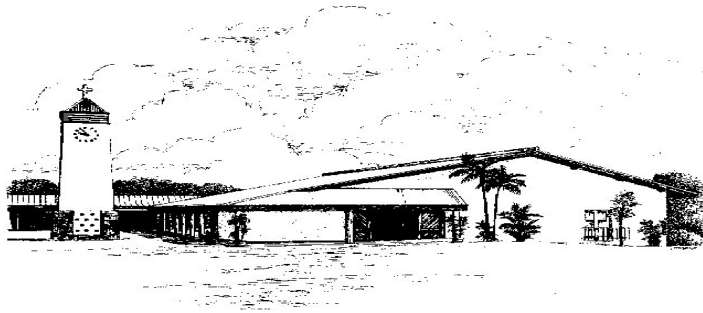


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Welcome to First United Protestant Church Hilo, Hawaii

In this season of Epiphany 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

Communion

Kosraean Mid-Week Service

Kosraean WCA Service

Kosraean Sunday Worship Service

Children's Ministry offered during worship Service

10:00 am

First Sunday of the Month

7:30 pm Wednesdays

7:00 pm Fridays

1:30 pm Sundays

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.

JANUARY 2017

FIRST NEWS – NEWSLETTER OF FIRST UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH, HILO, HI
JANUARY 2017

Sermon Themes for January

January 1, 2017

Waiting on God

Isaiah 64.1-9

There are times in life when our backs are to the wall. We want God and we want God right now!! We pray 911 prayers because life is unraveling all around us. We need help. A solution, a pathway through a dark and threatening place. The Christmas message is that God is right beside you and will never abandon or leave you. Waiting on God is part of the pathway that leads to insight, resolution, wisdom, direction and peace.

January 8, 2017

Reflections On a Journey

Psalms 121

Pastor Nixon Jack and members of the Kosraean Fellowship recently returned from a significant gathering of Kosraean citizens to their home island who are living abroad. We will hear reports and reflections from representatives of our sister congregation about the trip and its significance and meaning in their lives.

January 15, 2017

Wild Beasts and Angels

Mark 1.12,13

Following his baptism, Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness alone, but there were wild beasts there too. When we are living in our own wilderness, we also face wild beasts: panic, anxiety, hopelessness, dread, fear and discouragement. God sent angels to be with Jesus during those 40 days. And so in our lives there often appear 'angels' that show up unexpectedly to walk with us, and maybe carry us, through the lonely and frightening passages of our lives.

January 22, 2017

A Sacrament for Failure

Mark 6.1-13

Have you ever failed at anything? What did it feel like? How did you handle it? Failure is a fact of life. If a person has never failed, maybe they've never lived. Even Jesus experienced a failure with his disciples. Out of 12 chosen, one betrayed him, three slept through his darkest moment in Gethsemane and one denied ever knowing him. In his home town, he was ridiculed and rejected. After his crucifixion, his followers locked themselves in a room terrified to come out.

January 29, 2017

Is Our Church a Mary or a Martha Church?

Luke 10.38-42

Jesus' good friends were sisters, Mary and Martha. They had different personalities. Mary was a contemplative and appreciated time for reflection and nurturing her inner spirit. Martha was a "doer"... busy with the practical necessities of life like shopping for food, cooking, cleaning, getting ready for company. When Jesus visited their home, their personalities were on display very clearly. We can learn much about ourselves by spending some time with these two women.

February 5, 2017

What Nourishes Your Spirit?

Luke 6.20-26

The ancient church had a practice they called "Examen". It was a daily inventory in which the events, feelings, encounters, accomplishments and memories of the day would be looked at through the lens of a series of questions. It's a way of discerning and listening for the voice of God through the rhythms and responsibilities of life so as to know ourselves better, and know God better. What nourishes your spirit?

THINKING OUT LOUD.....

A group of child care workers posed this question to a group of 4-8 year olds: "What does love mean?" Here are some of the answers...

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth."

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired."

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen."

"My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night."

"When my grandma got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandpa does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too."

"If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend you hate."

"Love is when mommy gives daddy the best piece of chicken."

"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget."

"Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other."

Profound thoughts from the mouths of babes! Our own children of the church blessed us with their love on Christmas Eve when they told the story of Jesus' birth from the perspective of the angels. They were amazing! It was a memorable and sweet experience to watch Ark dispatch Gabe, Mike, Hark, Herald, and Sera Phim and Cher Ubim on their various missions of telling the Good News to Mary & Joseph, Zachariah & Elizabeth, and the Shepherds. A big MAHALO to each child because they OWNED the story and told it with enthusiasm. We love each one and are so blessed that they are a special and very important part of the First United Protestant Church family.

Happy New Year to all,



Pastor Ron



Did You Know...

- that our Community Work Day will be held on January 14th from 9am to 12:00pm?
- that our Clock Tower door is finally fixed thanks to Marlo Fontanilla and Froilan Queja? A huge MAHALO to Marlo and Froilan for taking the time out of their busy schedules to fix our Clock Tower door!
- that we will be moving forward with several repairs in 2017? We will be completing the remodel of the Sunday School room, repairing the Clock Tower, repairing the fascia all around the building and hopefully be able to resurface our parking lot.
- 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 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 begin trimming the big trees behind the church property on Jan. 3rd?
- that we will hold our Installation of Officers for our 2017 Church Council on January 15th during church services?
- that Kindermusik will be returning to campus beginning January 25th and running until May 13th every Wednesday and Saturday morning? For more information please contact Aunty Roni at 938-5406 or email her at musicfunhilo@gmail.com.
- that our Church Council will hold their first 2017 meeting on Jan. 15, 2017 from 11:30am to 1:00pm?



"I don't care if it is the armor of God. You take it off or go sleep on the couch."

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!

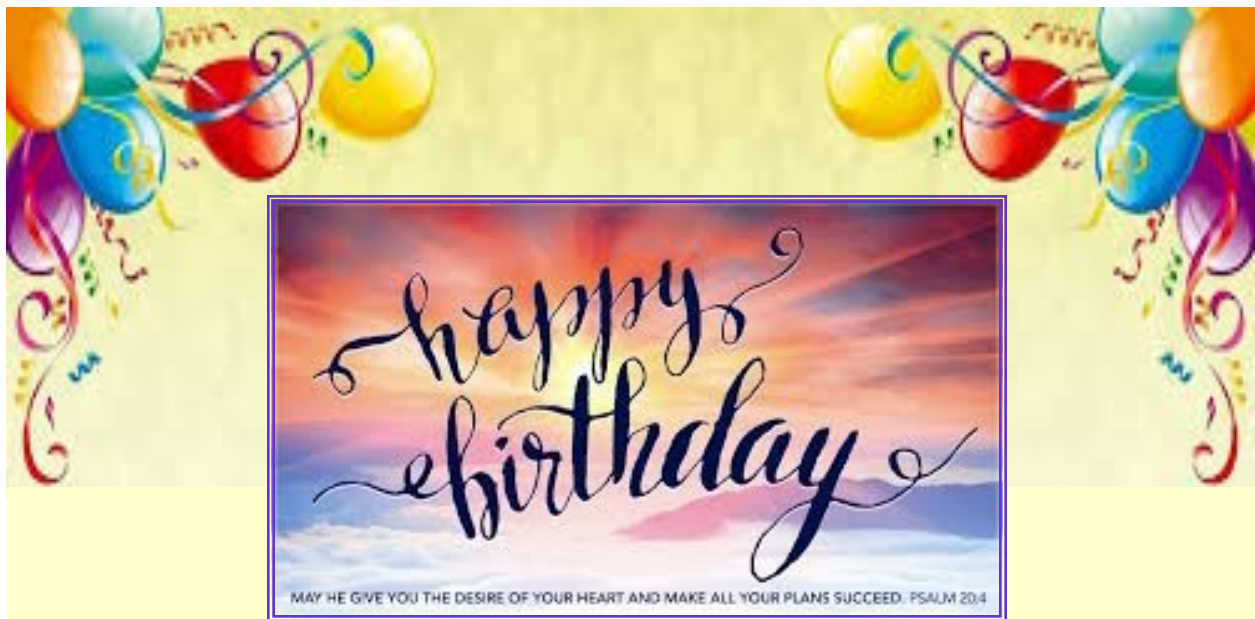


Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:

Sheldon Asejo
Song Soon Lee
Mike Gardner
Doris Toma
Eric Wyatt
Michael Russell
Fay Jack
Royal Solmerin

Agnes Perreira
Ray Stewart
Pedro Queja
Sofia Bumanglag
Aiden Benjamin
Mary Lee Roberts
Lei Semana & Family

Happy January Birthday to the following Friends and Members



Leticia Agag (1st)

Carlene Wolf (18th)

Lisa Taylor (25th)

Jane McLean (6th)

Anuheka Kaupu (21st)

Krishna Tumaneng (26th)

Sheycie Asejo (16th)

Alissa Wasserman (25th)

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Matt. 11:18-30

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HEART	JUDGMENT
JESUS	LEARNED
KNOWS	MIRACLES
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LIGHT	PLEASURE
PRAISE	REMAINED
REVEAL	PROVED
SIDON	REPENT
SKIES	SINNERS
SODOM	DRINKING

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 the late Clara Robinson

Liliko (Passion Fruit) Chiffon Pie

4 Eggs, separated	1/2 C plus 2 T. Lilikoi juice
1/2 t. Salt	1/4 C plus 2 T. Cold Water
1 T. Unflavored Gelatin	1 10-inch Baked Pie Shell
1 C. Sugar, Divided	Whipped Cream

Beat egg yolks until thick. Add 1/2 cup of sugar, salt, juice and gelatin (which has been softened in water). Cook over low heat until thick, stirring until gelatin is dissolved. Cool. Beat egg whites until stiff, adding 1/2 cup sugar slowly. Fold egg yolk mixture into egg whites. Pour into baked pie shell and chill until firm. Serve with whipped cream.

* All recipes from FUPC 1998 Cookbook "Heirlooms From Our Church Family"





COUNCIL KORNER

"HAPPY HOLIDAYS"

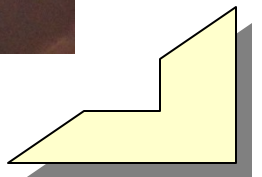
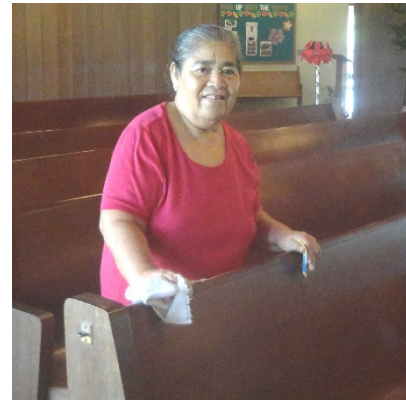
The FUPC Council meets every fourth Sunday of the month. We share with you current events that are happening through the newsletter and by posting the monthly meeting minutes on the Narthex bulletin board.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COUNCIL KORNER

- Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our annual Congregational Meeting on November 27, 2016. For those of you who were not able to attend our thoughts and prayers were with you. We were able to adopt our 2017 budget and vote in new Council Members. Installation of new Council Members will be on Sunday, January 15, during Sunday worship. Here is a complete list of our 2017 Church Council.
 1. Moderator – Debbie Sasan
 2. Vice Moderator – Fay Jack
 3. Clerk – Betty Nekoba
 4. Treasurer – Ray Stewart
 5. Assistant Treasurer – Krizha Tumaneng
 6. Portfolio Manager – Ray Stewart
 7. Resource - Vacant
 8. Christian Education – Karena Asejo
 9. Christian Service (Hospitality) – Robert Ahia
 10. Mission - Gwynn Sosa
 11. Worship – Jane McLean
 12. Outreach – Vacant
 13. Youth Representative – Vacant
 14. Kosraean Fellowship – Rev. Nixon Jack and Lay Minister Persteve Esau
 15. Members-at-Large – Leticia Agag, Gail Kagawa, Sali Queja, Royalyn Solmerin and Sylvia Volkmar Hammer
 16. Pastoral Relations Committee – Ray Stewart, Sylvia Volkmar Hammer, Joanne Pocsidio and Karisa Solmerin

Thank you Council Members for your service and support of First United Protestant Church. I look forward to serving with each and every one of you.

- 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 **January 14, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Thank you to everyone who were present at church workday on December 10th, we accomplished a lot, from decorating the Christmas tree (which we would like to thank Rev. Kent and Priscilla for donating), cleaning the sanctuary, cleaning the sanctuary, cutting the grass and setting up the tents for our Christmas Luncheon.





- On Sunday, December 11th we enjoyed our annual Kosraean Christmas March following worship and wonderful luncheon/program. It was a perfect example of many cultures/hands coming together to share food, fellowship and love for each other. Thank you to Rev. Nixon Jack, his wife Fay, our Kosraean brothers and sisters, the First United Protestant Church congregation and all the individuals who donated items for the program that followed lunch. We pray that God will bless our Kosraean congregation as they travel to the Island of Kosrae.





- I would like to give a big shout out to the cast of “Angel Errands” written by our very own Rev. Ron Kent for an imaginative Christmas Eve service. A special thank you to Rev. Kent and Priscilla, Christian Education teacher/vocalist, Karena Asejo, musicians Michael Russell and Michael Springer, vocalist Joanne Pocsidio and announcers Striesand Galdones and Drenzen Queddeng.



Our “Angels Errands” cast: Kaysen, Sheycie & Shelcey Asejo, Cory & Tyler Dela Cruz, and Phoebe & Ben Wyatt. Not pictured cast member Admiral Tumaneng.

- Thank you to everyone who continue to bless us with their gift of music and dance, serving as ushers/greeters, liturgist, 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 is narrowing down their choices for a new Pastor. 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

JANUARY 2017

USHERS/GREETERS

Kristel & Krizha Tumaneng

COMMUNION PREP

Kepola Ishikawa

LITURGISTS/LAY READERS

January 1 Bob Ahia
January 8 Ray Stewart
January 15 June Dela Cruz
January 22 Kosraean Fellowship
January 29 Gail Kagawa

COMMUNION SERVERS

Bob, Debbie, & Gail & Jeremy

COFFEE HOUR

January 1 Jeremy Agag
January 8 Betty Nekoba
January 15 Kathleen Kim
January 22 Kosraean Fellowship
January 29 Debbie Sasan

ACOLYTE

Admiral Tumaneng