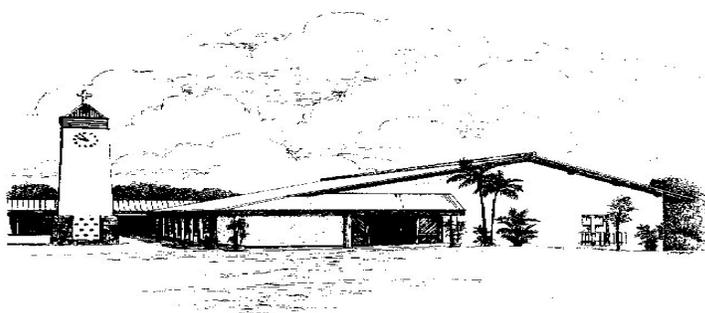


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**Return Service Requested**



# Welcome to First United Protestant Church Hilo, Hawaii

In this season of Ordinary Time between Epiphany and Easter, we welcome you and your loved ones (including children) to join us as we grow in faith, hope, and love. We are a part of the United Church of Christ and affiliated with the Hawai'i Conference of the UCC. Our roots in Hawai'i are the congregational church of the early missionaries. First United Protestant Church was organized as The First Foreign Church and Society in 1868.

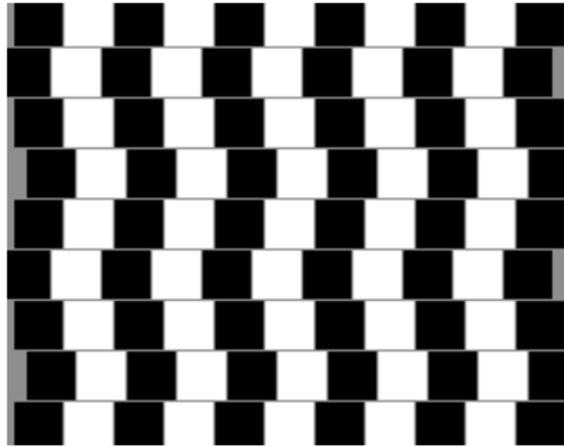
Sunday Worship Service	10:00 am
Communion	First Sunday of the Month
Kosraean Mid-Week Service	7:30 pm Wednesdays
Kosraean WCA Service	7:00 pm Fridays
Kosraean Sunday Worship Service	1:30 pm Sundays
Children's Ministry offered during worship Service	
Other education, youth programs, and activities offered throughout the week.	
Weekly schedules are listed in the Sunday worship bulletin.	

*This is a place to BELONG... We're all in this together. No matter our history, circumstances, or goals, we're all human and all need love and acceptance. That's why the church exists and why you belong.*

March 2015



## THINKING OUT LOUD...



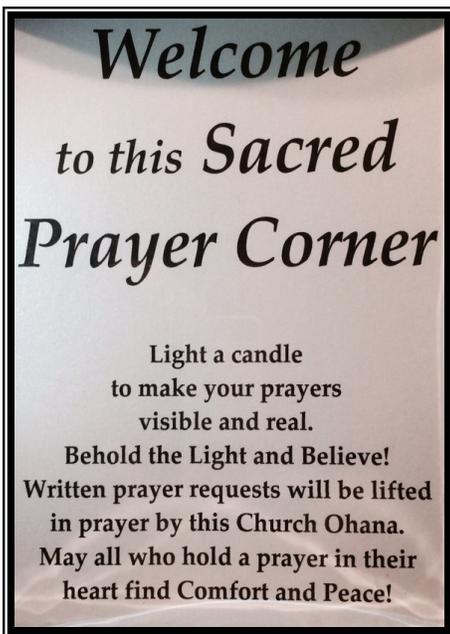
Are the lines in the image above parallel or slanted? Sometimes our eyes can play tricks on us. It depends on what we're looking for. Our expectations form a filter through which we see the world. If we are looking for signs of God, then we see God present everywhere. If we think God doesn't exist or doesn't care, then God is nowhere to be found.

Two men walking along the road to Emmaus following the death of Jesus thought he was buried forever. When he appeared to them along the road, walked with them, opened Scriptures, they still didn't recognize him. They weren't expecting to see Jesus and so they didn't recognize the miracle right in front of their eyes. Not until later, when Jesus broke bread with them... and then, as if awakened from a deep sleep, they knew. Their hearts had been telling them all along, but they hadn't been listening.

"God, help us to see your presence beyond our small expectations. Remove the filters that keep us boxed in to small spiritual places and that keep you locked safely in the church sanctuary until we visit you next Sunday. When our hearts burn with the energy of your Mysterious Presence, may we be awakened to the reality that you have also been walking with us."

Peace always in all circumstances,

Pastor Ron



## A Special Prayer Request

Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:

- Dorothy Kataoka at Hilo Medical Center
- Doris Toma
- Fay Jack
- Agnes Perreira
- Ella & Marlo Fontanella (in the death of her mother)
- Ariana
- Raymark Dela Cruz
- Our church leaders
- Pastoral search committee



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## KOSRAEAN NEWS

### ALOHA TEXAS, A HUI HOU HILO, HAWAII

Layman McGill Tolenna and his OHANA leave for Texas! Texas outweighed the odds of this beautiful Kosraean family as they were tossing thoughts back and forth with an outcome of them leaving Kosrae/Hilo Congregation and Community to make Irving, Texas their new home.

Layman McGill, Charlene and their four children moved from Honolulu and made Hilo their home in 2012. Spiritually involved with the Kosrae/Hilo Congregation, Layman McGill served as the Kosraean Christian Endeavor President for two years. Charlene's expertise is singing, composing songs, being a dedicated WCA member and was recently assigned as this year's Sunday School Teacher. Kosrae/Hilo Community will miss their presence yet at the same time wish them the BEST OF LUCK as they seek new and exciting life experiences.



Pastor Nixon Jack is convinced that enlarging their vision, realizing the power of their thoughts, and having new decisions and challenges are positive qualities for GROWTH. He knows Texas will transform their lives as they allow God's word to refresh and reshape their thinking and speaking, as they move on with their daily activities.

Layman McGill Tolenna and family express their sincere appreciation to Pastor Ron Kent and the First United Protestant Church for the fellowship they share with the Kosraean Community.

We are all saddened by them leaving yet want to wish them well and abundantly blessed with good health and prosperity. This is not a good bye, I humbly say, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.

Pastor Nixon Jack

## ***Did You Know...***

- That our guest piano player on March 22 will be Daniel Serville, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Kamehameha School in Keaau? Michael Springer will be on vacation that week-end.
- That we are receiving orders for Easter Lilies each week up until March 20? They will be purchased and arranged for display in the church sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Order forms are available in the Sunday bulletin or you may use the order form included in this newsletter.
- That the Organ Fund continues to receive donations from the friends and members of our church? Even though council agreed to go ahead with the first phase of repair, we are still hoping to pay for this expense from donations as much as possible.
- That the Pastoral Search Committee continues to receive profiles from interested candidates for the settled pastor position here at FUPC? Continue to pray for them in their important task.
- That there will be a service of recognition and licensing for Diane Hultman on Saturday, March 14 at 10:00 a.m. at Puula United Church of Christ in Nanawale Estates? We give thanks for our sister congregation and pray for God's presence as they move forward under Diane's pastoral leadership.
- That we will again celebrate Palm Sunday with the procession of palms on Sunday, March 28? This is a tradition in our church that is important to continue observing. Easter Sunday service will begin at 10:00 a.m. on April 5... and everyone is encouraged to participate in the Good Friday and Easter Sunrise services that are sponsored by our sister churches in the Hilo area.
- That the Annual Report for 2014 is available from the church office upon request? Please contact Chris Oda by church email or phone if you would like to receive a copy

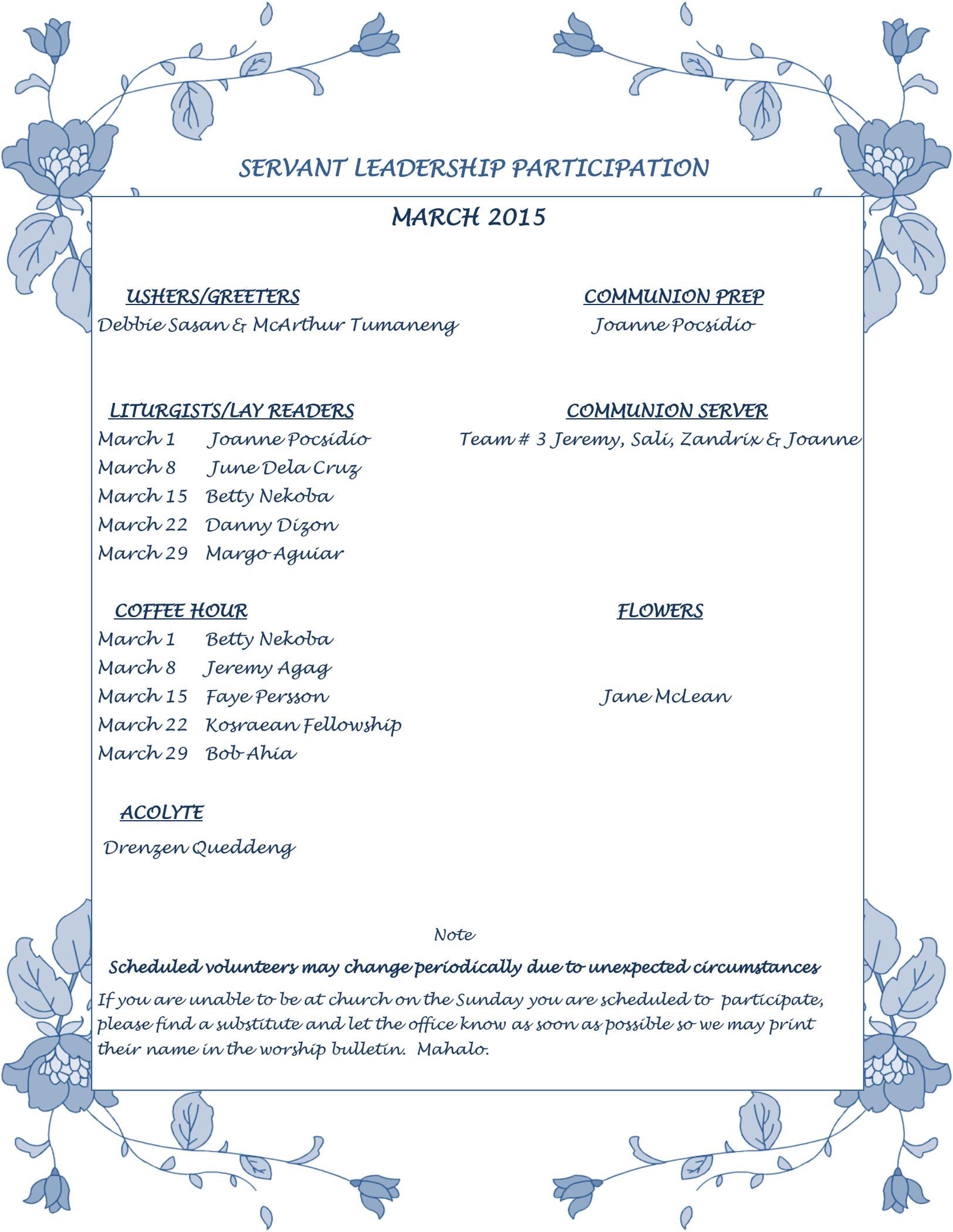
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## **Happy March Birthday to the following Friends and Members**



McCharles Tumaneng (1st), Jodie Payao (10th),  
Jonathan Payao (10th), Pedro Queja (13th),  
Heather Padilla (20th), Rowena Tumaneng (21st),  
Gabriel Benjamin (21st), Kaylana Alokoa (27th)

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## SERVANT LEADERSHIP PARTICIPATION

MARCH 2015

### USHERS/GREETERS

Debbie Sasan & McArthur Tumaneng

### COMMUNION PREP

Joanne Pocsidio

### LITURGISTS/LAY READERS

March 1 Joanne Pocsidio

March 8 June Dela Cruz

March 15 Betty Nekoba

March 22 Danny Dizon

March 29 Margo Aguiar

### COMMUNION SERVER

Team # 3 Jeremy, Sali, Zandrix & Joanne

### COFFEE HOUR

March 1 Betty Nekoba

March 8 Jeremy Agag

March 15 Faye Persson

March 22 Kosraean Fellowship

March 29 Bob Ahia

### FLOWERS

Jane McLean

### ACOLYTE

Drenzen Queddeng

Note

*Scheduled volunteers may change periodically due to unexpected circumstances*

*If you are unable to be at church on the Sunday you are scheduled to participate, please find a substitute and let the office know as soon as possible so we may print their name in the worship bulletin. Mahalo.*