Jane Tesoro

March 24

Aloha Hour:

Mike Takamatsu & Joy Yamane

March 31

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.

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



Hope all is well in your world!

I look forward to our journey together toward the great feast of Easter! One major element that stands out in March is Lent. Lent is the forty day period before Easter, excluding Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday.

From a moderator's perspective, Lent focuses on the suffering and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ as we get ready to embrace the good news of the Resurrection. I had been taught that Christ saved us through an act of suffering. He bore in his own person the weight of our sin and died for us on the cross. This led to being raised to suffer out of love by giving something up for Lent.

This is a time for us to make personal sacrifices. During this time we should remember the sacrifices Jesus made as he moved toward Jerusalem. "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time." (1 Peter 5:6)

During my time as a member of Iao UCC, I have learned that other faiths have fasting traditions. For example the month-long fast of Ramadan practiced by Muslims and the 25 hours of fasting practiced by the Jewish people during the time of Yom Kippur. I've come to accept that my Lenten practices have changed. It's been a while since I've given something up for Lent.

*"Every moment of every day, every situation,
every person we encounter is an opportunity
to become a better version of ourselves."
~ Matthew Kelly, Resisting Happiness*

I wanted to thank the Congregation for being part of this spiritual journey that has and will transform us.

As always,
Timothy Stewart, Moderator

Ed.: Photo above is the "Moderator's Family Pic," which I took on the day of the Preschool Fun Fair, Sat. Feb. 23rd. ~ Lloyd

Upcoming Noteworthy Events

Wednesday, March 6

Ash Wednesday Joint Service

(with Ka'ahumanu Ch. And Wailuku Union Ch.)
7 p.m. at Iao UCC

Sunday, March 10

Stewarding Community

11 a.m. (Kanda Hall)

Wednesday, March 13

Finance Community

5:30 p.m. (Fujitomo Hall)

Friday, March 15

Ladies' Lunch Bunch

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Sunday, March 17

Worshipping Community

11 a.m. (Kanda Hall)

Wednesday, March 27

COUNCIL

5:30 p.m. (Fujitomo Hall)

Saturday, March 30

**Maui Memorial Park & Iao UCC
Endowment Fund Presentations**

9:00 a.m. (Kanda Hall)

Saturday, April 13

All-Church Cleanup

8:00 a.m., Church Campus

Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday Service

9:30 a.m., Iao UCC Sanctuary

Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday Service

(with Ka'ahumanu and WUC)
7 p.m., at Ka'ahumanu Church

Friday, April 19

Good Friday Interfaith Service

7 p.m., Iao UCC Sanctuary

Sunday, April 21

Easter Sunday

6 a.m., Joint Sunrise Service at Ka'ahumanu Church
8 a.m., Youth Breakfast (Kanda Hall)
9:30 a.m., Easter Worship Service



Iao UCC is holding a series of
**Interfaith Candlelight Prayer
& Worship/Taizé style**

services on five Thursday evenings,
from March 14th thru April 11th.

THURSDAYS

March 14

March 21

March 28

April 4

April 11

7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The services will start at 7:30 p.m. and take place at our church sanctuary. Our ecumenical leaders will include **Pastor Tino** and **Rev. John Tomoso** of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, and perhaps other local clergy as well.

A *Taizé* worship service involves sung and chanted prayers, periods of silent meditation, and liturgical or other readings.

Iao UCC's variation of the service will include a station for the sacrament of Communion, prayer offering, and candle lighting.

This meditative service is based on the tradition of an ecumenical community of monks in Taizé, France—with a strong devotion to peace and justice as achieved through prayer and meditation. The 100-strong community of monks is drawn from individuals from some 30 countries around the world.

We invite you to join us in this special worship service series as part of our Lenten journey .

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From Dawna Krueger and the Worshiping Community:
Easter Egg Hunt Items Needed!

The Lord has risen—He is risen indeed! As Easter approaches, Rev. Tino has a number of services that will make for an unforgettable Lenten season and a joyous Easter morning. As we take in all of this, we also want to make it special for our *keiki*. If you might be able to help supply items for the Easter egg hunt that will follow our Easter Sunday Worship Service (Apr. 21st), that would be helpful!

Children are encouraged to bring their empty Easter Basket/bag or any container for putting their gathered plastic eggs in. They will then redeem their eggs for surprise gifts in Kanda Hall. The older youth will be the #1 Bunnies for this event.

A few ideas for these surprises (but not limited to these): individually wrapped/packaged crackers, cookies, cheese, small toys (I will be ordering these if you would like to help with cost) bookmarks, blowing bubbles. We have an exciting hurdle here—we are growing and the budget doesn't quite cover the amounts we need. *Mahalo* and God's blessings to you!

Please see me after church, or phone me at 242-5076
or email dkrueger1@hawaii.rr.com



These photos of church youth are from Easter Sundays in years past.



Lenten Services 2019

Ka'ahumanu Church, Wailuku Union Church & Iao UCC

Interfaith Candlelight Prayer & Worship/Taizé style

Iao UCC — 7:30 p.m.
on 5 Thursday evenings:
March 14, 21 & 28, April 4 & 11

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 14

Iao UCC — 9:30 a.m.
Ka'ahumanu Church — 9 a.m.
Wailuku Union Church — 9 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 18

Joint Service, all 3 churches:
7 p.m. @ Ka'ahumanu Church

Good Friday, April 19

Wailuku Union Church — 12 noon
Interfaith Service at Iao UCC — 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 21

Joint Sunrise Service, all 3 churches:
6 a.m. @ Ka'ahumanu Church

Easter worship services:

Iao UCC — 9:30 a.m.
Ka'ahumanu Church — 9 a.m.
Wailuku Union Church — 9 a.m.



It's been about three weeks as newlyweds and it feels like only yesterday that we shared in our epic wedding ceremony at Iao UCC. It was everything we had hoped for and more. In reflection and with much gratitude we would like to take this time to spread a blanket of *Mahalos* to our Iao UCC Ohana. This day would not have been possible without all of you.

We would like to say MAHALO for the wonderful pre-wedding potluck that was given in our honor on Sunday, Feb 3, 2019. We would also like to give a great big THANK YOU to Pastor Tino for performing our beautiful wedding ceremony on February 9, 2019. To Lloyd for making our gorgeous wedding bulletins, for working the projector at our ceremony & for the countless things you do behind the scenes. To Karyn for blessing us with your amazing music & vocals during our ceremony. And to our Iao UCC family who attended in person and/or in spirit, and for the ongoing support and outpouring of love that has been endless and for which we are so touched and truly grateful.

Thank you all so very much for your heartfelt wishes and lovely gifts. We are truly BLESSED to have been married under God in our beautiful church and to have you all on this wonderful journey with us. We love you all and appreciate you so very much!!

With Our Love & Deepest Gratitude,
Jaime & Shannon Ribao

P.S.: ...all of the photos were taken here at Iao UCC.



Ed.: to view a video that Jaime and Shannon made of their wedding day, go to:

<https://bit.ly/2TejGjf>

(Or, on the church Facebook Group page, scroll down to the entries on March 1st.)

Kanda Hall Chairs Go To Micronesian Churches

By David Murata

When it was announced that the used chairs of Kanda Hall would be available to those who may need chairs, Daniel Hashiro of the B&G Community asked if any of the Micronesian churches we know could use them.

Two churches who were using UCC church facilities were asked if they had need of chairs. Both said it would help in their ministry. The UCC Pohnpei Ministry which shares the facility with Waihee Protestant Church needed chairs for Sunday School students and for when they have fellowship events. The UCC Pohnpei Maui congregation worshipping at the old Haiku UCC Church needed chairs for the worship center and Sunday School and Fellowship.

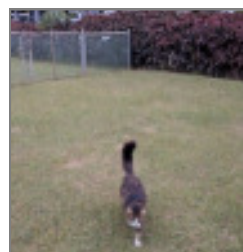
100 of our used chairs were donated to these churches, 50 to each church. As they are still in decent, usable shape, these will be put to very good use by these two congregations.

(Ed.: the photo below shows Uncle David and a parishioner from the Pohnpeian church loading up the chairs from Kanda Hall, one day recently.)



His name was **Harley**.

He was the pet cat of our neighbor across West Vineyard Street, the artist Nur Gibson (one of her watercolor paintings—a gorgeous rendition of the church from back in the day when tall trees were on the upper lawn—graces the church office). If you've been on the church campus with any regularity, you'd have seen this friendly kitty around, for sure. Being as I work here during the week, I sure did... and got to know and love this affectionate, companionable creature.



Harley would come up to anyone who would call him, and nuzzle on one's legs, and then just hang about as if there were no other care in the world. The Preschool kids and teachers got to know him as a 'regular' on the church grounds, as did the Maeda Tutoring students and volunteers. So did the folks who use our church facilities during the week—Maui Choral Arts on Tuesday evenings, Al-Anon on Wednesdays, AA on Saturdays, and many others. Harley basically came to be known as the 'church cat.' Or at any rate, I liked to christen him as such, to inquiring people. :-)

He liked hanging out in the shade under the bushes at the southwest corner of the church sanctuary, the one nearest Kanda Hall. Since Harley was here so often, Nur would stash cat food for him under the steps on the other church corner, near Endo Hall. Although his actual home was across the street at Nur's house, he may as well have lived on the church grounds, so often would he be found here.

Like all outdoor cats, Harley—who was around 7 years old—was street-smart, and had gotten along well enough all these years. But, sadly, that didn't save him one wet and rainy evening, several weeks ago. It was on a Tuesday night, the week of Valentine's. The Maui Choral Arts folks had just concluded their evening's rehearsal. One of the members was driving out of the upper parking lot, when he saw, to his right, a figure on the edge of the roadway. He recognized it as "the church's furry cat." He pulled over, stopped, got out... and saw that Harley was already dead, likely the victim of a fatal, glancing* encounter with a passing car, the driver of which, in the dark and rain would not have been able to easily see Harley. (*"Glancing" because his body was not crushed the way most roadkill is.)

I know all this because that Maui Choral Arts member (I think his name was Mitchell) called the church a couple of weeks later to tell us what had happened. He said he had taken Harley's lifeless body to the Maui Humane Society, where it was buried in their "Forever Garden." The morning of the phone call, I walked across the street to Nur's house to share with her the sad news. We had been wondering where Harley had been, as we hadn't seen him around for those two weeks. Now, we knew, thanks to the chorister, and so are marking Harley's passing as lao UCC's unofficial—but much loved—church cat, on the pages of lao Pepa.

Nur's daughter Brooke Gibson shared the photos above of Harley, via e-mail, in which she wrote: "Thank you for befriending Harley! It's very sad to have lost him, a super special cat and animal friend." Nur herself dropped by the office with a notecard, saying:

**"Fondest aloha & deepest gratitude
to Lloyd and the Chorus singers for their
amazing care in Harley's passing."**



The photo to the right is one I took of Harley, one time when he was eating his food at that southwest nook, which I shall always now know as "Harley's Corner." ~ L. Nebres

Rena:

Good morning — Heide and I would like to share with you the second of the “I am” series. In our bible study, Jesus not only exclaims, “I am the bread of Life” but he also said to his disciples, “I am the light of the world and whosoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” This is from John 8:12. According to Rob Fuquay, pastor and author of our bible study text titled, *The God We Can Know*, when Jesus identifies himself as “I am”, it means he is accessible for all eternity and it is comforting to believe when Jesus said, “I am the light of the world,” we can encounter eternity through Jesus because light is forever. If you take note, light is an important theme in the bible. The bible frequently references the analogy of moving from darkness to light as in the example in Genesis when God said “Let there be light,” when the world was dark. The bible constantly affirms that when God comes into the scene, there is light. Rob Fuquay states that God makes darkness a choice. We don’t have to stay in darkness forever.

With that in mind, Rob Fuquay brings up another perspective and that is, life is always a journey. We never fully arrive in this life. The world is not our final destination. To Jesus, life is a pilgrimage as God reminded the Israelites when they set off to the Promised Land. God wanted them to understand they would still be on a journey for our Promised Land is beyond this world. Our ultimate destination is with God. Therefore, our life in this world is temporary and we experience stopping places, not staying places. There is always hope when you think about life this way. When you find yourself in an unwanted or dark place, you can know that place is not a destination. It’s just a stopping point. God keeps our stopping places from becoming staying places. This is a significant understanding, not just to realize we are always on a journey, but we should ask ourselves, “God, where do you want to lead me?”

Heide:

So, what does it mean to trust Christ as a source of light in our world, in our daily life? Let me share Fuquay’s thoughts with you: On our life’s journey, we are moving forward step by step - sometimes through darkness and sometimes in light. We don’t know our future and what will come next. An example would be the use of a flashlight in a dark place. The flashlight illuminates just a little space in front of us, so that we can see only the next steps. The rest lies in darkness. On our life’s journey Christ will be the source of our light. We trust him to guide us and show us our way forward and at certain milestones it might become necessary to take risks.

Thinking about my own life’s journey I became aware that I had walked long times in the light, but there were also times of darkness. And sometimes I had to take risks to change my journey. The last step into the unknown was my move to Maui. After visiting my daughter and son-in-law several times, I considered to move here. But I was

uncertain, if at my age it would be the right thing to do. After living in Berlin for 40 years I would have to leave everything behind, especially my friends. I would have to begin a completely different life. I prayed a lot for guidance. And after my last visit, it became clear what I had to do and I decided to move to Maui. After living here for over 2 years I feel it was the right step and I believe that it was Christ’s light that has guided me into this decision.



Rena:

One of my “stopping places” and a dark place in my life was when I was told that my father had only two years to live because of a debilitating disease called ALS, which stands for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or Lou Gehrig’s disease. This disease was named after a great baseball player in the 1930s who contracted ALS and died at age 36 at the peak of his career. This disease destroys one’s nervous system and ultimately, muscles around the nervous system cannot function. People die a slow death.

Within the two years, my father lost the use of his two arms and hands and he had difficulty talking and swallowing. He was fed baby food because he couldn’t eat solid foods. Though his journey in life was very dark, he saw the

light. My father was never a churchgoer. In fact, I remember as a young girl, my father would drop me off at church and the people and pastor would notice his fishing pole sticking out the car window. After dropping me off, he would head off to his favorite fishing spot.

However, during his two years of illness and suffering, he became a changed man. He had a glow on his face when he accepted Jesus as his savior and allowed the light of God to shine on him, not just him but on all of us in the family. I remember tender moments when I read passages from the bible at his bedside and holding his hand, praying together. I never felt closer to him than those special moments. He died at an early age of 63, just a year after he retired. Yes, even through the darkness of death, we saw God's light and moved on.

Heide:

The question that came up in our Bible Study Class was: *"How can I be a light in this Church?"* Our church's mission helps me to find the answer. The Mission reads: *"We are a people of God living and sharing the love of Christ and reflecting that love in words and actions."* I think the sense of our mission can be accomplished by being there for other people, by helping them and helping with projects.

Heide about Rena:

A shining example for practicing this mission is my partner Rena's work in our church. I see her light whenever she comes up to the pulpit to inform us of the five major national funds of UCC, to which our members make donations within the year. Rena's mission is to educate us about stewardship and about giving to the 5 national funds. Because of her great dedication in doing this, our church has consistently been recognized as a "5 for 5 Church". That is, we contribute to all five of the national fund every year and in doing so, we support many national and international projects.

Let me tell you a little bit about the great leadership Rena has shown over the years being very generous with her time and talents. She has served as moderator of Iao Church for four years when nobody was willing to take this position. She has also accepted her calling to be vice president of the Tri-Isle Association, known as the *"Aha o na Mokopuni o Maui, Moloka'i a me Lana'I,"* knowing very well that after two years she had to step up to serve as president.

These commitments took a lot of Rena's energy and time. Benefits of this position were that she learned more about the different aspects of the national UCC and made many friends and personal connections. Rena had also taken her leadership outside of the community, especially in her educational career. She had chaired several committees in school and also served as president of the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society, Gamma chapter on Maui. It is amazing how Rena did all this while being moderator of our church at the same time. She truly is a light and shining example of Christian commitment in our church.

Rena about Heide:

For me, I really see the light that my sermon partner, Heide Israel, brings to our church. I have great admiration for her for moving from Germany to a foreign place like Maui. She has assimilated so well to the church and community. Her light shines because she is gracious and has a positive attitude. I can see that she makes the best of her 'stopping places.'

Heide's mission is to help with the Lillian Maeda Tutoring Program. She enjoys helping the children with their homework and seeing their progress. Sometimes, they have to make a great effort and to her, it's good to see how happy they are when they have finally mastered their task. When she watches them, especially the younger kids, she is amazed how alert they are to everything that happens around them. Sometimes they like to talk to her about their daily life or ask her about her life. She likes seeing them interact with each other like a big family and that they feel at home in our church. She prays and hopes that the work she and the other tutors do will make the students' lives easier.

Thinking about the words, "sharing the love of Christ" in our mission statement, it comes to Heide's mind that the monthly "Ladies' Lunch Bunch" group might be an example. Although it is fun to eat lunch with company, the really important thing is the talk, exchanging news about church members and family, telling stories about Old Wailuku, a place and time when most of the ladies were young girls and everybody knew everyone in the little town. Lunch Bunch is also a place to talk about personal issues. Sometimes it helps and might even give consolation just to know that there is somebody listening. They also share opinions on many subjects, asking for advice and getting helpful tips. Heide has learned a lot about Maui over two years and she is grateful that Rita had the good idea to create this group.

How can we be a Light to the church and community?

Lastly, Rev Tino also asked us how we can incorporate what we learned in our bible study into our church's strategic plan. Our idea is if we can firmly believe that life is a journey with stopping places and not staying places, then we need to prevent the state of homelessness and poverty from becoming staying places and allow Jesus to shine his light on these dark stopping places. This can be one of our mission to the community. With Jesus as our light, we can help people move on from their dark stopping places of homelessness, substance abuse and poverty.

And now we leave you with this question, how can you be the light of our church and the community and ask God where do you want God to lead you. At the same time, put your trust and faith in Christ as a source of light in the world.

This was the sermon Heide and Rena gave on **Sunday, January 20th**. It was the 2nd Sunday in the **"I Am"** message series. The other messages will be published in future issues of Iao Pepa.

Scenes from Iao Preschool's 2019 Fun Fair | Feb. 23, 2019



Iao Preschool director Fley Iniba (above left) always work hard in the months and weeks before the Preschool's main fundraiser for the year, preparing for the event, which includes organizing Preschool parents to make many batches of the legendary Chow Fun that the Fun Fair is known for. See the parents in action above.



The garden plants booth is always a hugely popular draw, what with contributions from the verdant upcountry garden of Uncle David and Aunty Grace Murata, and from the Ikedas of Sand Hills. In the middle photo above, Preschool staffer Melanie Patao is delighted to come away with armfuls of Pele's hair (Spanish moss).



The Silent Auction (and a live version at noon) also nets the Preschool a substantial amount, as each student's family brings in at least one donation or item for the auction, in addition to community donations. Preschool tutu Bert Akitake (above left) helps staffer Sarah Belbot manage the silent auction part. The rummage sale (above right) remains another popular aspect of the annual fundraiser, whose proceeds keep Iao Preschool tuition the lowest on Maui, and provides meals (breakfast, lunch, snack) for the entire school year.

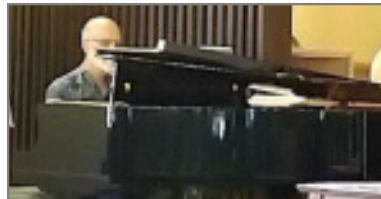
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Iao United Church of Christ

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<div>3</div> <div>1:00 PM Samoan Methodist (S)</div> <div>5:00 PM Maui Kosrae Etawi (S)</div>	<div>4</div> <div>2:00 PM -4:00 PM Maeda Academy (K)</div>	<div>5</div> <div>7:00 PM -8:30 PM Maui Choral Arts</div>	<div>6</div> <div>9:00 AM Al Anon</div> <div>1:30 PM Tutoring (F)</div> <div>7:00 PM Ash Wed. Joint Service</div>	<div>7</div> <div>6:30 AM -8:15 AM Rotary of Maui (Sanctuary)</div> <div>6:15 PM -7:45 PM Choir (S)</div>	<div>8</div> <div>6:00 PM Kosrae Women's Fellowship (S)</div> <div>Pastor's Day Off (Office)</div>	<div>9</div> <div>8:00 AM Samoan Yard Cleanup</div> <div>7:30 PM AA</div> <div>Habitat for</div>
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<div>10</div> <div>11:00 AM Stewarding (F)</div> <div>1:00 PM Samoan Methodist (S)</div> <div>5:00 PM Maui Kosrae Etawi (S)</div>	<div>11</div> <div>2:00 PM -4:00 PM Maeda Academy (K)</div>	<div>12</div> <div>7:00 PM -8:30 PM Maui Choral Arts</div> <div>Support Group Visitation</div>	<div>13</div> <div>9:15 AM Al Anon</div> <div>1:30 PM -4:30 PM Maeda Academy (K)</div> <div>5:30 PM FINANCE (F)</div> <div>6:00 PM Etawi Prayer Fellowship</div>	<div>14</div> <div>6:30 AM -8:15 AM Rotary of Maui (Sanctuary)</div> <div>6:15 PM -7:45 PM Choir (S)</div>	<div>15</div> <div>11:00 AM Ladies Lunch Bunch (Sanctuary)</div> <div>6:00 PM Kosrae Women's Fellowship (S)</div> <div>Pastor's Day Off (Office Open)</div>	<div>16</div> <div>7:30 PM AA</div>
Habitat for Humanity -- Southern Utah University -- staying in Kanda Hall						
<div>17</div> <div>11:00 AM Worshiping (F)</div> <div>1:00 PM Samoan Methodist (S)</div> <div>5:00 PM Maui Kosrae Etawi (S)</div>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div> <div>7:00 PM -8:30 PM Maui Choral Arts</div>	<div>20</div> <div>9:15 AM -10:30 AM Al Anon</div> <div>6:00 PM Etawi Prayer Fellowship (S)</div>	<div>21</div> <div>6:30 AM -8:15 AM Rotary of Maui (K)</div> <div>6:15 PM -7:45 PM Choir (S)</div>	<div>22</div> <div>6:00 PM Kosrae Women's Fellowship (S)</div> <div>Pastor's Day Off (Office Open)</div>	<div>23</div> <div>7:30 PM AA</div>
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<div>31</div> <div>1:00 PM Samoan Methodist (S)</div> <div>5:00 PM Maui Kosrae Etawi (S)</div>	<div>Iao UCC at the Church Leaders Event Feb. 23, 2019</div> <div>(photos below)</div>					



Friends from fellow Tri-Isle Association churches, from left: Debi Higa (Ka'ahumanu Church), Aileen Trout (Lahuikalanani Ka'anapali) and Anela Rosa (Waiola)



Iao UCC's long-time pastor, Jack Belsom, apparently provided piano accompaniment at the service (above). To the right, Shannon Ribao and Pastor Tino taking a selfie at lunch.





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Last month's Support Group, as usual stopping by the office before heading out, to get the Communion elements and the Upper Room.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 A.M.

Pastor	Florentino Cordova
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Choir Director & Pianist	Karyn Sarring
Iao Preschool Director	Flerida Iniba

You are always welcome at Iao UCC.