

August 14, 2012

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2012

**SCRIPTURE: I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14**

**SERMON: Wisdom Quest – Got Questions?**

Pastor Tom underwent cataract surgery on Monday and everything went fine. He is at home recuperating.

## CHC PICNIC

The “Old-Style” picnic held on Sunday was a smashing event. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves.

The bento and hot dogs with salad were very tasty and the watermelon and shave ice were ice cold. Many enjoyed playing Bingo and were thrilled with the quantity of prizes. The guessing game was no match for one person who was 0.03 lbs off. The clips in a jar had three people tied with their guesses. For the Jun-ken-po only one person could outwit the leader. The water slide had the kids thrilled thanks to Nolan Yamaki.

Thanks to event chair Beverly Dodo; Margaret Torigoe and her committee for the food prep and Woody Kita for manning the shave ice machine.

People could be overheard asking are we having this again next year?

## 5 FOR 5 CHURCH

***We are “5 FOR 5” in Mission Support***

In every generation, the United Church of Christ proclaims the *continuing testament* of the Stillspeaking God. This summer, thousands of young people attended National Youth Event, and your giving provide staffing and programs for a gathering that brings enthusiasm, energy and hope to the church. At the same time, you honor the covenant with a generation that has served long and faithfully when you meet the needs of retired pastors and their spouses who often live on very modest resources.

Blessing and thanks:

Rev Geoffrey A. Black

General Minister and President

## VOLUNTEERS FOR AUGUST 19, 26

USHERS: Newton Chu, Roberta Chu

FLOWERS:

8/19: Barbara Iwami (Mem), Dr/M Bill Chen (Mem)

8/26: Herbert Watanabe (Mem)

CHILDCARE:

8/19: Connie Yoshiyama

8/26: Reiko Masutomi

LAYREADERS:

8/19: Newton Chu

8/26: James Yoshiyama

REFRESHMENT:

8/26: Irene Okada, Gloria Kobayashi, Jane Kawazoe

## HAWAII CONFERENCE FALL YOUTH CAMP

Register for the fall youth camp for 6th to 12th graders, held Sept 30 – Oct 3 at Camp Homelani on Oahu’s North Shore. Camp fees are \$225 for Neighbor Island Youth (includes airfare). Registration deadline with \$100 deposit is due by Aug 31, and balance is due by Sept 15.

For more information see Pastor Tom for registration forms or go to [www.hcucc.org](http://www.hcucc.org). Travel information will be provided after registration has been received. Additional questions: call Lee Henry-Chang at 800-734-7610 ext. 640.

## STROKE: is an emergency – every minute counts

**Act F.A.S.T!** If you notice anyone acting strangely and having these symptoms, call 9-1-1 immediately.

**FACE:** Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

**ARMS:** Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downwards?

**SPEECH:** Is speech slurred? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Is the sentence repeated correctly?

**TIME:** If the person shows any of these symptoms, call 9-1-1 immediately!

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**Reprinted from Hospice Happenings, Summer 2012**

***Gratitude for Shigeko Izumo Chang***

Hospice of Hilo Founder: Mar 23, 1923 – Feb 24, 2012

When Hospice of Hilo thinks about its first beginnings and origins, thoughts meander back to the small green cottage on Waianuenue Avenue, the talks organized by Reverend Susumu Yamane to educate the public on hospice philosophy and of course Hospice of Hilo founder Shigeko Chang

“There were others who worked to get hospice going in those early days, but Shigeko was a mover and a shaker,” said a Hospice board member. “She was a dragon about hospice; pushing, cajoling, twisting arms, always in the interest of Hospice of Hilo, its mission and for her vision of how it could develop and impact the community.” “Her goal was what she could get for the patients and the families, not for herself.”

In 1983 after retiring from several positions in the health care system and leading the American Cancer Society as president, Shigeko took on the position of becoming the first director of Hospice of Hilo. She had come full circle from helping new mothers with their babies in her early nursing career to compassionately helping individuals and families journey through the last tender phases of life.

For eight years, she dug in deep, establishing the solid roots of Hospice of Hilo from which others could stretch and grow the organization to a place of continuing compassionate care and encircling comfort. She was once quoted in the newspaper as to how she got some things done, “*I was the town’s best beggar.*”

It’s been over 21 years since she retired from Hospice of Hilo and the organization has grown, but her legacy is still felt, encouraging and urging those that have chosen hospice care as a vocation to see beyond buildings and simple job descriptions and find the heart of caring for another human being.

Mahalo nui loa Shigeko for your persistent, passionate and tireless good works. Your energy, humor and uncompromising love of humanity will always be felt.

**From Life Secrets® Video**

***ACRES OF DIAMONDS***

Picture a farmer, not unlike you or I., who worked hard every day... for little financial reward.

Long days of backbreaking labor, combined with months of drought, had him wishing for a better life.

He decided to go into town to find one of the wealthiest men around and ask him, “How do you become rich?”

The man laughed and simply said, “Diamonds my friend, scour the land for diamonds. Even one as big as your thumbnail can take care of you for life.”

The farmer was now excited, asked where he could find these diamonds.

The man replied, “Where the rivers flow clear and the sand runs white. Once the shine catches your eye, you’ll know you found it.”

Off the farmer went, determined to search the world for diamonds. He researched popular diamond locations and determined he had to travel halfway around the world to find the stones he desired.

He sold his farm and started a journey that lasted 10 years until he passed away. NEVER finding a single diamond because where he was looking, they’d already been found.

Years later... the man who purchased the land that the farmer had sold so long ago was walking down by the creek. He noticed a glimmer in the sand, the white sand that lined the water. He reached down to discover a diamond, then another, and another, and another.

It turns out the treasure the farmer set out to find, was there the ENTIRE time.

Where are the diamonds in your life... that you never realized were always there?

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Sunday, August 12, 2012

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

*THOUGHT: Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.*

- Mark Twain

Teddy bears. Do you know the story behind the teddy bear? To learn more, we turn to the 26<sup>th</sup> president of the United States: Theodore Roosevelt. Theodore Roosevelt was often called “Teddy” because of an incident on a

hunting trip. Roosevelt loved the outdoors. Although he was a big game hunter, he also loved animals and was a conservationist.

On one occasion, he was hunting with some of his aides and a group of reporters. But they weren't doing very well. Soon it leaked out in the press that the president had yet to bag his quarry. He had not shot any game whatsoever. Finally, however, Roosevelt's aides found a bear, which they cornered and covered until Roosevelt could arrive on the scene and dispatch him and claim him as a trophy. But Roosevelt couldn't do it. He had compassion for the bear and would not shoot it.

When the news got out that Roosevelt had had mercy on a bear, a Brooklyn store owner, Morris Michton, saw the drawing of Roosevelt and the bear cub in a cartoon and was inspired to create a new toy. He created a little stuffed bear cub and put it in his shop window with a sign that read "Teddy's bear."

And it all happened because of an act of kindness toward an animal.

Kindness is a virtue, whether extended to people, plants or animals. It's a quality of life, a character trait. It's something that defines a person, something by which a person can be known and described.

The Bible urges kindness as a very important aspect of the Christian persona. "Be kind" is a biblical imperative. It's described as a "fruit" of the Holy Spirit. Grab a teddy bear and be kind this week.

– Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: O God, to be honest, I don't think about kindness too much. I assume I am a kind person, because I don't think I am an unkind person. So, help me to think about it more. Help me to actually do acts of kindness, instead of just thinking about it. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

### COMPOUND CONFUSION

Directions: You are given two clues, one each for two words. Take those two words and create a well-known compound word. A hint is given for each answer.

Example: Slang word for 'dad' + what you might eat an ear of. We're looking for a snack at the movies: POPCORN

1. To the rear + to tell someone that his employment is terminated. We're looking for the noise when there's a car exhaust explosion: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Below + a common pet. We're looking for a team or person who's expected to lose. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Symbol of Christianity + what you might tie with ribbon on a present. We're looking for a medieval weapon. \_\_\_\_\_
4. A long weapon sharpened to a point + the place where coins are made. We're looking for a chewing gum flavor \_\_\_\_\_
5. The color of night + what you might need when you have a flat tire. We're looking for a card game. \_\_\_\_\_
6. What bees make + Earth has one, but Jupiter has many. We're looking for a vacation after a wedding. \_\_\_\_\_

Answers:

1. backfire. 2. underdog. 3. crossbow. 4. spearmint. 5. blackjack. 6. honeymoon.