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July 2022

A Hui Ho Pastor Tino

You know your Pastor...
When he came he thought
He was multi-cultural
But after 5 years with us
now he is multi-multi cultural

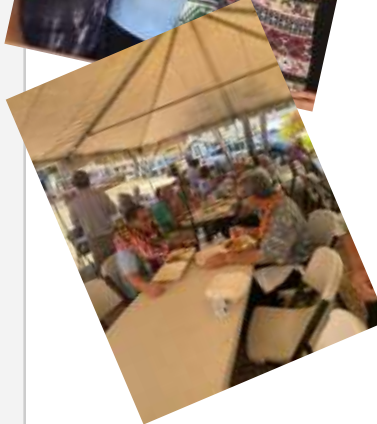
You know your Pastor...
When he came here he thought
He was bilingual,
But now he is Pentecostal Lingual
Speaking the Wonders of God
To Koshrians, Japanese, Portuguese,
Irish, Yapees, Chinese, German
Hispanic, Hawaiian, Korean, Filipino
and more.

You know your Pastor...
He used to think he was 'This'
But now he has discovered 'that'
he is Kahu, Colleague and Ohana

You know your Pastor...
When he came he had big
Rubbah Slippahs to fill
But he brought his own cowboy boots.

You know your Pastor...
He listens to a different drum beat
all his own from God
And this has become the heartbeat
Of this congregation.

You know your Pastor...
When he came,
He called you "Beloved"
Because you are loved by God
And his call as pastor was to you.



You know your Pastor...
He knows you
And you know him
And together you formed community

You know your Pastor...
Multi-cultural
Pentecostal Lingual
Kahu, Colleague, Ohana
Cowboy Boots
Heartbeat,
Beloved, Community.

We are all better for knowing Tino
As he is better for knowing all of us.
For the time we have spent together
Has been Christ's workmanship in us
For all the world.

We will take these where ever we go.
To discover hidden light,
in all events and all people
To lift them up for all to see
to bring wholeness to the world.

Pastor Tino.

Submitted and written by Pastor Rob
Kojima, Wailuku Union Church



March Lectionary

July 3 **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Kings 5: 1-14 and Ps 30

Isa 66:10-14 and Ps 66:1-9

Gal 6:(1-6), 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Surprising Prophets

July 10 **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Amos 7:7-17 and Ps 82

Deut 30:9-14 and Ps 25:1-10

Col 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

Caring Neighbors

July 17 **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Amos 8:1-12 and Ps 52

Gen 18:1-10 and Ps 15

Col 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

Words and Work

July 24 **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Hos 1:2-10 and Ps 85

Gen 18:20-32 and Ps 138

Col 2:6-15, (16-19)

Luke 11:1-13

Shaped by Prayer

July 31 **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Hos 11:1-11 and Ps 107:1-9, 43

Eccl 1:2, 12-14: 2:18-23 and Ps 49:1-12

Col 3:13-21

Luke 12:13-21

Soul Investment

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	Anela Awai-Stewart
7/3	Courtney Akitake
7/4	Dorothy Lester
7/11	Howard Ikeda
7/11	Kathy Tanaka
7/13	Jack Yoruw
7/17	Jackie Murai
7/23	Jennifer Saito
7/14	Richard Carr, Sr.
7/28	Travis Ikeda
7/30	Francis Yinmid

May 2022 Food Distribution

Number of Children Served (0-17 yrs.)	14	Total Adults Served	62
Total New People Registered	23	Total Days Program Operated	22
Unsheltered	10	Number of Meals Distributed	238

Unto the least of these...

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

Matthew 25:35



"For the least of these will hunger and thirst you with."
"The dog with a y." 11-8

Shannon Scoop | Moderator's Notes

Happy July Iao UCC Ohana!

As our Beloved Pastor Tino always reminded us...
in ALL things, LOVE!!!

LOVE is the common denominator in how we relate to God, to others, and to ourselves. As followers of Christ, LOVE is our trademark. It is easier to LOVE the people in our circle who we chose to call our family and/or friends, but how do we truly LOVE our neighbors? How do we love the people who are hard to LOVE, the people who hurt us, the people who we disagree with, the people who are different from us, the people who are considered outcasts, etc.? LOVE is the answer!!!

With the guidance of God, LOVE can cast out our fears. We can be the change we want to see in the world by continuing to "Be the Church."

We can pray for those who are difficult to LOVE, who hurt us, who disagree with us, who are different from us, etc.

We can lend a hand to all those in need. We can do unto others as we would want done unto us. When people look at us, let them see God's LOVE in word and action!!!

We need to LOVE more and judge less. Let us all be more open to loving...because LOVE is contagious and with God, all things are possible.



We need to continue to promote equality and let others know that "ALL are WELCOME" into our place of worship. We need to be the change we want to see in this world.

As I reflect on this month, what an emotional month it has been. Although my heart is full of sadness it is equally (if not more), full of LOVE and GRATITUDE!!!

Thank you Pastor Tino for all that you are and all that you have done for me, my wife and our amazing Iao UCC. We love you and we will miss you tremendously. Thank you for sharing your beacon of light and hope with us and our community. Our mission now is to carry that message to others and to continue to be that church because, "We are a people of God, living and sharing the love of Christ—and reflecting that love in WORDS and ACTIONS."

Take Care and May God Bless You All!!!

Love and Aloha always,
Shannon Ribao - Moderator

"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." – Proverbs 4:23



The following prayer is being attached to our Church Profile. It is hoped that you will include it in your daily devotions/prayers. Show support for the search team as they work diligently to find a new settled pastor. It takes a village and we are that village.

Creator and Creating God, you know our innermost thoughts and worries. As we move into the search process for another Kahu, another Pastor, give us strength to be a pastor toward one another during this interim period.

We thank you for your constant presence and companionship. In times of constant and change you have always walked with us into the deeper waters of faith, calling us to be united for the sake of mission and ministry, and calling us out of ourselves to serve a world in need.

We pray for those pastors who are searching for a new call, that they may be led by the Spirit to a faithful community that will love and trust in their vision, their call that you have given them.

As we move into this search process, help us to hold fast to the promise that your mission is bigger than any single pastor, local church, or conference. May that promise bring us comfort and discomfort as we move to a time of change that will mold us to become a stronger and faithful Church.

Give us strength to be your Church in times of change where ALL will continue to be welcomed, loved, and truly affirmed for who they are and where they are on life's journey. In this time, help us to lead with courage, be not afraid to fail, and flip the page to the next chapter of our story. We offer this prayer in your many and Holy Names. Amen and Amene.



Meet Theresa Supera

"I am the new Office Administrator for Iao UCC. I have an extensive background in office management and customer service. I've been on Maui for nine years now and Maui is my heart. I love the 'Āina and O'hana which has been very welcoming.

Iao UCC has also been extremely welcoming, and the aura and historical grounds are beautiful.

Although I've only known Pastor Tino for a very short time, I am grateful he was part of team hiring me and I will miss him! I wish Pastor Tino much happiness, love and success on his new venture.

I am so happy to work for this congregation and be a part of the wonderful Iao UCC community."

Theresa will be in the church office M-Th 9 am to 3 pm. (summer hours) manning the phones and helping us to keep our Pentecostal fire burning.



Bible Gateway Acts 2 :: NIV. **When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

The term Pentecost comes from the Greek Πεντηκοστή (Pentēkostē), meaning "**fiftieth**". It refers to the Jewish festival of Shavuot celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. It is also known as the "Feast of Weeks" and the "Feast of 50 days" in rabbinic tradition.

The name comes from the Greek word pentekoste which means fiftieth. The holiday is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter which is also fifty days after Easter, hence the name. Since its date depends on the date of Easter, Pentecost is a moveable feast, that is, the date is not fixed.

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Pentecost is when **Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to fill and equip each believer, to work and gather in the spiritual harvest.** Look around, the harvest is greater than ever before; people need to hear the love, grace, mercy, and peace of God. They need to know healing is possible.

It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other disciples following the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ (Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2), and it marks the beginning of the Christian church's mission to the world.

Christian churches often hold vigils, prayer sessions, religious retreats, and litanies during this period. **In many faiths, baptisms are often performed on Pentecost,** an ancient tradition for the holiday. Protestants and Catholics alike will often receive the Holy Communion.

July Worship Responsibilities:

	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
Pulpit	Rev. Dr.	Kahu	Rev.	Rev.	Rev. Dr.
Supply	Jack Belsom	Kalani Wong	Roxanne Whitelight	RoxanneS Whitelight	Jack Belsom
Usher/ Greeter	Jane Tesoro	Jane Tesoro	Jane Tesoro	Jane Tesoro	Jane Tesoro
Adult Reader	Daniel Kamidoi	Daniel Kamidoi	Daniel Kamidoi	Daniel Kamidoi	Daniel Kamidoi
Young adult/ Youth Reader	Joyleen Phillips	Joyleen Phillips	Joyleen Phillips	Joyleen Phillips	Joyleen Phillips
Aloha Hour	Jane Akitake Coordinator				



We are looking for those who would like to help with Aloha Hour. Because of covid it is very modified. We have the individually wrapped snacks and bottled water. The host or hostess only needs to set things up and take down. Please call Jane Akitake at 808-250-1518 or Dawna in the office at 808-244-7353.



Visitors from years gone by

Sunday, June 12, 2022

Visitor Joyce MacKay from Seattle, WA, is Barbara Kusuda's niece. She was married in Iao church in 1979 and her daughter Allison was baptized there in the late 1980s. Barbara Kusuda was a mother figure for Joyce since her own mother (Barbara's older sister) died at a young age. Joyce and friend Diane (who took the photo) visited IUCC on Sunday because Joyce attended Iao Preschool a very long time ago.



Biggie and Barbara Kusuda returned home to Maui.

In photo left to right: Carolyn Kamidoi, Jan Saiki, visitor Joyce MacKay, Katherine Hashiro, Maybelle Hashizume, Jane Tesoro and Rena Hayashi. Photo credit: Diane Erlenmeyer

Hi Mrs Tesoro,

You certainly have my permission to use any photos from my parents' service in your newsletter. Iao UCC was an important part of their life. I have fond memories of the regular Christmas Eve gatherings at our home for Portuguese soup. It was very nice to have Reverend Tino perform the service for family and friends. I'm thankful so many people will continue to remember my parents.

Thank you for your friendship over the years. I hope that Iao UCC will continue to evolve and thrive for many years to come.

Aloha, Dean Kusuda D



God blessed the island with some much needed rain on Monday, June 13, 2022. However rain doesn't stop the ever faithful Iao ladies and friends from their early morning exercise routine at the New Wailuku pool.

Janis Nakamura, Dawna Krueger, Rena Hayashi, Jan Saiki, Jane Tesoro, Jane Akitake and Janet Mullins.

A big "Mahalo" to everyone who participated in our recent Zippy's fundraiser. Three cheers to the preschool families and staff. They had 100% participation. Thank you, preschool. If you can turn in all your money as soon as possible (no later than 7/25), we can close the books. Money raised will be added to the general fund of the church.





June 8 brought online learning for the preschool, as they learned more about the importance of the ocean on World's Ocean Day



A tradition for many years: fathers and father figures are invited to share breakfast with their child the Friday before the official Father's Day.

Javis and Jeviohn Yoruw enjoying Father's Day breakfast at IPS



And of course what's Rainbow Day without a t-shirt to go with it

On Pastor Tino's last visit with the preschool children, he explained how he was moving to California and he would miss them all. They presented him with lei and he gave a coloring page with California images.



Our tutoring program has been on hold during the pandemic. The children will be ready to start attending as soon as school starts. There is only a slight problem: will we be ready? We are in need of person(s) to get this program up and running again. This program really makes a difference in the life on the children we help and the church we love. Position available: Tutoring coordinator and tutors.





Sacrament of
Holy Baptism
Rev. Dr. Jack Belsom
Congratulations!
Jireh Jarvis Falan Yoruw
Born
March 25, 2022
Baptized
July 3, 2022

More A Hui Ho



Congratulations to our Centenarians



Suizue "Susie" Kadoyama, born on June 21, 1922, now resides at Roselani assisted living facility in Kahului. She retired from First Hawaiian Bank as a loan officer. Mah jong is her favorite pastime, and she can tally scores quickly in her head!



Yaeko Furukawa looks amazing at 100!

Love her smile. Her daughter Tessa Tanaka provided the photo.

This vintage photo of the Furukawas in a Nisei Veterans tribute published in the Maui News. Thought it would be nice to include w/ Yaeko's 100th year old photo. Many locals remember Furukawa Store in Waikapū. Yaeko loved to sing karaoke and had male parts in Japanese dance. Enjoyed going to Las Vegas until a few years ago.

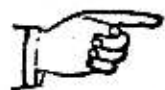




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9:30 A.M.

Pastor	Vacant
Moderator	Shannon Ribao
Church Admin	Theresa 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.