

Iao Pepa

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October 2018

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

October 4th has been the traditional day in which many faith communities celebrate St. Francis of Assisi. Growing up, I remember singing in church “Make Me A Channel of Your Peace” as we thought about what God calls us to do out in our communities. One of the traditions that I have taken on as a Deacon and now as a Pastor is the blessing of our beloved pets. I truly believe that our pets are part of God’s diverse creations on earth and become part of our O’hana. On Sunday, October 7th, we blessed our pets after worship. As we experience all the turmoil around us – let us reflect upon these words by St. Francis of Assisi:

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is charity and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance. Where there is patience and humility, there is neither anger nor vexation. Where there is poverty and joy, there is neither greed nor avarice. Where there is peace and meditation, there is neither anxiety nor doubt.

Blessed is the servant who loves his brother [neighbor] as much when he [she] is sick and useless as when he is well and be of service to him. And blessed is he who loves his brother as well when he is afar off as when he is by his side, and who would say nothing behind his back he might not, in love, say before his face.

Iao UCC, let us be and do these words as we put them into action in our own lives. Bridle our tongues when necessary, while still speaking truth to power. Let us be *that* servant that loves and serves ALL God’s creation, not just as “Sunday” people, but as 5-star believers of God – each and every day we are blessed to wake up to a new day.

Another great opportunity that I was able to do was to join Habitat for Humanity – Maui for their Build-A-Thon. What an amazing experience and how spiritual it felt knowing that every nail I hammered into that foundation will support a home for a well-deserved family. It is a great partnership that we should keep nourishing as part of our call.

As we begin this busy journey for the rest of Pentecost, let us keep our fires lit, our fires burning with Mission and Ministry – while always remembering to take time for self-care (Pastor) and praying often for each other. There are many things we can life up in prayer, for example a successful Maui County Fair fundraiser, for our youth and children in school, our family who are shut in due to illness or are aging in number and pray for a successful Tri-Isle Association Confirmation Camp for our Youth who will be focusing on Baptism and Membership. It will be a busy season but remember – in all things – Trust God.

As we continue with our Pentecostal journey always remembering to love! For – “We Are IAO UCC!”

Blessings with love and appreciation,
Rev. Tino



(Photo above is from the Frosty POG booth at the Maui Fair, with Pastor Tino and Vice-Moderator Shannon Furomoto taking their shift as cashier-servers.)

October Lectionary

Oct. 7 **20th Sun. after Pentecost**

Job 1:1, 2:1-10
Psalm 8
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16
Enfolding Love

Oct. 14 **21st Sun. after Pentecost**

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31
What Must I Do?

Oct. 21 **22nd Sun. after Pentecost**

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)
Psalm 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45
Great Service

Oct. 21 **23rd Sun. after Pentecost**

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 126
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52
Take Heart

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. •



Jackie Murai, a member of our Stewarding Community, introduced during a recent service this year's Stewardship theme, "Celebrate Community, Honor Diversity." (See the article on page 6).



James Morrison was the anthem soloist for Sunday, October 14th. James sang "Pray," accompanied by choir director Karyn Sarring.

Oct. Worship Responsibilities*

Readers

Myriam Takamatsu & Jack Yoruw

October 7

Greeter: Grace Murata
Head Usher: Dennis Hashiro
Usher: Mike Takamatsu
Hostess: Youlda Yoruw
Aloha Hour:
Mike Takamatsu & Joy Yamane

October 14

Aloha Hour:
Lee Murakami & Lynette Shiroma

October 21

Aloha Hour:
Satsigo Jim & Youlda Yoruw

October 28

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 Youlda Yoruw
- 10.15 Lucy Wong
- 10.17 Alexander Belsom
- 10.18 Jan Ikeda
- 10.19 Jayven Bathin
- 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.



*Peace and all
good things
to you!*

First quarter has come and gone. And so has fall break. Through it all we have been making steady progress as a church. On that note, I would like to thank everyone in the congregation for every aspect of supporting the church in the Frosty POG Booth at the Maui County Fair in October 2018. The planning, the construction, the tickets, the supply chain, the fundraising and the volunteering all made a significant impact to the well-being of the church. The funds raised go a very long way in support of our great ministry and the church's wider missions.

I wanted to continue by saying thanks for another great learning opportunity with spiritual growth. I spent a day at the Hawaii Conference, Oahu Association, Hawaii Kai UCC office to learn about the History and Polity of the United Church of Christ. The people attending the workshop were a mixture of ordained ministers, licensed ministers, seminary students, church leaders and worshippers. This resulted in good religious networking.

There is quite a bit of history, but to put it briefly, the United Church of Christ was formed when the Congregational and Christian Churches merged with the Evangelical and Reformed Churches in 1957. The Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ started out as the Hawaiian Evangelical Association (HEA) organized by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in 1853. The finance committee members of the Pioneer Company of the Sandwich Isle Mission that arrived in Hawaii in 1820 from Boston Harbor served as trustees of the HEA.

*With thoughts and prayers,
Tim Stewart, Moderator*

(Photo above is from the Awai-Stewarts' family trip to New York City during the kids' fall break from school earlier this month.)

Upcoming Noteworthy Events

October 4 to 7

Maui Fair 2018

Iao UCC Frosty POG Booth at Fairgrounds

Sunday, October 14

Bible Study Session #6

11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Sunday, October 14

Stewarding Community

11:00 a.m. (Fujitomo Hall)

Monday, October 15

Stewarding Kick-Off Dinner

5:30 p.m. (Kanda Hall)

Wednesday, October 17

Finance Committee

5:30 p.m. (Fujitomo Hall)

Friday, October 19

Ladies' Lunch Bunch

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Sunday, October 21

Worshipping Community

11 a.m. (Fujitomo or Kanda Hall)

Witnessing/Reconciling Outreach

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, October 24

COUNCIL

5:30 p.m. (Fujitomo Hall)

Saturday, October 27

All-Church Workday

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Church campus)

Consecration Sunday & Luncheon

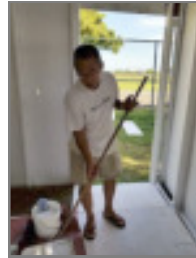
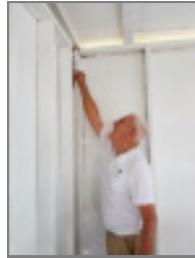
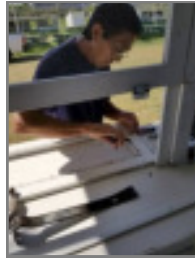
*Please mark your calendars for
Consecration Sunday, which is on*

November 11, 2018

*(See the article from our Stewarding Community
on page 6 of this newsletter.)*

Maui Fair 2018 | Photos at Iao UCC's Frosty POG booth, from start to finish...

These are photos from the church's rightly famous Frosty POG booth at the Maui Fair earlier this month. They were mostly taken by Warren Orikasa, but others also contributed their snapshots: Pastor Tino, Youlida Yoruw, Shannon Furomoto, and Lloyd Nebres. It was another very successful fundraising event, with many hands pitching in—church members, Iao Preschool staff and parents, Maui Kosrae Etawi members, our youth contingent, and others. Many thanks to the intrepid Maui Fair Committee who did splendid organizing from the very start to the end, especially committee chair Rena Hayashi, shown taking a well-deserved nap in one of the photos towards the end of the gallery. Blame for that candid shot must go to Warren O. ;-)





Consecration Sunday: November 11, 2018

Consecration Sunday will be on November 11, 2018. Please remember to place a special mark on your calendar on this date. *What is Consecration Sunday?* A new member of our Stewarding Community suggested that we put more effort in explaining why we have Consecration Sunday and why we have witnessing stewards and a special guest steward on Consecration Sunday, especially because we have several new members at Iao UCC who may not know what our stewardship drive is about. We took her suggestion to heart. It is always beneficial to revisit our goals and mission and reflect on why we do what we do.

First of all, we need to understand the concept of stewardship. In a secular viewpoint, stewardship is (definition from Google), “the job of supervising or taking care of something, such as an organization or property.” What is biblical stewardship? In an article by Chris Brown, titled “What is Biblical Stewardship?”, he states that what comes to mind for most Church goers are maybe fundraising or a capital campaign, possibly taking care of the environment. However, he feels the true meaning of stewardship is our ultimate calling as Christ followers. According to Chris Brown, “the earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof” (Psalms 24:1).

Our stewardship drive is based on the biblical concept of stewardship. We are stewards of God’s gifts and we need to take care of God’s gifts. God’s gifts include our time, talents, treasures, relationships, finance and yes, material possessions. One of our responsibilities as the Stewarding Community team is to educate the congregation about the financial needs of the church and a good time to do this is during our stewardship drive when we encourage members and friends to make a financial pledge yearly as a source of revenue for Iao UCC. However, instead of emphasizing just the financial need of our church, which of course is vital to our church, the Stewarding Community also encourages members to use God’s gifts of your time, talents and treasures. This is what stewardship is about.

What is Consecration Sunday? Consecration means a solemn dedication to a special purpose or service. This is the Sunday where we dedicate not only our financial pledges but also our gifts and talents and other commitments of being good stewards of God’s church and community.

We, the Stewarding Community team, begin our Stewardship drive three weeks before Consecration Sunday. We first come up with a theme to carry us through 2019. We have decided on “Celebrate Community, Honor Diversity.” A very observant member of our team noticed a poster with this saying tacked on a bulletin board in one of the rooms in Fujitomo Hall. I wonder if any of you will be observant enough to find our theme in this particular poster. We feel this theme truly reflects Iao United Church of Christ for we do celebrate community and honor diversity. We then ask three committed members of Iao UCC to serve as witnessing stewards and share a five minute speech to bear witness of being good stewards of God’s gifts and talents and also share how Iao UCC has helped them to become good stewards. Our three witnessing stewards are Paul Obet and he will share his calling on Sunday, October 21. Heidi Israel will be our next witnessing steward on October 28 and lastly, Shannon Furomoto will speak on November 4. Thank you Paul, Heidi and Shannon for accepting your calling to bear witness to being good stewards of the church and community.

On Consecration Sunday, November 11, Kahu Wayne Higa, pastor of Kaahumanu Church, will be our guest steward. We are happy and honored that he has accepted to be our guest steward. To be honest, we have no sacred reason why we have a guest steward to fill the pulpit on Consecration Sunday except to give Pastor Tino a deserved break. It is exciting for us to ask different guest stewards year after year to preach on Consecration Sunday. Members get a different view for stewardship and of our calling for us to be truly good stewards.

We will start off our Stewardship drive with a kick off dinner on Monday, October 15, 5:30 at Kanda Hall. All are invited to partake of our humble dinner which Iao UCC serves to the people at the homeless shelter four times a year. Come and meet our guest steward, Kahu Wayne Higa and get acquainted with our witnessing stewards, Paul, Heidi and Shannon.

So, as we plan for Consecration Sunday, please pray and search deeply into what is your calling and hopefully not only give generously of your financial pledge but also give generously of your time and talents.

Blessings to all, from the Stewarding Community,
Katherine Hashiro, Rena Hayashi, Lynette Shiroma, Jackie Murai

Photos from the recent Youth Confirmation Camp (Waiola Church) & Worship Service (Iao UCC)



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Sunday Worship

9:30 A.M.

Pastor	Florentino Cordova
Moderator	Tim Stewart
Choir Director & Pianist	Karyn Sarring
Preschool Director	Flerida Iniba
Secretary/Iao Pepa Editor	Lloyd Nebres

You are always welcome at Iao UCC.