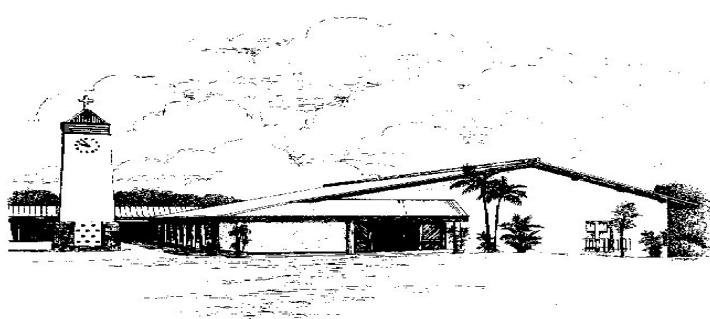


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**Return Service Requested**



# 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 September**

Sept. 2

**Love Is Hard Work**

**I Corinthians 13**

The Love Chapter, one of the most beloved of all Bible passages, has carried many people through difficult and dark places when they were ready to give up. Love is not always easy or fun. Loving another sometimes takes us to the edge of our will and sanity. But in the end, there's nothing more powerful than this kind of love that transcends everything that would destroy it

Sept. 9

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Matthew 6.9-13**

Every Sunday, we pray this prayer. We know it by heart. But sometimes, comforting as it may be, the prayer can become a mindless ritual of repetition that loses its meaning. The prayer was given to us by Jesus himself, as a model for how we are to pray. He was responding to a request by his disciples, "Teach us to pray." This prayer is the result.

Sept. 16

**What's That In Your Hand?**

**Exodus 3.1-15, 4.1-5**

Moses was a senior citizen when God tapped him to deliver the Israelites from Egypt. He came up with plenty of excuses for why he was the wrong choice. God wasn't having it. God promised he would be with Moses and enable him to do what needed to be done. Moses asked for proof. God turned the stick in his hand into a snake! When we're faced with difficult and fearsome challenges and we feel inadequate to the task, ask yourself "What's in my hand that God can use?" and see what happens!

Sept. 23

**God A-Z**

**Psalm 145**

In this acrostic poem, the author describes the qualities and character of God through the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet. Its an amazing portrait of God and Michael Springer, our organist, has put music to these words in an original composition dedicated to our church for our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Entitled "I Will Extol Thee" the anthem beautifully invites us to reflect and rejoice on who God is and how we are held in unconditional and eternal Love.

Pastor Ron and Priscilla will be traveling on the continent Sept. 27 – Oct 21. They will take part in two weddings and visit family in the Midwest and East Coast. Mahalo nui loa to Pastor Nixon Jack, Pastor Danny Dizon and to Pastor Richard Alger for filling in while they are away.

Sept. 30

Pastor Nixon Jack, Guest Speaker

Oct. 7

Pastor Richard Alger, Guest Speaker

Oct. 14

Pastor Danny Dizon, Guest Speaker

Oct. 21

Pastor Richard Alger, Guest Speaker

## Thinking Out Loud...

Anonymous letters can be scary. They come with no return address so there's no chance to dialogue or reach out to the writer. Our church received an anonymous letter following the July 27 anniversary celebration. My name was listed as the primary recipient. In my experience, like the telephone call that comes in the middle of the night, its seldom good news. I'm thinking, "Oh oh... did we offend someone? What did we do wrong?" So when I opened it, I was a little nervous preparing myself for the worst. But I was surprised.... It was one of the most gracious, affirming and positive letters I've ever received. I need to share it with you, because really, its about YOU... as you are heart and soul of this church. Here it is...

"I was there a week ago. I thought it was just for the singing on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Turned out to be a service of sorts. I hadn't been to one in over 35 years and wasn't prepared when the Holy Spirit actually dropped by to touch me.

Being a fringe kind of person, not much for organized religion, I long held a judgment in my heart that we've lost the churches to bling and to Israeli politics, and that the message of "love one another" took a backseat to those aspirations. I was not prepared for the humanity I was brushing up against, a real walking of the talk.

I listened to the songs and sometimes sang along, the irresistible lyrics carrying too much truth to dismiss as mere old-time worship. Instead, they were alive, a testament of the heart, one that understands the beatitudes, the Sermon on the Mount, and takes up the charge to carry them into life, not just metaphorically, but actually, into the community, the very neighborhood!

And there was generosity of spirit and generosity of purse, where so much was gifted and in humility and grace, lifting those who give so much.

I and everyone else was then invited to the patio to partake of pupus and fellowship. I entered and was at once at a cotillion: sparkling lights above and candlelit tables welcoming me. White tablecloths and the scent of gardenia. And there before us, a banquet offering of delicious edibles and delicate desserts.

I thought of whomever prepared the food, whomever put up the lights, whomever set the tables. They had to know they were doing something special, something could awaken anyone to receive in gratitude that which was prepared, offered and shared.

I looked as I often have a tendency to do, through the eyes of the *kanaka maoli* and thought of compromises that have been made over this century and a half and found in your church a deep ALOHA where all are welcome and love is held in high esteem. And healing flooded into my being. Even the fringe has a connection to the center.

I write this anonymously for it is only to say, in those few short hours, I saw who you are. In short, I saw Christ, alive and well, smiling, knowing none is abandoned and none is above the other. I send you the friendship of appreciation and thank you for my experience in your house. May God bless you abundantly and forever.

Aloha in Christ,

A Grateful Neighbor

Our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration continues on September 23 at 2:00 p.m. We don't know who will be present but God knows. What an honor that the Spirit of God shows up as we are faithful and generous, and touches people in ways that we may never know. I'm expecting chicken skin moments!



**Kosrae Hilo Liberation Day Celebration** on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018 . Morning Service 5:00am at FUPC, fun-filled day of activities and food to follow at Ainaola Park. Please come and join in on the fun and games.

**KEEP PULLING UNTIL THERE IS VICTORY**



**Green Turtles**



**CHAMPIONS!**



**Blue Sharks**

KOSRAE HILO TAFUNSAK ROCKS!! Good fun, loads of prizes, continuous flow of food. Tafunsak President, Larson Miller and the love of his life, Kimie, gave up their sleeping time and made a positive impact on this SPECIAL DAY. Game/Play of the day, Green Turtles Pull, Blue Sharks tugged, Congratulations Blue Sharks, Winners! LIGHT SHINED OF UNITY!



Mahalo Rev. Nixon and Maynard Tosie for an awesome job done on FUPC campus.



Life is all about L~O~V~E. The best use of life is LOVE. LOVE is not a good part of your life; it's the most important part. LOVE leaves a legacy. The best way to spell LOVE is T~I~M~E. The best time to LOVE is NOW because you don't know how long you will have the opportunity. You have no guarantee of tomorrow. We call that feeling "HAPPY".

Kulo Na Maluhlap, Pastu Nixon, Pastu Danny, Nipastu Fay and Nipastu Tulpe

# 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	Family of Agnes Perreira
Mike Gardner	Margo Aguiar
Maria Valido & the Queja Family	Michael Russell
Doris Toma	Lei Semana & Family
Sylvia Hammer	David Lee
Rev. Nixon & Fay Jack	Marlo & Ella Fontanilla
Aulani Humphers	Royal Solmerin
Janet Lang	Esperanza Tolentino
Cori Dela Cruz	

Happy September Birthday to the following Friends and Members



Striesand Galdones (1st)

Nixon Jack (9th)

Ric Galdones (13th)

Hawaii Wolf Iokepa (23rd)

Aida Queddeng (28th)

Isaac Padilla (6th)

Manuel Dayoan (13th)

Keola Benjamin (18th)

Julin Davenport (27th)

# Food & Fun

# Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 275

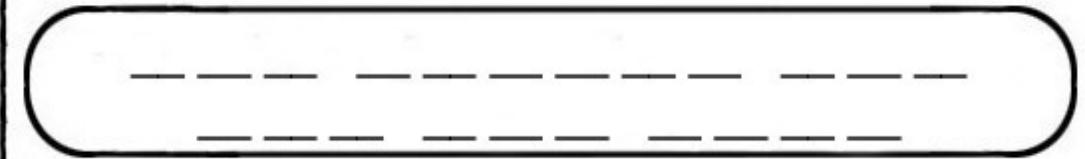
Matt.19:1-14



## **DIVORCE AND REMARriage**

ASKED	BELONGS
BETTER	CHILDREN
EXCEPT	COMMAND
FATHER	COMMITS
FEMALE	CREATOR
GIVEN	CROWDS
HANDS	FINISHED
HARD	GALILEE
HEAVEN	HEALED
HINDER	HEARTS
JESUS	JORDAN
JOINED	KINGDOM
JUDEA	LAWFUL
LARGE	LONGER
LEAVE	MOTHER
LITTLE	REASON
MOSES	REGION
PRAY	UNITED
WIFE	WOMAN

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



## Cornmeal Cake

## **From the kitchen of Pam Kagamida**



**1lb. Butter or 1C. Oil  
1C. Milk or Water  
1/2 C. Cornmeal  
2 C. Bisquick**

2 Eggs  
1C. Sugar  
1/2 tsp. baking powder

Cream sugar, eggs and butter. Mix in a separate bowl, the milk, cornmeal, baking powder and Bisquick. Combine the two mixtures. Grease and flour a 9x13-inch pan. Bake in a 325 degree oven for 30 minutes or until top is golden brown. Serves 12 to 15





## DID YOU KNOW.....

That we will be participating in the Foodland Give Aloha Program again this year. If you would like to give a donation our church code is #78830 and here are a few easy steps to follow to give a donation.

How to Donate:

- 1) Shop at Foodland or Sack N Save!
- 2) Show your Maika'i card to the cashier at checkout.
- 3) Tell the cashier our code **#78830** and the amount of your donation (up to \$249).
- 4) Review your receipt to confirm the following appears: Our organization name, Your donation amount  
Your Maika'i number
- 5) During September, make a donation to First United Protestant Church at any Foodland or Sack N Save checkout, and Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will make a donation to our organization too!

## Thank you for your support!



# *For Your Calendar...*

## **150th Anniversary Homegrown Musical Celebration** "Hawaii Island Suite" by Michael Springer, featuring 40 voice choir accompanied by professional orchestra and pipe organ. **Sunday, September 23 from 2 – 4:30 p.m.**



First United Protestant Church is a preferred venue for a number of concerts each year as musicians from Hilo and beyond consider where to hold their performances. It's our privilege and joy to be chosen for this honor, thanks to the high quality piano and pipe organ, the wonderful acoustics in the sanctuary, generous space for parking and, accessibility for the disabled. **Now, in celebration of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we will be sponsoring our own HOME GROWN CONCERT on Sunday afternoon, September 23 at 2:00 p.m.** Come early! The word is out and we expect the sanctuary to be full. With a 40 voice choir and 30 member orchestra, this promises to be an event that will be remembered for a long time. Some of the choral and orchestral classics that will be heard are:

- "Hallelujah" from the Mount of Olives by Beethoven
- "La Plus Que Lente" played by Michael Russell, Violin and Michael Springer, Piano
- "The Lord Is My Shepherd" by Allen Pote
- "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" arr. By Mack Wilberg
- "Pie Jesu" Andrew Lloyd Webber choir, Joanne Pocsidio and Phoebe Wyatt duet
- "Battle Hymn of the Republic" arr. By Peter Wilhousky
- "Amazing Grace" arr. By Mack Wilberg
- "We Are Children of God" and "Firm Foundation" FUPC Children's Choir
- "I Will Extol Thee" 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Anthem premier, Michael Springer, composer
- "The Prayer" Carole Bayer-Sager & David Foster, arr. By Michael Springer
- "Hawaii Island Suite" by Michael Springer
- "Hallelujah" from "Messiah" by Handel

Come early, bring a friend, expect an unforgettable afternoon of great music! Refreshments will follow the concert.

And for your calendar, these are the upcoming concerts for the rest of the year at FUPC:

- Oct. 3, Wednesday 7-10pm, Pianist, Miki Takiki, in celebration of the 150th Gannenmono
- Oct 6. Saturday, 12-4 Kanako Okita Piano Recital
- Nov. 3, Saturday 6-10 pm, Amy Horst in Concert
- Dec. 1, Saturday, 1-5 pm, Hilo Community Chorus in Concert
- Dec. 16, Sunday, The Messiah Celebration

## COUNCIL KORNER

*"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving"*  
Albert Einstein

The FUPC Council meets every third Sunday of the month. We will 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 Tina Garber for blessing FUPC with her gift of music on Sunday, August 19. A big shout out goes to Courtney Sasan for arranging Tina's visit to FUPC.



- We are asking for your assistance in helping support the Pearl Buck International Pen Pal mission. We currently send \$75.00 per quarter to Raymark Gutierrez Dela Cruz in the Philippines. Please consider donating your recycled monies towards this mission. Your recycled donations will provide Raymark with food, school supplies and other basic needs. Please feel free to call the church office at 935-5914 if you would like more information regarding this mission or go to [www.pearl buck.org](http://www.pearl buck.org).
- The Pastoral Search Committee continues to meet regularly and is actively moving through the process of selecting a new Pastor.
- Come join us every **second Saturday** of the month for Congregation Appreciation Day. Bring the family, a friend and if possible a refreshment to share. Next congregation appreciation day will be **Sept. 8, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**
- 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: [debbie-fupc@gmail.com](mailto:debbie-fupc@gmail.com)
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God Bless You,  
Debbie Sasan,  
Moderator

*He Walks with me and he Talks with me.....*

## **SERVANT LEADERSHIP PARTICIPATION**

*September 2018*

### USHERS/GREETERS

Drenzen Queddeng & Shannylen Dayoan

### COMMUNION PREP

Debbie Sasan

### LITURGISTS/LAY READERS

Sept. 2 Royalyn Solmerin  
Sept. 9 Joanne Pocsidio  
Sept. 16 Jeremy Agag  
Sept. 23 TBD  
Sept. 30 Zandrix Queja

### COMMUNION SERVERS

Team 1: June Dela Cruz, Tyler Dela Cruz  
Kathleen Kim, & Royal Solmerin

### COFFEE HOUR

Sept. 2 Bob Ahia  
Sept. 9 Jane McLean  
Sept. 16 Royalyn Solmerin  
Sept. 23 TBD  
Sept. 30 Jeremy Agag

### ACOLYTE

Tyler Dela Cruz