

Iao Pepa

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A Monthly Newsletter of Iao United Church of Christ

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September 2017

Blessings from Pastor Tino

“Grow in Faith, Hope, Peace & Love”

Aloha My Extended Ohana!

Well! Here we are! Can you believe it has been six months since we have journeyed together? What an amazing journey it has been. Lloyd and I talk about all the things that God does from behind the scenes that most won't ever get to see or experience. Each and every day is a new day and I truly look forward in coming in to work to see what God has in-store for us and see what great wonders God has done throughout the week – new people that come visit, former or past members that come visit, people just being curious about who we are as a faith community, or to hear the laughter of our community members who do such great work. There is joy in what we do as Iao United Church of Christ.

I don't know what better example to write about than to just remind who we are as a church. In August, I had the great honor in leading my first membership class to seven amazing people of God. They are bringing such a great injection of energy, inspiration, and new ideas. Where did all this start? With you Iao UCC – how you greet visitors on Sunday shows not only your hospitality, but our radical inclusion, where ALL people are welcomed – and when we say ALL – we truly mean ALL people. Iao shows it's 5-starness by how people are greeted, treated, and made to feel like part of the family – because all who come through our doors, are part of our extended Ohana.

As we get ready for a busy season – and trust me, it looks like we are going to be busy! – let us remember to take some time off to rest, reflect, pray, and give thanks for all the gifts given by each and every member. Let us also take some time to say, “thank you” to one another for all the contributions, because it is “you” beloved community that makes Iao UCC the church of Christ. We have our Maui Fair Parade coming up on October 5th, which is my understanding that it will be the first time Iao UCC has participated in the parade. Frosty Pog fund raiser from October 5th to October 8th, so please sign up for some shifts. Another first for Iao UCC is that we will be “peopling” a table at Maui Pride on Saturday, October 7th at Trinity By-The-Sea Church in Kihei from 10 a.m. to about 3 p.m..

Finally, though it has been a process, we have a date for my installation as your Pastor for Sunday, November 12th at 3pm followed by a Pastor's Parsonage open house across the street from the church. This Sunday will be our Consecration Sunday for us and Pastor Danette Kong will be preaching and helping us with worship. We will also be bringing in our seven new members into membership, so it will be a day filled with many celebrations. To God be all the glory in all we do Iao UCC – as we formally begin our journey together.

Blessings upon a continued Pentecostal Journey my Ohana!

Rev. Tino Cordova, Pastor



September Lectionary

Sep 3 **22nd Sun. in Ord. Time**

Exodus 3:1-5
Psalm 26:1-8

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

Spirit-Led Living

Sep 10 **23rd Sun. in Ord. Time**

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

Remember, Restore, Renew

Sep 17 **24th Sun. in Ord. Time**

Exodus 14:19-31

Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

Road to Freedom

Sep 24 **25th Sun. in Ord. Time**

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalm 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

Tensions in the Wilderness

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. •



Pastor Tino breaking bread for Communion one recent Sunday.



*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 8/27/17 service, taken by **Tim Greathouse**, who posted it to the church's Facebook group page. }

September Worship Readers:

Jane Tesoro & Jack Yoruw

Sept. Worship Responsibilities*

Sept. 3

Greeter: *Tim Greathouse*
Head Usher: *Daniel Kamidoi*
Usher: *Carolyn Kamidoi*
Hostess: *Rena Hayashi*
Aloha Hour:
(At Keiro No Hi)

Sept. 10

Aloha Hour:
Linda Johannes & Youlida Yoruw

Sept. 17

Aloha Hour:
Gail Ideue & Jennifer Saito

Sept. 24

Aloha Hour: *Maui Kosrae Etawi*

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

September Birthdays

- 9/3 Evelyn Leavitt
9/5 Bert Akitake
9/6 Avis Teshima-Wong
Carley Defang
9/11 Dawna Krueger
9/14 Janet Tomita
9/15 Misae Kameya
Erin Hashiro
Anslan Fugow
9/20 Katsuko Matsuo
Mike Takamatsu
Winford Ideue
9/22 Emily 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.



The screenshot above is from the church Facebook Group page. In the week following Hurricane Harvey, the Hawaii Conference UCC sent out a letter to all churches with the following information on how church members might be able to help with disaster relief. It included this information:

Hurricane Harvey—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 devastated by Hurricane Harvey. 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 to give 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 **“Hurricane Harvey”** 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 the relief and recovery efforts. Donations may be made online at: <http://tinyurl.com/y77hh8f8>



Upcoming Noteworthy Events for your Calendar

Sunday, September 3

Keiro No Hi

11:00 a.m. at Dani’s Restaurant

Friday, September 15

Ladies’ Lunch Bunch

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Kanda Hall
(Please bring 2 cans of food, for Maui Food Bank)

Saturday, September 16

Keiro No Hi

9 a.m. to noon—“Get the Drift” Harbor Cleanup Day
(see article on page 4)

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)

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.

At the July 26, 2017 Church Council meeting, a date for the **installation** of our new settled pastor was decided upon:

Sunday, November 12th, at 3 p.m.

Officers of the Tri-Isle Association of the Hawaii Conference UCC will be officiating in the installation service, which will be followed by an Open House at the church parsonage.

Please put this date on your calendars now, and stay tuned for more news in next month’s newsletter, as well as via e-mail and regular mail.

Nov. 12 Will be a Special Sunday

By **Rena Hayashi**

The Stewarding Community team is presently planning for Iao UCC's stewardship campaign in preparation for the 2018 budget. Iao United Church of Christ is so blessed to have members and friends who are truly such good stewards, not only of our church, but of the community and environment as well.

This is the reason why we have chosen **“Live Simply, Love Generously, and Give Fully”** as the theme for our campaign. We believe that many of you at Iao UCC live by this theme. 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 the dinner, where we traditionally and humbly 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. (The photo on the right appeared on the front page of the *Maui News* on the Monday after the Charlottesville, VA event; Kahu Danette had joined with more than 100 Maui residents in a Sunday evening vigil in front of the State Building in Wailuku, in memory of those who died in Charlottesville.)



Also, please come and convey your warmest aloha to our witnessing stewards—Tim Greathouse, Bert Akitake, and one of your youth, Joshlyn Miteg. They will do a brief presentation each Sunday leading up to Consecration Sunday. The Stewarding Community thanks our witnessing stewards who have so willingly accepted their call to bear witness to being stewards of God's gifts.

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?

The Stewarding Community traditionally hosts a luncheon after service as a way to thank our Guest Steward, witnessing stewards and all of you who pledge monetarily to Iao UCC. However, 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. Big plans are being put in place for this momentous and exciting day in the life of Iao UCC--we hope you can all join us for Consecration Sunday and Rev. Tino's Service of Installation. Mark your calendars now!

Yours in Christ,
The Stewarding Community Team

Katherine Hashiro, Rena Hayashi, Lynette Shiroma and Yaeko Sasaki

County Cleanup by Micronesians

By **David Murata**

For three years now the Iao UCC Micronesian Ministry has coordinated participation in the community clean up of various areas in Maui County.

Presently, *Malama Maui Nui*, a non profit volunteer organization has been taking responsibility for keeping Maui clean. A special work day—“Get The Drift”—to clean our beaches of trash and debris is set for Saturday, **September 16, from 9:00 – noon** at the Kahului Harbor, along the Beach Road. Iao UCC MM is coordinating the mission to have Micronesians living on Maui to participate in this community effort to keep America beautiful. There is interest by the Marshallese and Pohnpeian churches to join the Kosraens and Yapese who are planning to turn out for this project.

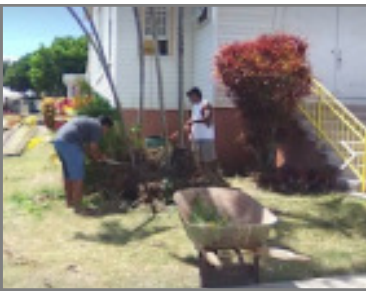
We encourage any member of the church to volunteer for this work day. T-shirts with lettering, “Micronesians” in the front and “Thank You Maui” on the back will be provided for all volunteers.

**Contact Youlida Yoruw (298-1441)
or David Murata (250-9321)
if you wish to volunteer.**

A promotional flyer for Habitat for Humanity Maui's 20th Anniversary Celebration. The flyer features logos for Habitat for Humanity Maui, ANDAZ Maui Resort & Casino, and a "CLEAN!" graphic. It announces a celebration on September 30, 2017, at the Andaz Maui At Wailea Resort 5 - 10 p.m. The event includes dinner, silent auction, dancing, and casino tables. It also encourages honoring supporters of Habitat.



These 3 photos on the left are from the All-Church Cleanup Day one Saturday in August. Iao UCC and Maui Kosrae Etawi members came on campus to do yardwork; install new wire mesh fence along the lower parking lot, as the old concrete barrier had broken down; and generally spruce up the church grounds, buildings, and environment. (Photos taken by Youlida Yoruw)



Life and Times of the Iao UCC Community

{ Summer 2017 edition }

Kanda Hall is named after Shigefusa and Sue Kanda, who are among the original Issei members of Iao Church. They returned to Japan, but after they passed away their remains were brought back to Maui, where they were interred, at Maui Memorial Park in Wailuku:



Photos by L. Nebres, who took a walk to the Memorial Park one day, just to find where the Kandas are interred.



The weekend after the sobering events in Charlottesville, VA, members of Iao UCC joined other peace and justice groups on Maui at a Sunday evening vigil in front of the State Building in downtown Wailuku. They came together in remembrance of Heather Heyer and the two police officers who died in Charlottesville as a result of neo-Nazi violence.



Above: performers at the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Remembrance Day event hosted by Iao UCC on Sunday, Aug. 2nd. (Photos by Craig Bode)



Where the Maui Fair Committee is concerned, meetings are dinner-party-like events. ;-)



Mahalo to this wonderful group of volunteers who came to the church office over several days to help clean up the library, accounting, and storage rooms at Fujitomo Hall. From left: Lee Murakami, Katherine Hashiro, Everett and JoAnn Reinhardt, Lynette Shiroma, Dennis Hashiro, and Rena Hayashi. (Not in picture: Carolyn Kamidoi, Jane Tesoro and Mr. Pete ::chuckle::)

The 95th Annual Maui Fair—A Timeless Tradition

Well, it's that time of year again – it comes along so quickly!

October 5th through the 8th is the Annual Maui Fair – the county-wide event at which we have our church's biggest fundraiser for the year. As such, we need everyone's help in getting the word out to help operate the booth and to purchase our tasty products in order to keep it as successful as it has been.

As mentioned during service on August 27th we have posted the sign-up sheet for work shifts at the Fair on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary. Please sign up to come and help us operate the booth on these four very busy days. We need the head count of volunteers by September 18th to give to the Fair Alliance and purchase the entrance tickets for the booth workers. As usual, it'll be hot and can get pretty hectic, but we always have a lot of fun, we get to see old friends, and make great new friends as well.

An important bit of news regarding our products is that the Fair Committee has determined that we need to raise our price. We haven't raised the price in about six years, but our expenses have been rising (as has the cost-of-living on Maui!). So with much discussion and comparison of other Fair prices we agreed on these increases:

*The pre-sale ticket price will be **\$5** for a Frosty or two servings of juice (12-oz. lemonade cups or POG bottles); at the Fair the price will be **\$6** for a Frosty and **\$3** for lemonade cups or POG bottles.*

We will start distributing the pre-sale tickets before church on September 3rd. We also will be on the *lanai* at the sanctuary before and after church service on Sundays through October 1st for ticket pick-ups. We'll have packs of ten (10) tickets for \$50 or you can request any number of tickets at \$5 each. If you sell, or give away, all your tickets and need additional tickets you may e-mail me at 808kat@hawaii.rr.com or stop by the church during office hours and see Lloyd.

Thank you for your assistance in this always-worthwhile endeavor!

Kathy Tanaka

Fair Committee Members:

*Rena Hayashi, Warren Orikasa, Howard & Pam Ikeda, Daniel & Carolyn Kamidoi,
Dennis & Katherine Hashiro, Mike & Lynette Yamashiro, Alan Yamamoto,
Lloyd Nebres, Kathy Tanaka*



{ Can anyone guess for which County Fair year the photo above was taken? Clues: Iao UCC was still called "Iao Congregational," and the booth product wasn't Frosty Pog, but various juice drinks and fruit punch. Also, who are all the folks in the picture and are they still on Maui? }

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Sunday Worship	9:30 A.M.
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