

July 10, 2012

## FROM PASTOR TOM

### *PASTOR TOM'S SUMMER LEAVE* (July 2 to Aug 2)

Pastor Tom Olcott began his summer leave on Sunday evening, July 1. He will be in South Bristol, Maine. Pastor Tom returns on Thursday, Aug 2. While Pastor Tom is away, please call Reverend Ron Kent (987-1201), or one of our Deacons, or the church office (935-1283) for any emergencies or pastoral needs.

We thank Rev Kent who is leading all of the Sunday worships in July.

## SENIOR MINISTRY

Mark Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for our next SENIOR MINISTRY session....(it wasn't noted in the church calendar). It will be at 10am in the Building of Faith, and as usual we will have an interesting program and a delicious lunch.

## CHURCH SERVICE DAY

A church workday is scheduled for **Saturday, July 21 from 8:30 am**. Please come out to help spruce up the buildings and campus. A light lunch is planned.

## REQUEST FOR HOME FURNISHINGS

Fran Wong, mother of "Liz" Grossman who is one of the college students who has been coming to church for several years has made a request to Holy Cross members. She would like to furnish a house that she's rented for Liz: If you have anything you are thinking of throwing giving away, like bed, chairs, desks, please give Fran a call. Her number is 352-2026 or email her at [fqfwong@gmail.com](mailto:fqfwong@gmail.com) or call the Church office. She can arrange for pick up if needed. Thank you.

## GIVING STATEMENTS

The giving statements are included with this mailing. If you should have any questions, feel free to call the church office at 935-1283. Thank you.

## CHURCH PICNIC

Everyone's invited to our "Old Fashioned Hilo Style Church Picnic" to be held at the church on Sunday, August 12th after church service in the Building of Faith. We will be having bentos with happy rice, shoyu chicken, potato/mac salad and much more. Also free delicious watermelon and shaved ice for all.

BINGO with lots and lots of prizes, lucky number, and guessing games with prizes.

The children will enjoy our water castle outside on the lawn, so bring your swimming suits.

Remember, this is all "FREE". Save the date, Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 – 2 pm.



## VOLUNTEERS FOR JULY

**USHERS:** IYAA

**FLOWERS:**

7/15: Lily Inouye (Mem)

7/22: Reiko Masutomi

7/29: Tokie Fujimoto

**CHILDCARE:**

7/15: Saeko Hayashi

7/22: James Yoshiyama

7/29: Jane Kawazoe

**LAYREADERS:**

7/15: Karl Kawahara

7/22: Gloria Kobayashi

7/29: Lily Selifis

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

FREE Basic Home Maintenance Class on Saturday, July 14th: 10am – 11 am.

Yard care tools is open to the public.

Instructions by James Lucas of J&J Lucas Repair Shop. Sponsored by Hawaii Island United Way. Location: Hilo Habitat ReStore at 700 Manono St. Ste 102

**FROM THE HAWAII CONFERENCE**

**NEWSLETTER Coconut Wireless – June 27**  
**Actions from 190<sup>th</sup> 'Aha Pae'aina**

Delegates at the 190th 'Aha Pae'aina earlier this month at Kanana Fou Church took the following actions:

- 1) Approved the Conference Budget for the fiscal year ending 2013.
- 2) Elected Conference Council members and Foundation trustee:
  - Roberta Jahrling (Kaumakapili), Chair
  - Daniel Shimomura (Hawai'i Kai), Secretary
  - Emily Murai (Iao), Youth/Young Adult-at-large
  - Richard Young (UCC-Judd Street), Stewardship Missional Team Chair
  - Jeannie Thompson (Kapa'a UCC), Justice and Witness Missional Team Chair
  - Carlton Gushiken (Makiki), Foundation Trustee
- 3) Ratified amendments to the UCC Constitution.

Go to the Hawaii Conference Coconut wireless for more information.

 Neighbors In Need Grant Awarded  
Koloa Union Church received a \$2,000 Neighbors in Need (NIN) grant from the United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries. The grant will assist the church's monthly "Food Bag Distribution" outreach ministry to those in need on the island of Kaua'i.

### **Ola'a Welcomes Donations for Rummage Sale**

Ola'a First Hawaiian Church in Kurtistown, Hawai'i, is accepting donations of clean, gently used items for its rummage sale on Saturday, July 7. Proceeds benefit the church's ministry partnership with the [Hawaii Island Home for Recovery](#). Please call 808-936-5913 to arrange for drop-off or pick-up.

### **2012 E MAKA'ALA MAY DAY PROGRAM**

*This script was used by the E Maka'ala School in its May Day program held in the sanctuary on May 4. We thank the school for sharing these Hawaiian values with us.*

This year's theme represents Hawaiian Values. Hawaiian values are ways the Hawaiian people taught their society to live as one. Long ago when missionaries came to Hawaii they taught Hawaiians about Christianity and religion which in turn changed their way of life forever. One thing that was not lost was Hawaiian values which have been passed on for many generations and are still used today with all the ethnicities and cultures in the Hawaiian Islands.

The first value we talk about is SHARING.

The Hawaiian word for sharing is **HO'OKA'ANA**. Ho'oka'ana is so important because everyone needs to learn how to share. Even from small kid time we were taught to share.

The next value is **OHANA**. Ohana means family. Ohana is not just your mom and dad, brother and sister. That is very important but ohana can be any kind of people that are in your life. If you play sports, your team is like ohana. The people you work with – they are your ohana too.

Even here at E Maka'ala, all the families, keikis and teachers, are all one ohana. Ohana is a group of people that work together and care for one another.

The next Hawaiian value that everyone should learn is **MALAMA**. Malama means to take care of. Everyone big and small always have something to take care of whether it be the land, the ocean or our family.

The next value is **HO'O MAIKA'I**. This means to be grateful and thankful. Nowadays we don't appreciate all of the things we have. We need to Ho'omaika'i.

Our next value is **LOKAHI**. Lokahi means unity. Unity means to work as one or in harmony. Sometimes when people work as a group they can do much more than someone who is working by themselves.

Our last Hawaiian value is a favorite and probably the most important one of all – **ALOHA**. Aloha has many meanings. You can use Aloha to say hello or goodbye. But most of all aloha means love. Did you ever hear the saying "Show some aloha?" Aloha doesn't only mean to love someone like how you love your parents, you can show aloha by doing any of the values we talked about today. When you share and help others you are showing aloha. When you take care and be thankful for what you have that's aloha too. All the stories you heard today were of people showing aloha.

I hope these stories helped you learn the importance of these Hawaiian values. Remember to share HO'OKAN'ANA, MALAMA. Take care of your aina and OHANA and all things God has given to you, to always be grateful for whatever you get HO'OMAIKA'I, work together LOKAHI and most of all to give ALOHA.

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Sunday, July 15, 2012

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

*THOUGHT: Laughter and tears are both responses to frustration and exhaustion. I myself prefer to laugh, since there is less cleaning up to do afterwards.* – Kurt Vonnegut  
“No more tears!” Three little words. Common, everyday words. But they are words which for many decades have served as a marketing slogan for one of America’s most successful consumer products: Johnson’s “No more tears” Baby Shampoo.

Those three little words on a baby-shampoo bottle have promised peace of mind to millions of parents as they wrestled screaming toddlers out of their clothes and into the bathtub. Do you remember those days? You can understand why the slogan’s been so effective. What kind of parent wants a child to cry?

Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we could all go through life with no more tears, no more heartache, no more grief?!

Yet, as we all know, that’s not the way it is in this world. All of us know what it’s like to have tears in our eyes. All of us know, just from reading the newspaper or watching the nightly news on television, that far too many children in this world are forced to grow up with tears continually in their eyes: tears of hunger, of abandonment, of abuse. Wouldn’t it be great if that shampoo company’s promise could be universal? No more tears – not just in the bathtub, but always and everywhere?

And not only children, but we adults as well. We, too, have known our share of tears, have we not? To be human is to shed tears.

God wants us to do what we can to wipe away the tears of others, until that day comes, as mentioned in the Book of the Revelation (21:4), when all tears will be no more. In the meantime, God promises to comfort and sustain us when we ourselves are having tear-shedding moments.

- Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: O God, I know that children are still crying tears all over the world. Remember them in their suffering. Help me to wipe the tears of others around me, and be with me when, I, too, have sorrow and weep. In Jesus’ name. Amen.*