

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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**Saturday, September 16 and
Sunday, September 17**
4-8:30 PM
Komuro Hall

Hawaii District Disaster Task Force is offering Basic Emergency Response Team (ERT) Training on Saturday, September 16 and Sunday, September 17 from 4-8:30 p.m.

Certification requires successful completion of the Basic ERT 8-hour course and completion of the background check process. Space is limited.

If you are interested in the class, contact office@firstumchonolulu.org for more information and a registration form.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Get to know others in the congregation with a time of conversation and coffee (or Italian soda!) at the Honolulu Museum of Art Coffee Bar just across the street from FUMC (park at FUMC), at **10 a.m. on Thursday, September 14!** (Museum entrance is free to go to the Coffee Bar.) We hope you can join us!



Church Events

- Sep 2nd - Saturday Foodbank at 2-4p.m.
- Sep 3rd – Tongan Women's Roll Call at 12noon
- Sep 4th – Labor Day HOLIDAY: Foodbank, Office and Facilities CLOSED
- Sep 9th – Kuata Meeting & Feast 8:30 a.m.
- Sep 10th – Kuata at 1-5p.m.
- Sep 12th – Yoga starts at 12noon in Komuro Hall
- Sep 13th – Keiki Sign Dance starts at 5:30p.m. in Butterworth Chapel
- Sep 14th – Coffee and Conversation at 10a.m. at Honolulu Museum of Art Coffee Bar
- Sep 16th & 17th – Disaster Response Team Training 4-8:30p.m. in Komuro Hall



Ministry Musings

Pastor Won-Seok Yuh
Co-Pastor

“Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.” (John 17:11b)

I get the greatest joy when I see the coordinated Body of Christ move with just a few words or action. I often think of it like the instant connection from the Head of Christ to the rest of the Body through a connection of spiritual nerves, connecting thought and intention into action. It's like when you take a sip of water with just the simple thought of, “Thirsty, pick up cup, drink.” For many of us reading this now, it almost doesn't require too much thought. We know what we want. We know how to get it. We do it.

For our adorable young ones, they are barely learning to discern that their discomfort is different from feeling hot, hungry, or thirsty (or even bored). The seasoned parental figures learn the signs of what their children need and begin to teach them how to address their thirst, starting with a bottle, then perhaps to a sippy cup or straw, and then graduate by throwing off the lid. The advanced ones learn to enjoy the difference in sipping techniques from ice cold water to hot chocolate.

Each movement that we've learned into maturity, whether it be with our physical bodies or as members of the Body of Christ, started with some response or intention. We respond to our hungers, thirsts, discomforts, pains, and weakness. We intend to be nourished, replenished, comforted, restored, and strong.

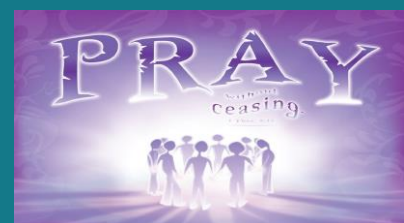
We eat, drink, soothe, heal, and build up. Sometimes we forget and we need a little reminder.

We know that Jesus prayed all throughout the Gospels to connect with, recognize, and receive G-d's love and purpose for him. John 17 shares an inspiring moment of when Jesus prays for us, the Body of Christ! It's so rich in understanding much of Jesus' heart for his Disciples. As Jesus prayed for us, how then shall we start to be made one with G-d as the Body of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit?

As the first five ways we members vow to participate in the life and ministries of First UMC of Honolulu, we invite you to join us for our seires in September and October, “How Then Shall We Pray,” a series on learning how to PRAY as Jesus taught his Disciples.

As we PRAY, let us be made one with one another as we witness the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of G-d, and the communion of the Holy Spirit with us all.

Peace,
Rev. Won-Seok Yuh



From Faifekau Linita Moa's Desk

“Fakafeta’I kia Sihova ‘a hoku laumalie moia kotoa pe ‘oku ‘iate au, Fakafeta’I ki hono huafa ma’oni’oni e, Fakafeta’I kia Sihova ‘a hoku laumalie, pea ‘oua na’a ngalo ‘ene me’a’ofa fulipe” (Saame 103:1-2). ‘Oku tau haka ‘I he Langi kuo Tau he Taukei ‘o e Halafononga ‘o ne fakatu’uta lelei ai kitautolu ki he mahina fo’ou ni. Ko e mahina ‘oku taku ko e Mahina Sepitema ko e mahina ‘o Ha’a Fafine, ‘a hono ngaahi mata’ikoloa ko e Tali-Ui mo’ui ‘a Ha’a Fafine ki he ui ‘a e ‘Otua. Fai ai ‘a e talaloto mo e tukupa ‘a e mo’ui ke kei foaki ke me’angaue’aki ‘e he ‘Otua, pea fai ‘I he loto tui mo e loto vekeveke ke fai ‘a hono finangalo ‘I mamani.



Pastor Linita Moa
Co-Pastor

Ko e Kaveinga ‘o e mahina fo’ou ko’eni: “Ko e Tui ko hono fakasino ‘o e Tala’ofa Lau’itaniti” (Faith is divine provisions embodied). ‘Oku fakatefito ‘a e mahina ni he “TUI,” ke ne fakamahino kiate kitautolu ‘a e ngaahi me’a faka’itaniti ‘oku tau fanongo kiai, pea tau ‘amanaki kiai, ka ‘oku ‘ikai te tau sio kiai, pea ‘oku hanga ‘e he Tui ‘o fakamo’oni mai kiate kitautolu ‘a e mo’oni ‘o e fakakaukau koia, pe ko e lelei koia, ‘I he’etau tui ‘ata’ata pe. ‘Oku ‘ikai fiema’u ia ke tau talitali pe ki he momeniti koia pe ‘e hoko koaa pe ‘ikai, ko TUI ‘oku ne fakahaa’I mai ‘a e mo’oni mo e malava, lelei, ‘o e me’a ‘oku tau tui kiai.

Koia ko ‘etau fononga he mamani ko’eni, ‘oku ‘ikai te tau lava ‘o sio ki he ‘Itaniti ‘o e ‘Otua Mafimafi, ka ‘oku malava ia ke tau TUI ki he folofola ‘oku ne fakahaa’I kiate kitautolu ‘a e mo’oni mo e faka’ofa’ofa, lelei ‘o ‘Itaniti. Mo’oni e folofola, ko ‘etau fononga ni ‘oku tau fononga tui pe, ‘oku ‘ikai ko e me’a ‘oku tau sio kiai, ka ko e me’a ‘oku tau TUI ki ai, ‘aia ‘oku ‘omi ‘e he folofola.

Koia kau Fefine mo e fanau fefine kotoa pe, ko e TUI ko e Tala’ofa Lau’itaniti, pea ko e Tala’ofa koia ko Sisu Kalaisi, ko IA pe tokotaha te ne ‘ave koe mo au ki he Pule’anga. Ko IA pe ‘a e Tala’ofa Lau’itaniti, pea koia ‘oku ‘iai ‘a e mo’ui ‘oku Ta’engata mo Tolonga ‘o Ta’engata, ‘ilonga ha me’a ‘oku Lau’itaniti, ko e me’a ia ‘oku Ta’engata, pea ko e Pule’anga pe ‘o Hevani ‘oku Ta’engata. Kainga TUI kia Sisu Kalaisi ko e Misaia ia, ko e ‘Alo ‘o e ‘Otua, ko ia ‘a e Tala’ofa ‘oku ta’engata.

Talamonu atu ki he teu ‘o e Tali-Ui ‘a Ha’a Fafine ki he Kuata Sepitema ni. Tauange ke fakahoko ‘etau Tali-Ui ‘I he loto mo e laumalie ‘o matu’aki TUI falala kakato kia Sisu Kalaisi koia ‘a e Hala, Mo’oni mo e Mo’ui.

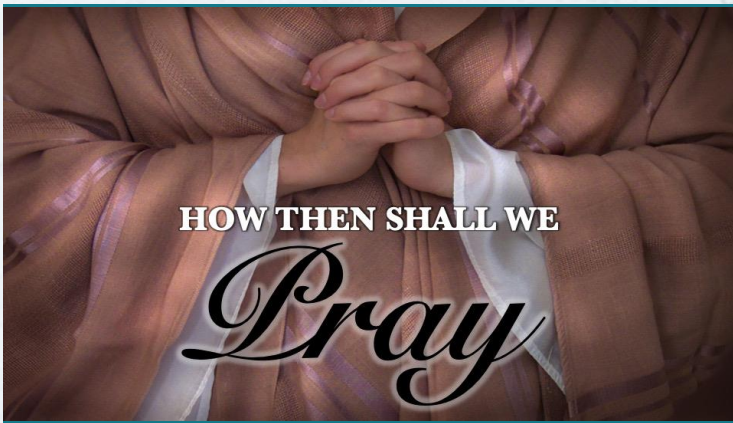
Te tau a’usia kotoa pe ‘a e Tala’ofa Lau’itaniti ‘I he’etau TUI ki hono ‘Alo, ko e Fakamo’ui ‘o mamani.

‘Ofa lahi atu mo e Lotu Hufia,
Faifekau Linita ‘U. Moa

MINISTRY LEADERS

Please submit your 2024 budget request by Friday, September 15 via the Google form emailed to you. If you did not receive a form, please contact the church office at office@firstumchonolulu.org

Please also let us know if you will be using your remaining 2023 budget.



HOW THEN SHALL WE

Pray

Sermons for 10 a.m. English Worship Service

SEPTEMBER 3 – “Our Father?”

Holy Communion will be celebrated.

- Pastor Won-Seok Yuh
Matthew 6:5-15

SEPTEMBER 10 – “Who’s in Heaven?”

- Pastor Won-Seok Yuh
Matthew 5:17-20

SEPTEMBER 17 – “Hallowed?”

- Pastor Kim Houff
Exodus 3:1-6

SEPTEMBER 24 – “Who’s Will?”

- Pastor Won-Seok Yuh
Matthew 18:15-20

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

ADAM HAMILTON

THE
LORD'S
PRAYER

THE MEANING AND POWER OF
THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT



MONDAY EVENING STUDY

6:30-8 PM via Zoom

To go along with our sermon series, we will do Adam Hamilton's Bible study *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer that Jesus Taught*. We will meet for eight sessions beginning on September 11. See Pastor Kim for more information or to get a copy of the book.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

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



This past month, we had so many special events that we only delved into the “The Wired Word” once. We look forward to more interesting topics to discuss this month—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

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The English group will meet on Wednesday, September 13 at 11:30 AM in the library. Beverly Aiwohi will lead the program, “Walking Together.” For more information or to get the zoom link, email kim@firstumchonolulu.org. New ladies are always welcome.

The Tongan Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 19 at 7:30 PM in Komuro Hall. Please contact Kueni Maka for more information.

THE ARTS

FUMC DANCE MINISTRY

*Wednesdays,
starting August 16
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Komuro Hall*



Interested in joining our FUMC Dance Ministry?
Want to learn to worship using dance?

No prior experience necessary. Sign dance and hula.

To register or for more information, email Becky Choi at beckyaloha808@gmail.com.

Sign up today!

FREE Yoga Class!

On Tuesdays at 12 noon
Starting September 12
Komuro Hall

**Beginners are welcomed and encouraged!
All levels are welcome.**

**Bring a towel, water and a mat if you have one.
(Mats will be provided)**

**To register, email office@firstumchonolulu.org
or call 808-522-9555 Mon-Fri, 9-3 p.m.**



Keiki Sign Dance

*Wednesdays, September 13 – November 29
(no class October 11 – Fall Break)*

5:30 – 6:30 P.M. in Butterworth Chapel

This FREE dance class is open to all PreK-8 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!

We will be learning a Christmas song to dance at Worship service on Sunday, December 3 at 10 a.m.

Our instructor, Sandi Brekke, has been dancing Creative Sign for over 23 years. She has taught Keiki Sign Dance classes for the past 6 years. Sandi's assistant and husband, Mark has been dancing for over 20 years.

To register or for more information, email Sandi Brekke at sbrekke@firstumchonolulu.org.

NOTE: The Keiki Sign Dance class will perform at Sunday service, December 3 at 10:00 a.m. which will be livestreamed on our Facebook page.

YOUNG PEOPLE



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Our Young Adults do know how to have fun! I wanted to give a shout out to Hong, one of our new Young Adults, who has brought much insight to the ministry and group. Last month Hong hosted a fun fellowship time featuring his incredible culinary skills. Talk about a servant!

Hong caught the fish, prepped all three dishes and an appetizer, and cooked almost all of it by himself!



We also experienced God's wonder as a couple of turtles visited us as some sat on the pier and some flipped off the pier!

As we enjoy food and time together outside of the church walls, we also enjoy gathering together to nourish our souls and minds as we study God's Word. We all get fed spiritually every time we gather and share how God is working in our lives and celebrate our victories in Christ! We strive to be "It is well with our soul".

Mark and Sandi Brekke
YAM Leaders



SERVICE

ALOHA FELLOWSHIP



We are looking for volunteers to provide light snacks following English worship. The church provides paper goods and water/drink. Contact Sue Veikoso at 808-726-6646 to sign up for a Sunday. Let her know if you will need help with serving the food. This is a great opportunity to work with someone else and get to know them better.

SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS



Don't you love the beautiful fresh flowers that grace our sanctuary on Sundays? You can provide flowers by making a

dedication in honor or in memory of loved ones. Call Paini at the office, 808-522-9555, to sign up for a Sunday.

SCCH GOLF TOURNAMENT

Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii is hosting a golf tournament to raise funds for their client assistance fund.

Please sign up to

golf if you are a golfer. If you are not a golfer, you can volunteer that day, donate items for the silent auction or bid on items! Contact Pastor Kim at kim@firstumchonolulu.org for more information.





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SEPTEMBER 2023

We assembled 111 disaster relief hygiene kits!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Pastors: The Rev. Dr. Linita 'U. Moa
Rev. Won-Seok Yuh

Minister of Discipleship & Community Engagement:
Rev. Kim Houff

Office Manager: Sandi Brekke

Facilities Director: Paini Harris

Director of Young Adult Ministry & Handyman:
Mark Brekke

Director of Young People's Ministry: Mele Pepa Latu

Choir Director: Tupou Seini Kelemen, Fololiena Maka

Accompanist: Jason Eom

Finance Administrator: Ongu Kali

Custodians: Pongi Vehikite, Pat Sheppard,
Sia Lolohea, John Kelemen

CONNECTIONAL LEADERS:

Resident Bishop:
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Rev. Saia Tu'itahi



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