

# Focus

## *Glorifying God through our D.A.Y.S.* (Discipleship, the Arts, Young People and Service)

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HONOLULU | 1020 S. BERETANIA STREET, HONOLULU, HAWAII 96814  
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### Contemplative Prayer Workshop Part 3

*March 22 at 6:30 p.m.*

Alex Teruya will teach us about chanting as a spiritual practice to draw us closer to God. Participants will get the chance to participate in this ancient spiritual practice.

Please call the office at **808-522-9555** or email Kim at [Kim@firstumchonolulu.org](mailto:Kim@firstumchonolulu.org) to register.



### Both/And: Maximizing Hybrid Worship Experiences for Online and In-Person Audiences

*Saturday, March 20 at 10:00 a.m.*

Last summer, online consultant Jason Moore presented “Telling the Old Story in a New Time,” focusing on online worship. This March 20, he will present a brand new webinar: “Both/And – Maximizing Hybrid Worship Experiences for Online and In-Person Audience,” just in time for churches anticipating a return to in-person worship but wanting to keep an online presence. Designed for pastors, worship planners, and techies, you will learn how to plan effectively for both types of proclaiming the Word. The webinar is free to Hawaii District folks.

Please register at: <https://calpacumcformstack.com/forms/bothand2021> by Thu., March 18. For more information, contact Pastor Tom Choi at [revtchoi@firstumchonolulu.org](mailto:revtchoi@firstumchonolulu.org).

### Church Events

- 🕒 March 6<sup>th</sup> - District How-To Workshop
- 🕒 March 12 & 13 - Certified Lay Ministry Workshop
- 🕒 March 17<sup>th</sup> - Mid-Week Worship at 7 p.m. via Zoom
- 🕒 March 19 & 20 - Certified Lay Ministry Workshop
- 🕒 March 20<sup>th</sup> - Both/And Workshop at 10 a.m.
- 🕒 March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Workshop
- 🕒 March 26<sup>th</sup> - HOLIDAY: Facilities and Office CLOSED

# Ministry Musings

Dear FUMC 'Ohana:

This month, we come to the one-year anniversary of the coronavirus pandemic deeply affecting First UMC. I remember hearing about the virus, but somehow the seriousness didn't really sink in. I wasn't considering shutting down the in-person worship service at the beginning of March, 2020. But very quickly, it became obvious that we needed to take sudden action. After a large gathering on Sunday, March 15, we immediately went virtual the next week. I took a crash course (more like courses) in livestreaming and we were up broadcasting in both English and in Tongan. One of the sad casualties was shutting down the Pancakes and Praise service, but we are so glad that we have been able to continue the breakfast portion.

We were also in danger of losing the Food Bank, but thanks to a shortened schedule and several people stepping up, we have continued the Food Bank, keeping alive the great ministry led by Lissi and Dick Chadwick for many years.

While we are still in the midst of the pandemic shutdown at FUMC, we are still providing high quality ministry. It will probably be a while before we're back to in-person (a big step will be the vaccination of our staff, volunteers, and musicians, especially choir members), but for now, we are so glad God continues to bless us.

## MID-WEEK ZOOM WORSHIP ON MARCH 17

We had a great response to our virtual Ash Wednesday service last month. We received feedback that it would be wonderful to continue to have a midweek service. There are a lot of variables: we already have a Wednesday Check-In that is pre-recorded and requires a lot of production work but many who work cannot join the prayer group afterward; a pre-recorded service adds more production work, and we are already near the limit of available time and energy; will people respond to this worship?



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## Pastor Tom Choi Senior Pastor

In the end, we've decided to have a "preview" service on Wednesday evening, March 17, at 7 p.m. by Zoom. Zoom worship services tend to be more informal and don't require as much prior preparation. There is much more flexibility to use media and content, since it is a closed environment and not a public broadcast. We will likely have some fellowship time for people to catch up. We chose March 17 because it is St. Patrick's Day and should be a fun service to plan and participate in. It is also close to the one-year-anniversary of going online for worship.

We hope that you will join in that evening and let us know how you evaluate the experience. If it seems to work out, we will continue the service in some form. Thanks so much!

## BOTH / AND WEBINAR ON MARCH 20

As we ponder WHEN we will go back to in-person worship, HOW we will go back is perhaps more important. The best thing about the pandemic is that it made true the old adage: "Necessity is the mother of invention," and force us to innovate and deliver online worship practically overnight. It also made us realize that online worship is here to stay even when we return to in-person worship. But how? Jason Moore, who has consulted with us on worship previously, will be leading a free webinar on hybrid worship. I hope you'll be a part of it. For more information and registration information, go to this page: <http://www.calpacumc.org/events/both-and-maximizing-hybrid-worship-experiences-for-online-and-in-person-audiences>.

Grace and aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Tom".

# From Faifekau Linita Moa's Desk



Kainga 'i he 'Eiki,

Fakafeta'i ki he 'Otua Mafimafi, he fa'ahita'u fakakalisitiane 'o e Leniti, pea 'oku ne 'omi pe 'a e laumalie 'o e fakatomala mo e tui ki he Kosipeli 'a e 'Otua 'ia Sisu Kalaisi. Ma'o 'etau a'u mai ki he Mahina Fo'ou 'o Ma'asi 2021, pea ko e 'ofa 'a e 'Otua 'oku ne kei taki kitautolu he hala fononga 'o e tolu'i mahina 'o e ta'u.

'Oku tau kau fakataha mo e Kaveinga: TAU FAI 'A E NGAHI FEKAU 'A E 'OTUA KE FAITO'O AI HOTAU NGAHI LAVEA.

Ke tau fakalaululoto he ngaahi fekau 'a e 'Otua 'i he Folofola, pea ko e faito'o ia 'oku to'o mo tafi ai hotau ngaahi lavea 'o tatau pe 'i he sino, loto, 'atamai, mo e laumalie. Ko e taimi 'oku tau lavea (kafo) 'oku uhu pea langa, mamahi, pea 'i he taimi 'oku faito'o ai, 'oku ne 'omi 'a e fiemalie mo e nonga kiate kitautolu. Pea 'oku 'ikai ha taimi fiefia taha mo nonga taha 'a e tangata/fefine ka ko e taimi 'oku nonga ai mo fiemalie mo fiefia. Koia ko e faito'o ko e ngaahi folofola kotoa pe 'oku ha'u mei he fofonga 'o e 'Otua 'i he'ene Folofola. Lau faka'aho ho'o folofola, pea aukai mo lotu 'o hufia ki he 'Otua, ka ke ma'u 'a e nonga mo e fiemalie, pea 'oku tupulaki ai ho'o mo'ui lotolu, pea 'e ha atu ia 'i ho'omo'ui foki.

Ko e mahina ko'eni ko Ma'asi te tau tokanga ai ki he ngaahi me'a ko'eni;

\* Fa'ahita'u Leniti 'e lele atu 'o a'u ki he Tokonaki 'Epeleli 3, 2021 (kimu'a he Sapate Toetu'u)

\* Vahevahe 'o e Ngaahi Polokalama 'o e Uike Tapu 'e vahevahe fakakulupu ia mei he Monite ki he Tokonaki, pea fakahoko ia he taimi 7:30 p.m. he 'aho kotoa pea 'e fakahoko ia he Zoom, pea 'e anga pehe ni: *Monite: Kulupu Kalihi; Tusite: Kulupu Makiki; Pulelulu: Waikiki; Tu'apulelulu: Kapahulu & Waipahu; Falaite: Kahala*

*Tokonaki: Young People.*

- Ko e polokalama temou teuteu, kataki 'o ngaue'aki 'a e ngaahi leseni 'o e 'aho takitaha, to'o ai 'a e leseni te ke fiema'u 'o teuteu ai ho'o polokalama, pe ko e poupou, pe ko e ako Tohitapu (pakipaki) pe ko e ha pe mo ho'o kulupu 'a e polokalama 'oku ke fie fakahoko, ka e 'o fakafe'unga ki he houa 'e 1 (7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.) 'E lava pe ke fakakau atu ha'amou ki'i hiva, ko e ha pe me'a 'oku ke faka'amu k eke ngaue'aki ka ta'umu'a ki he Fa'ahita'u Uiketapu mo e ngaahi 'aho taki taha.
- 'Oku fakamanatu atu aipe ho'o 'etau ngaahi ma'unga kelesi mo e Lautohi FakaSapate 'a e fanau he taimi 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. hili 'a e Malanga Fakatonga he Sapate kotoa.
- Ko 'etau fakataha Te u ki he Kuata Ma'asi 'e fakahoko ia he Sapate Ma'asi 7, 2021 taimi 6 p.m. he Zoom pe.
- Ko 'etau fakataha Kuata Ma'asi, Tokonaki Ma'asi 13, 2021 taimi 5 p.m. 'o kamata'aki 'a e Komiti Ngaue he 5 pm pea hoko atu aipe mo e Fakataha'anga Kuata. 'E fakahoko kotoa 'eni 'I he Zoom. Te u toki 'oatu 'a e Link koia ki he Zoom ke mou ngaue'aki mai he uike koia 'uluaki koia 'o Ma'asi.

Tauange ke tapuekina kimoutolu 'e he 'Otua Mafimafi he fononga he fa'ahita'u 'o e Leniti.

'Ofa lahi atu mo e hufia, *Faifekau Linita 'U. Moa*

UMCOR SUNDAY



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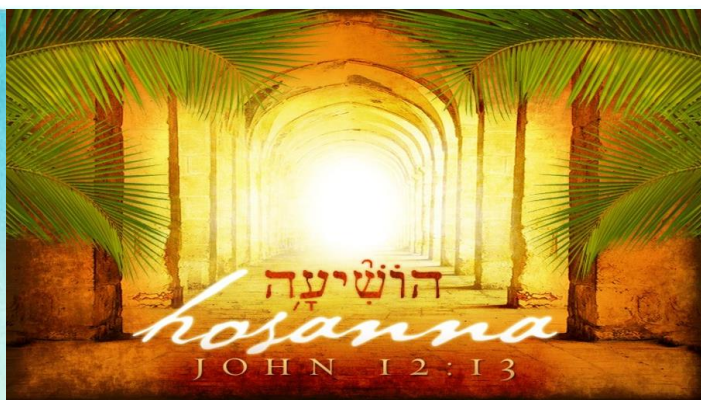
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## Sermons for 10 a.m. Online Worship Service on Facebook Live

**March 7** - Kim Houff, Director of Discipleship and Community Engagement will preach on "Clearing Out the Temple".

Holy Communion will be celebrated.

**March 14** - Pastor Tom Choi preaches on the covenant through the Ten Commandments.

**March 21** - Pastor Tom Choi preaches on the renewal of the covenant in Jeremiah.

**March 28** - Palm/Passion Sunday will be observed. Holy Communion will be celebrated at this service.

Our worship service can also be viewed from our webpage – [firstumchonolulu.org](http://firstumchonolulu.org) soon after our Facebook Live worship ends at 11 a.m. and on YouTube. Or if you prefer a printed copy of the worship script, please call 808-522-9555 or email [office@firstumchonolulu.org](mailto:office@firstumchonolulu.org) to request one be mailed to you.

## Mid-Week Zoom Worship Wednesday, March 17 at 7 p.m.



Because it is St. Patrick's Day we will be talking about St. Patrick. We hope that you will join us. Please email

[Kim@firstumchonolulu.org](mailto:Kim@firstumchonolulu.org) for the Zoom link.

## Hawaii District How-To Workshop

The Hawaii District invites all clergy and local church leaders to participate in this year's how-to workshops on **Saturday, March 6**. We will gather for worship at 9:30 am, then have Morning Workshops at 10:00 am, a lunch break, and Afternoon Workshops at 12:45 pm.

The Zoom link for everyone to gather for opening worship is included in your confirmation email. Zoom info for your workshops will be sent to you at a later date.

**Registration deadline: Friday, March 5, 2021**

# DISCIPLESHIP

## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

On Sunday, February 21, we began a new study for Lent: *FastPrayGive: Ending Hunger by the Means of Grace*. Lent is a great time to practice the disciplines of fasting and praying. This small group study will help us to see how we can connect our fasting and praying to giving in order to make a difference for those who are hungry. You can go to <https://fastpraygive.org/store/fastpraygive-small-group-study-e-boo99k/> to download the free .pdf or 99¢ digital version. The study meets at 11:00 AM following English worship. Email [kim@firstumchonolulu.org](mailto:kim@firstumchonolulu.org) for more information. You can still join us!

## FastPrayGive: Ending Hunger By The Means Of Grace

Andy Morris with Foreword by Greg Beckman



## BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY



Join us for a new group study of Beth Moore's *Chasing Vines*. We will meet every other Thursday from 6:30-8:00 via Zoom (March 4 and 18; April 8 and 22; May 6 and 20). The church will provide the Group Experience book. If you would like to read the main book, you can purchase it at Logos, Cokesbury, or Amazon. Amazon also has a kindle edition. Email [kim@firstumchonolulu.org](mailto:kim@firstumchonolulu.org) for the Zoom link.

Workshop sessions: **Session 1 (AM):** Church Finances  
**Session 2 (AM) & Session 8 (PM):** How Churches Can Take Advantage of the Employee Retention Credit  
**Session 3 (AM) & Session 9 (PM):** Children Virtual Ministry  
**Session 4 (AM) & Session 10 (PM):** Enhancing Online Worship  
**Session 5 (AM) & Session 11 (PM):** Clergy & Laity in Ministry Together Using Spiritual Gifts  
**Session 6 (AM) & Session 12 (PM):** Lay Leadership  
**Session 7 (PM):** Tables 1, 2, 3

**Register at:**

<https://calpacumc.formstack.com/forms/hawaiiittraining2021>

## Certified Lay Ministry Cycle A: Worship Workshop via Zoom

March 12, 13, 19, 20

Cost: \$75.00

All those seeking certification as a Certified Lay Minister who need Cycle A are invited to participate, as well as those who are currently Certified Lay Servants. This course qualifies as a prerequisite for Certified Lay Minister status.

**Attendance is required for all sessions for credit. As well as a 2-hour assignment beyond the classroom, for a total of 10 hours.** Deadline to register: Thursday, March 11, 2021. Register at:

<https://calpacumformstack.com/forms/clmcyclea2021>

## Kupuna Hale

Thursday, March 25, 11-12noon  
via Zoom

Join us for a time of fellowship and learning how to age gracefully.



Our bodies are our temple, so this month our topic will focus on keeping our bodies strong and as agile as possible through *Fall Prevention*.

We will check our balance, look at how we can make our surroundings safer, and learn some simple exercises to improve or maintain our balance.

Please email [office@firstumchonolulu.org](mailto:office@firstumchonolulu.org) for the Zoom link.

## The ARTS

### Keiki Sign Dance Class via Zoom

Wednesday, February 24 – April 28  
5:00-6:00 p.m.

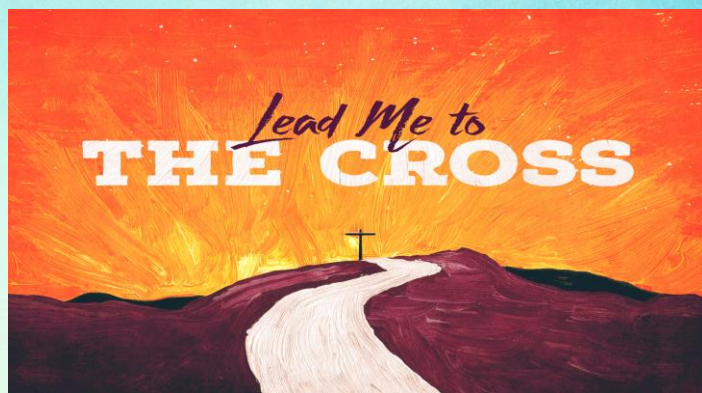
This FREE dance class is open to all K-6 graders. We will use American Sign Language signs put to music to tell a story. It is a fun and creative way to learn a new language as well as express ourselves through dance!

Our instructor, Sandi Brekke, has been dancing Creative Sign for over 21 years. She has taught Keiki Sign Dance classes for the past 4 years.

To register and get the Zoom invite, email the office at [office@firstumchonolulu.org](mailto:office@firstumchonolulu.org). Last day to join is Wednesday, March 10.



## YOUNG PEOPLE



### YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY

In this season of Lent, we are journeying with Jesus to the Cross in our weekly Youth & Young Adults program. We alternate between Friday and Sunday evenings. If you would like to join us, please email Mele Pepa Latu at [youngpeoplesdirector@firstumchonolulu.org](mailto:youngpeoplesdirector@firstumchonolulu.org).

*Mele Pepa Latu*

*Director of Young People's Ministry*



### ENGLISH YOUTH GROUP

Our youth are staying spiritually healthy by doing Bible plans together. We just completed one titled "Photoshop". For those unfamiliar with Photoshop, years ago it was a breakthrough in photo manipulation allowing you to erase a mistake in a photo as if it was never there. We learned that God is like the photoshop guru. His mercy has provided a way for us to photoshop our mistakes away so we don't have to carry that burden. As children of God, our youth know they are a new creation, strong in their faith, confident and full of hope with every new day.

In our next study "More Than Pretty", five-time Grammy Award winner and author, Erica Campbell, seeks to encourage our soul with honesty, affirmations, and simple biblical truths. Join our youth as we discover what Erica has to share through her soul-searching and life-changing insights that help to engage us more in-depth into what the Word of God says about us.

*Mark Brekke, Director of Youth*



## Sundays at 9:15 a.m. via Zoom

All children in K-6 grade are welcome to join us on Sundays as we use science experiments to tell the Easter story and help build your child(ren)'s spiritual foundation. This month kids will learn that Jesus lives and can give us new life.



**Summary:** This series will use science experiments involving eggs to reinforce the life-changing story of Easter. Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Judas' betrayal, Peter's denial, as well as Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.

Email [Office@firstumchonolulu.org](mailto:Office@firstumchonolulu.org) to receive the Zoom invitation and have the Kids Church packet of goodies mailed to your child.

## SERVICE

### FOODBANK

We are blessed that we have been able to keep our Foodbank open throughout the pandemic. Currently, we are having a hard time getting a few items. We are accepting donations of any non-perishable items, but the following are our greatest needs:

Canned Vegetables	Canned Soup
Canned Beans	Vienna Sausage
Spam (or other canned luncheon meat)	

Remember, Kim loves to shop so you can donate money as well! Call or email Kim at [kim@firstumchonolulu.org](mailto:kim@firstumchonolulu.org) for more information. Call the office at 808-522-955 to arrange a time to drop off donations.

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

All women are invited to the English Circle of UMW meeting, on Wednesday, March 10 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. Kim Houff will lead the program "Persistence in Mission." If you would like to join us or if you would like to make an offering, please contact Kim at [kim@firstumchonolulu.org](mailto:kim@firstumchonolulu.org) to get an invitation to the meeting.

The Tongan Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 16 at 7:30 PM via Zoom. Please contact Tupou Seini Kelemen to get the invitation to the meeting.

## UMW's Knitted Together Virtual Event

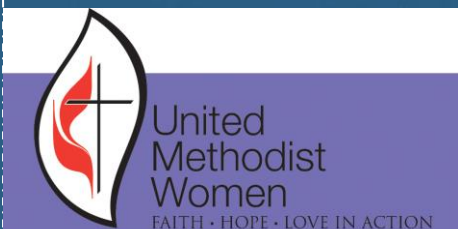
### "United Methodist Women Against Domestic Violence"

*Saturday, March 13 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom*



During these difficult times of COVID-19, United Methodist Women pray for those facing domestic Violence. Many survivors of domestic violence are so filled with shame, humiliation and fear, that to even speak in public about their experience is unthinkable. Jenny Delos Santos, is a survivor with courage. Join us as we hear her story with open mind and open heart.

**Speakers:** Jenny Delos Santos, DV survivor; Chelsey Stewart & members of Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV); PlayBuilders of Hawaii.



Everyone is invited to join by registering with UMW secretary, Mihae Kim at [mihaekim015@gmail.com](mailto:mihaekim015@gmail.com) by March 6 with the following information: Name, Phone Number, and Church Name.

Zoom meeting information will be sent closer to the event date.



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## President's Day Foodbank Crew



# MARCH 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>All classes and Worship Services are held online. Online committee meeting times to be announced.</b>	1 2-4pm FoodBank  6:30pm Tongan Bible Study	2  7pm Trustees Meeting	3 10am Wednesday Check-In  5pm Keiki Sign Dance Class	4 2-4pm FoodBank  6:30pm Women's Bible Study (Beth Moore's "Chasing Vines")	5	6 9:30am District How-To Workshop
7 8:30am Pancake Breakfast 8:45am Disciple Fast Track 9:15am Kids Church 10am Online English Worship 11am Online Tongan Worship 11am Zoom Social 11am Youth Group	8 2-4pm FoodBank  6:30pm Tongan Bible Study	9	10 10am Wednesday Check-In 11:30am UMW English Circle  5pm Keiki Sign Dance Class	11 2-4pm FoodBank	12 2-4pm Certified Lay Ministry Workshop	13 1-3pm Certified Lay Ministry Workshop 1:30pm UMW Against Domestic Violence
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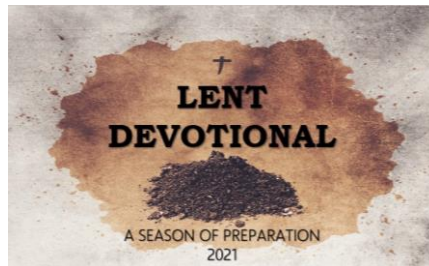


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Bishop Grant Hagiya  
**District Superintendent:**  
Rev. Moonyoung Lee



Pastor Tom, Pastor Linita, and Kim, Dir. of Discipleship and Community Engagement, have crafted a thoughtful devotional to guide us

through Lent to the celebration of Easter Sunday. The devotional will be available from [fumchonolulu.org](http://fumchonolulu.org) as a pdf file or you can pick up a printed copy at the church. Devotions will be posted on our Facebook page each day. For more information contact [kim@firstumchonolulu.org](mailto:kim@firstumchonolulu.org).

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