

Iao Pepa

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A Monthly Newsletter of Iao United Church of Christ

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May 2017

Blessings from Pastor Tino

“Rise Up Church”

Aloha Beloved Ohana,

Every month will be a new month for us together and what I have been experiencing is nothing short of “wow.” I have been deeply moved with the many things that most of you “the church” do not get a chance to see or experience.

From behind the scenes, the planning and logistics that happens in putting together meaningful worship services is not done by the Pastor alone, it is a committed team that keeps this amazing spiritual and holy machine moving forward – all are amazing and dedicated in what they do for us, Lloyd, our Office Administrator, The Worship Team, the beautiful voices of our choir and the hard work by Karyn, and many of you who made it possible to have such a meaningful Holy Week. Joint worships with Pastor Robb of Wailuku Union, Kahu Wayne of Ka’ahmanu Church, Pastor John Tomoso, the Brass Ensemble and many others who contributed to a moving experience.

I have begun the exciting process of representing you out into our wider Maui Community. We are being welcomed with such enthusiasm as we partner with many key agencies to do the hard work that is needed. As I have mentioned to you before, my beloved community, I cannot do this alone, new faces, fresh ideas will need to join in if this outreach is going to have a lasting effect and if we want people to know who, where and what Iao UCC is all about.

As we move forward onto our “Rise Up” Easter Theme, let us remember why we are Iao UCC and what God is calling us to do out in our community. Let us not be afraid of what is to come, but whatever endeavor does come, we move forward together with Christ as our guide and our light. We move in prayer, and trusting in each other. How do we “Rise Up” you might ask, well here are two ministries that come to mind:

- If you are interested in helping with our Sunday School, please see Betsy or Youlida. Sunday school for children at a church is what attracts many families to come and worship with us.
- Another project is our Maui Food Bank container in the sanctuary. As we fill it up, Maui Food Bank will come and pick it up themselves so as you go shopping and are able to pick up an extra can or two of non-perishable items, please help us fill the container as our way of giving back to the wider community. There are plastic bags available near the container for your use.

With thanksgiving and appreciation, I would like to thank Gail our Moderator for her leadership during this time of transition and her willingness to serve until a new settled pastor was onboard. Let us pray with her and for her as she steps down as Moderator and seeks time for some well-deserved self-care. Is God calling you to be our next Moderator – be not afraid!

I pray that the flowers of May bring you joy as you smell the freshness of mother earth.

Blessings with Love & Appreciation,
Rev. Tino Cordova, Pastor

[Editor’s note: the photo is from when Keith and Karen Moody came for a visit during the last week of April.]



May Lectionary

May 7 **4th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

Rural Life Sunday

May 14 **5th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

Mother's Day

May 21 **6th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

Mental Health Sunday

May 28 **7th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

Spirit of Witness

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!

[The photos on this page were taken by Annie Hill and posted on the church's Facebook group page.]

May Worship Readers:

Kayla Bathin

& Dorothy Lester

May Worship Responsibilities*

May 7

Greeter/Usher: *Craig Bode*

Head Usher: *Katherine Hashiro*

Usher: *Lynette Shiroma*

Hostess: *Jane Tesoro*

Aloha Hour:

Yapese Women's Fellowship

May 14

Aloha Hour:

Jane Akitake & Anne Hill

May 21

Aloha Hour:

Lynette Shiroma & Lee Murakami

May 28

Aloha Hour: *Maui Kosrae Etawi*

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

May Birthdays

5/2 Lovinda Mogermed

5/4 Tiana Fernandez

5/5 Maybelle Hashizume

5/7 Alana Fernandez

5/8 Paul Tonnessen

5/9 Anna Mayeda

5/12 Thelma Iwami

5/16 Melissa Goulart

5/20 Michael Kaneshina

5/21 Jane Nakama

5/22 Lyndon Cornelius

5/24 Carissa Yinmed

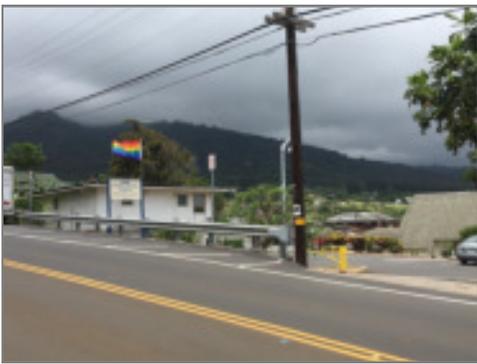
5/28 Zachary Withrow

5/30 Noah Johannes, Jr.

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.



*Some new things on the Iao UCC campus...
...a rainbow flag (above) and a Maui Food Bank container (left) situated at the back of the church sanctuary. Feel free to drop off your spare canned food and other dry foods items!*

On "Earth Day," Iao UCC's Maui Kosrae Etawi joined other Micronesian groups in the Maui community in a cleanup around Kahului Harbor beach road. Kulo, Kosrae Etawi for being such wonderful stewards of God's creation and our shared environment.





Habitat for Humanity college groups on the lao campus, staying at Kanda Hall.

In early May we had a group from Saginaw Valley State in Michigan, who devoted part of their time on island to repainting the Fujitomo Hall office walls and ceiling. (Photos on the left, and above middle, taken by Howard Ikeda.) And in mid-April we had a group from Regis University in Colorado (in red t-shirts, above right). These groups, as well as our friends at Habitat for Humanity Maui, always appreciate staying on campus.

Parishioners traveling to exotic locales #1: The Akitake-Hills, in Scotland, where they arrived on May 11.



Parishioners traveling to exotic locales #2:

The Hashiros and Kamidois in Washington and Oregon in late April and early May. Daughter Erin Hashiro is in the photo far left, which shows the sprawling Columbia River in the background. The promontory was wind-blown, as you can see from their hair. The other picture is of famous Multnomah Falls in Oregon.

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Mangoes from Hisako Sano's orchard, brought in to the church office one day by Hisako's devoted daughter-in-law Gail Ideue.

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Sunday Worship	9:30 A.M.
Pastor	Florentino Cordova
Moderator	Gail Ideue
Church Secretary	Lloyd Nebres
Preschool Director	Flerida Iniba
Choir Director & Pianist	Karyn Sarring

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