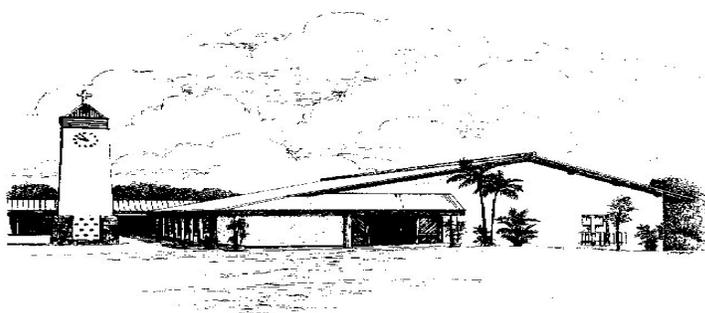


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Welcome to First United Protestant Church Hilo, Hawaii

In this season of Ordinary Time 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.

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Sermon Themes for November

November 6, 2016

Five Kinds of Aloha

I Corinthians 13

This famous “love chapter” was written to a congregation in conflict. It was torn by strife, jealousy, pride, one-upsmanship, judgmentalism, and spiritual arrogance. Sometimes, they were not able to even share communion together because of their conflicts. Paul describes a love that transcends and destroys all the enemies of harmony and peace between us. It’s a love that disarms resentment, bitterness and anger. “Aloha” is a Hawaiian value that has deep connections through at least five doorways that connect it to the love described in the “love chapter”.

Nov. 13, 2016

The Secret of Contentment

Philippians 4.4-13

Are you a contented person? Are you a person who accepts themselves as they are? A person who is satisfied with their place in life? A person who isn’t driven to accumulate more and more? A person who can be at peace with themselves when life becomes difficult, people let them down and they’re not in control of the situation? St. Paul’s letter to the Philippian church talks about what it means to be contented. He concluded that he discovered God was bigger than his fears.

Nov. 20, 2016

Scarcity or Abundance

Matthew 6.24-33

Thanksgiving is a holiday that invites reflection on the different ways we’ve been blessed in the past year. It’s a good exercise to stop and reflect, make a list of all the ways our lives have been enriched by unexpected benefits and also by surprising disappointments. Two ways of looking at life... what came our way that we weren’t expecting and what we “lost” that makes us feel sad and maybe angry. Where we put our focus determines whether we’ll see life through eyes of thankfulness, or through eyes of regret. Its always our choice.

Nov. 27, 2016

A Vision for Ministry: Keeping Christ at the Center

Acts 3.1-16

People come to church looking for God all the time. And often, all they find is sympathy, a pep talk, or worst of all, a polite dismissal of their questions and hurts. What we have to offer people is the power of Christ to change our lives. We can become a bridge for people to cross over from hopelessness to hope, from hurt to healing, from guilt to forgiveness, from loneliness to friendship. Our purpose is to introduce people to the one person who can make a difference in their life that’s profound and permanent.

December 4, 2016 Rev. Richard Alger will be our guest Minister

December 11, 2016

A Vision for Ministry: Loving Each Other

I Thess. 1 & 2

A quick reading of the New Testament will turn up an amazing number of times the phrase “one another” is used to describe our relationship with each other in the family of Christ. Being followers of Christ makes us part of a “family” that includes our fellow church members and friends, and also Christians of all languages and cultures around the world. Part of our mission is to walk together in mutual trust and regard so that we share our gifts, our resources, our energies and our compassion.

THINKING OUT LOUD.....

It's been three and one-half years since I became your Interim Minister in May, 2013. I honestly didn't expect that we'd be here beyond two years. The extended service has allowed us to get to know you better and to complete a few more projects than we might have if the time had been shorter. The renovation of the Sunday School room, creating a prayer corner, making space and time for us to share our creative artwork, quilts, woodwork and other items, activating our community relationships with Interfaith Communities in Action, and becoming active in the Hawaii Island Association and Clergy Luncheons, initiating major repairs on our facilities and the manse, receiving 13 new people in our membership... these are just some of the blessings we've enjoyed together in these past 42 months.

A church that is "in-between pastors" is in a special place, ripe for reflection, prayerful visioning and re-affirmation of our purpose. Alan G. Gripe lists the following five tasks of a church like ours between settled pastors:

1. Coming to terms with our history
2. Discovering a new identity
3. Allowing and empowering new leaders
4. Renewing denominational linkages
5. Commitment to new leadership and a new future

*The Interim Pastor's Manual, p. 38
Revised edition, 1997*

We have not addressed these five issues in that order, but we are addressing them. The by-laws committee is looking at how we can make that document more faithful and relevant to reflect the church we are today. The church council has set aside time in each meeting to talk about our Core Values, Visioning and Mission Statement development. We do have a number of new leaders who have stepped forward to take us into the next part of our journey, and more new leaders will be elected at our November 27 congregational meeting. Ray Stewart is heading up the plans and preparations for our 150th year celebration in 2018. The Pastoral Search Committee is prayerfully and carefully examining the profiles of applicants who have expressed interest in serving our church.

The church council has graciously and generously voted to enable Priscilla and I to attend the specialized training in interim ministry put on by the Interim Ministry Network in Scottsdale, Arizona Dec. 5-9. The skill-set required to minister in and lead a church like ours through this "in-between" time is different from that of a settled pastor. Though our time here may extend for more months, eventually a new leader will be called. I'm excited for this church!! You have such wonderful potential, resources and opportunities. And I believe that there may be yet other congregations in which we may eventually find ourselves serving in interim ministry. That's why this educational opportunity is such a thoughtful and meaningful gift to Priscilla and myself. You will be touching other congregations through this gift you are giving to us. We're very moved and thankful for your love.

Blessings & Aloha,



Pastor Ron

Did You Know...

- That through the month of November we will be very busy? Here is a list of some of our events for November...
 1. Stewardship Letter & Pledge Cards will be sent out on Nov. 3rd.
 2. Poinsettia orders begin for our Christmas Season on October 30th. Order forms can be found in the Narthex and will be inserted in your weekly bulletins. Deadline to place an order is Nov. 7th.
 3. Our Community Work Day will be held on Nov. 12th from 9am to 12:00pm.
 4. Bonnie Alger will be our guest Organist on Nov. 13th.
 5. The Church Council meets on Nov. 13th and will review the 2017 Council Slate.
 6. The Congregation will have a Question & Answer session on the 2017 Annual Budget after church services on Sunday, Nov. 13th.
 7. Harmony on Tap will have a benefit concert for the Friends of the Panaewa Zoo titled "H.O.T. QUACKS UP". The concert will be held in the Sanctuary on Nov. 18th & 19th. Concert starts at 7:30pm both nights and tickets can be bought at the Panaewa Zoo Gift Shop, Basically Books and at the door, or by contacting Chris at our church office at 935-5914. For more information please call 989-3208.
 8. We will have our Thanksgiving Luncheon after church services on Sunday, Nov. 20th.
 9. The Congregation will vote on the 2017 Slate of Council Members/Officers and the 2017 Annual Budget after church services on Sunday, Nov. 27th.

 - That there will be an ICIA Thanksgiving Celebration at the Church of the Holy Cross on Nov. 22nd at 7:00pm? Everyone is invited!

 - That we are still collecting USED postage stamps for the Women's Board of Missions? Please drop any stamps you have been saving with Chris at the office.

 - That we are continuing to accept donations for our Easter Seals "Thanksgiving Family" until November 13th? Please leave your donations in the bins located in the Narthex. For more information on the family chosen and the donations needed please see the bulletin board in the Narthex or call Chris at the office at 935-5914.

 - That we now have a Pastoral Search Committee progress chart on the bulletin board in the Narthex? Please check it out for current updates on the progress and hard work of this dedicated committee.

 - That the DLNR will be trimming the big trees behind the church property during the Kamehameha Pre-School's Christmas break?
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*Welcome
to this Sacred
Prayer Corner*

Light a candle
to make your prayers
visible and real.
Behold the Light and Believe!
Written prayer requests will be lifted
in prayer by this Church Ohana.
May all who hold a prayer in their
heart find Comfort and Peace!



Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:

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| Sheldon Asejo | Agnes Perreira |
| Song Soon Lee | Ray Stewart |
| Mike Gardner | Pedro Queja |
| Doris Toma | Sofia Bumanglag |
| Eric Wyatt | John Wolf |
| Michael Russell | Kathleen Kim |
| Fay Jack | Mary Lee Roberts |
| Barbara Hanenburg | Lei Semana & Family |
| Leticia & Jeremy Agag | |

Happy November Birthday to the following Friends and Members



- Kun H. Sigrah (5th)
Frank Alokoa, Jr. (8th)
Hanna Alokoa (8th)
Ola Ha'a (9th)
Ziara Bell-Tosie (9th)
Karin Alokoa (11th)
Joel Queddeng (16th)
Fred Gacula (17th)
Michael Springer (17th)
Fillmore Lorenzo (22nd)
Izaiah Queja-Bidad (23rd)
Beluma Bell-Tosie (23rd)
Sylvia Hammer (24th)
Tulpe Dizon (26th)
Bobby Dale Skilling (27th)
John Wolf (28th)
Kurt Iokepa (29th)
Melody Padilla (29th)

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Matt.10:34-11:3

Jesus the Teacher

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After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right



From the kitchen of Elizabeth Frendo

Natural Candy

- 1C Peanut Butter
- 1/4 C. Carob Powder
- 1/3 C Mashed Banana
- 2 tsp. Vanilla

Mix all ingredients together. Shape into balls and roll in cinnamon. If desired, press a walnut half into each candy. Store in refrigerator. (Other nuts may be used, if desired).

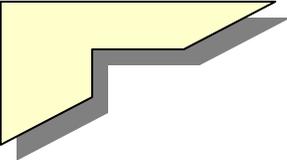
Chocolate Shells

- 6 Squares Semi-Sweet Chocolate
- 2 tsp. Butter

Heat all 6 squares of chocolate and 2 teaspoons of butter over boiling water. Before the chocolate is all melted, remove from heat. Stir rapidly until no lumps remain and the butter is blended into the chocolate. Pour an overflowing teaspoonful into a pleat-sided baking cup. With back of a silver spoon, spread the chocolate over the paper until the inside of the cup is completely coated. Put cups in a muffin tin to cool. When chocolate is hard, gently tear away the cup. Fill with ice-cream and serve.



All recipe's originate from "Heirlooms from our Church Family" 1998.



COUNCIL KORNER

"I can do everything through him who gives me strength"

Philippians 4:13

The FUPC Council meets every fourth Sunday of the month. We share with you current events that are happening through the newsletter and by posting the monthly meeting minutes on the Narthex bulletin board.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COUNCIL KORNER

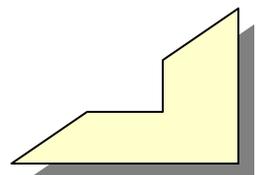
- Come join us every **second Saturday** of the month for Congregation Workday. Bring the family, a friend and if possible a refreshment to share. Next workday will be **November 12, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Thank you Jane McLean, Faye Persson, Kepola Ishikawa, Courtney Sasan, Froilan Queja and Rev. Nixon Jack who were there for church work day on October 8th. I would also like to extend a big Mahalo to Letti Agag and Jane McLean for donating yummy refreshments for the work crew.



- Thank you to everyone who continues to bless us with their gift of music and dance, serving as ushers/greeters, lay leaders, communion prep and servers, bringing beautiful flowers to our sanctuary and hosting our delicious coffee hours. **You are greatly appreciated.** If you feel God's spirit moving you to be a part of worship on Sundays, we continue to look for individuals to serve. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Narthex bulletin board nearest the office. **Feel free to partner up with others for coffee hour or find someone to serve alongside you as an usher/greeter.**
- The FUPC Pastoral Search Committee continues to review profiles with the support of the Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ. Look for updates on the Narthex bulletin board.

Please feel free to approach/share with me or any of your council members suggestions, questions or concerns that you would like to address in your church life. You can also contact me at: debbiefupc@gmail.com

God Bless You,
Debbie Sasan
Moderator





SERVANT LEADERSHIP PARTICIPATION

NOVEMBER 2016

USHERS/GREETERS

Betty Nekoba & Bobby Dale Skillings

COMMUNION PREP

Bob Ahia

LITURGISTS/LAY READERS

November 6 June Dela Cruz

November 13 Phoebe Wyatt & Tyler Dela Cruz

November 20 Jeremy Agag

November 27 Danny Dizon

COMMUNION SERVERS

Team #4 Betty, Zandrix, Bob & McCharles

COFFEE HOUR

November 6 Jane McLean

November 13 Kathleen Kim

November 20 Thanksgiving Luncheon

November 27 Kosraean Fellowship

FLOWERS

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ACOLYTE

Ben Wyatt & Admiral Tumaneng