

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
APRIL 2024 – VOLUME LXXX, ISSUE 4

Confirmation Retreat

Friday, April 19 – Saturday, April 20
Komuro Hall

Confirmation is the first step on a journey that leads to a mature, adult faith. At the retreat we will explore what it means to be a Christian, living out your faith, your commitment, and God's call. For more information or to sign up, see Pastor Kim, Pastor Won or Young Peoples Director, Mele Pepa Latu. You can find more information on confirmation at <https://www.umc.org/en/content/beyond-baptism-what-confirmation-means-to-united-methodists>.



Church Events

- Apr 1st – Office CLOSED
- Apr 2nd – CFA Meeting
- Apr 7th - All Church Potluck following joint worship service
- Apr 13th - Saturday Foodbank (Sanctuary back door) 2-4 PM
- Apr 18th - Coffee and Conversation – Honolulu Museum of Art Coffee Bar – 10 AM
- Apr 19th & 20th – Confirmation Retreat
- Apr 23rd - Crafting for a Cause in Maile Room – 6 PM
- Apr 27th – Hale Nani Rehab & Nursing Home Outreach at 10 AM

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Join Pastor Kim for a time of conversation and coffee (or Italian soda!) at the Honolulu Museum of Art Coffee Bar across the street from FUMC (park at FUMC), at 10 a.m. on **Thursday, April 18**. (Museum entrance is free to go to the Coffee Bar.) We hope you can join us!





Ministry Musings

Rev. Won-Seok Yuh
Co-Pastor

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'" (John 20:21-23, NRSVue)

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

On that mysterious Easter morning, might our risen Jesus Christ have witnessed the Disciples' minds full of despair, anxiety, disappointment, and doubt? Even more, do you think our resurrected Jesus witnessed their faces full of delight, surprise, fear, maybe even horror?

I often think about how many hours the Disciples must have spent together with Jesus. I imagine that they spent every waking, resting, and sleeping time together, 24 hours for each of the 365 days. Whether you believe Jesus' ministry was for just one year or for three, one might believe that they spent 8,760 to 26,280 hours together with Jesus and their fellow Disciples!

While much of that time recorded in the Gospels witnesses to Jesus' preaching, teaching, healing, and performing of miracles, unrecorded times must have included walking, eating, relaxing, and taking naps. Jesus and the Disciples probably noticed each other's preferences, values, mannerisms, strengths, and shortcomings. Even more, I'm sure they witnessed one another growing as Jesus' disciples while witnessing the transformative Kin-dom of G-d in their midst.

We too, as Easter people who believe with great faith in our risen Christ, have opportunities to witness the work of the Holy Spirit in us throughout our shared discipleship. We spend time together and with Christ, witnessing each other's personalities and spiritual growth in active membership and discipleship (Sunday worship, Bible and book studies, communal prayer and devotions, leadership, meals, service, discipling, teaching, etc.).

Depending on your math, to spend as much time together as the Disciples did with one another and with Jesus, a typical Christian would have to spend on average anywhere from 7 years to 43 years (up to 505 years if you only attend Sunday worship). It takes a lot of time to spend together as disciples of Jesus Christ who are continually receiving the Holy Spirit, and it takes a lot of forgiveness while growing in mutual agape love as a discipling Christian community!

Beloved members and friends of First UMC of Honolulu, along with our membership commitment to our shared discipleship through prayer (over the Lord's Prayer), presence (Advent), gifts (Epiphany), and service (Lent), let us commit to our WITNESS of the risen Christ in this Season of Easter.

May we commit to receive the Holy Spirit! May we commit to forgive one another with the grace of G-d! May we commit to GO & TELL the world that Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

By the grace of G-d,
Rev. Won-Seok Yuh

From Faifekau Linita Moa's Desk



FAKAFETA'I HE 'OFA LAHI 'A E 'OTUA 'IA SISU KALAISI HE KUO NE TOETU'U MEI HE PEKIA KO HOTAU FAKAMO'UI'ANGA. Kuo tau kaunga ikuna fakataha mo e 'Alo, he kuo ne Toetu'u mei he Pekia ko hotau ikuna'anga ia, 'Io kuo ne toetu'u mei he pekia pea 'oku tau hakahaka ai he Fiefia mo e Haleuia, kuo ne fakaava 'a e matapa na'e tapuni, pea kuo tau hu kotoa aipe ke ma'u 'a e mo'ui ta'engata.

Ko e siate folau 'o e mahina ni: 'Epeleli: Pea `ilo KO AU ko e `Otua. / And Know that I AM God. 'Oku 'ikai ha toe veiveiua pe tala kehe 'I he to'utangata mo e to'utangata ke 'ilo mo fakamo'oni ko 'Atonai Sihova ko hotau 'Otua ia. 'Oku 'ikai ha toe taha 'e tatau pe kakakunga kia 'Atonai Sihova ko hotau 'Otua ia, pea mo Sisu Kalaisi ko hono 'Alo ne hifo ki mamani ke kilala hake kitautolu mei he mate mo e 'auha ta'engata. Pea ko 'etau fakamo'oni ia he 'aho ni 'o fai ma'u aipe ko Sihova tokotaha pe 'o Lauikuonga pea Ta'engata hotau 'Otua.

Ko e ngaahi polokalama 'o e Mahina ni, 'oku 'I he'etau Tohi Momo pe 'a e me'a kotoa, ka 'oku faka'amu ke tau tokanga makehe ange ki he hufia koia 'o e Konifelenisi Seniale (General Conference) 'a e UMC 'aia 'e kamata ia he 'aho 21 'o 'Epeleli ki he 'aho 3 'o Me, ki Charlotte, North Carolina. Pea 'oku faka'amu pe ke tau hufia mo lotua 'a e Konifelenisi ni, ko e ha 'a e finangalo 'o e 'Otua ke tataki'aki 'a e Siasi he kaha'u na. Ke tau hufia 'a e Kau Taki, Kau Pisope, Kau Faifekau, Kau fakafonganga, ke hoko 'a e finangalo 'o e 'Otua 'o fakahoko mai he Konifelenisi pea ke tafe mai ki he'etau Konifelenisi Cal-Pac. pea pehe ki he Siasi Fakakolo foki 'a ia ko kitautolu foki ia.

'Oku tau tangi mo kole ki he 'Otua Mafimafi 'aia foki 'oku tau tui ki ai ke ne tatala hono finangalo 'I hotau lotolotonga pea ke tau muimui mo tui kiai foki. Tauange ke ne ho mai ha Laumalie fo'ou, pea ke hoko hotau loto ni, ko e vaka pe 'o'ona.

Holy Week Festivities



Palm Sunday



Maundy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter



GO AND TELL

Sermons for 10 a.m.
English Worship Service

APRIL 7 – 2nd Sunday of Easter,
Combined Service with Holy
Communion

“Go and Tell: Receive the Holy Spirit
and Forgive”
(John 20:19-31) with Rev. Won-Seok
Yuh

APRIL 14 – 3rd Sunday of Easter,
American Ministries Sunday

“Go and Tell: You Are Witnesses”
(Luke 24:36b-48) with Rev. Won-Seok
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APRIL 21 – 4th Sunday of Easter,
Festival of God’s Creation

“Go and Tell: The Good Shepherd”
(John 10:11-18) with Rev. Won-Seok
Yuh

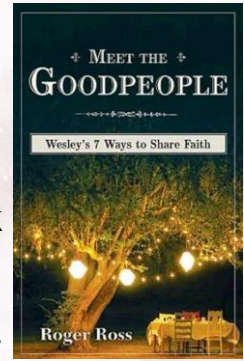
APRIL 28 – 5th Sunday of Easter
Rev. Joe Yun

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 office@firstumchonolulu.org.

DISCIPLESHIP

MONDAY STUDY
6:30 PM via Zoom
Beginning April 8

To go along with our worship series, “Go and Tell,” the book for our Monday study is *Meet the Good People: Wesley’s 7 Ways to Share Faith* by Roger Ross. By looking back, we can learn ways to connect with non-churched people of today. For more information, to get a copy of the book, and to get the Zoom link, email Kim@firstumchonolulu.org



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY:
UMC Faith and Fact Cards
Following English Worship
Except first Sunday
In Person and via Zoom

We continue our look at UMC Faith and Fact Card as the United Methodist Church prepares for General Conference this month. Join the group for inciteful conversations about current social issues. Pastor Kim will send the Faith and Fact Cards for each Sunday. For more information and/or to get the Zoom link, email Kim@fristumchonolulu.org.



UNITED WOMEN
IN FAITH

The English group will meet on Wednesday, April 10 at 12:00 PM in the library. (Come at 11:30 with your lunch if you would like.) New ladies are always welcome. For more information email ts_kelemani@yahoo.com.

The Tongan Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30 PM in Komuro Hall. Please contact Kueni Maka for more info.

YOUNG PEOPLE

Spring Break Workshops



2024

THE ARTS

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

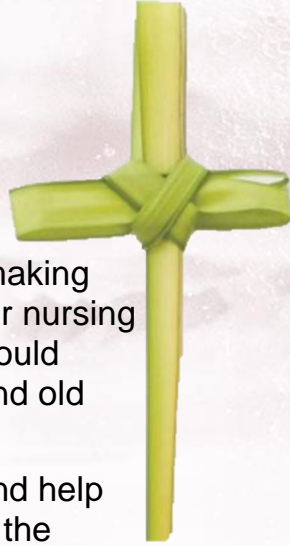
April 23, 6-8 PM

Maile Room

Join Pastor Kim and Sandi for an evening of devotion, crafts, and snacks. We will making a craft for the residents of our nursing home outreach. The craft should be an easy craft for young and old to make.

If you are not crafty, come and help wherever you can and enjoy the conversation!

For more info or to RSVP, email kim@firstumchonolulu.org.



Thank you for your continued prayers!
♥ Amalia



"The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand

FOREVER"

~ Isaiah 40:8

SERVICE

Earth Day 2024

All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God's creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings. God has granted us stewardship of creation. (UMC Social Principles Paragraph 160)

Since April is the month of Earth Day, we will be exploring ways that we can help the planet.

- Join the Sunday Bible study following worship on April 21 to talk about the UMC Faith and Facts Cards on Climate Justice and Clean Water. You can also learn more at <https://www.umc.org/en/how-we-serve/social-issues/creation-care>
- Advocate for the planet by urging Congress to pass the REDUCE Act which would bring less pollution to God's creation. Email your Congressional representatives by clicking here: <https://tinyurl.com/y7tham2j>
- Recycle your HI-5 plastics at church. for the Preschool Scholarship Fund. Bring your HI-5 recycling to the church and place it in one of the blue bins. Please empty containers completely and remove caps from bottles. For more information, contact Pastor Kim at kim@firstumchonolulu.org.





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APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BC= Butterworth Chapel CR = Choir Room KH = Komuro Hall S = Sanctuary L = Library MR = Maile Rm YR =Youth Room	OFFICE CLOSED 1 2-4pm FoodBank 6:30pm Evening Study via Zoom 7pm Tongan Bible Study (Zoom)	2 12noon Yoga (KH) 7pm CFA meeting	3 5:00 Keiki Sign Dance (BC) 7pm English Choir (CR) 7pm Tongan Worship (S)	4 6:30pm Tongan Women's Prayer Group (BC) 6:30pm In-Between Mark Bible Study (Library & Zoom) 7pm Tongan YA Bible Study (YR) 8pm Tongan Choir(S)	5 7-9:30pm Tongan Youth & Young Adults (KH)	6
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Rev. Kim Houff

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Director of Young Adult Ministry & Handyman:
Mark Brekke

Director of Young People's Ministry: Mele Pepa Latu

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