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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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Joint Worship and 1st Sunday Potluck

Sunday, July 7
10:00 AM
Potluck immediately
following Worship



Join us for a joint worship on Sunday, July 7th celebrating the reappointment of our three pastors to First UMC! Holy Communion will also be celebrated, and we will have an All Church Potluck in Komuro Hall following our worship service.

We invite you to bring a potluck dish to share and to join us for this joyful celebration!

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, July 18. (Museum entrance is free to go to the Coffee Bar.) We hope you can join us!



Church Events

- July 4th Independence HOLIDAY – facilities and office CLOSED
- July 6th - Saturday Foodbank (Sanctuary back door) 2-4 PM
- July 7th – Joint Worship with Celebration of Reappointments followed by 1st Sunday Potluck
- July 9th – 12th – Vacation Bible School from 12noon – 6 PM
- July 9th – Crafting for a Cause 6 PM – Maile Room (2nd Floor)
- July 14th – Hunger Listening Session following English Worship – Library (2nd Floor)
- July 18th - Coffee and Conversation at 10 AM – Honolulu Museum of Art Coffee Bar
- July 19th - Konseti
- July 23rd – CFA Meeting – 6:30 PM on Zoom
- July 27th - Misinale



Ministry Musings

Rev. Won-Seok Yuh
Co-Pastor

“⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking...¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my opinion: it is beneficial for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something. ¹¹Now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means.” (2 Corinthians 8:7, 10-11, NRSVue)

It has been a wonderful honor and privilege to be appointed to First UMC of Honolulu as one of your co-pastors! Many of you have heard my confessions in lacking confidence, and yet I am reminded by my pastoral colleagues: someone has noted who you are – in testimony, gifts, service, and challenges – and found you faithful and have faith in you in the work ahead. Many of you have taken note of my eagerness and enthusiasm for what G-d is doing through us and what we are doing in loving response. I have been blessed to witness the enthusiasm of our members and friends at FUMCH in the sharing of fellowship and service as Christ taught us.

Over the past months of General Conference, our Hawai'i District Conference, our Cal-Pac Annual Conference, and even in Sonya and my adventures in Alaska, I have been using this phrase to describe what I sense we are all facing: “managing our stress capacity.” Each person has such a capacity to handle stressful situations, like learning, change, transitions, and transformations.

One such strange adaptation of understanding unique and shaping situations of stress are cubed watermelons, where they're grown in a box and are commercially intended to fit into fridges more conveniently.

The FRUIT of the Spirit takes different shapes and forms in our ever-changing context. G-d is guiding us and the Church by means of grace and love. G-d may be deepening our understanding of unconditional love in the radical way that Jesus lived. G-d may be expanding the boundaries of our work to those who are willing to serve the many who need to be served. G-d may be extending the table of grace and forgiveness, as our Bishop Escobedo-Frank celebrates in almost every meeting I have been with her, so far and so wide we may witness a grander glimpse of Heaven here on earth.

We will be stretching in the stress while holding much in tension in this season of growth. And I have faith in G-d to be with us through this unknown in the future. I have faith in Christ who teaches and guides us in a more excellent way of love. I have faith in the Holy Spirit who invites us to that witness and work with our MANY GIFTS, ONE SPIRIT.

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



From Faifekau Linita Moa's Desk

SIULAI: “Oku fakaivia kitautolu ‘e he’ene Kelesi ke tau Kumi ki he ‘Otua ‘oku Hulu, Mohu mo Ope atú. / God’s Grace Empowers Us to Seek God’s abundance.”

Fakafeta’I he’etau a’usia ‘a e mahina fo’ou ko’eni, pea ‘oku uki ai kitautolu ke tau ‘ilo ‘oku fakaivia kitautolu ‘e he’ene Kelesi ke tau kumi ki he ‘Otua ‘aia ‘oku hulu, mohu mo ope atu he me’a kotoa pe ‘I he mamani ‘oku tau ‘iai. Pea ‘oku ne fakalotolahi’I ai kitautolu he siate folau ‘o e mahina ni, ko e ‘Otua tokotaha pe ‘oku ‘iai ‘a e me’a kotoa pe ‘oku tau faka’amu kiai. Fakamu’omu’a ‘a e ‘Otua, ‘o fuofua kumi kiate Ia, he te Ne ‘omi ‘a e me’a kotoa pe ‘oku faka’amu kiai.

‘Oku tau fiefia he’etau situ’a atu mei he mahina kuo hili na, mo e ngaahi kavenga mo e ngafa kotoa pe na’a tau ‘unaloto kiai, pea na’e hange ko ha mo’unga ta’e ‘iai ha no tumutumu, ka ‘I he kau mai ‘a e ‘Otua kuo tau ikuna pea lava lelei ‘a e ngaahi Konifelenisi.

Ko e mahina ni ko hotau mahina Katoanga Tukumo’ui ‘o e ta’u. Pea ko e kaveinga ‘oku fokotu’u he ta’u ni, “Ke tau kumi ki he ‘Otua ‘o e Mohu.” ‘Oku fe’unga pe ‘a e kaveinga ‘o e mahina ni mo e te u ‘o ‘etau katoanga ki he ta’u ni. Filipai 4:13~ ‘Oku ou mafeia ‘a e me’a kotoa pe ‘iate ia ‘oku ne fakakaukau au. ‘Oku ou faka’amu pe ke hoko ‘a e teuteu ‘oku tau fai ki he Katoanga ‘o e ta’u fakataha mo e ngaahi ma’unga kelesi ‘o e mahina ni ke tau ma’u ivi mo fakalaulauloto he lotu mo e hufia ‘a e Kelesi ‘a e ‘Eiki ko Sisu Kalaisi ke tau a’usia ai ‘a e mohu mo e fonu ‘o e ‘Otua ke tau fononga faka’aho mo ia he taimi kotoa pe. ‘E fakahoko atu pe ‘a e polokalama mo ‘etau teuteu ki he Katoanga he ngaahi polokalama ‘o e Malanga Sapate mei he ‘aho 7/14 & 7/21, pea tau polotu fakafeta’I he 7/28.

Ko e ‘aho koia ‘e fakahoko ai ‘a e Koniseti ‘a e Fanau teuteu ki he Misinale ‘o e ta’u ni, ko e ‘aho 19 ‘o Siulai, pea ko e Katoanga Tukumo’ui ‘e fakahoko ia he ‘aho 27, ko e Tokonaki faka’osi ia ‘o Siulai ni. Tau lotua pe mo hufia ‘a e ‘aho Katoanga ni, ke Kelesi’ia mo Kalaisi’ia ‘a ‘etau Katoanga mo e ‘Eiki.

Ko e VBS ‘a e fanau ‘e fakahoko ia he uike hono 2 ‘o Siulai, ‘aho 9 ki he 12 ‘o Siulai ki ‘api Siasi ni pe, pea ‘e fakalele ia ‘e he fanau Youth mo e Young Adults. Ko e fakaikiiki ‘e toki ma’u atu ia mei he Talekita ‘o e Potungae, Mele Pepa Latu.

‘Oku ou faka’amu pe ke tau ngaue fakataha pea kapau ‘oku ‘iai ha taha ‘e fie talanoa mai ‘o fekau’aki mo ha me’a pe ‘oku ke tokanga kiai fekau’aki mo e ngaahi me’a na’e lave kiai ‘a e Konifelenisi Seniale mo e PIC pea pehe ki he Cal-Pac Conf. Kataki ‘o fetu’utaki mai kiate au ke fakamahino kapau ‘oku ke fiema’u ke fai ha potalanoa kiai mo fakamahino kiate kimoutolu. ‘Oku mahu’inga ‘a e femahino’aki pea tuku ki he ‘Otua ke ne fai hotau tataki mo fakaivia ‘o hange pe ko e kaveinga ‘o e Mahina, ‘Oku fakaivia kitautolu ‘e he’ene Kelesi ke tau Kumi ki he ‘Otua ‘oku Hulu, Mohu mo Ope atú.

‘Ofa lahi atu mo e Lotu,
Faifekau Linita Moa



MANY
GIFTS
ONE SPIRIT

Sermons for 10 a.m.
English Worship Service

JULY 7 – 7TH Sunday after Pentecost,
Combined Worship Service with Holy
Communion, Celebration of
Reappointments

“Many Gifts, One Spirit: F.R.U.I.T.
with Faithfulness”
(Mark 6:1-13) with Rev. Won-Seok
Yuh

JULY 14 – 8TH Sunday after Pentecost
“Many Gifts, One Spirit: F.R.U.I.T. with
Gentleness”
(Mark 6:14-29) with Rev. Won-Seok
Yuh

JULY 21 – 9TH Sunday after Pentecost
“Many Gifts, One Spirit: The Fruit of
Self-Control” (Psalm 23:1-6) with Rev.
Kimberley Houff

July 28 – 10TH Sunday after Pentecost
“Many Gifts, One Spirit”
(1 Corinthians 12:4-11) with Rev.
Won-Seok Yuh

You can access previous videos of our worship
services on Facebook (First United Methodist
Church Honolulu). 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

HUNGER LISTENING SESSION

Following English Worship
July 14, Library



Join Pastor Kim for a discussion of Bread
for the World’s campaign, Nourish Our
Future which poses a platform of changes
that will help more people in the US and
around the world get the nourishment they
need. You will have the opportunity to
share your own experiences of hunger in
our world. For more information, email
Kim@firstumchonolulu.org.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: UMC Faith and Fact Cards

Following English Worship
July 21 (No study on July 28)

We will finish our look at UMC
Faith and Fact Cards this
Month! Join us to 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.



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

BLOOM O'AHU

Saturday, August 10, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

New Hope O'ahu (290 Sand Island Access)

We are SO excited to be able to attend BLOOM again this year! Join us for a morning filled with worship in 'Olelo Hawai'i by Zeo Worship (Imua and Tiffa Garza, Kamu Sing, and Tiffany Thurston), inspiring messages that will strengthen your foundation in Jesus, and empowering stories to help you to "BLOOM" where you are planted and become all God created you to be.

First UMC is graciously sponsoring this event for youth (10 and older) and young adult females and their moms. It's **only \$30 per person!** Seats are extremely limited.

To register, email sbrekke@firstumchonolulu.org with the number of tickets and your names.

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**VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL**

Who is my Neighbor?
Matthew 22:37-39

**JULY
9-12**

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Lunch provided

First UMC Honolulu
1020 South Beretania St

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

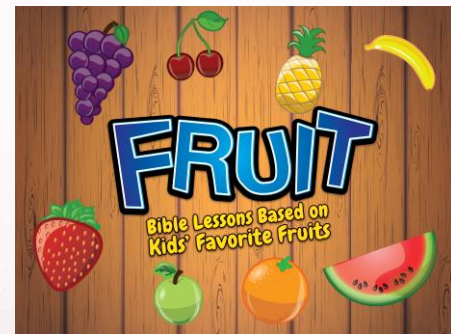
To register go to:

<https://forms.gle/TrZrudxCnWZ75huK8>. For more

information, email

youngpeoplesdirector@firstumchonolulu.org

Sunday School News



A Special Mahalo to the parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles for bringing your children to church and Sunday School and for our wonderful teachers: Paini Harris, Marine Anien, Sierra Choi, and Tom Low!

We enjoyed learning together about the "Fruit of the Spirit" during the month of June. The children learned early on in the month about Jesus being the vine and we the branches. And as long as we remain joined to Him and Him to us, we will bear much fruit. Apart from Him, we can't do anything. John 15:5.

We have Sunday School every Sunday except on the 1st Sunday of the month. Please invite your friends and let us learn about Jesus together.

THE ARTS

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE July 9, 6-8 PM Maile Room

Join Pastor Kim and Sandi for an evening of devotion, crafts, and snacks. We will be making origami cranes (and other origami art) to give to Hale Nani residents at our next outreach event. You can even make some for yourself. (Bring some origami paper if you have it!) 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.



FREE Yoga Class!

On Tuesdays at 12 noon
Komuro Hall
First UMC of Honolulu
1020 S. Beretania St.

**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
call 808-522-9555, or just show up.**

SERVICE



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

- Crayons, box of 16
- Black Marble Composition Books
- No. 2 Pencils
- Felt Tip Colored Markers
- Black Sharpie (broad point)
- Black Dry-Erase Marker, Chisel Point
- 6" Scissors
- Pencil Box
- Gallon or Sandwich Ziploc Bags
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Facial Tissue
- Paper Towels
- Disinfecting Wipes

Bring them to the church during the week (between 10 and 3) or to worship on Sunday. You can even volunteer at Foodbank and help hand out school supplies! Any extra supplies will go to Kaahumanu Elementary School for the teachers to have on hand.





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Crafting for a Cause – Tongan Weaving

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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 2-4pm FoodBank 6:30pm Evening Study via Zoom 7pm Tongan Bible Study (Zoom)	2 12noon Yoga (KH)	3 7pm Tongan Worship (S)	4 HOLIDAY Facilities, Office and Foodbank CLOSED	5 7-9:30pm Tongan Youth & Young Adults (KH)	6 2-4pm Foodbank
7 6am Tongan Worship 8:30am Pancakes and Praise Breakfast (grab and go only) 10am Combined Worship 11:30 am First Sunday Potluck (KH)	8 2-4pm FoodBank 4pm VBS 6:30pm Evening Study via Zoom 7pm Tongan Bible Study (Zoom)	9 12noon Yoga (KH) 12-6pm VBS 6pm Crafting for a Cause (MR)	10 7pm Tongan Worship (S) 12-6pm VBS	11 12-6pm VBS 6:30pm Tongan Women's Prayer Group (BC) 6:30pm In-Between Mark Bible Study (Library & Zoom) 8pm Tongan Choir(S)	12 12-6pm VBS	13
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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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 Kelemani, Fololiena Maka

Accompanist: Jason Eom

Finance Administrator: Jan Leu

Custodians: John Kelemani, Tofa Vaenuku

CONNECTIONAL LEADERS:

Resident Bishop:
Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank

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