

# Iao Pepa

Na Makani

*A Monthly Newsletter of Iao United Church of Christ*

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**August 2022**

This was written in August 2011, but remains true today as it did back then.

## **Hiroshima And Nagasaki Remembered**

**66 years ago the atomic bomb blasted  
below the heads of those in these towns.  
How many hundreds, yes, how many thousands  
were left to die, consumed by man-made fire?**

**66 years ago, the incredible showed its face  
that death by hundreds or by thousands  
be decreed by man, that the green land  
and waters should stand barren and poisoned.**

**Never again should another atomic bomb  
be blasted on another town or towns!  
Never again should another Nagasaki  
and Hiroshima be doomed to atomic curse!**

**But let their story be told to generations  
Let the ashes of the dead float in the seas  
and rivers, an eternal reminder of human fault.  
Let this story be remembered and retold.**

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**August 9, 2011**

*Elizabeth Padillo Olesen*

## August Lectionary

- Aug 7 **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Isa 1:1, 10-20 and Ps 50:1-8,  
22-23  
Gen 15:1-6 and Ps 33:12-22  
**Heb 11:1-3, 8-16**  
Luke 12:32-40  
*Living into the Promise*
- Aug 14 **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Isa 5:1-7 and Ps 80:1-2,  
8-19  
Jer 23:23-29 and Ps 82  
Heb 11:29-12.2  
Luke 12:49-56  
*Restore Us*
- Aug 21 **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
Jer 1:4-10 and Ps 71:1-6  
Isa 58:4-10 and Ps 103:1-8  
Heb 12:18-29  
**Luke 13:10-17**  
*Healing Reign*
- Aug 28 Jer 2:2:4-13  
Sirach 10:12-18 or *Prov 25:6-7* and Ps 112  
Heb 12:18-29  
**Luke 14:1, 7-14**  
*Open Table*

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. •



Items included in many of the July food boxes

## August Birthdays

- 8/7 Daniel Hadley  
8/9 Mary-Lynn Johannes  
8/12 Lauren Akitake  
8/13 Scott Akitake  
8/13 Joshlynn Fugow  
8/18 Maverick Falan  
8/21 Joshlyn Miteg  
8/21 Jolyn Yinmed  
8/22 Don Miyagawa  
8/25 Rylan Yatsushiro  
8/27 Craig Bode  
8/31 Sanoe Awai

## June 2022 Food Distribution

Number of Children Served (0-17 yrs.)	24	Total Adults Served	55
Total New People Registered	17	Total Days Program Operated	16
Unsheltered	17	Number of Meals Distributed	272



Aloha Iao UCC Family, Friends and Community,

Happy August!!! Wow, the summer flew by so quickly. I hope this newsletter finds you all in good spirits. As always, if you or someone you know needs anything, please call our church office at (808) 244-7353.



A few weeks ago, we were blessed with Rev. Roxanne WhiteLight filling the pulpit. Her message about being still got me thinking about my own busyness and lack of stillness. I often ponder on what my purpose is and reflect on the fact that God is still speaking but can I truly hear God if I am always busy being busy?

As long as I can remember I had to be either "doing" something or sleeping (LOL) ...there was no in between. No one taught me or modeled the behavior for being still. I thought that being still meant being lazy and/or unproductive. I have come to realize that both are important and that the "being" is just as, if not more necessary than the "doing".

Practicing the pause and remaining open while being still are imperative to ensure balance in my life. It is in the stillness that I can attain clarity in my thoughts and effectively gain solutions. When I allow myself to take the time to truly be still, I can hear God speak to me. Stillness is the place of divine presence. It's the place where God calls us back to time and time again. ***'Be still and Know that I am God' the Psalmist tells us in Psalm 46.***

We at Iao UCC are going through a season of transition. Our search committee is diligently working on our church profile to find a new Pastor. While this takes a lot of time, effort and energy, rest from the process is just as crucial, so that we may have a refreshed perspective.

I truly appreciate all of the work and commitment of our committees and the willingness to do as well as to be. At times we need to marinate in the ideas and trust the process, while continuing to be open to the newness. It is in the stillness that we are able to hear God's word and to listen for direction.

My heart is full of gratitude as I embrace my humanness in both the being and the doing. I encourage you all to be still and remain open to receive God's Message.

Take Care and May God Bless You ALL!!!

Love and Aloha Always,  
Shannon Ribao - Moderator

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



## Sanctuary Door Update



Thank you members and friends for your generous donations to Iao United Church of Christ's sanctuary front doors. We realize it has been a difficult year financially for many and for Iao UCC. However due to aging, weathering and termite damage the sanctuary doors are in dire need of being replaced. Framing for the doors, a new concrete landing at the top of the steps, new hand railings, adding a center railing to help our Kupuna, and wiring for a new front door light fixture are needed to make the door safe for our members and visitors.

Iao United Church of Christ still needs your help to replace the door. As of July 18, 2022, your donations have reached \$83,200. Due to rising costs of materials and labor our goal is to reach \$125,000. To complete this project Iao UCC needs your continued kokua to achieve this goal of getting the doors replaced.

Any amount you can donate will be greatly appreciated! Arigato, mahalo, thank you for your continued support.

Shannon Ribao, Moderator  
Iao UCC Council Members



**give aloha:**  
Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

This year, Iao United Church of Christ is excited to participate in Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts program! This program runs during the month of September and it's easy to participate! Simply make a donation to our organization at Foodland this month, and Foodland will match a portion of your gift! Here's how it works:

- Go to any Foodland or Sack N Save store
- Make a donation of any amount up to \$249 at checkout
- Give the cashier our organization code # 78972
- Present your Maika'i card to the cashier when making your transaction.

- Review your receipt to confirm the donation amount and the name of our organization is correct. We'll receive all donations to Iao UCC plus our matching gift in October. How great is that?

You can also donate 250 Maika'i points, equivalent to a \$5 donation, to help increase the matching gift for all participating organizations or purchase Give Aloha merchandise to help too! Mahalo for your support to help Give Aloha to Iao United Church of Christ in September.

Iao UCC Give Aloha Number:

**78972**



Our Settled Pastor Search Committee has been gathering and working hard. Their first big project is updating our church profile. Even by having the one we did about 6 years ago, this is still a big job.

Those who have so willingly offered their time and talent to be on this committee are: Shannon Ribao, Warren Ori-kasa, Suzette Robinson, Lee Murakami, Danny Johannes, Jackie Murai and Jaime Ribao. We are missing a young adult/youth member and would welcome one that would have the commitment and time to give to this great learning opportunity.



### August Worship Responsibilities:

	Aug. 7	Aug. 14	Aug. 21	Aug. 28
Pulpit	Kahu	Rev.Dr.	Rev.Dr.	Rev.Dr.
Supply	Kealahou	Roxanne	Wally	Wally
	Alika	Whitelight	Kuroiwa	Kuroiwa
Usher/ Greeter	Tim Stewart	Tim Stewart	Tim Stewart	Tim Stewart
Adult Reader	Sanoe Awai	Sanoe Awai	Sanoe Awai	Sanoe Awai
Young adult/ Youth Reader	Alex Awai-Stewart	Alex Awai-Stewart	Alex Awai-Stewart	Alex Awai-Stewart
Aoha Hour	Jackie Murai & Dale Schwarz			



The chancel of our beautiful Iao Sanctuary on Hiroshima Remembrance Sunday.



Most Sundays you will see floral arrangements before the altar. We are grateful for the talents of Grace Murata, Dale Schwarz and Cindy Smith who create them on Saturday. When Dale visits the Big Island (where she grew up), she returns with anthuriums to add to the displays. The origami birds hung from the dry tree limb remind us of the August 6th Hiroshima / Nagasaki Day. May peace prevail on earth! Please note that we have a floral calendar. You can designate a certain date when flowers can be dedicated to a loved one. Donations are always welcome. Please call the church office to make arrangements.

Photo credits: Dale Schwarz & Shannon Ribao



Meet the floral artists  
Cindy Smith      Grace Murata      Dale Schwarz



The workshop at the Muratas' home, where the magic happens.



Just one of the beautiful arrangements created by our gifted and talented ladies.



Congratulations to Auntie Fley, pre-school director, on becoming a first time grandma. Daughter, Leeanza, (former IPS student) gave birth to Aylah Reign on July 7, 2022. Little bit of a rough start, but mom and baby are doing fine.



The staff prepares the graduates to line up and receive their diplomas before moving on to the "Big School." Congratulations to the Class of 2022!



The family of the late Thomas Hoben (Hachi) Krueger III wishes to thank everyone who so willingly gave of their time, expertise, talent, love, prayers and friendship at the families time of be-reavement and loss.

I did not realize that losing my best friend, companion and life partner of 51 years, and hearing each and every word shared about him would re-play in my mind over and over. All of this is so very comforting and healing.

So what ever language it translates for you,  
Thank you and God bless!

Dawna Krueger  
Tracey Johnson  
Keli'i Krueger  
and  
Kitra Krueger



## DID YOU KNOW?

Listed below are scholarships and grants the Hawaii conference offers. It's not too early to start looking into them. Those who will be graduating seniors in 2023, and or those who may be looking into furthering his/her education. For full details and application requirements, visit the conference web site at Hawaii Congerence ucc, under resources, scholarships & grants.



### **Lillian Meada Scholarship:**

Iao UCC offers the Lillian Meada Scholarship. Applications may be received by contacting the church office at (808) 244-7353 or iaoucc@hawaiiantel.net



### **Henry `Opukaha`ia Scholarship:**

The Henry Opukahaia Scholarship Fund support the training of clergy for Christian mission by providing financial aid for feminary student who have in-care standing with their association and continuing education funds for active ministers...



### **John and Norman Momura DeSaaegher Scholarship:**

Central Union Church is pleased to offer the John and Norma Nomurs Scholarship, which provides Divinity student \$5000 awards annually and students may receive the scholarship twice in the matriculation of their degree.

Applicants must be in good standing in a UCC or affiliated denomination ad a Member in Discernment in the UCC. View other scholarship requirements and download an application and Need Assessment Worksheet. Application deadline is March 31

for consideration for the following academic year.



### **Rev. Edith H. Wolf:**

The Edith H. Wolfe Scholarship Fund is for the specific purpose of granting scholarship monies for women studying and/or working in the Pacific Islands. Rev. Wolfe always desired to give support for women who desire to earn degrees so they can build a stronger and more vibrant community.

Applications are accepted from April 1-June 15.



### **Women's League of Central Union Church:**

The women's League of Central Union Church is pleased to offer two scholarship opportunities to assis those attending (or planning to attend) higher education programs. Both grants are awarded based in character, scholarship, evidence of financial need and community service.

**The KENNETH O. and DORIS A. REWICK EDUCATIONAL AID FUND** is awarded to students from Hawai'i enrolled (or who will be enrolled) in any accredited school for undergraduate or graduate college training, or for other specialized training beyond high school and includes full-time, part-

**The RUTH C. SCUDDER SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to a female of Christian affiliation from Hawai'i who is a student within the University of Hawai'i system. Preference is given to United Church of Christ members and upperclass students.



# UPCOMING EVENTS



Iao Ucc  
Office  
will be  
**CLOSED**  
Monday  
September 5  
graphic courtesy of Proctor

September 29, 2022, Iao will be providing dinner for the homeless shelter. Our head Chef, Gail Ideue will once again accept your help. Prep, cooking, and/or helping to provide dessert. Dessert is needed for approximately 75 people.



# Just for Fun:

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**DIRECTIONS:**  
Find and circle the  
different kinds  
of pie in the grid.  
Look for them in all  
directions including  
backwards and  
diagonally.

APPLE  
BANANA  
BLACKBERRY  
BLUEBERRY  
BUTTERMILK  
CHEESE  
CHERRY  
CHICKEN  
CHOCOLATE  
COCONUT  
CREAM  
CUSTARD  
GOOSEBERRY  
KEY LIME  
LEMON  
MACADAMIA  
MINCEMEAT  
MUD  
OLALLIEBERRY  
PEACH  
PECAN





## Easy as Pie Word Search

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PIZZA  
POT  
PUMPKIN  
QUICHE  
RHUBARB  
SHOOFLY  
STRAWBERRY  
SUGAR  
SWEET POTATO



# AUGUST 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	DOE Student 1st Day				Office Closed	Hiroshima Day of Remembrance
31 Filling the Pulpit Pastor Kealahou Alike Communion Sunday 7	 8	2 9	3 10	AA 7-8(K) 4 11	Micronesia Women's Group 6-7(K) 5 12	AA 7-8(K) 6 13
Filling the Pulpit Rev.Dr. Roxanne WhiteLight 14	15	16	17	AA 7-8(K) 18	Office Closed Statehood Day Micronesia Women's Group 6-7(K) 19	AA 7-8(K) 20
Filling the Pulpit Rev.Dr. Wally Kuroiwa 21	22	23	24	AA 7-8(K) 25	Office Closed Micronesia Women's Group 6-7(K) 26	AA 7-8(K) 27
Filling the Pulpit Rev.Dr. Wally Kuroiwa 28	29	30	Council Meeting 5:45 pm  31	1	2	3
	5	6	7	8		

Free Printable Calendar from [Typecalendar.com](http://Typecalendar.com)





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**IN PERSON and VIRTUAL SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30 A.M.**

Pastor	Vacant
Moderator	Sannon Ribao
Church Admin	Thersa Supera
Choir Director & Pianist	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 through words**  
**and actions.**