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Feel the Fire! | by Pastor Tino

Aloha Summer going out to our House Churches – Friends – Supporters!

Do we feel that Pentecost Fire – Iao Church? Summer is upon us, and I assume that many of you will begin your travel plans as restrictions start to ease up a bit. Please know that we hold each of you in our prayers for safe travels as I am sure many of you have been yearning to see your families. If you have not gotten your Covid-19 shots, I encourage you to get it as soon as possible not only for your safety, but for the safety of your families, especially the most vulnerable.

As a church that is on *Holy Fire* – Iao Church continues with mission and ministry. We continue to give out food to those in need. We are transitioning to pick-up only, so if anyone needs food, please call the office at 244-7353 and we will get a bag of groceries prepared. If anyone cannot come to the church office and get the bag, we will arrange for a safe drop off as well. This month we have given out food to many in need, as well as dropping off food to the houseless encampment on Maui. We continue to thank our UCC Hawaii Conference for the generous grant to purchase food for our distribution program.

As many of you are aware, we have opened our Sanctuary for limited seating for in-person Sunday worship services. If you would like to join us for in-person Sunday Worship, please call the office so that we can get you on the list. We are still wearing masks and humming our hymns, but that may change as CDC and Maui County guidelines change.

We may soon return to a “somewhat” normal type of in-person worship so long as those in attendance are fully vaccinated. Those who have not been fully vaccinated, we do not want you to feel left out, you can still join us on our Facebook live feed or 88.1 FM radio station.

The first half of this year has been a continuation of last year when it comes to gatherings. We continue with zoom meetings, zoom gatherings but that will eventually change as well. What we have learned is that many once people were able to get the hang of zooming, we had an increase in participation. This may be a new mode of having conference and association meetings for those who cannot travel, just as much as our worship services will continue using social media platforms. I was a bit saddened that Iao Church was not well represented at our UCC Hawaii Aha Pae’aina gathering from its membership and youth. Let us not fall back into the old habit of having just the Pastor at these meetings beloveds, we need your voices represented at all levels of our denomination. It cannot be the same voices all the time; we need everyone to participate, especially since we can do so from the comfort of our homes now.

UCC General Synod you asked? What did the Pastor just request above, you asked? You can still register for General Synod online beginning on July 11th and running up until the 18th. You can go in and find some interesting workshops and other events that might interest you and get a chance to represent Iao Church. Please go to <https://www.generalsynod.org/> and get registered. Ekklesia cum! Church, get up!

Blessings with virtual hugs and prayers.

Rev. Floren “Tino” Cordova,

Pastor of this amazing Church we call – Iao UCC



July Lectionary

July 4 **6th Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Sam 5:1-5, 9-10 and Ps 48

Ezekiel 2:1-5 and Ps 123

2 Cor 12:2-10

Mk 6:1-13

Sent with Power

July 11 **7th Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Sam 6:1-5, 12b-19 and Ps 24

Amos 7:7-15 and Ps 85:8-13

Epi 1:3-14

Mk 6:14-29

God-inspired Joy

July 18 **8th Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Sam 7:1-14a and Ps 89:20-37

Jer 23:1-6 and Ps 23

Eph 2:11-22

Mk 6:30-34, 53-56

Wherever You Are

July 25 **9th Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Sam 1:11-15 and Ps 14

2 Kings 4:42-44 and Ps 145:10-18

Eph 3:14-21

Jn 6:1-21

God's Abundant Presence

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

JULY Birthdays

7/3 Courtney Akitake

Anela Awai-Stewart

7/4 Dorothy Lester

7/6 David Belew

7/7 Lee Yamamoto

7/11 Howard Ikeda

Katherine Tanaka

7/13 Jack Yoruw

7/14 Richard Carr, Sr.

7/16 Sepehana Hadley

7/17 Jackie Murai

7/20 Shirley Takitani

Kahulu Nunokawa

Hulukoa Nunokawa

7/23 Ayanson Fugow

7/28 Jennifer Saito

Travis Ikeda

7/30 Francis Yinmed

Carol Kennedy

8/31 Sanoe Awai

AUGUST Birthdays

8/7 Daniel Hadley

8/9 Mary-Lynn Johannes

8/12 Lauren Akitake

8/13 Scott Akitake-Hill

8/13 Joshlynn Fugow

8/18 Maverick Falan

8/21 Lora Yaeko Sasaki

Joshlyn Miteg Jolyn Yinmed

8/22 Don Miyagawa

8/25 Rylan Yatsushiro

8/27



During September, Maika'i members are invited to make donations up to \$249 to their favorite [participating Hawaii non-profit organization](#) at checkout.



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For more information about Foodland's Give Aloha program, please see our web site: foodland.com/give aloha

Food for Thought | Featured Recipe

Carolyn Kamidoi and Katherine Hashiro suggested a recipe corner in every issue. Since Lao UCC has produced two cook-books, we know many members who provide tasty dishes at potlucks. The recipe below (from a different cookbook) shared by Jackie Murai is highly recommended. Please submit your favorite recipe to the church office for future publication in this newsletter. The finished dish is shown on the right. Yummy!



MISO CHICKEN IN BEER

2 pounds skinless, boneless thighs

Marinade

- 1 cup miso
- 1 cup shoyu
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup beer

Marinate chicken thighs in refrigerator overnight. Charcoal broil or broil in oven until nicely browned and cooked through, about 10 minutes on each side.

Thanks to Jennifer Ideue Saito's culinary skills and generosity, the office crew recently feasted on her catered lunch. Here is the Facebook post that Jennifer shared on her account.



Katherine Hashiro's twin orchid blooms are a treat for your eyes!

Her gardening secret is talking to her plants. Avoid overwatering them.

August Lectionary

August 1 10th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Sam 11:26 - 12:13a and Ps 51:1-12

Ex 16:2-4, 9-15 and Ps 78:23-29

Eph 4:1-16

Jn 6:24-35

Bread of Life

August 8 11th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Sam 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 and Ps 130

I Kings 19:4-8 and Ps 34:1-8

Eph 4:25 - 5:2

Jn 6:35, 41-51

Shaping Community

August 15 12th Sunday after Pentecost

I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 and Ps 111

Prof 9:1-6 and Ps 34:9-14

Eph 5:15-20

Jn 6:51-58

Wisdom Quest

August 22 13th Sunday after Pentecost

I Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43 and Ps 84

Josh 24:1-2A, 14-18 and Ps 34:15-22

Eph 6:10-20

John 6:56-69



Since 1957, when the first “uniting” General Synod gathered in 1957 in Cleveland, Ohio, to the meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 2019, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ has faithfully convened a meeting every two years in physical locations throughout the United States.

2021 will be different. We are moving through a pandemic that has taken many lives. This pandemic has disrupted our routines and many of our well-established practices as we adapt to the new demands for safety and social distancing. The meeting of the General Synod is no different, and the 2021 gathering of the General Synod will take place entirely online.

We have prayed and discerned this new way forward and look to God for guidance on doing a new thing, while grieving the inability to be together and the changes that surround us during this time of pandemic. While we would prefer to be together, we err on the side of caution, desiring to lower the risks for all and to ensure safety.

A virtual General Synod presents a significant opportunity for this body of Christ to join together in full participation at General Synod. This is an exciting opportunity for those who have always wanted to attend General Synod, or those curious about this gathering of members of the UCC. Thousands of people can join in full virtual participation. We look forward to welcoming you across the miles.

We will gather under the theme: Rooted in Love, July 11-18, 2021. You can expect the vibrancy of Spirit-led worship with prophetic preaching, music- and art-filled experiences that will anchor us. You can expect the same Spirit-filled energy in an engaging meeting of the General Synod that tends to the business and forward-momentum of the United Church of Christ. And, you can expect to learn more and connect with the UCC by attending workshops and other opportunities being prepared for you.

We are ready to journey together into our first-ever virtual General Synod where spirits will be uplifted, and connections to the Divine strengthened. Hearts and minds will be opened to the issues that inform the development of Resolutions, and knowledge and skills will be honed through workshops. Actions will be taken to make the world a better place. We are excited and hope you are too. We are ever thankful to a still-speaking God for our continued ministry with you and ever grateful to you for our shared discipleship to the risen Christ.

Welcome!

Penny Lowes
Moderator

Bob Sandman
Assistant Moderator

Karen Georgia A. Thompson
General Synod Administrator

Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer
General Minister & President

From: generalsynod.org/news/. For updates, more information, workshop topics, speakers, special guests, prices and times check out the United Church of Christ’s web site.

Once again, the love of Grace being shared, this time Sunday May 9, 2021. This one leaves us with the question: “flowers or weeds?”



Doorbuilder Fund | *Will You Help?*

Many bargain hunters are familiar with the term “doorbuster” in retail sales. However, we currently have busted doors at Iao UCC, and a Doorbuilder Fund is urgently needed. Monies were donated earlier, but electrical work for new outdoor lights took priority and depleted the fund.

The Building and Grounds crew has performed much needed repair and maintenance miracles in the past, but replacing the sanctuary’s arched double doors facing north is beyond their scope. Howard Ikeda, Project Leader, reports that architect Robert Hartman is currently drawing up a plan with technical specs for replacing the doors, but it will be costly. \$30K is a realistic estimate for this project.

Dennis Hashiro warns of the damage that wood rot and termites have caused; the heavy doors are sagging and deemed unsafe. The plans call for ordering new doors, restructuring the framing, creating a new concrete landing and installing new railings. It’s no wonder the project is costly but necessary. Please consider donating to the Doorbuilder Fund. We want to insure safety and a welcoming entry to our sanctuary.



Keiro no Hi | *by Lee Murakami & Jane Tesoro*

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Please save the date: Sunday, September 12, 2021 marks the return of our *Keiro no Hi* celebration. The pandemic has modified this event that honors our revered kupuna, especially those who reach the ages of 80 and 88 this year. Due to health precautions and fiscal limitations, there will be no luncheon. The honorees will virtually share their personal stories they submitted earlier along with selected photos. A Google Site is available for viewing their stories; the unlisted link will be provided in the September-October newsletter.

This year we honor Grace Harada Murata, age 88, along with 80 year-olds Heide Israel and Karen Kurisu Moody. Karen’s husband Keith, who turned 80 last year, has been included this year although the Moodys left Hawaii in 2014 to relocate to California. We appreciate their past contributions to Iao UCC and still consider them part of our church family.

If you are able, we welcome donations for the celebration. Since the event had no budgeted funds, we humbly ask for your kokua. Please indicate “*Keiro no Hi*” on your monetary gift and accept our heartfelt thanks in advance. Looking ahead, there are no honorees for next year (2022) accord-

ing to our church birthday records. You can let the church office know if we have missed any eligible members so we can update our file.



July 2021



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4 Communion Worship Service 9:30 am 	5 Independence Day Observed Office Closed	6	7	8	9 Pastor's Day Off	10
11 Worship Service 9:30 am 33rd General Synod Week	12	13	14	15	16 Pastor's Day Off	17
18 Worship Service 9:30 am	19	20	21	22	23 Pastor's Day Off	24
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August 2021

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Communion Worship Service 9:30 am	2	3	4 DOE 1st Student Day 	5	6Hiroshima Remembrance- Day 	7
8 Worship Service 9:30 am	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Worship Service 9:30 am	16	17	18	19	20 Statehood Day 	21
22 Worship Service 9:30 am	23	24	25 Council 	26	27	28
29 Youth Worship Service 9:30 am	30	31		<u>Sunday Ser- vices will be held virtual and in-person. RSVP required for in-person attendance.</u>		

David Murata: a Kupuna of Many Talents & Gifts | *by Anna Mayeda*

What is the secret of David Murata's remarkable energy at age 91? From organizing plant sales benefiting Iao UCC to serving on the church's Endowment committee and supporting the Micronesian community, David's dedication to his faith is a model example for all!

For 56 years, David has been playing tennis, currently playing three days of the week. As scriptures state that people are God's creation and need to care for their body, David believes that exercise is an important way to care for one's health. Tennis provides not only physical exercise, but social, psychological and mental health experiences. The sport requires the player to respond to all types of plays and actions with different opponents, but can be played at one's own level and pace. According to David, playing tennis regularly provides all the exercise he needs and helps him to get a good night's sleep, another important habit for good health! With just the expense of a tennis racquet, balls and shoes, playing tennis is free at the public courts available throughout the island, even during the pandemic.



David's three priorities in his life are: 1. His faith and church, 2. Gardening, 3. Exercise. Through his involvement in tennis, he is able to share his faith with others since tennis is a social sport providing opportunities to build personal relationships while getting that important exercise. David states that tennis helps him to "grow." Perhaps that's the operative word in keeping active and healthy: find a sport or activity that promotes continued growth to better serve our faith!

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Jody Singsank, daughter of members David and Grace Murata, planned a garage sale on May 29, 2021 at her Kula home next door to her parents. The Muratas were asked to hold a plant sale for Iao UCC since we were not able to have our bazaar where we sold plants in the past. Howard and Pamela Ikeda, and Warren Orikasa offered plants for the sale. Warren brought a car full of a variety of plants, Howard and Pamela donated three truck loads and brought a hand truck to carry heavy plants and cash box. David had a little over a truck load of plants.

Plants were priced way below commercial cost. An example is the palm trees that were donated: a neighbor of the Muratas' who sell palm trees helped by pricing the trees and some were listed at \$160.00. We priced them at \$75.00. Howard and Pamela came up to help for two days (sale was extended four days). Pastor Tino, Rong Chao and his mom came up for the sale. According to Howard, we sold \$1,001.50, but we may have added a few more dollars.



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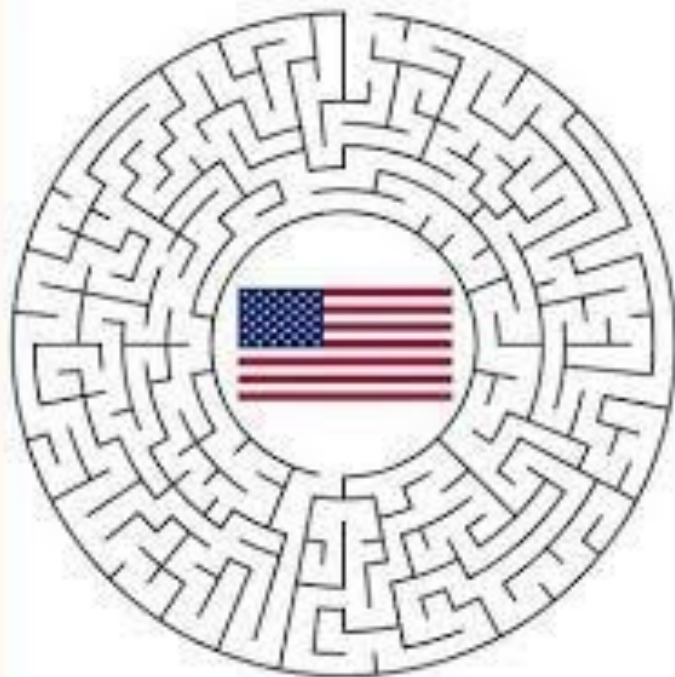
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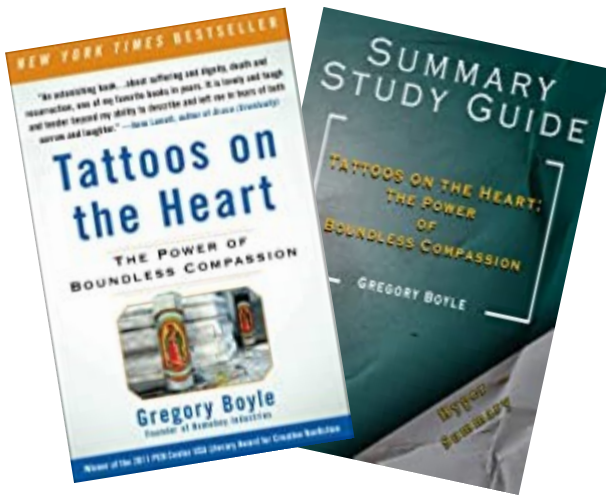
4th Of July Maze

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Coming to a church near you! And that would be Iao UCC, of course! Join Pastor Tino as he leads the congregation in a fabulous book study. Tentative date is October 31, 2021. Hopefully, in person, after worship service. Back-up plan will be on Bluejeans. Order your book and study guide from Amazon or your favorite book supplier. A good summer read. *Tattoos on the Heart* by Gregory Boyle. Get ready, get set and watch for further information and updates.



We have just a few Iao UCC face masks left. If you are interested in purchasing one or more please call the church @ 244-7353.

Liturgical Year

The liturgical year is made up of six seasons:

[Advent](#) - four weeks of preparation before the celebration of Jesus' birth

[Christmas](#) - recalling the Nativity of Jesus Christ and his manifestation to the peoples of the world

[Lent](#) - a six-week period of penance before Easter

[Sacred Paschal Triduum](#) - the holiest "Three Days" of the Church's year, where the Christian people recall the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus

[Easter](#) - 50 days of joyful celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead and his sending forth of the Holy Spirit

[Ordinary Time](#) - divided into two sections (one span of 4-8 weeks after Christmas Time and another lasting about six months after Easter Time), wherein the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and works among his people

Each liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent during the preceding calendar year



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We are a people of God, living and sharing the love of Christ through words and actions.