

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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Pentecost

Sunday, May 19

English Worship 10:00 AM

Between Services Party in Komuro Hall

Tongan Worship 12:00 PM



Join us for worship celebrations of the coming of the Holy Spirit at our English and Tongan Worship services. The Tongan service will also be a celebration of Tongan Father's Day. Between worship services (at 11ish), we will have a Pentecost Party in Komuro Hall with a cake to celebrate the birth of the church on the day of Pentecost. As we celebrate the birth of the church, we will also celebrate Heritage Sunday where we commit to the continuing call of God known and spread by John and Charles Wesley. We will celebrate our church by taking pictures for our church directory. Wear **RED** on Pentecost Sunday to celebrate!

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, May 23**. (Museum entrance is free to go to the Coffee Bar.) We hope you can join us!



Church Events

- May 5th – FakaMe (White Sunday) at 12noon - Sanctuary
- May 11th – District Conference
- May 12th – Mother's Day
- May 14th - Crafting for a Cause (lei making) at 6 PM – Maile Room (2nd Floor)
- May 18th – Hale Nani Rehab & Nursing Home Outreach at 10 AM
- May 18th - Saturday Foodbank (Sanctuary back door) 2-4 PM
- May 19th – Pentecost Party
- May 23rd - Coffee and Conversation at 10 AM – Honolulu Museum of Art Coffee Bar
- May 27th Memorial Day HOLIDAY – facilities and office CLOSED
- May 28th – CFA Meeting



Ministry Musings

Rev. Won-Seok Yuh
Co-Pastor

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.” (John 15:12-14, NRSVue)

As a member of the United Methodist Church through the California-Pacific Annual Conference (clergy are member to the Conference as laity are members to local churches), I have been at the Postponed 2020 General Conference,...

- joining in PRAYER for our UMC and for its Delegates, Observers, Resource people, Marshalls, Pages, Volunteers, and the many others in this Charlotte community...
- showing up in PRESENCE both in person and online in times of worship, plenary, legislative committees, Western Jurisdictional gatherings, and ministry-related social gatherings...
- sharing GIFTS of cookies, coffee, and offerings to help support some of our global ministries...
- in SERVICE at the GCORR booth along with being a resource for our Hawai`i Acts of Repentance Task Force resolution titled “Apology for Illegal Overthrow of Hawaiian Kingdom” (I’m writing on the day it passed on the Consent Calendar! Hallelujah!) and...
- bearing WITNESS to what the Holy Spirit is shifting within this Body of Christ called the United Methodist Church!

Despite the aftermath of disaffiliations, disinformation, and disunity, many of us have been witnessing an incredible level of Christian love with one another. Generous welcome of all. Recognizing one another in wholeness. Words shared in grace. Humor shared on the plenary floor. Support for our newly elected Bishops. Mourning our common suffering. Mutual care in creating space. Resurrection from what seemed like dying to reviving in a new day!

Delegates from our Cal-Pac Conference and Western Jurisdiction (to which we belong) have committed to three Rs: Regionalization, Revised Social Principles, and Removal of harmful language (more at resourceumc.org). We have been witnessing the miracle of so many of the legislation being passed that we often ask one another, “Is this truly happening? Is this really General Conference?”

We are witnessing the power of Christian love.

We are witnessing true friendship through Christ.

We are seeing the Body of Christ, mysteriously and graciously moving together.

What does this mean for our future in the UMC? While I have no concrete sense of our near future, I have hope, I am encouraged, and I am not alone!

As long as we go forward with the radical and generous love of Christ, I am excited to WITNESS what G-d has in store for our future!

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

From Faifekau Linita Moa's Desk

Me 2024 – 'Oku tau tui ki he 'Otua ko e Laumalie Ma'oni'oni, ke ne Tataki, Fakanonga, mo fakaivia kitautolu.



Ko e Kaveinga 'eni 'o e mahina ni, pea 'oku tataki kitautolu ke tau manatu'l mo feohi mo e ivi 'o e Laumalie Ma'oni'oni, neongo 'oku tau kei fononga he fa'ahita'u 'o e Toetu'u, pea 'e liliu he mahina ni, 'aho 19 'a e hoko mai 'a e Laumalie Ma'oni'oni he 'aho Penitekosi. Pea te tau fononga ai pe mo e Laumalie Ma'oni'oni ko e fa'ahita'u loloa taha ia 'o e ta'u.

Koia 'oku tau tui pea 'oku pole'i kitautolu ke tau ngaue malohi 'i hono talitali 'o e Laumalie Ma'oni'oni ke tau feohi mo ia. Ko e fie feohi 'a e Laumalie Ma'oni'oni mo kitautolu 'oku hoko ma'u pe ia, ko kitautolu pe 'oku tau fa'a foki mo tukunoa'i 'a e Laumalie Ma'oni'oni ke tau feohi tu'uma'u mo ia. 'Oku fiema'u ia he mahina ko'eni ke tau tui pea nofo ma'u he feohi mo e Laumalie Ma'oni'oni he 'oku ne tataki, fakanonga mo e ma'u'anga ivi ia ki hotau ngaahi fatongia mo e ngafa kotoa pe 'o e hala fononga.

'I he tohi 'a Paula ki 'Efeso 5:18 "Pea 'oua te mou kona 'I he uaine, he 'oku 'I ai ha fakalusa 'I he fai pehe; ka ke fakafonu kimoutolu 'aki 'a e Laumalie." 'Oku ako'i kitautolu heni ke 'oua te tau falala mo hehema ki he ngaahi me'a fakalusa mo fakamamani ka ke tau falala mo tui ki he Laumalie Ma'oni'oni ke ne fakafonu kitautolu, pea ke tau fakafeta'i ma'u pe 'I he me'a kotoa pe ki he 'Otua ko e Tamai 'I he huafa 'o hotau 'Eiki ko Sisu Kalaisi. Talamonu atu kiate kimoutolu kotoa pe he mahina ni foki.

Ko e mahina foki ko'eni 'oku tau lau pe ko e mahina 'o e Famili, 'aki 'a e 'uluaki Uike ko e Sapate ia 'o e Fanau, Uike 2 ko e Ngaahi Fa'ee ia, pea ko e Uike 3 ko e Ngaahi Tamai. Fakataha pe mo ia 'oku hoko 'a e ngaahi graduation 'a e Fanau mei he High School mo e Kolisi foki. Ko ia ko e ngaahi 'aho mahu'inga ni ke fakakau atu pe he'etau ngaahi lotu mo e hufia.

'Oku lolotonga lele foki 'a e Confirmation Class 'a e fanau, koia 'oku te'eki kenau confirm 'o hoko ko e memipa kakato 'o e Siasi, pea 'e fakahoko honau confirmation he 'uluaki Sapate koia 'o Sune 'I he'etau Malanga fakataha mo e Kau palangi, fakataha moia mo e papitaiso 'o e fanau koia 'oku teuteu ke papitaiso, pea pehe ki he'etau fanau kuo nau lava'i 'a e lakanga ako 'o e ta'u ko'eni.

'Oku ou fakamalo lahi atu kiate kimoutolu kotoa pe na'a mou fataki 'a e ngaahi ma'unga kelesi mo e ngaahi fatongia kotoa pe 'o e Siasi 'I he mahina ko 'Epeleli, pea mo e talamonu atu ki he kau malanga mo e ngaahi famili kuo nau fakahoko 'a e ngaahi failotu. Fakamalo lahi atu mo e talamonu.

'Oku ou talamonu atu kiate kimoutolu kotoa pe 'a e ngaahi famili 'o e Siasi, ke mou ma'u ha mahina fo'ou 'oku fonu he Laumalie Ma'oni'oni homou ngaahi lotofale, pea ke ne fakaivia mo fakanonga kotoa kitautolu lolotonga 'a e hala fononga 'o e mahina fo'ou ni.

'Ofa lahi atu mo e Lotu,

Faifekau Linita Moa



MANY
GIFTS
ONE SPIRIT

Sermons for 10 a.m.
English Worship Service

MAY 5 – 6th Sunday of Easter, English
Worship Service with Holy Communion

“Love Unbounded IS Love that Binds”
(John 15:9-17) with Rev. Sam
Domingo

MAY 12 – 7th Sunday of Easter,
Ascension Sunday

“Go and Tell: Waiting to Be Clothed
with Power” (Luke 24:44-53) with
Rev. Won-Seok Yuh

MAY 19 – Pentecost

“Go and Tell: Many Gifts, One Spirit”
(Acts 2:1-21) with Rev. Kimberley
Houff

MAY 26 – 1st Sunday after Pentecost,
Trinity Sunday, Peace with Justice
Sunday

“Many Gifts, One Spirit: Mysterious
‘Ohana” (Romans 8:12-17) with
Rev. Won-Seok Yuh

*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

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

We continue our look at UMC
Faith and Fact Cards to help
us see what the Bible, the
UMC, and the facts say about current social
issues. Join the group for inciteful
conversations. Pastor Kim will send the Faith
and Fact Cards for each Sunday. 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,
May 8 at 12:00 PM in the library. Come at
11:30 for a potluck lunch. Judy Olson will
lead the program. New ladies are always
welcome. For more information email
ts_kelemani@yahoo.com.

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

CENTERING PRAYER
Tuesdays, 5:30-6 PM
Butterworth Chapel



Are you looking for a way to
slow down and connect with
God? Why not try regular,
dedicated quiet time with God? Centering
prayer is a method by which we learn to
detach ourselves from distractions—to free
us—to be present, on purpose, with the
presence of God, the Holy Spirit. Join Alex
Teruya for regular group centering prayer
sessions. Email kim@firstumchonolulu.org for
more information.



YOUNG PEOPLE

CONFIRMATION RETREAT HIGHLIGHTS



Those who are already confirmed served by preparing the meals.



Friday night groups



Friday night Worship



Remembering our baptism



Sharing group ideas



Calling All 2024 Graduates



Graduation Sunday will be held on Sunday, **June 2, 2024**. To be honored on Graduation Sunday, send your graduation photo (photo should be of just the graduate, please) along with the school you graduated from and what school you will be attending next or what you will be pursuing after graduation to YoungPeoplesDirector@firstumchonolulu.org. Deadline to turn in photo is **Wednesday, May 15**.



FUMC Scholarship

It's that time of the year!

The FUMC Scholarship application is available. All those who are interested in applying will require a copy of their transcript or report card (high school only) for inclusion in the application package which is due no later than **July 1, 2024**.

Note: applications with transcript must be in the office by July 1.

Email Office@firstumchonolulu.org or call 808-522-9555 for an application or for more information.



THE ARTS

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

May 14, 6-8 PM
Maile Room



Join Pastor Kim and Sandi for an evening of devotion, crafts, and snacks. We will be making a simple yarn lei that will be used to welcome our visitors to First UMC. If you would like to make a lei to take home, please bring your own eyelash yarn. If you are not crafty, come and help wherever you can and enjoy the conversation!

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

PICTURE TAKING ON PENTECOST

Sunday, May 19

We are working on a pictorial directory of our congregation. We have a volunteer photographer who will take your photo on Pentecost Sunday. Having a pictorial directory will help us learn each other's names and faces.



Rev. Kim Houff

NURSING HOME OUTREACH

Saturday, May 18, 10-11 AM
Hale Nani Rehab and Nursing Center

Join the Dance Ministry in visiting the residents at Hale Nani Rehab and Nursing Center where they will perform several dances. You will have the opportunity to chat with the residents as we hand out goodies to each attendee. For more information, email Sbrekke@firstumchonolulu.org



Choir singing with residents at Hale Nani in April.

SERVICE



SUSANNAH WESLEY
COMMUNITY CENTER

SEMI-ANNUAL DIAPER DRIVE

Help us collect 15,000 Diapers (sizes 4 & 5)
by May 31st

COLLECTION INFO

- May 20 - 31, 2024
- Monday - Friday
- 9am - 4pm

808-847-1535

1117 KAILI STREET

MISSIONARY UPDATE

Jaimashi! (Victory to Jesus – Christian greeting in Nepal) I'm so grateful to God and to you for your continued prayer and partnership with us; because of your prayer and support we were privileged to witness Christ's love in the community of West- Nepal through the Water4Life project 2022/23. Through this project we constructed 39 hand pumps through which 600 people of 80 households were blessed directly through the safe and pure drinking water, this wouldn't have been possible without your continuous support. [FUMCH contributed \$7000 – 20 wells]. Please pray with us for the Water4Life project 2023/24 in Lumbini and Far-west provinces. We are praying, planning and trusting God for 50 water wells to bless unprivileged, poor and needy communities with pure water and witness Christ's Love and Care among them. **Let's together quench the thirst with fresh and pure water of an unreached and unprivileged community.** – *Kiran Chand, Nepal Director, globalLead International*

If you would like to donate for Nepal Water Wells go to our website at www.firstumchonolulu.org and click on GIVING.



Here is a link to Krista Givens latest newsletter:
<https://tinyurl.com/ms3zcrpx> (Missionary to Colombia)



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Save the Date!

District Conference is Saturday, May 11.

MAY 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			1	2	3	4
6am Tongan Worship 8:30am Pancakes and Praise Breakfast (grab and go only) 10am English Worship/Sunday School 11:00 am Aloha Fellowship on Lanai 12noon Tongan Worship 1:30pm Tongan Sunday School (KH)	2-4pm FoodBank 6:30pm Evening Study via Zoom 7pm Tongan Bible Study (Zoom)	12noon Yoga (KH)	5:00 Keiki Sign Dance (BC) 7pm English Choir (CR) 7pm Tongan Worship (S)	Women's Prayer 6:30pm Tongan Group (BC) 7pm Tongan YA Bible Study (YR) 8pm Tongan Choir(S)	7-9:30pm Tongan Youth & Young Adults (KH)	
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Church Leaders & Staff

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Linita 'U. Maa
Rev. Wan-Seak 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 Kelemeni, Fololiena Maka

Accompanist: Jason Eom

Finance Administrator: Ongu Kali

Custodians: John Kelemeni

CONNECTIONAL LEADERS:

Resident Bishop:
Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank

District Superintendent:
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