

Iao Pepa

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A Monthly Newsletter of Iao United Church of Christ

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October 2017

Blessings from Pastor Tino

“Grow in Faith, Hope, Peace & Love”



Aloha Mi Familia!

Ohhhhhh, did we just make it to October – our seventh month together? As I am doing some reflection, what a busy September it has been for many of us. One thing for sure, I could not have done what you have called me to do as your pastor without the help from many of you, volunteers, Lloyd, Candy, our Council, and all of our Communities. I must say that I am beginning to get a clearer picture of the enormous work Iao UCC does from within – and THE IMPORTANCE OF INSPIRING OUR YOUTH! For example, it was an honor and a blessing to experience my first *Keiro No Hi* and how Iao UCC honors our beloved elders.

I enjoyed being part of the Fair Committee and helping out in the process. Like a well-greased machine, many of you have done this work for so many years, like Dan Kamidoi knowing where each board goes in our fair booth. It was great holding a drill in my hand again and contributing what I could for the booth. We ALL need to continue to reach out to those outside our walls to come and join us because you all do a lot of work! I am truly thankful and grateful to each of you “heavenly bees” for the great work you do for our Iao United Church of Christ.

October is going to be another busy month for many of us. Maui Fair Booth, Maui Pride table, and the beginning of our Stewardship drive, just to name a few things. As the Stewardship Community begins the drive, let us remember that we are all rich in many ways – our time, talent, and treasure. Even as a church, Caesar wants to be paid – lights, water, building maintenance, etc. Because of your contributions, the Pastor, Church Secretary, Custodian, and many of your paid staff have been able to give to Caesar what is Caesar’s.



As you begin to think about your contributions for next year, let us all dream big and how we can continue to build on, not only Pastor Jack’s vision, but to think about new and innovative ideas. Think about how you might be able to contribute your time and talents that prevents burnout of not only ourselves, but others around us. Each one of you are just as worthy, just as valued, as your Pastor – please do not, for one second, think you do not have much to contribute, because you do.

Blessings upon a continued Pentecostal Journey my Ohana!
Rev. Tino Cordova, Pastor

P.S. – have I told you all how much I love you? Well, I do!

In the ‘action’ photo above right, Pastor Tino & Dan Kamidoi are shown having a conversation while installing the roof of our Maui Fair POG Booth. (Photo by Kalani Wong)

October Lectionary

- Oct 1 17th Sun. after Pentecost**
Exodus 17:1-7
 Psalm 25:1-9
 Philippians 2:1-13
 Matthew 21:23-32
God's Sustaining Presence
- Oct 8 18th Sun. after Pentecost**
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9
 Psalm 80:7-15
 Philippians 3:4b-14
 Matthew 21:33-46
Wisdom for the Way
- Oct 15 19th Sun. after Pentecost**
 Exodus 32:1-14
 Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
 Matthew 22:1-14
Praiseworthy Living
- Oct 22 20th Sun. after Pentecost**
 Exodus 33:12-23
 Psalm 96:1-9
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
 Matthew 22:15-11
Living Messages
- Oct 29 21st Sun. after Pentecost**
 Deuteronomy 34:1-12
 Psalm 1
 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
 Matthew 22:34-46
The Compassionate Life

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. •



Skyscape above Kanda Hall one mid-afternoon in late September.



*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 photo above is from the 9/24/17 service, taken by **Pastor Tino**, who posted it to the church's

October Worship Readers:
 Jaymina Bathin & Warren Orikasa

Oct. Worship Responsibilities*

Oct. 1

Greeter: Paul Tonnessen
 Head Usher: Rena Hayashi
 Usher: Carolyn Kamidoi
 Host: Daniel Kamidoi
 Aloha Hour:
 Jackie Murai & Grace Murata

Oct. 8

Aloha Hour:
 Sanoe Awai, Susan King, Dawna Krueger

Oct. 15

Aloha Hour:
 Jane Tesoro & Maybelle Hashizume

Oct. 22

Aloha Hour:
 Alan Yamamoto & Mike Takamatsu

Oct. 29

Aloha Hour: Maui Kosrae Etawi
 * (same greeter, ushers and hostess for the whole month)

October Birthdays

- 10.1 Aileen Kashiwamura
 Evan Akitake-Hill
- 10.2 Robert Ohata
- 10.3 Lynn Araki-Regan
- 10.4 Aimee Yatsushiro
 Alex Awai-Stewart
- 10.7 Nadashia Abraham
- 10.13 Evelyn Matsuoka
 Youlida Yoruw
- 10.15 Lucy Wong
- 10.17 Alexander Belsom
- 10.18 Jan Ikeda
- 10.19 Jayven Bathin
- 10.20 James Morrison
- 10.24 Dale Yatsushiro
 Melissa Kunitake
 Dustin Kitagawa
- 10.25 Katherine Hashiro
- 10.28 Jane Tesoro
 Carolyn Kamidoi

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.

Stewarding Kickoff Month

By **Rena Hayashi**

As you know, we have chosen [“Live Simply, Love Generously, and Give Fully”](#) as the theme for our Stewardship campaign this year. Our Stewarding Community always begins the stewardship drive with a Kick-off Dinner a month before Consecration Sunday, which this year is **November 12th**.

As such, our Kick-off Dinner is set for **Monday, October 16th, at 5:30** in Kanda Hall. All are invited to attend, where we traditionally serve the mushroom chicken that Iao Church prepares for the homeless shelter in Wailuku four times a year. Come and meet our Guest Steward, the gracious and knowledgeable **Kahu Danette Kong**, retired chaplain of the Maui Memorial Medical Center, and who will preach on Consecration Sunday.

Also, please come and convey your warmest *aloha* to our witnessing stewards—**Tim Greathouse** (Sun., Oct. 22nd), **Bert Akitake** (Sun., the 29th), and one of your youth, **Joshlyn Miteg** (Sun., Nov. 5th). They will do a brief presentation each Sunday leading up to Consecration Sunday.

What makes Sunday, November 12th extra special is that it will also be the day of the installation of our new pastor, The Rev. Floren“Tino” Cordova. The installation service itself will be at 3 p.m. that day. What could be more timely and appropriate than to have Rev. Tino’s installation on Consecration Sunday, when we consecrate our givings to God and the church?

Because of Rev. Tino’s installation in the afternoon of that Sunday, the Stewarding Community has decided to forgo the luncheon and have a more elaborate “Aloha Hour” after the installation service, incorporating a get-together, party and Open House at the Iao Parsonage across the street from the sanctuary. Join us on this momentous day in our church!

Yours in Christ,
The Stewarding Community Team
*Katherine Hashiro, Rena Hayashi,
Lynette Shiroma and Yaeko Sasaki*

Upcoming Noteworthy Events for your Calendar

October 5 to 8

Maui County Fair 2017

Iao UCC’s famous Frosty Pog booth at the Fairgrounds
(Members will march at the parade on Thurs. 10/5!)

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)

Monday, October 16

Stewarding Dinner

5:30 p.m. Kanda Hall — with Guest Steward Danette Kong

Friday, October 20

Ladies’ Lunch Bunch

11:00 a.m. Kanda Hall

Sunday, November 12

Consecration Sunday

9:30 a.m. service — with Guest Steward Danette Kong

Installation of The Rev. Florentino Cordova

3:00 p.m. at the church sanctuary
followed by an Open House at the Parsonage.

Friday, November 17

“Stone Soup” Dinner

6:30 p.m. at Kanda Hall — Annual Iao Preschool event

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Lunch

12:00 p.m. at Kanda Hall

Thursday, December 21

Blue Christmas Service

6:00 p.m. at the church sanctuary

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service

7:00 p.m. at the church sanctuary

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day Service

All-day Christmas celebration with the Maui Kosrae Etawi
‘ohana, at the church sanctuary and Kanda Hall

Keiro No Hi 2017 | A fond look back, in photographs by Tim Greathouse & James Morrison



Our 88 Year-Old Honorees (from left, above):

Gloria Nakama, Mike Takamatsu (with Myriam), Evelyn Matsuoka. Not pictured: Katsuko Matsuo.



The Maui Ryukyu Culture Group (above); Keiro No Hi organizers Lee Murakami, Jane Tesoro, and emcee Rita Whitford (right)



Leis for the honorees and revered kupuna, tasty food by Dani's Restaurant, a rapt audience.



*Shizue
Kadoyama
(95)*



*Thelma
Iwami
(92)*



*Tom
Yamada
(103)*



*Doris
Saiki
(89)*



*Judy
Kitagawa
(91)*



*Richard
Komo
(89)*



*Hisako
Sano
(98)*

Pastor Tino's Installation | Sun., November 12th

This was the letter that went out to all the churches in the Tri-Isle Association of the Hawaii Conference UCC, inviting them to Pastor Tino's service of installation this November. It also went out to various other churches on Maui, as well as to non-profit organizations locally.



Iao United Church of Christ

September, 2017

Our Beloved Community in Christ,

Iao United Church of Christ is delighted to invite you to the installation of our settled pastor, **The Rev. Floren^o Tino Cordova**, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 12, 2017.

Tino was raised as a Roman Catholic in New Mexico. He served in the US military and as an office manager for the Dept. of Veterans Affairs/VET Center Program for three years. While co-raising two sons, Tino was an associate pastoral leader, worship team leader, and treasurer for Llano Estacado Metropolitan Community Church in Clovis, NM.

Feeling called to the ministry, Pastor Tino got a Certificate of Information Processing Specialist from Idaho State University, and a B.A. in Religious Studies from Edgewood College in Wisconsin. He then attended the Pacific School of Religion, a UCC seminary in Berkeley, California, where he attained a Master of Divinity degree and a Certificate of Sexuality & Religion in 2013. He also completed a chaplaincy residency at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center in Berkeley. Pastor Tino was ordained in the Metropolitan Community Church denomination in 2013; he then obtained ministerial standing with the Disciples of Christ, a partner denomination of the United Church of Christ that encourages Disciples pastors to search a call in the UCC and vice versa.

After an exhaustive, year-long search, Iao UCC called Pastor Tino to serve our church, and he relocated to Maui to start his ministry at Iao UCC on March 1, 2017. Tino's partner, Rong Chao Bi, is still in Los Angeles, where he is employed by the City of LA as a Civil Engineer; Rong plans to seek employment opportunities and to eventually join Pastor Tino here on Maui.

Over the six months that Pastor Tino has been at Iao UCC, he has greatly expanded the church's community outreach efforts—precisely what the Church sought in its pastoral candidates. Pastor Tino is a member of the Maui Interfaith Clergy Group; the Maui Homeless Alliance; the Maui Non-Profit Directors Association; the Mental Health of America Association (Maui chapter) as a "Stop Bullying" trainer; appointed as board member of Habitat for Humanity Maui; and engaged with our Maui LGBTQ+ community.

It is with great excitement and joy that Iao UCC invites you to join us in our formal installation of Tino Cordova as our pastor.

3:00 p.m., Sunday, November 12, 2017
Iao UCC—2371 West Vineyard St., Wailuku

The service of installation will be followed by a lu'au and Open House at the Iao UCC parsonage, which is on Main Street, just across from the church's upper parking lot, and right behind the Bailey House Museum. Please RSVP to the church's e-mail address: [iauucc@hawaiiintel.net](mailto:iuucc@hawaiiintel.net) or by calling the church office at (808) 244-7353, indicating the names of those in your group or congregation who plan to attend.

Mahalo, and we hope to see you here at Iao UCC on the 12th of November!

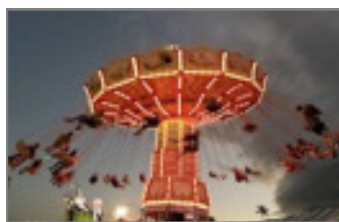
Tri-Isle Association of the HCUCC
Iao UCC Council



Maui Fair 2017 | Mahalo to all the Frosty POG booth volunteers!



Sanoe Awai, Susan King, Donna Moore, Stephane Silva, Allison Ka'aihue, Jaime Park, Jane Tesoro, Mike & Myriam Takamatsu, James Morrison, Tim Greathouse, Lloyd Nebres, Pastor Tino, Rong Chao Bi, Byron Aloy, Esther Laloulu, Arthur Obet, Masterson Obet, Bency Benjamin, David Murata



Satchigo Edmond, Jaylani Thomas, Youlida Yoruw, Kenye Cornelius, Jaymina Bathin, Jaydee Hadley, Jack Yoruw, Sonny Yoruw, Jayven Bathin, Sophie Mongkeya, Emily Mongkeya, Caetlyn Johannes, JAC Yoruw, Miran Johannes, Linda Johannes, Marylynn Johannes, Jena Johannes, Danny Johannes



Cheryl Sugiki, Roz Toyama, Pebbles Manuel-Dizon, Madduh Nedlic, Satchigo Jim, Jackie Murai, Gurray Mathin, Joshlyn Miteg, Isaiah Mathin, Dot Gordon, Patty Keau, Linda Tapia, Percy Tapia, Cal Campos, Ray Campos, Heide Israel, Dom Defang, Carley Defang, Darson Defang



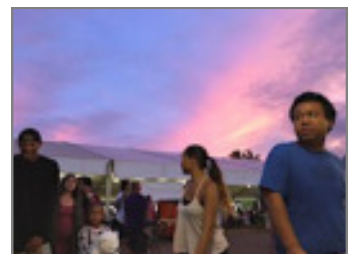
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Michelle LaRose, Cheryl Hadley, Sepehana Hadley, Angelique Rogat, Jan Saiki, Jan Ikeda, Lynn Krieg, Michelle Evans, Randy Tacang, Amber Johnson, Jake Torres, Nancy Mahi, Craig Bode, Betsy Scheller, Mark Goo, Jean Jerman, Edwin Nam, Derrick Moultrie, Steve Nakayama



*Kathy Tanaka, Mike Yamashiro, Rena Hayashi, Carolyn Kamidoi, Daniel Kamidoi, Katherine Hashiro, Dennis Hashiro, Warren Orikasa, and...
...Howard Ikeda (if only in spirit! ::chuckle::)*



“Get the Drift” cleanup day | Sat., September 16th



For three years now, lao UCC’s Micronesian Ministry—which includes members of the Maui Kosrae Etawi, the Yapese Women’s Fellowship, and others—has coordinated and participated in half-day community clean up activities of various areas in Maui County. Our church’s ministry is a part of *Malama Maui Nui*, a non-profit volunteer organization that has been taking responsibility for keeping Maui’s environment clean.



A special work day—the theme of which was “Get The Drift”—to clean our beaches of trash and debris (including driftwood, explaining the theme) took place on Saturday, **September 16, from 9:00 – noon**. *Malama Maui Nui* volunteers, including many members of lao UCC’s Micronesian community, participated in the clean up, which took place along Kahului Beach Road, and along the beaches and break-wall around Kahului Harbor.



lao UCC’s Micronesian Ministry is coordinating the mission to have Micronesians living on Maui to participate in this community effort to keep our island beautiful. There has also been interest by the Marshallese and Pohnpeian churches to join the Kosraens and Yapese who are turned out with great enthusiasm for this project last month. We encourage any member of the church—not just its Micronesian members—to volunteer for similar work days in the coming year. We will be announcing these events via this newsletter.



Iao UCC at Maui Pride 2017

Sat., October 7th

Photos and quotes by Tim Greathouse



"The outpouring and energy from our volunteers was amazing. Derrick and Anela especially were out talking to young people about our church and telling them about our youth program. The volunteers were handing out pins, bracelets and buttons and answering questions. Towards the early afternoon, when I looked at our table and realized that we had given out just about everything we brought, I was very happy. I felt like we made our presence known as a church, in the LGBTQ community!"



"People of all ages, from around 13-ish to senior citizens, stopped by to chat and ask questions. Volunteers from the other groups there also came over. We met a lady from Vermont who had attended a UCC church there, and was very pleased to see us here as an Open and Affirming church."

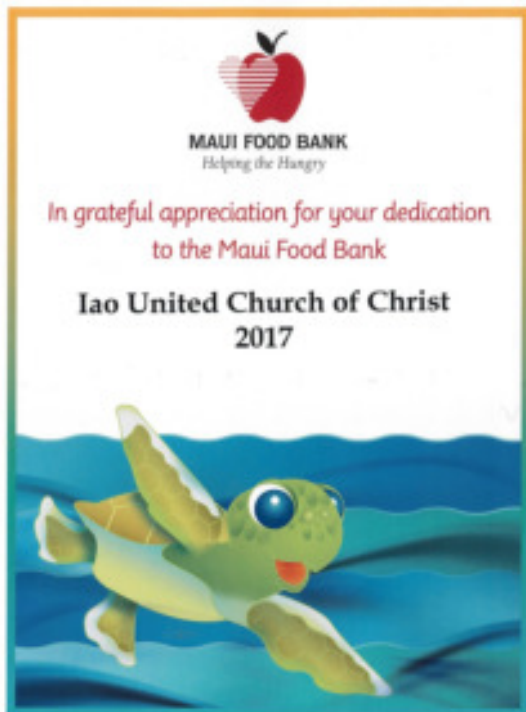


"I talked to several people throughout the day, who said that they had been hurt so bad by church and just didn't know if they could ever go to church again. How many times have we heard that story? I told them that we at Iao UCC understood and that have many people in the same boat that attend our church, knowing that we are a place for healing, a place of extravagant welcome."



Another reason our table was so popular was because we were giving away free water and Gatorade. Paul and Richard had donated several cases, as did Uncle David. Jamie Park and Allison Ka'aihue brought ice, and Habitat for Humanity loaned us ice chests for the day. Richard and Derrick and Uncle David put up our banners."

From the Maui Food Bank:



Mahalo to all church members and friends who drop food donations at the bin in the back of the sanctuary. These are needed and very much appreciated by folks all over Maui.



The letter above was sent us by Amy Ooka, a former church member, who visited in August. You may write Amy back at:

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Disaster Relief—How You Can Help

There are many ways that you can donate money for the rescue and recovery work that is underway throughout the areas that were recently devastated by Hurricanes **Harvey** (Texas), **Irma** (Florida) and **Maria** (Puerto Rico); as well as the **wildfires** in California.

Many have been donating to United Way, the American Red Cross and through churches, synagogues, mosques and temples across the country.

There are two ways Iao UCC members and friends can contribute to disaster relief through the United Church of Christ. They include the following:

1. Financial donations may be made through Iao UCC. Write a check made payable to **“Iao UCC”** with **“Disaster Relief”** on the memo line. One check from Iao UCC will then be sent to the Hawaii Conference for Wider Church Ministries.
2. The United Church of Christ has established a fund to support disaster relief and recovery efforts. Donations may be made online at: <http://tinyurl.com/y77hh8f8>



September's readers, Craig Bode and Jack Yoruw. Anyone interested in participating in worship this way, please let Pastor Tino or anyone in the Worshiping Community know! :-)

October 2017

Iao United Church of Christ

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A recent sunset above Iao Church and Wailuku...

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Choir Director & Pianist	Karyn Sarring

You are always welcome at
Iao United Church of Christ.