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Welcome to First United Protestant Church Hilo, Hawaii

In this season of Ordinary Time between Pentecost and Advent, 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 Language Bible Study

Kosraean Language Service

Children's Ministry offered during worship Service

10:00 am

First Sunday of the Month

7:30 pm Wednesdays

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.

June, 2014

THEMES FOR UPCOMING SUNDAYS

June 8

The Spirit Factor

Acts 2.1-4, 42-47

On the day when the Holy Spirit was given by God, the Church was born. Everything changed. Jesus' timid followers left the protection of the upper room. They unlocked the door, opened the shades and stopped hiding. They weren't arrogant or defiant in their boldness. They didn't turn people off by being pushy or self-righteous. But they attracted people because after the Holy Spirit came, they knew what they believed, they knew who they were, and they knew what God expected of them. And they weren't afraid. Where are the signs of the Spirit present in our lives and in our church?

June 15

A Father's Legacy

Luke 15

This familiar story is about a son who leaves home to seek fame and fortune only to end up homeless, hungry and hopeless. But it's also a story about a father who never gives up hope for his son, waiting and watching for him to return. On Father's Day, we'll spend some time with this father and see what makes him such a great example of a Dad who is an anchor of love in the lives of his two sons.

June 22

Closer Than a Heartbeat

John 14.16,17

The Spirit of God helps us when we're out beyond our depth. The Spirit comforts us when we're distressed so that rather than collapsing, we stand with strength beyond our own. The Spirit enables a person to pass the breaking point and not break. The Spirit defends us and speaks on our behalf before God. And the Spirit encourages us in the midst of life's battles to move forward with confidence and courage. Jesus said, "Truly, I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

June 29

You Want Me To Go Where??

Genesis 12.1-5

Wouldn't it be great to have "flying lessons"? No, not in an airplane. But flying lessons for life that would let us soar over the broken places and scary moments of our lives with peace and calm. Abraham was called to leave the familiar and the known for what was completely foreign and unknown. When we find ourselves faced with new challenges and possibilities that make us afraid, we need to learn how to rest in the strong and reliable love of God who gives us the courage to fly when life grows scary and unpredictable.

July 6, 2014

Holding Up Your Corner

Mark 2.1-12

It takes four people to lift a heavy load securely and confidently. One on each corner. In this healing miracle, four men carried their friend to the roof so that he could be let down where Jesus could heal him. We don't know their names, but without them, the man would not have been healed. In our church, I am thankful for all those people who are faithful in holding up their corner. They show up, take on responsibility, shoulder a share of the load, do it faithfully and don't ask for any recognition. We'll talk about all the corners that need holding up in our church ohana... and give thanks for all the faithful "corner holders" that make our church work.

THINKING OUT LOUD...

Its Father's Day soon and I cannot help but think about my Dad and what he might tell me if he were alive today. I imagine a letter he might write to me, it could go something like this:

"My Dear Son,

It's Father's Day. I know you and your sisters and brother will be thinking about me today. I'm thinking about you too and I miss you. I'd be 93 this year. Hardly seems possible that you've turned 70. I remember when you came home from the hospital in 1944 during the war. You were pretty ugly back then with a lot of bumps and lumps on your head. You looked like you'd been dropped on the floor too many times. But eventually, they all disappeared.

I'm glad to see you're still preaching and serving a church. I wonder what you're feeling sometimes. I'm very proud of you. I wish I could have visited you out there in Hawaii. Did you know that I always wanted to be a pastor? When your Mom and I applied for seminary in Minneapolis following the war, they wouldn't let us in because we had you and children were not allowed in the married student apartments. So I became a milkman.

If its true that parents sometimes live their lives through their kids, then maybe in some ways I lived my life through you. Do you remember the radio program at Grace Baptist Church in Des Moines? Every Sunday, we'd broadcast one-half hour of music and preaching and it made our church very well known. I was the producer and director. Also the music coordinator and the announcer. Even though I couldn't be the pastor, I'm sure that program meant more to me than it meant to any of our listeners.

Son, do you remember when you said that I was a role model for you and an example of what a Christian man should be? You called me the most patient man you'd ever known. You praised me for my faith and the way I loved your Mom. I'm glad you hold me in such high regard. But truthfully, there's parts of me that you never saw. It was only God's grace and compassion that helped me to live with my own weaknesses and flaws. And they were many.

Enjoy what's happening in your life right now. Make each day an adventure. Welcome new challenges as friends that will enrich and enlarge your life. Grow beyond what's comfortable. Always expect that God will meet your needs abundantly. Believe the best about others. Expect the best from yourself. Remain true to your deepest beliefs. Know that God is walking with you every step of the way, even though you may sometimes be tempted to doubt it.

Enjoy your children and your grandchildren. Enjoy your precious wife. You've built a wonderful and fulfilling life with her. The years ahead of you will be rich with meaning and laughter. Stay awake, pay attention and don't take one single day or hour for granted. I wish I'd lived longer. Every moment is precious.

I love you and miss you, Dad"

Well, I guess its just a fantasy to receive this letter. But on the other hand, I think its true to what my Dad might have said to me. In any case, I'm so thankful for the father God gave to me.

Pastor Ron

SCHOOL SUPPLIES ON THE WAY

A large box of school supplies from our church is on its way to the Hernani Central Elementary School in Easter Samar, Philippines. Under the leadership of Sali Queja, this project has been successful in gathering donations of pencils, pens, paper, and much more in addition to monetary donations. The Hernani school was destroyed in typhoon Haiyan last November leaving the students and staff without the normal supplies required to do schoolwork and teach.

Here's a list of what was included:

- 50 packs of binder paper
- 40 portfolios
- 28 tablets
- 2 packs of paper clips
- 22 rulers
- 1192 pencils
- 409 ballpoint pens
- 32 erasers
- 21 pencil boxes
- 34 glue sticks
- 12 boxes chalk
- 2 scissors
- 15 boxes crayons
- 20 oral hygiene
- 2 calculators
- 19 book covers
- 2 packs envelopes
- Markers & graph paper

This is a continuing project and a new empty box is available in the Narthex for more contributions, both supplies and monetary gifts. Thank you to everyone who worked hard, gave generously and prayed for this project.



Happy June Birthday to the Following Friends & Members

Jeremy Agag (1), Magie Galdones (3), Monica Pacris (3, 1918), Shigeru Kataoka (5), Jeremy Taylor (7), Maile Wasserman (12), Fay Jack (13), Sephine Dizon (19), Kristel Tumaneng (20), Darren Dela Cruz (23), Kupon Hopfe (24), and June Dela Cruz (27).

Did You Know...

- That the Kamehameha pre-school is on vacation for the summer months. They had a great year and are looking forward to a wonderful year to come as school begins again in August.
- That Heather Padilla's Girl Scout troop is holding their end-of-year gathering at our church on Sunday afternoon, June 8? The timing was perfect as the Kosrean Fellowship will be traveling to Kona for a special gathering leaving the church available for use.
- That there is no one signed up for flowers in the sanctuary for the summer months (June, July, August)? Every date is open and available... please consider signing up to provide flowers for a Sunday worship service.
- That the church council unanimously approved exploration of the possibility of hiring a Children's Ministry Coordinator to provide consistent, high quality Sunday morning experiences for our children.
 - Possibly a student from UH who is capable and creative, who loves God and who loves kids and has a gift for communicating with them.... That's the vision.
- The Resource Committee is looking into erecting a fence along the gulch-side of our property to keep the wild pigs from tearing up the lawn between the church and Kaiser Medical Center. It has been a big problem.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The first step in the search for a settled pastor begins with the completion of the Church Profile. This 20 page document is a thorough analysis of our church including church history and statistics, community demographics, theological character, mission and education activities, and visions for the future. It takes a lot to pull all this together!

The goal is to have this document completed and ready for use by the end of June. Rev. Diane Weible met with some of the committee members of Saturday, May 31 to give further help and suggestions as we move forward toward new pastoral leadership. Thank you to all the committee members who are working hard on this important committee: June Dela Cruz, Betty Nekoba, Fay Jack, Karena Asejo, Jeremy Agag and Zandrig Queja.



SERVANT LEADERSHIP PARTICIPATION

JUNE 2014

USHERS/GREETERS

Youth

COMMUNION PREP

Jeremy Agag

LITURGISTS/LAY READERS

June 1 Karen Asejo

June 8 Bob Ahia

June 15 June Dela Cruz

June 22 Danny Dizon

June 29 Margo Aguiar

COMMUNION SERVERS

Team #1 Betty, Bob, Jeremy & June

COFFEE HOUR

June 1 Debbie Sasan

June 8 Karisa Solmerin

June 15 Sali Queja

June 22 Kosraean Fellowship

June 29 Jane McLean

FLOWERS

Faye & Tony Persson

Marlo & Ella Fontanilla

Margo Aguiar

Jane McLean

Ian Ranama Birthday

ACOLYTE

Melody & Isaac Padilla

Note

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.

