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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

Living Treasures Celebration

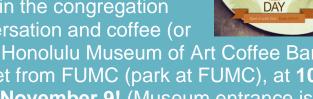


Sunday, November 5 at 11:30 AM in the Courtyard

The Programs, Projects and Education committee, known as PP&E, chose three Living Treasures, Dick and Lissi Chadwick and Mosese Koli whom we will honor on November 5. Each of these individuals have made a great contribution to the life of First United Methodist Church of Honolulu. In addition to celebrating each person's ministry, we will also establish a financial trust in each Living Treasure's name with seed money of \$5000 as an endowment fund, to go toward whatever beneficiary that the Living Treasure chooses. Join us for the celebration!

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Get to know others in the congregation with a time of conversation and coffee (or



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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, November 9! (Museum entrance is free to go to the Coffee Bar.) We hope you can join us!

Church Events

- Nov 4th Hale Nani Nursing Home Outreach 10 a.m.
- Nov 4th Saturday Foodbank at 2-4p.m.
- Nov 5th Living Treasures Celebration at 11:30 a.m.
- Nov 7th Staff Retreat **Office CLOSED**
- Nov 10th HOLIDAY **Facility and OFFICE CLOSED**
- Nov 11th Tonga Day Event
- Nov 9th Coffee and Conversation at 10a.m. at Honolulu Museum of Art **Coffee Bar**
- Nov 23rd Thanksgiving **Facility and Office CLOSED**
- Nov 23rd Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch in Komuro Hall at 11 a.m.
- Nov 24th HOLIDAY **Facility and Office CLOSED**



Ministry Musings

Pastor Won-Seok Yuh Co-Pastor

^{**16}We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.'" (1 John 3:16-18, NRSVue)

Whenever someone mentions John 3:16 on how G-d so loved the world by sending Jesus, I think about 1 John 3:16 on how Jesus loved us. November is filled with reminders of G-d's love and faithfulness, and how G-d calls us to steward this gift of life, of love and service.

In liturgical churches, we recognize All Saints' Day after All Hallows Eve, remembering those who served with the communion of all the saints and people of G-d's love. In the United States, we recognize Veteran's Day, remembering those who have served in military positions in hopes of keeping peace and support around the world. In the Northern hemisphere, many cultures are in the midst of celebrating harvest festivals and enjoying the traditional fruits of the spring's, summer's and fall's long labors.

For the last two months, we at First UMC of Honolulu have revisited the prayer we as Christians have prayed for millennia. Together with Pastor Kim, we have been reminded how our hearts, minds, and souls might shift when we pray more deeply and closely to how Jesus taught us to pray. How then shall we pray? How then shall we ask G-d for clarity, strength, compassion, and wisdom? How then shall we lay down our lives in love to support, protect, and advocate for our siblings on this earth? How then shall we help those who hunger physically and spiritually? How then shall we walk in loving relationship with G-d?

Though I have not all of the detailed responses for every exact situation, I am reminded and guided by verses like Micah 6:8 (NRSVue): "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." We, in the UMC, apply this in another way following the Three General Rules (or the Three Simple Rules) of our historical United Society:

> By doing no harm. By doing good. By attending to the ordinances of G-d.

Join us in the month of November in worship and in our Monday book studies as we share the living testimonies of G-d's faithfulness through the stewardship of all our beloved Saints and Living Treasures, moving together as the Body of Christ.

Peace, Rev. Won-Seok Yuh

From Faifekau Linita Moa's Desk

Fakafeta'i ki he 'Otua 'o e 'Ofa 'oku ne 'afio 'I hotau loto mo hotau laumalie he mahina fo'ou ko Novema 2023. Ko e taha'i mahina 'oku tau teuteu ai ki he mahina faka'osi 'o e ta'u. Ko e Mahina ko Novema 2023 'oku uki kitautolu 'a e Siasi Ke tau tutui ki mu'a 'i he'etau Ngāué mo e Loto Hounga'ia / Let us press forward with actions grounded in gratitude. 'Oku mahu'inga 'aupito ke tau fakatokanga'i ko 'etau ngaue 'oku 'ikai ke tau fai pe ki he'etau fiemalie, ka 'oku tulituli atu mo e loto hounga'ia he fu'u 'ofa 'a Sisu kuo ne fai ma'akitautolu, pea kuo lauito'utangata pea 'e ta'engata foki 'ene 'ofa.



Pastor Linita Moa Co-Pastor

Ko e mahina ni foki 'oku tau fakamahu'inga'l ai 'a e Thanksgiving Day, pea ko e taha ia 'o e fakamanatu 'oku tau tauhi ia he fonua ni,

pea 'oku pehe 'a e 'Amelika ni kotoa, he fakafeta'l mo e loto 'oku hounga'ia, 'o 'ikai ki he 'Otua ko e fakatupu ia 'o e 'univeesi ko'eni, ka e tatau aipe ki hotau va mo e kakai kotoa pe. Ko e hounga'ia ia 'oku toka 'l hotau loto mo hotau laumalie, ko e tupu mei he 'ofa 'a e 'Otua kuo tau ta'imalie ai.

Ko e Sapate Novema 5, 2023 'Oku tau katoanga'l ai 'a e kau mo'unga'l tangata he Siasi 'aia 'oku kau ai 'a Mosese Koli mei he Kau Tonga, Pea ko Lissi & Dick Chadwick, mei he English ministry 'aia 'oku ui kinautolu ko e "Living Treasurers" 'iai ko e kau mateaki he siasi pea 'oku foaki leva 'a e fund 'o fakahingoa 'I honau hingoa, pea 'oku foaki leva ia ko ha scholarship ki he tamasi'l ako pe ta'ahine ako ke tokoni ki he'enau ako. Ko ia 'oku tau fiefia he faingamalie ko'eni 'e lava ke tokoni'l ai 'etau fanau, pea toe fakafou atu foki ia he hingoa 'o e kau ngaue mateaki 'a e Siasi. Kuo 'iai pe foki 'a e ni'ihi he ngaahi ta'u kimu'a atu, 'o hange koia ko e Pule Fakavahe Malolo, Rev. Dr. Etuini Kelemeni, pea 'oku tau fakamalo he foaki kuo fai mei Langi 'o fakafou mai he Siasi ki he'ene polokalama ni. Koia tau lotua pe ke tapuaki mai 'a e 'aho 5 'o Novema he faka'ilonga'l mo e fakafeta'l 'o e ngaue lava me'a ko'eni.

'Oku ou talamonu atu kiate kimoutolu kotoa pe he ministry 'a e kakai Tonga mei he Siasi 'o Honolulu, tauange ke taumalingi mai ha kelesi 'oku lahi ma'akimoutolu he fononga he mahina fo'ou ni, pea ke tau fakafoki pe ki he 'Eiki 'a e langilangi mo e tapuha kotoa pe.

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



Mondays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Hokohoko atu ai pe 'a e Ako Tohitapu mo e Laufolofola fakauike he efiafi Monite taimi 6:30 -7:30 pm. 'Ataa ki he taha kotoa. Fetu'utaki ki 'ofisi kia Paini ke 'oatu e link. He'ikai te ke toe hela kumi ha'o heka ki 'apisiasi - ko ho'o vahevahe tonu mai pe mei ho lotofale 'aki ho'o telefoni pe ko e ipad. Fehu'i pe ko e fiema'u ha fakaikiiki? Telefoni ki 'ofisi; (808) 522-9555 pe ko e cell (808) 741-1621. Toki sio he efiafi Monite!



Sermons for 10 a.m. English Worship Service

NOVEMBER 5 – "For All the Saints" (Holy Communion)

 Pastor Kim Houff, Pastor Linita Moa, and Pastor Won-Seok Yuh
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

NOVEMBER 12 - "Do No Harm"

- Pastor Won-Seok Yuh Galatians 5:13-26
- NOVEMBER 19 "Do Good"
- Pastor Kim Houff Galatians 6:9-10

NOVEMBER 26 – "Keep the Ordinances of God"

 Pastor Won-Seok Yuh Micah 6:8

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 to be mailed to you, please call 808-522-9555 or email <u>office@firstumchonolulu.org</u>.

DISCIPLESHIP

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY 6:30 PM via Zoom November 6, 13, and 20

This month, we will be discussing the *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living.* Reading the book is not required, but it is available for Kindle on Amazon. We will look at one of the three simple rules each week. For more information and/or to get

the Zoom link, email <u>kim@firstumchonolulu.org</u>.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Following English Worship Except first Sunday In Person and via Zoom when possible

We will also discuss Three Simple Rules: A

Wesleyan Way of Living for Sunday Bible Study but each Sunday will focus on ways that we can live out the simple rule covered in the sermon. All are welcome to join for any of the discussions/activities. Zoom may not be available for all sessions. For more information and/or to get the Zoom link, email kim@firstumchonolulu.org.

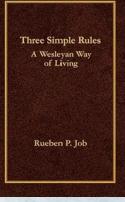


UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The English group will meet on Wednesday, November 8 at 11:30 AM

in the library. Paini Harris will lead our annual "Thank Offering" program. New ladies are always welcome. For more information email <u>kim@firstumchonolulu.org</u>. If you would like to participate in the Thank Offering, email paini@firstumchonolulu.org.

The Tongan Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 21 at 7:30 PM in Komuro Hall. Please contact Kueni Maka for more information.



THE ARTS AND SERVICE

Stewardship Month

We often think of stewardship as how much money we pledge to give to the church, but stewardship is about more than money. This year we are looking at our stewardship through the lens of John Wesley's three simple rules. We are to do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God (or attending to the ordinances of God as Pastor Won-Seok says.)

On November 12, worship will focus on "do no harm." Following worship, in lieu of Sunday Bible study, we will meet and discuss ways we can do no harm. This includes being good stewards of our money, but it is so much more than that.

On November 19, worship will focus on "do good." Following worship, we will have have a chance to do good by putting together disaster relief hygiene kits. As we work on this project, we will discuss other ways that we can "do good" as a church and as individuals.

On November 26, worship will focus on "attending to the ordinances of God." Following worship, we will have a ministry

fair where we can learn more about choir, dance ministry, Sunday School teaching and assisting, Scripture reading, ushering and greeting, providing worship music and other ways that we can attend to the ordinances of God.

On each of these Sundays, Estimate of Giving cards will be available to record your commitment of giving for 2024. The other side of the card is a Service Pledge Card where you can check off ministry areas where you are interested in serving. Please prayerfully fill out both sides of the card and place it in the offering plate or deliver it to the office. For more information, call the office at 808-522-9555.

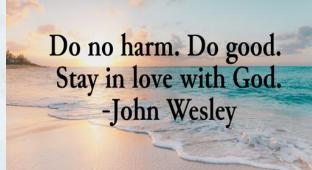


Thanksgiving Meal November 23 11 AM Komuro Hall

If you do not have plans for Thanksgiving, join your church family for this meal. RSVP by emailing <u>office@firstumchonolulu.org</u> with the number of people attending and what you plan to bring.

MISSIONARY NEWS

Check out Krista Givens newsletter to find out how her ministry is going in Spain at https://tinyurl.com/2axmn7hh.



YOUNG PEOPLE



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

One of the joys I have of leading the Young Adults is to witness their growth. If you did not catch the Young Adult Service on Sunday, October 29th, I suggest you watch the replay online on Facebook. Our Young Adults shared a creative way of understanding The Lord's Prayer. Then they each took a line of the prayer and shared their insights and applied it to their life, giving the one simple line so much meaning. From the mouths of babes, except they're no longer drinking spiritual milk but solid food!

After the service we celebrated with an afternoon of fellowship and climbing. Yes, indoor rock climbing! We had a fun time testing our skills, our fingertip strength and our coordination. And learning to get back up if you fall. We encouraged each other to go higher than we thought we could, to never give up, and cheered for each other no matter the outcome.



Blessings, Mark Brekke, YAM Leader

SERVICE



CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE *Tuesday, November 28* 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. *Maile Room*

As we prepare for Advent and Christmas, we will crochet angels to decorate the trees in our

sanctuary. We will also craft angels from safety pins and beads for those who do not crochet. If you are not crafty at all, you are still welcome to come and help wherever you can and enjoy conversation.

To sign up or for more information, email <u>office@firstumchonolulu.org</u>. Please bring a #5 crochet hook. Light snacks will be provided.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Saturday, December 2 9:00 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sanctuary



Join us in decorating the sanctuary for the holidays. Come to help for an hour or two or stay until we're done. Many hands make light work! Also, it's a fun way to get to know one another better.



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NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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 Kelemeni, Fololiena Maka

Accompanist: Jason Eom

Finance Administrator: Ongo Koli

Custodians: Pongi Vehikite, Pat Sheppard, Sia Lolohea, John Kelemeni ********

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CONNECTIONAL LEADERS:

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