

Focus

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

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Pastor Won-Seok's Welcome Potluck

Sunday, July 2, 2023
Following 10 a.m. Joint Worship
Service



To welcome Pastor Won-Seok Yuh and his wife, Sonya Lee, we will be having a potluck lunch in the courtyard on Sunday, July 2 following the joint worship.

To ensure that we have a variety of items, we have assigned categories by last names:

A to D – Salad or Vegetable Dish
E to M – Main Dish
N to Q – Dessert
R to Z - Starch

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Get to chat with Pastor Won-Seok at this month's coffee and conversation at the Honolulu Museum of Art Coffee Bar just across the street from FUMC (park at FUMC), at **10 a.m.** on **Thursday, July 20!** (Museum entrance is free to go to the Coffee Bar.) We hope you can join us!



Church Events

- July 2nd - Pastor Won-Seok's Welcome Potluck
- July 4th – Independence Day HOLIDAY: Office and Facilities CLOSED
- July 20th - Coffee and Conversation w/Pastor Kim at 10 a.m. at HoMA Coffee Bar
- July 21st – Tongan Youth & Young Adults Fundraiser Concert at 7 p.m. in the courtyard
- July 22nd – Saturday Foodbank at 2-4 p.m.
- July 25th – CFA meeting at 7 p.m. via Zoom
- July 29th - Misinale



Pastor Won-Seok Yuh
Co-Pastor

“But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?”

¹⁴God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” (Exodus 3:13-14, NRSVue)

Grace and peace to you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am filled with gratitude as I heard that many of you have endeavored to pronounce my given name. The English spelling of it gives some complicated challenges, and its even more confusing because a bit of documentation history. It is but a name, but it is more than a name. How we name and how we are named colors much of how we see and we relate to one another. Some of our Jewish siblings and scholars who recognize the Tetragrammaton, YHWH or יהוה, and write the name of the Divine in English as “G-d” (my personal preference) or “G*d” or “G_d” as some examples. Some, when reading the name aloud, say “Adonai” or “Elohim” or a familiar “Jehovah” instead of “Yahweh” as some of us may be familiar. Each of these carry a story and a meaning as to why they are.



Ministry Musings

I look forward to getting to know you and your names (may you be gracious unto me as I steadily learn). I look forward to hearing stories of G-d’s grace and love woven in your life thus far, and the threads of hope in which the Holy Spirit will intertwine us furthermore. I look forward to witnessing moments where we might meet Jesus along this journey of abundant life with healing, redemption, and resurrection. May we come to see one another wholly and as holy as G-d has created us and delights in us.

It would be my privilege to be considered your pastor. On behalf of Sonya and me: we look forward to sharing in the aloha and love of Ke Akua with you.

Peace,
Rev. Won-Seok Yuh



From Faifekau Linita Moa's Desk

Fakafeta'i kuo tau a'u mei heni ki he hifonga 'o e ta'u mo e mahina ko Siulai 2023. Pea ko e lolotonga 'eni 'o e fa'ahita'u 'oku malolo mai ai 'a e fanau ako 'o teuteu ki he Fall semester, pea pehe ki he ngaahi fefolau'aki 'o tatau pe he ngaahi fatongia 'I he famili, sosaieti, mo e fehikitaki 'a e kau faifekau, mo e ngaahi fatongia kehekehe pe he anga 'o nofo. Fakataha mo ia 'oku tau teuteu atu foki ki he'etau katoanga Misinale fakata'u ki he 'aho 29 'o e mahina ni. Koia ai 'oku tau fiefia kotoa pe he tafenga 'o e 'aho he'etau fononga fakataha mo e Laumalie Ma'oni'oni 'o ne nofo'ia 'etau mo'ui he fononga'anga ni.



Pastor Linita Moa
Associate Pastor

Ko e Ngaahi Ngaue ki he Mahina ni:

1. Ko e talitali koia 'o 'etau Faifekau, Rev. Won-Seok Yuh 'I he Sapate 'aho 2 'o Siulai ni, pea 'oku tau lukuluku pe kiai, pea 'e toki vahevahe atu ki he ngaahi Kulupu.
2. Ko e ngaahi scholarship ma'ae fanau ako kolisi, 'e 'osi kotoa mai (due date) ki he 'aho 3 'o Siulai ni.
3. Ko e 'aho Tokonaki, Siulai 1, 2023 ko e 'aho ia 'o e Lautohi FakaSapate pea 'e fakahoko ia ki he Park 'I Pearl City mei he taimi 9 a.m. ki he 3 p.m. Ko e fakaikiiki 'e ma'u ia mei he Pule Lautohi FakaSapate, Sisifale Ha'unga.
4. Ko e Koniseti feinga pa'anga 'a e Potungaue Talavou/Finemui na'e toloi mai mei he mahina kuo 'osi, 'e fakahoko ia he 'aho 21 'o e Mahina ni.
5. Ko 'etau ngaahi ma'unga kelesi koia teuteu ki he Katoanga Misinale, 'e fakahoko atu ai pe 'a e Polotu Teu ki he Katoanga Misinale he hili koia 'a e Malanga Sapate. 'E vahevahe pe 'a e ngaahi Kalasi 'Aho ha kau lea kenau lea he Sapate 'aho 9, 16, 23. Pea ke Sea pe 'a e tokotaha Malanga 'o e 'Aho Sapate takitaha.
6. Ko 'etau Katoanga Misinale Tukumo'ui 'e fakahoko ia he 'aho 29 'o Siulai ni, he taimi 1 p.m. pea hili ia pea tau ma'u me'atokoni fakataha ki he Lanai.
7. Ko e mahina ni, 'oku faka'amu pe ke tau lotua mo hufia ange 'a e ngaahi fatongia koia 'o e mahina ni, 'o tatau pe he famili, mo e Siasi foki.

Tauange ke hoko mai 'a e Laumalie 'o e 'Otua Mafimafi ke ne lotolotoi 'iate kitautolu kotoa pe lolotonga 'a e ngaahi ngafa 'o e Mahina ni.

'Ofa lahi atu mo e hufia,

Faifekau Linita 'U. Moa

WELCOME
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Sermons for 10 a.m. English Worship Service

JULY 2 – “WELCOME!”

Matthew 10:40-42. Pastor Won-Seok Yuh will express his gratitude to the church for welcoming and loving him and his wife Sonya along with the welcome of what is coming with Pastor Kim's ordination and the welcome of what was with Pastor Linita's reappointment. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

JULY 9 – “By the Will of G-d”

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

JULY 16 – “By the Grace of G-d”

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

JULY 23 – “By the Peace of G-d”

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

JULY 30 – “By the Vision of G-d”

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Youth and Young Adult Sunday

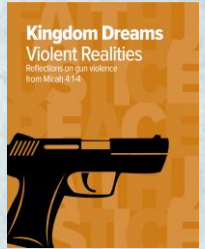
You can access previous videos of our worship services on Facebook (First United Methodist Church Honolulu) or edited versions on YouTube. Or if you prefer a printed copy of the worship script, please call 808-522-9555 or email office@firstumchonolulu.org to request one be mailed to you.

DISCIPLESHIP

MONDAY EVENING STUDY

6:30 PM via ZOOM

We will meet for three evenings (7/24, 7/31 and 8/7) to reflect on gun violence using the Bible study *Kingdom Dreams, Violent Realities: Reflections on Gun Violence from Micah 4:1-4*. For more information, receive the study materials, and/or the zoom link, email Pastor Kim at kim@firstumchonolulu.org.



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Following 10 AM worship (except first Sunday)
In-person and via Zoom

We continue our current events Bible study, “The Wired Word,” which provides us interesting topics to discuss—all through a biblical lens. Join us on Sundays (except for first Sundays) following 10 AM worship to discuss the topic for the day. Articles are emailed on Thursday or Friday for Sunday's discussion. For more information, to get the article emailed and/or to get the Zoom link. Email Kim@firstumchonolulu.org.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



The English group thanks everyone who made our Friendship Tea so enjoyable on June 24. We hope to sponsor more activities like that. Our next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, August 9 at 11:30 AM in the library.

The Tongan Circle will meet on Tuesday, July 18 at 7:30 PM in Komuro Hall. Please contact Kueni Maka for more information.

YOUNG PEOPLE



FUMC Scholarship

Worried about how you're going to pay for college? If you are a recent graduate pursuing a college degree or a current college student, you'll be interested to know that at First UMC we are blessed to be able to give scholarships to college students. All those who are interested in applying should acquire a copy of their transcript or report card (high school only) for inclusion in the application packet which is **due no later than July 3, 2023** (Note: applications with transcript must be in the office by then).

Email office@firstumchonolulu.org for an application or for more information.



Young Adult Ministry

As we study the "Wired Word" and share our thoughts about current affairs, I continue to be impressed with the hearts and minds of everyone who shares. God has definitely gifted them with caring hearts and creative minds.

We want to congratulate Sierra Choi on being elected as the youngest in our CalPac Annual Conference as a lay delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference.



We are so proud of her for following God's call to speak up for justice and compassion for those that are oppressed and marginalized and for those that do not have a voice!

It's been a blessing to have new young adults joining our ministry who come with new perspectives and ideas for additional activities. We were excited to see some of God's wonders as we hiked the Manoa Valley Trail together. Since one of our concerns is for our aina (land), we decided to pick up other people's trash as we hiked. We hope more youth & young adults will join us on our next outing.

Mark Brekke

Young Adults Ministry Director



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We are collecting school supplies to hand out during FoodBank in July and August. Some suggestions are:

- Gallon or Sandwich Ziploc Bags
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Facial Tissue
- Paper Towels
- Disinfecting Wipes

Check out the school supply lists for local schools for more ideas. (Any leftover items will be delivered to Queen Kaahumanu Elementary School.)

SERVICE

FOODBANK VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Put your faith into action by helping out at the foodbank! We need help packing bags and/or handing out bags every day that we are open. Training will be provided.

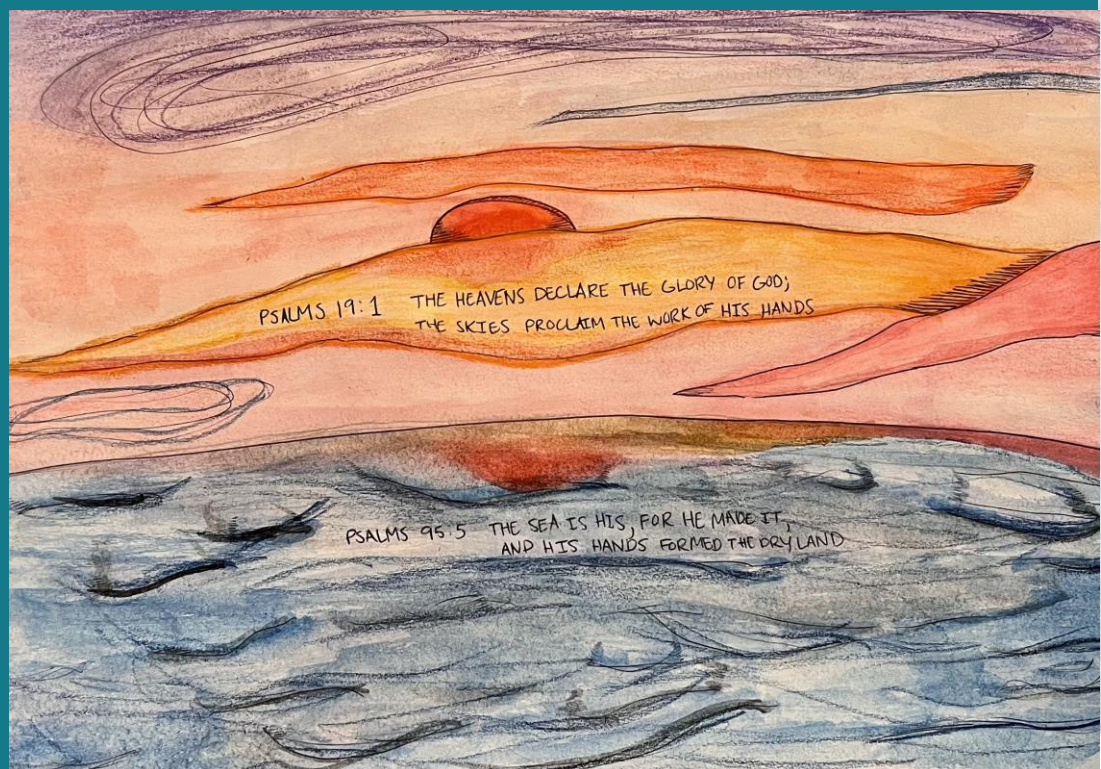
(It's not hard and we try to make it fun!) In July, the foodbank is open on four Mondays (3, 17, 24, and 31), two Thursdays (6 and 27), and one Saturday (22) from 2-4 PM each day. We ask for volunteers to come at 1:30 if they can. Contact Pastor Kim at 808-522-9558 or kim@firstumchonolulu.org if you would like to volunteer.



THE ARTS

Reflection by Amalia Houff

Are you inspired by God's Word to create art? Share it with your church family. Pictures, poems, and short stories work well for the newsletter. Singing, playing instruments, dancing, dramatic readings, and skits are great for worship. Send your idea or submission to office@firstumchonolulu.org.





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This is a small taste of the fun that we had at the UWF Friendship Tea. Keep your eye out for more fun events.



JULY 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| BC= Butterworth Chapel KH = Komuro Hall L = Library | | MR = Maile Rm S = Sanctuary YR =Youth Room | | | | 1 |
| 6am Tongan Worship 2 8:30am Pancakes and Praise Breakfast (grab and go only) 10am Joint Worship Service 11:00 am Pastor Won-Seok's Welcome Potluck (courtyard) | 3 2-4pm FoodBank | 4 HOLIDAY Independence Day Office, Facilities and Foodbank Closed | 5 7pm Tongan Worship (S) | 6 2-4pm FoodBank 6:30pm Tongan Women's Prayer Group (BC) 8pm Tongan Choir(S) | 7 7-9:30pm Tongan Youth & Young Adults (KH) | 8 |
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Rev. Kim Houff

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Director of Young Adult Ministry & Handyman:
Mark Brekke

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