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Na Makani

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WHATEVER

‘Ōlelo akula kona makuwahine i nā kauwā,
‘O ka mea āna e ‘ōlelo mai ai iā ‘oukou,
‘o ia kā ‘oukou e hana ai.- Ioane 2:5

Kahu Kalani Wong, KS Maui

His mother said to the servants,
“Do whatever he tells you to do.”-
John 2:5

As a teen, I was always one of the first to arrive for Sunday School. I began to take on the kuleana of setting up the folding chairs. It was easy enough since we had linoleum tile floors in a checkerboard pattern, giving me the lines to align the chairs with. As others arrived, I'd recruit them to help with the set up. In short order, everything was in place. We'd placed song books out, erasing the blackboards, setting up the flannel board (yes, we had those). We'd do whatever we were asked to do. As we got older, that “do whatever” mentality spread to helping around other areas of the church. We may not have known how to do it so we just followed directions and did what we were asked to do.

Mary, Jesus, and the disciples went to a wedding feast. These gatherings would last up to a week. Soon, they ran out of wine. Mary called her son over and told him about the situation. He told her, “Dear woman, why come to me? My time has not yet come.” She said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you to do.” Whatever...meant filling six stone waterpots used for purification, then drawing some out for the head waiter. Following Iesū's commands and doing whatever turned the water into wine.

What is your servant attitude? Are you willing to do whatever you are asked for the Lord? Do you consider things beneath you? That's not being an alaka'i lawelawe. A servant leader will jump in with both hands and feet. That's what Kamehameha the Great did. After uniting the islands, he helped his people rebuild the lo'i kalo. Pauahi followed his example of alaka'i lawelawe by being a tutor to younger haumāna at the School for Chief's Children, tending to the sick, and doing whatever had to be done for those in need. For a number of years after leaving office, former president Jimmy Carter would spend a week each year helping build homes with Habitat for Humanity.

Serve God by serving others and do WHATEVER needs to be done...serve dinner at the homeless shelter, take part in a build with Habitat, or maybe help with clean up after an event. “Do whatever HE tells you to do.” You'll be amazed how good it feels.

October Lectionary

- Oct 2 **17th Sunday after Pentecost**
Lam 1:1-6 & Lam 3:19-26 or
Ps 137
Hab 1:1-4, 2:1-4 & Ps 137
2 Tim 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10
Free to Grieve
(Neighbors in Need Offering)
- Oct 9 **18th Sunday after Pentecost**
Jer 29:1, 4-7 & Ps 66:1-122
Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c & Ps 111
2 Tim 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19
Planting Life
(Access Sunday & Disabilities
Awareness Week)
- Oct 16 **19th Sunday after Pentecost**
Jer 31:27-34 & Ps 119:97-104
Gen 32:22-31 & Ps 121
2 Tim 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8
Ask Boldly, Live Justly
(Childrens Sabbath /Laity Sunday)
- Oct 23 **20th Sunday after Pentecost**
Joel 2:23-32 & Ps 65
Sirch 35:12-17 or Jer 14:7-10,
19-22 & Ps 84:1-7
2Tim 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14
Just Worship
- Oct 30 **21st Sunday after Pentecost**
Hab1:1-4; 2:1-4 & Ps 119:137-144
Isa1:10-18 & Ps 32:1-7
2Thess 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 18:9-14
Transforming Love
(UCC Higher Education Sundy)

October Birthdays

- 10/1 Alleen Kashiwamura
Evan Akitake-Hill
- 10/ 4 Aimee Yatsushiro
- 10/4 Alex Awai-Stewart
- 10/13 Youlida Yoruw
- 10/18 Jan Ikeda
- 10/19 Javen Bathin
- 10/20 James Morrison
- 10/24 Dale Yatsushiro
- 10/ 24 Dustin Kitagawa
- 10/25 Katherine Hashiro
- 10/28 Carolyn Kamidoi
- 10/28 Jane Tesoro



News from our food distribution team.

We are currently serving about 53 people a week. With about 1/3 of them children and/or new families or individuals.

Many are becoming regular customers, requesting food if not weekly then bi-weekly. Many sites allow a once a month food pick-up.



Please keep these members and friends in you prayers:

Lynette Shroma	David & Grace Murata
Kathy Tanaka	Anna Mayeda
Janet Mullins	Judge Richard Komo
Rita Whitford	Josepa Beauchamp
Carole Toy	Gloria Nakama

Shannon's Scoops | Moderator's Notes

Aloha Iao UCC Family & Friends. I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and great spirits. As always, if you need anything, please call our office at (808) 244-7353.

Reflecting on September, both Jaime and myself celebrated our birthdays. I have come to realize that "time" is truly the greatest gift. How we spend that time matters. I used to love receiving "presents," (and I still do...lol), but I now know that "presence" and being truly "present" matters more. Where do I choose to invest my time or my presence is what I often ask myself.

Since it's another trip around the Sun for me, I've been thinking a lot about what my purpose in this life is. I have heard the saying "God doesn't call the qualified, God qualifies the called." I believe that God has called me to live a life of service and I try to apply this in all areas of my life.

How can I live a life of service?

By definition "to be of service" means actively helping another or doing work for someone else. We can all think of situations where our lives were made better by someone who served us. I am more motivated to serve others when I remember the gratitude I had when I was on the receiving end of an act of service.

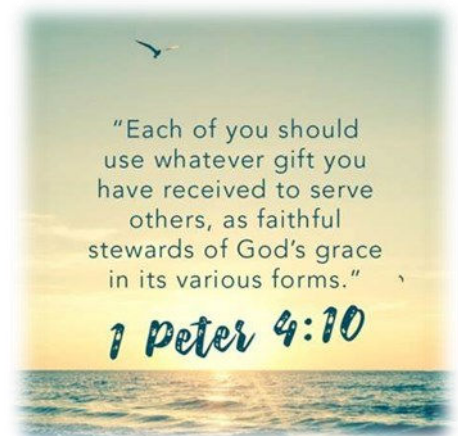
By investing my time into people, places and things that serve a purpose that is true to my heart, I am able to experience spiritual growth. It is in giving that I receive. When I approach my life in this way it fills my cup, one act at a time. My soul feels rich and in turn I bless another. It's a win win situation and most of the time it costs little to none.

Christ is the ultimate example of service. As Christ loves us, we should love others by being faithful disciples of our Lord.



Remember that we are in this together and that no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you can find others who are serving or need our service. Look for the helpers and encourage others to discover the benefits of living a life of service through your personal example.

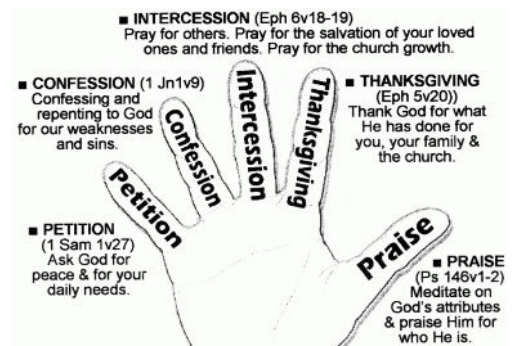
**"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."
-Mahatma Ghandi-**





During the month of October our very own lao UCC will be one of those featured in *Prayers of Aloha* in the *Coconut Wireless*. Included will be prayers for a settled pastor, front door funding, and what ever it takes to keep our food distribution serving so many of the hungry on Maui.

Don't get the Coconut Wireless? Subscribe at hcucc.org. Find the NEWS drop down, go to Coconut Wireless and hit the yellow button and done. You will find out what is happening at other UCC congregations around the islands, short, sweet and concise.



October Worship Responsibilities:					
	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30
Pulpit	Kahu	Stan Franco	Roxanne	Tim	Tim
Supply	Alika	Stand-up Maui	WhiteLight	Greathouse	Stewart
Usher/ Greeter	Lee Murakami	Lee Murakami	Lee Murakami	Lee Murakami	Lee Murakami
Adult Reader	Joy Yamane	Joy Yamane	Joy Yamane	Joy Yamane	Joy Yamane
Young adult/ Youth Reader	Noah Johannes	Noah Johannes	Noah Johnannes	Noah Johannes	Noah Johannes
Aloha Hour	Maybelle Hashizume				



Ringing Bells For Peace 9:03 a.m.
on September 21



Just talking story with our
neighbor Auntie Vanessa.



When you think about the Buildings and Grounds Community, it may be thoughts like they fix and repair things around the church, but they do a whole lot more.

Howard Ikeda monitors our water and electric usage. It was discovered that our solar company had been over charging us. Meetings were set up and it was corrected and the issue is being remedied. He noticed that in the middle of the night our water usage was in the thousands of gallons. This group of dedicated men and Jackie took every measure possible to figure out why.



Water table for this hot waeather

Now, you may not be able to turn on the spigots around the campus without a special key, but neither can anyone else. Water usage was returned to a reasonable amount.

Dennis Hashiro is the keeper of the keys. The group changed all the door locks on our buildings, which meant that all the old keys had to be found, gathered up and reissued to all those organizations that use our facilities. There is now a much stricter policy as to who gets keys and when they need to be returned (Thanks, Theresa for helping to keep track). Dennis is also the researcher for a camera security system for the campus. Unfortunately a number of strange things happen when no one is on campus. The camers that are up now are not always reliable.

Daniel Kamidoi is currently working with the preschool to update their bathrooms. Grant money will be used to change the very old plumbing and fixtures. The floor will also be resurfaced to make it safe again for all those little feet. Because grant money is being used for this project, Daniel is working to find the necessary licensed contractor to hire for the job.

Jackie Murai keeps every one in line. She works with Howard, Dennis and Daniel on every project and is that person to ask questions, give suggestions, work alongside them, and keep things moving. They will soon be meeting again with Robert Hartman and contractors to get the sanctuary front door renovatin finalized and moving along. The potholes in the parking lot have been filled, the exit gate that had been hit and totally knocked out of the ground has been put back in place (only a little worse for wear, but is back in place).

Maui Kosrae Church will be working with them every 4th Saturday of the month doing what is necessary.



Do you remember when almost every Sunday the flowers were placed on the altar to the glory of God, to honor a birthday, welcome a new arrival, remember a loved one who passed, an anniversary, a remembrance of a life-changing event, and on, and on. Well maybe the young'uns don't, but many of you do. It would be so great to start doing this again. We have the three lovely ladies who grace our altar every week with amazing floral arrangements and guest ministers with lei. They do it from their hearts ❤️. The Sunday morning announcement needs to add: "...and our flowers this morning are in remembrance of, or birthday of, etc. (by your name).

And that is where the flower chart can start (I made a rhyme, hahaha!) by calling the church office (808)244-7353, and letting them know which Sunday you would like to make your dedication*. You may take the flowers home but, please, leave the vase.

Let the ladies know they are appreciated and loved as well as a beautiful way to give glory to God for their gifts and talents.



Cindy Grace Dale

(*times are tough, we know. Donations are welcome, but please, don't let money hold you from signing up.)





Infinite Possibilities



I would like to share my time and talents through the ministry of this church in the following ways:

- ☐ help with shelter dinners
 - ☐ organize photos and records
 - ☐ Aloha Hour
 - ☐ Teach Sunday School/be an assistant
 - ☐ dedicate/donate flowers
 - ☐ help in the office
 - ☐ be a greeter and/or usher
 - ☐ be a reader during worship
 - ☐ visit the sick/shut-ins, Hale Makua
 - ☐ set up/clean-up for church gatherings
 - ☐ help with workdays (cleaning, yard work, painting)
 - ☐ help with funerals and the bereaved
 - ☐ be a choir member, or start up the choir again
 - ☐ provide special music for Sunday services
 - ☐ become a member of a community:
- Worshipping___ Learning___ Stewarding___ Buildings
& Grounds___ Witnessing and Reconciling___ Pre-
school___ Endowment___ Finance___ Funeral___ Coun-
ty Fair___

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am available: ___ Weekdays ___ Weekends

I want to participate in God's future, and I want to grow in my stewardship and in my giving to God's church and the world.

During 2023, I plan to give:

\$_____per week

\$_____per month or

\$_____ other

My total giving for 2023 will be _____

Since this is an estimate of what I plan to give to the church for next year, if my financial circumstances change, I can change this estimate by notifying the church office.

Name (please print): _____

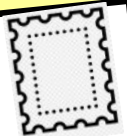
Signature: _____

If you have not received this by mail please fill out and mail back to the church office by Nov 14, 2021.

Mahalo,
Stewarding Community

Your Name
Your Address
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And here is another gift of true love. If you remember in the September issue (or if you listened to Lee Murakami's announcement on 9/11) there was an update from the Witnessing/Reconciling and Outreach Community. Below is just a small sampling of the cards that are being sent to our beloveds who may not be able to get out and about.

The crafter of these lovely cards is June Uyetake. Thank you, June, for sharing your creativity and artistic talent.



Hope every one enjoyed the breakfast, chili, corn bread, Portugues Bean Soup and/or meat sauce you received when you redeemed your fundraising tickets from Zippy's.

Thank you to our members, friends and pre-school parents. Mahalo.



We came close to our goal of \$2,000 with a total profit of:

\$1,879.00

Sign-up, Sign-up, Everybody Sign-up
(if you kind of sing this it sounds better)

Located on the bulletin board in the back of the Sanctuary there are three new sign-ups
The flower chart, a call for help on Oct.11, 2022
and Support Group support.

Hope ou can help to get these charts filled in. If you are still not coming to in person worship, please fill free to call the office and let them know where to put your name.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

If you are a Baker or Crafter, We Need YOU!

October 11, 2022 @ 12:30 pm
Contact the Office for more information and sign up.
BREAD & BEGS TO GET TEN (10) BREADS
(Please Print)

Name	Phone Number
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FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

2022 OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Given By: For	Given By: For	Given By: For
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3	3	3
4	4	4
5	5	5
6	6	6
7	7	7
8	8	8
9	9	9
10	10	10
11	11	11
12	12	12

PLEASE JOIN US!

Who: 1st UCC SUPPORT GROUP
When: 2nd Tuesday of each month
Time: 12:30 pm
Where: Church Upper Parking Lot
(to share rides)

Sign Up Below to become a member of our caring group who visits our shut-in kupuna.

Contact the Ministry Office for more information and sign up.
(Please Print)

Name	Phone Number
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A Concise History of Halloween



Most historians believe that Halloween originated as the Celtic festival of Samhain. The Celts, who celebrated their new year on November 1st, believed that the worlds between the living and the dead became blurred on the night before the new year. Subsequently, on October 31st, they celebrated Samhain by lighting bonfires, burning sacrifices to Celtic deities, dressing in costumes of animal skins/ heads, and attempting to tell one another's fortunes.

When Christianity spread throughout the Celtic lands, church celebrations began to blend with and replace many Celtic traditions. Pope Gregory III moved the celebration of All Saints' Day (formerly commemorated on May 13th to honor Christian martyrs) to the 1st of November. Soon the church instituted the November 2nd celebration of All Souls' Day, a day to honor the dead. Local residents celebrated All Souls' Day in a manner similar to the traditional Samhain celebration (bonfires, parades, dressing up in costumes, etc.). Many historians believe that All Souls' Day was the church's effort to replace the Celtic festival of the dead with a related, but church-endorsed holiday. All Saints' Day was referred to as All-hallows or All-hallowmas, so the night before it (the traditional night of Samhain) became known as All-hallows Eve. Today we know All-hallows Eve by the name of Halloween.



Halloween became popular in the U.S. when new immigrants flooded the nation during the second half of the nineteenth century. Over the years, Halloween activities have included telling ghost stories, eating seasonal foods, making mischief, and trick-or-treating. Halloween has grown in popularity and is now regarded by most as a secular, community-centered holiday.

Sources: <http://www.history.com/topics/halloween/history-of-halloween>, <http://www.lifeway.com/Article/Trick-or-Treat-How-Should-Parents-Respond-to-Halloween>, & <https://www.livescience.com/40596-history-of-halloween.html>.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	26 Food Distributio Open M,T,TH, and F Closed Wednesday (808)446- 7537	27 	28	29	30 ALOHA MAUI PRIDE MONTH	1 AA 7-8(K)
2 Filling the Pulpit Kahu Kealahou Alika World Communion Sunday *Neighbors In Need Offering	3	4 AA District Meeting 4:30-6	5 Happy Day AFG 9 am (K)	6 AA 7-8(K)	7 Micronesian Women's Group 6-7(K)	8 AA 7-8(K)
9 Filling the Pulpit Stan Franco Stand-up Maui  Pride Sunday	10  Office Closed	11 	12 Happy Day AFG 9 am (K)	13 AA 7-8(K)	14 Micronesian Women's Group 6-7(K)	15 AA 7-8(K)
16 Filling the Pulpit Rev.Dr. Roxanne WhiteLight	17	18	19 Happy Day AFG 9 am (K)	20 Tao Pepa submissions deadline AA 7-8(K)	21 Micronesian Women's Group 6-7(K)	22 AA 7-8(K)
23 Filling the Pulpit Tim Greathouse	24	25	26  5:45p Happy Day AFG 9 am (K)	27 AA 7-8(K)	28 Youth Night Micronesian Women's Group 6-7(K)	29 AA 7-8(K)
30 Filling the Pulpit Tim Stewart	31  Halloween	1 * may be given at any time, In memo put <u>NIN</u>	2	3	4 	

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