



FOCUS

"MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD"

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CENTERING PRAYER

Join in centering prayer each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in Butterworth Chapel.

Centering prayer is a form of meditation with an emphasis on interior silence.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Cooking for the Institute for Human Services (I.H.S.) takes place on the first Wednesday of every other month at 2 p.m.

See Paini Harris for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

If your child is attending Sunday School, please fill out the registration form. This will help us to provide your child(ren) with the best care while they are with us.

Registration forms are available at the Welcome Table.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- Maundy Thursday—March 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary followed by simple meal at 7:00 p.m. in Komuro Hall
- Good Friday—March 30 at noon in Butterworth Chapel
- Easter—April 1 at 10:00 a.m.



Pastors' Page

Our coach/consultants, Pastor Mike Slaughter and business partner, Karen Perry Smith, will be present with us on March 17-20, worshipping with us on March 18. For this trip, Pastor Mike's wife, Carolyn, will join us. You may have remembered Pastor Mike and Carolyn as the Britt Lecturers a few years ago.

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Dear FUMC 'Ohana: Mike Slaughter is one of the best known and effective pastors in the United Methodist Church. Nearly forty years ago, he was a young pastor assigned to a church in Ohio called Ginghamburg UMC that had an average attendance of 90. Most of the participants were older. A year later, it was down to 58. But during that year, he was putting in place the foundational practices that would put the congregation on a path from decline to growth. At his retirement last June, the congregation has grown to around 4000 on its main campus, has birthed a chartered church that worships around 1000 per week, two satellite congregations at around 200 each, and a brand-new church start.

You will recall that previously, two groups from our church attended the Ginghamburg Church's Change the World Conference. Last August, I attended BaseCamp at Ginghamburg, which was an intensive for pastors and included many of the experiences our "Change" and "Release" teams experienced, plus some specific training for pastors. Since retiring from Ginghamburg, Pastor Mike has begun a church consultant ministry with business partner Karen Perry Smith called Passionate Churches.

They will be observing our worship services and our facility, meeting with leaders, staff, and selected groups in the church. They will have already received a report from the pastors, reviewed by our staff, outlining information about our congregation. They will have also received the report from the "mystery worshipers" who visited all three of our worship services on February 25 (the report was largely positive, with the major concerns raised: the need to greatly improve signage; continuing attending to our renovation; and the need for a better system for registering children for Sunday School). After their March visit, our coach/consultants will make recommendations for our church's continuing growth and direction to becoming a missional church, as Pastor Mark Tidsworth, the Britt Lecturer, outlined.

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Pastor Tom

Oku fakafeta'i lahi ki he 'Otua 'i he'etau a'usia 'a e faka'osinga 'o e mahina hono ua, pea tau tu'uta mo'ui he mahina hono tolu 'o e ta'u, fakafeta'i e 'ofa. Kuo tau a'u mai 'eni ke fakakakato 'a e ngaahi fokotu'utu'u na'e fai ki ai 'a e ngaue mei he kuo hili ki hono fakalelei'i mo fakafo'ou 'a hotau 'api siasi ni, 'o tatau pe 'i loto mo tu'a, 'a e ngaahi ma'unga kekesi pea mo e 'api ni foki.

Na'e 'i heni 'a e ongo tangata mo hono mali mei Siasi ko ia 'oku Faifekau ai 'a Mike Slaughter ~ (Mike Slaughter foki 'a e faifekau koia mo e Siasi na'e lava atu ki ai 'a 'etau ongo kulupu 'e 2 he kuo hili 'o ako ngaue mei Siasi koi a 'I Ohio) ke sio ki hotau 'api Siasi ni he Sapate ko'eni 'aneafi 'o vakai'i 'a e tu'unga 'oku 'iai hotau 'api Siasi ni, pea pehe ki he ngaahi ma'unga kelesi: 8 a.m., 10 a.m. pea pehe 12 p.m. hili koia na'a mau fakataha 'o talanoa'i 'a e ngaahi me'a ke fakalelei'i he 'api ni, mo e tokoni ki he ngaahi houa lotu. 'Oku hoko foki 'eni ke toe lelei ange ai 'etau ngaue mo e ngaue kuo ui kitautolu ki ai.

'Oku 'amanaki ke 'I heni 'a e Faifekau Mike mo hono tokoni ko e Fefine ko Karen Smith mei he Siasi Ginhamberg UMC 'I Ohio 'I Ma'asi 17-20 'o e ta'u ni ke tokoni kiate kitautolu he ngaahi ngaue fakalakalaka 'oku tau fai he Siasi ni. 'Oku tau 'amanaki foki ki ha ngaahi tokoni lahi ma'a kitautolu he kaha'u foki.

'Oku mo'oni a'upito foki 'a e faka'amu 'a e Siasi ki he'etau kaveinga ngaue ke tau hoko ko e Siasi 'oku ngaohi kakai ma'a Sisu Kalaisi ke fakafo'ou ai 'a e mamani, pea ko e ngaue koia kuo pau ke tau ngaue fakataha 'o hange ko e kaveinga ngaue 'a e Faifekau Mark Tidsworth he Britt Lecture na'e toki 'osi, 'oku mu'omu'a ma'u pe 'a e me'a 'oku 'uluaki pea toki kimui 'a e me'a kimui. Ko e ngaohi tisaipale, mo e fakamo'ui laumalie 'oku fika 'uluaki ia, he me'a kotoa pe. Pea 'e toki 'a e 'Otua hono fakaai 'o e me'a kotoa pe. 'Ofa lahi atu kiate kimoutolu mo e Talamonu he mahina fo'ou ni. 'Ofa mo e Lotu, Faifekau Linita Moa

ENGLISH YOUTH GROUP

I'm humbled and honored to lead the Youth at First United Methodist Church. Our youth group continues to inspire me as they have a burning desire to stay close to Jesus. We enjoy unpacking the message from church and digging deeper into the scriptures to understand them better so we can apply the lesson to our everyday lives. The youth build relationships by participating in fun activities that require trust and skill. They have already shared their gifts of dance a few times in church service with much more to come! If you are in grades 6 to 12 and are looking for a safe environment to grow spiritually, build new relationships, and have a whole lot of fun, I encourage you to join our youth group which meets Sunday mornings from 11:30am to 12:45pm after service (except on the first Sunday of the month). Hope to see you there! —Mark Brekke, Youth Director

THE SINGLES MINISTRY

In February, 7 young adults attended the Wesley Foundation Spiritual Direction Retreat at Camp Mokuleia and enjoyed fellowship with other young adults. We will attend the HIM conference in March and the young adult revival called Relit on April 27 at First Church. The young adults meet on Fridays at 7:30 pm and on Sundays at 1 pm.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The English Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 14 at 11:30 am in the library. We will work to gain a better understanding about the special/sacred places created by inheritance and the legacy of UMW of the past. On March 23, 2018, UMW will celebrate 150 years of this relationship. There will be an opportunity to give to the Legacy Fund of the UMW. Bring a snack. Beverage will be provided. If you need transportation, call Carol Kesler at 926-0288 or the church office at 522-9555.

The Tongan circle meets at 8 pm on the third Tuesday of each month. Women of any age are invited to join the United Methodist Women.



We were blessed to have the Britt Lecturer, Rev. Mark and Melanie Tidsworth, Drs. Carla and Matt Britt join us for worship on February 18. That evening, the Pancakes and Praise Band blessed the final Britt Lecture with their music.



Rev. Mark Tidsworth and his wife, Melanie Tidsworth, along with DS Se Hee Han, Rev. Linita Moa, & First UMC Praise Team.

Photo Credit: Rev. Sunny Ahn of Kona UMC

LUNCH ON THE LOOSE

Thursday, March 15
at 11:30 a.m.

All are welcome to join us for lunch.
Contact Barbara Fernandez at 671-6801 to find out the restaurant and to reserve your spot.

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CONNECTIONAL LEADERS:

Resident Bishop:
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District Superintendent:
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Scholarships Available!



Rev. Chinpei Peter and Umeno Goto Memorial Scholarship

Fund: This scholarship is available through Parker UMC.
Deadline for submission is April 30, 2018.

Christian Education Scholarship: Is available through Harris UMC. Deadline for submission is April 30, 2018. To download the application, plus further details on the scholarship, application, eligibility and submission requirements, please see the Christian Education link on the Harris UMC website at harrisumc.org.

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