

Iao Pepa

— Na Makani —

A Monthly Newsletter of Iao United Church of Christ

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May 2022

“What an awesome God we serve!” The Holy Spirit was sure moving in our presence beloved Iao Church. Our worship services of Holy Week prepared us to be in the presence of God and be in the present. I wish to thank all our Ecumenical partners, Msgr Terry Watanabe, Kahu John Tomoso, Rev. Dr. Roxanne Whitelight, and Kahu Wayne Higa who joined with us over the Lenten season to bring you “In God’s Mercy” series. Then followed up with a very moving Maundy Thursday as many of you allowed me to wash and anoint your feet for the last time as your Pastor for *your* journey ahead. If that were not enough spirit-filled worship, we had an amazing Good Friday with Rev. Dr. Scott Landis, Rev Dr. Roxanne Whitelight, Kahu John Tomoso, our pianist Kahu Danette Kong, and our Iao Youth and Young Adults who led the passion reading from the Gospel of John. What a wonderful way to spend our time of preparation as we anticipated Resurrection Sunday with Sunrise Service at Ka‘ahumanu Church with Pastor Robb and Kahu Wayne.

As much as we look forward to celebrating Easter Sunday and remember the resurrection story, it is only a stopping point on our Christian journey. I am grateful for all the women who were the first witnesses, the first preachers of the resurrection story. Just as Christ visited those in that upper room with a locked door, Christ still comes to us today through our



own locked doors and maybe a locked heart. Let us use this time of Easter to resurrect our own faith, especially as we emerge from this time of pandemic. The Easter journey continues with Jesus appearing to the multitude and continues with miracles, with feeding, with conversations, with faith building – just as we should be doing as a whole church. We must continue to build our church (church not being a building), build our faith, especially when we or others need to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. With so much turmoil going on in this world of ours, we must continue to *“be the church”* – to *“be the light of hope”* for God’s children.

As we celebrate our last season of Lent and Easter together, know that our journeys continue, though on different paths, yet still in “one accord.” The memories we have made together on this five-year journey will always be embedded in my heart. I pray that you continue with your own resurrection journey and know that God will always send The Advocate to guide you when you need direction and encouragement. We truly serve *“an awesome God!”*

Blessings with hugs and prayers.

Rev. Floren “Tino” Cordova, Pastor of this amazing Church we call – Iao UCC!

May Lectionary

May 1 **Third Sunday of Easter**
Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
 Ps 30
 Jn 21:1-19
The Way Forward

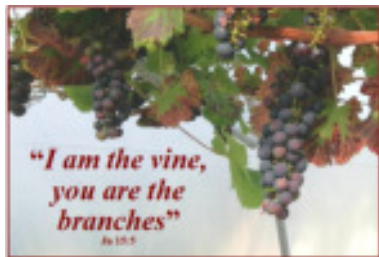
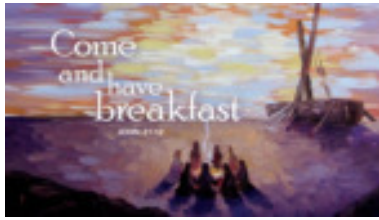
May 8 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
Acts 9:36-43
 Ps 23
 Rev 7:9-17
 Jn 10:22-30
Life-giving Acts
 Mother's Day

May 15 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
Acts 11:1-18
 Ps 148
Rev 21:1-6
 Jn 13:31-35
Imagine
 Mental Health Sunday

May 22 **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
Acts 16:9-15
 Ps 67
 Rev 21:10, 22-22:5
 Jn 14:23-29 or Jn 5:1-9
Disciples Together
 Rural Life Sunday

May 29 **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
Acts 16:16-34
 Ps 97
 Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
 Jn 17:20-26
Breaking Chains

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. •



May Birthdays

5/5 Maybelle Hashizume
 5/8 Paul Tonnessen
 5/9 Anna Mayeda
 5/12 Thelma Iwami
 5/16 Melissa Goulart
 5/18 Diana George
 5/20 Michael Kineshina
 5/24 Carrissa Yinmed
 5/30 Heidi Israel
 Noah Johannes, Jr.



We came close, so very close. In conjunction with Wailuku Union Church, The Maui Food bank and Iao UCC during Lent 2022 we fed 4,147 hungry people on Maui! The Food bank prepares Backpack buddies to help children to eat over the weekends, Wailuku Union opens their pantry on Saturday mornings to central Maui residents, and Iao UCC distributes food Monday thru Friday 9-4.

Shannon's Scoop | Moderator's Notes

Can you believe that it is May already. Time is sure flying by so quickly. We are all going through a lot of changes so I just wanted us all to remember to focus on our love for God and for each other. We will get through these changes together and become stronger because of it. Always remember that "We are a people of God, living and sharing the love of Christ-and reflecting that love in WORDS and ACTIONS." It is time to Be the Church!!!

"CHANGE"

BY WENDY VIDELOCK

Change is the new,
improved
word for god,

lovely enough
to raise a song

or implicate

a sea of wrongs,
mighty enough,

like other gods,

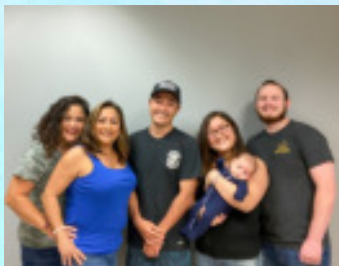
to shelter,
bring together,

and estrange us.

Please, god,
we seem to say,

change us.

Source: Poetry (January 2009)



"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" -
Philippians 4:13

Over the past 5 years, Pastor Tino has developed working relationships with over 20 community partners. We do not want to lose contact with any of them. Please prayerfully consider taking on one or two of these organization to maintain contact with. It may be monthly, bi-monthly, every six months or maybe only once a year. However often, we want them to know that they are still on lao's radar and are here to lend a hand if and when needed.

Community Partners

lao Contact

A Cup of Cold Water

AA

Tri-Isle Association

Aloha Maui Pride

Shannon Ribao

Executive Island Weddings

Habitat For Humanity

Hale Kau Kau

Hiroshima Nagasaki Service

Maui Coral Arts

MEO

Maui Food Bank

Susan King

Bailey House

Maui Kosrae Church

Maui Non-Profit Association

Warren Orikasa

Maui Peace Action

Maui United Way

Mental Health of America-Maui

North Maui Ministerial Alliance

Rotary Club of Kihei-Wailea

Stand Up Maui (FACE)

UCC Hawaii Conference

All it might take is a phone call. The office has more information.



TOTAL NUMBER FOR April

Total Children Served (0-17 yrs.)	68	Total Adults Served (18 yrs. +)	135
Total New People Registered	19	Total Days Program Operated	16

First Visit to Roselani and Rita since 2020!



Special thanks to Jane Akitake for the mochi treats she baked and packaged. The recipients are most appreciative.



The Tri-Isle Association
Hawaii Conference of the United
Church of Christ
Will be holding
`Aha Mokupuni 2022
On Saturday, May 14, 2022
10:00-12:00

This spring gathering of the Tri-Isle association will be held in person at Iao UCC church and also on zoom.

Watch for the link in your email in box.

Bylaws will be updated, along with a resolution that asks for the reaffirmation of the Licensed Ministry and Commissioned Ministry as authorized ministries of the UCC.

This is your chance to learn how the UCC works beyond our walls of Iao.

Log on or visit in person.



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And coming in June:

The 200th `Aha Pae`aina in 2022



**Sunday, June 12-Saturday,
June 18, 2022**

**Zoom. Online & Central Union
Church**

**Register by May 16, 4:00 p.m.
(Youth track register by May 8,
4:00 p.m.)**

The 200th `Aha Pae`aina will be a hybrid event with a combination of virtual and in-person opportunities. The `Aha will begin with a Conference-wide worship service on Sunday, June 12.

Throughout the week, various `Aha Iki meetings and workshops will be held online via Zoom. The `Aha will end with the Makua business session on Saturday, followed by a closing worship service at Central Union Church of Honolulu. An installation service for Jonathan Roach, our Associate Conference Minister on Hawai'i Island, will be held during the week. There will be a youth track for youth ages 11-18 (grades 6-12).

To view and register go to

<https://www.hcucc.org/aha-paeaina-registration>



Ecumenical Lenten prayer leaders

St. Anthony Church in Wailuku, Maui, hosted an ecumenical Lenten prayer service March 16 with pastors, ministers and parishioners of neighboring Christian church communities. Members of these churches come together for a night of prayer and reflection on five Wednesdays in Lent. The theme of the services, which is held alternately at St. Anthony Church and Iao United Church of Christ in Wailuku, is "God's Mercy." Leading the first evening were Rev. John Tomoso, Rev. Roxanne Whitelight, Rev. Tino Cordova, Pastor Wayne Higa and Msgr. Terrence Watanabe, pastor of St. Anthony.

Reported by Agnes Terao-Guijala
Photo courtesy of St. Anthony Parish, Wailuku

Pastor Made it into the Catholic Newspaper



In your last Iao Pepa a mistake was made. The 2022 Financial Secretary is Gail Ideue and Assistant Financial Secretary is Katherine Hashiro. Sorry for the mix-up.

It's returning! A modified ALOHA Hour is returning May 1. There will be prepackaged snacks along with bottled water. Here's hoping that restrictions will be lifted soon and we can get back to the pre pandemic Aloha Hour. Let the office know if you are willing to provide snacks and or set-up/take down.





Cascarones, pronounced “kas-ka-ron-ez” are a Mexican tradition used for Cinco de Mayo, Easter and other celebrations. It is an eggshell filled with confetti used to crack over someone's head and shower them with the confetti inside.



There was no lack of Easter celebration at the pre-school. The children colored eggs, hunted for eggs and passed out special treats for the occasion.



Buildings and Grounds are at it again. This time using the new carpet cleaning machine that Pastor and Rongchao donated to the church. They helped with the plant sale at the Murata's and are taking an inventory of what is in each building on our campus for insurance purposes (what a daunting task!)

We need everyone's help with this new to us fundraiser. Tickets will be handed out at Sunday worship service, hand delivered or mailed. Let the office know if you are willing to help with this new adventure.

It's Back! Fundraising @ Iao UCC. You can help us out and enjoy some of Zippy's favorite

You are receiving 5 tickets (more will be available after returning money for first 5). You will sell them for \$9.00 each. ***Return your money in the same envelope that your tickets came in.***



(You are responsible for the tickets/money and envelope). Tickets are good at all Zippy's on all islands! Redeeming the tickets begins the day you sell your tickets through the expiration date printed on the ticket. You have 5, yes 5 tasty treats to choose from. **We have two due dates: 1) June 15 for your initial tickets and 2) July 15 if you request more tickets.**

Tickets are valid until July 24, 2022

Included with the food boxes that are distributed:

Pasta...it's not Just for Spaghetti!

With food prices skyrocketing, we all need to make adjustments in our lives and food is no exception. Here's a question. Why do people think that pasta is for Italian food only? After all, didn't Marco Polo discover noodles in China? Here's some dishes that I have tried using spaghetti noodles instead of the more expensive Asian noodles that are sold in stores.

CHOW FUN-

Ingredient's: 1 box USDA spaghetti pasta

½ can USDA pork

1 can USDA drained string

beans

1 shredded carrot

½ bunch green onion finely

chopped*

Shoyu, salt and pepper to

taste*

Directions: Bring a pot of water to a boil, break noodles in half before putting them in the boiling water. Drain your cooked noodles in cool water. While noodles are cooling, open a can of USDA pork, save the liquid and extra fat on the side. Instead of cooking oil, use the fat from the canned pork in your skillet. Once melted, put ½ of the pork in the skillet, breaking it apart as it gets warm. Use a medium heat for your skillet. Once your pork has heated up, add



the pasta to the skillet, mixing the pork with the noodles. Add your can of USDA drained string beans and your shredded carrot to the skillet along with your pepper and shoyu to taste. Before you

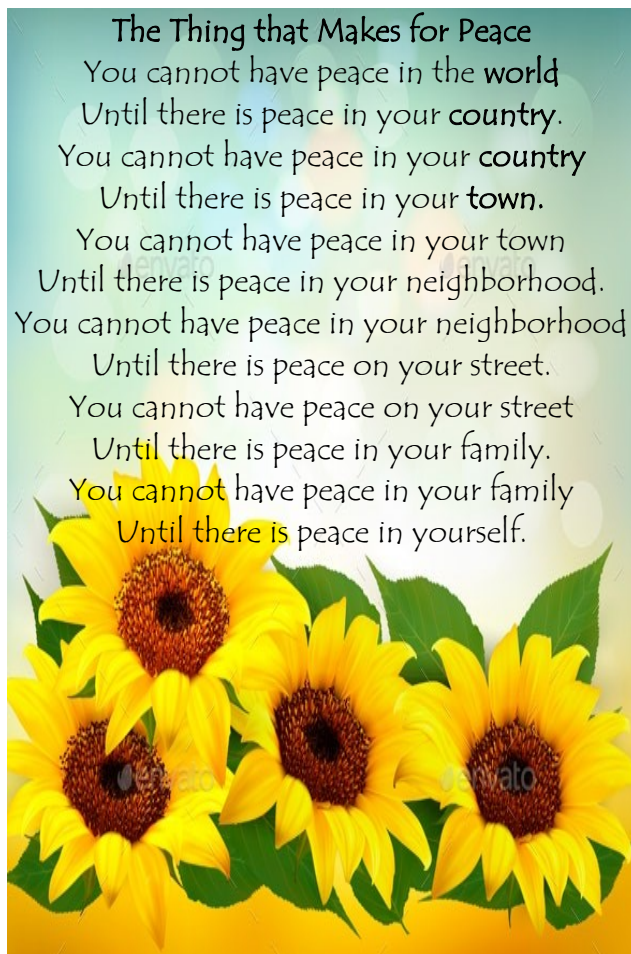
serve, sprinkle your green onion into your chow fun to get slightly cooked. Serve with carrot sticks or other raw veggies.

Note: If you don't have a large skillet or wok, a large pot will work just as well!

Mark your calendars now! This is a training that **EVERYONE** should take. You will learn why your pastor can or cannot do certain things (do you know why there is a window in the pastors office door?) You will learn what are proper and improper things you as a congregational member should and shouldn't do. Tracey Dawson and Wendy Kidd come highly recommended by Pastor Tino.+

The 'Aha O Nā Mokupuni 'O Maui, Moloka'i A Me Lāna'i Committee on Ministry is hosting a boundary training workshop on Saturday, October 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 1.p.m., via Zoom, led by Tracey Dawson and Wendy Kidd. It is open to all authorized ministers and lay leaders of the Hawai'i Conference UCC. The training will cover topics of boundaries in pastoral relationships with adults and youth, self-care, church finances, and social media. Cost is \$20 and scholarships are available (please contact Kimberly Fong at 808-572-8020). Please mark your calendar. Look for more information regarding the training and registration in upcoming issues of the *Coconut Wireless*.. And through emails and reminders from the Iao's office.

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ood For Thought

If you have enjoyed this section in previous Iao Pepa's, we need some of your favorite recipes. You may email, snail mail or drop them off at the office. iaoucc@hawaiiantel.net, 2371 W. Main Street, Wailuku, 96793.



In April we received a thank you from A Cup of Cold Water. Our donations to them included: 8 deodorants, 5 hair conditioners, 3 hair brushes, 2 dental floss, 6 body lotion, 14 soaps, 1 toothbrush, 4 jackets, 2 t-shirts, 4 pair socks, and 1 towel.





Mark your calendars:







June 11th at 12 noon. Mahalo Luncheon for Pastor Tino's time with us. Please RSVP as we will be ordering bento lunches. For some this might be a goodbye luncheon, or a see ya later but what ever you call it, June 30 is his last day as our Pastor as he will be moving to California to join his spouse, Rongchao. To RSVP call 808-244-7353 ASAP. (If you take the boundary training in October you will learn why his contact with us will be little to none for at least 1 year)

Then on June 26 at 1:00 p.m. will be his farewell sermon. Yes, there will be a 9:30 a.m. service. But the afternoon service will have other ministers present who have come to know him as we have.

Position Opening at Lao United Church of Christ
Part-time office administrator position, 19 hours a week. Must possess computer/word processing/proficiency with Microsoft Office Products and use of printers. Proficient in social media and minor web site changes. Able to multitask in a busy environment. Send cover letter and resume to Lao UCC, 2371 W. Vineyard Street, Wailuku, HI 96793



May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3rd Sunday of Easter 	Al-Anon 4:30-6 (K)			AA 7-8(K)	Pastor's Day Off Micronesian Women's Group 6-7 (K)	AA 7-8(K)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
4th Sunday of Easter 				AA 7-8(K)	Pastor's Day Off Micronesian Women's Group 6-7 (K)	`Aha Mokupuni AA 7-8(K)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
5th Sunday of Easter				AA 7-8(K)	Pastor's Day Off Micronesian Women's Group 6-7 (K)	AA 7-8(K)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
6th Sunday of Easter				 AA 7-8(K)	Pastor's Day Off Micronesian Women's Group 6-7 (K)	AA 7-8(K)
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
7th Sunday of Easter 						



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VIRTUAL SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 A.M.

Pastor	Florentino Cordova
Moderator	Shannon Ribao
Church Admin	Vacant
Choir Director & Musician(s)	Vacant
Newsletter	Dawna Krueger
Iao Preschool Director	Flerida Iniba

You are always welcome at Iao UCC.
We are a people of God, living and sharing
the love of Christ and reflecting that love
through words and actions.