

## FROM PASTOR TOM

### *Labor Day Re-Call: (Living inside a parable) Working Conditions, Wages And Getting the Job Done*

There are 20 parables recounted by Jesus dealing with work and wages. Perhaps the most noteworthy for Labor Day is the parable of the generous employer and workers hired at different times of the day who all wind up being paid the same wage (Matthew 20:1-16).

In all parables we have to ask ourselves, “When am I like this or that person in the story until we have examined it from every point of view?” Then, we have to ask ourselves, “So what does this say about me?” and “So, how will I become a better and more intentional person based on what I discover about myself from this dialogue with my conscience and faith?”

My first “job” – hired by someone other than my immediate family – was at age 12 delivering the Hartford Courant at 6:00 AM every morning, rain or shine, snow blizzard, or impending hurricane! I had about 80 customers. I recorded and made weekly collections every Saturday. I paid my distributor on Monday (even if I had not been able to secure the collection on Saturday). In bad weather I got up early and wrapped the papers so they would not get wet. Usually, I could ride my bike, but in snow I had to walk and I had to be back home by 7:00 AM ready to leave for school at 7:45. My route was about a mile-and-a-half. Most customers had a “special” drop place for their paper so they could reach out the door and grab it.

I learned all the lessons of this Matthew 20 parable at age 12. Some people paid ahead of time. Some had to scrape up payment. Some folks wanted me to “carry” their account for six weeks or more. Some wanted their paper by 6:30 AM no matter what! I had to hire friends for substitute delivery if I wanted time off or was sick. My father would pinch hit and drive for the heavy Sunday papers with multiple supplements – but he was not keen on it. I had to make personal appearances and answer any complaints at any customers’ side door.

I held this route for 18 months or more. I delivered the results of the Rosenberg Trial and the death of Stalin.

I often asked myself on the cold snowy days, the hot 90 degree days, and the pouring rain days (sometimes 6 or 7 in a row), “Why had I agreed to deliver these papers for my profit of one cent per paper in foul weather in the wee hours of the morning?” “I asked myself if my customers could live without today’s news?” I asked, “What is a fair wage?”

Later on I “picked-up” some added temporary routes while the Distributor looked for another full-time replacement.

I learned from experience what it meant to be inside Jesus’ Parable of the Laborers and the Vineyard – I learned economics, and I learned about Labor Day - Working Conditions – Wages - and Getting the Job Done.

Celebrate your working experiences – these continue to shape us in our faith,  
*Pastor Tom*

## OUR NEXT VISITING ASSOCIATE PASTOR



**Pastor Neil Deupree and his wife Kay**

Aloha to the Holy Cross family,

I once lived in Hilo. In 1964 I spent the summer training for my Peace Corps service in the Philippines. Three memories that come back to me are the banyan tree, the fresh guava juice in the cafeteria, and climbing Mona Kea (but I turned back halfway to the top because I was cold).

Kay & I are looking forward to our time with you. We have enjoyed our ministry in each

place we have served – Ada, OH in a small college town, Cleveland, OH in the inner city, and Janesville, WI in a small industrial city. We have invested our efforts in cross cultural situations and in racial justice. I’m part of the local Diversity Action team. I often spend the better part of a day restoring natural habitat and fighting invasive species with the Green Rock Audubon Society. I work one week each month as an on-call chaplain for Agrace Hospice Care.

We’ve been involved with local government. Kay has been president of the League of Women Voters. I served on the Rock County Board and am still involved with criminal justice and behavioral health collaboration.

We have two daughters and one granddaughter who all live in Janesville.

Kay grew up on an Illinois farm, and she has a heart for gardens and flowers. She was coordinator for the County Extension nutrition program. More recently she has done substitute teaching.

Our vacations are often spent traveling to family reunions by way of national parks and monuments. We enjoy listening to books and reading them together. Nevada Barr and Barbara Kingsolver are two of our favorites. I’ve just listened to two novels by Ursula Le Guin.

It’s no coincidence that we found your ad in Sojourners. It’s the only magazine that we read cover to cover.

We’re expecting that our three months in Hilo will reawaken old memories and give us many, many new ones as we work and play and worship and study together.

Neil & Kay Deupree

**KMC WEEKEND CAMP**

KMC Fun Weekend

Saturday September 15 to Sunday the 16th.

Join the Board of Christian Education for a weekend of fellowship, fun and campfire stories.

We will have a bus for transportation to the camp, food, bunk beds with all the linens and outdoor activities to enjoy the volcano area. The bus will be leaving Church of the Holy Cross parking lot at approximately 8AM on 9/15 and returning to the parking lot at about 3PM on Sunday the 16th. If you cannot make

the bus we also will have park passes for free entry to the park to go to KMC.

The camp is open to all Sunday School children and their families as well as Bible Study participants and all members of the congregation.

If you would like to attend please let a board member or your teacher know. The members of the board are: Sue Smith, Joyce Nakamoto, Yoko Hayano, Saeko Hayashi, Gail Wung, Amy Yamaki and Lei Jack.

**FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP AND MISSION**

Come join us as we participate in the annual “Walk to End Alzheimer’s” on **Saturday, October 6, 2012**. The walk will start at the Mo’oheau Bandstand to Liliuokalani Gardens and back from 9-10 am. All of the members of the Board are planning to walk and would love to have others in the congregation join us.

We help sponsor the monthly meetings of the Caregivers’ Support Group and Chris Ridley from the Alzheimer’s Association is one of the resource people for our group. Did you know that today 5.4 million Americans are victims of Alzheimer’s disease and that it is the 6<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in America? All money raised at this Walk will remain on the Island of Hawaii for use to provide education, support and resources for our community.

We will have registration forms available in the sanctuary for those who want to get sponsors, or for those who would like just to participate in the Walk. For those of you who are not able to walk, you may sponsor any one of the Board members by writing a check to “Alzheimer’s Association” and giving it to Bev, Barbara, Woody, Merle, Anne, or Bob before the Walk. We encourage the entire congregation to get involved! If you have any questions, call Anne Sadayasu at 981-5761.

Thank you!

**VASES FOR SENIOR MINISTRY**

Do you have bud vases that you do not need? If so the Senior Ministry would be very happy to accept them as we're planning to deliver meals and flowers to our shut-ins in October. You can bring these vases to church at any time.

### CHURCH PICNIC THANK YOU

The committee would like to thank all of the members that participated in the planning and help for the picnic. We had a delicious Hilo Style bento and enjoyable bingo games for the adults. The children enjoyed the water slides and water castle and the bingo also. Thank you to all who donated their time in helping in the kitchen with the cooking and cleaning up and the people who helped supervise the children in the playground area.

Thank you also to all who donated the prizes for lucky number, bingo, and guessing games. If you missed this year's church picnic, we hope to see you next year.

Bev

### AUGUST PRAYER LIST

Please pray for and send a greeting to these

Birthday people

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| 01 | Masutomi, Reiko                                       |
| 03 | Tanita, Miyoko<br>Hayano, Yoko                        |
| 04 | Hayano, Hikaru  |
| 05 | Tadaki, Gary  |
| 08 | Johnson, Jr. Rhonda E                                 |
| 09 | Mishina, Faith<br>Uchima, Mildred                     |
| 12 | Yoshiyama, James<br>Debus, Cynthia                    |
| 13 | Katayama, Mary Ann                                    |
| 14 | Okabe, Jolie  |
| 17 | Tanouye, Sumiko                                       |
| 18 | Kusinski, Joy   |
| 19 | Chin, John  |
| 21 | Kondo, Jennie<br>Matsui, Dorothy<br>Tanouye, Lolita   |
| 22 | Mathews, Travis<br>Murai, Emily                       |
| 24 | Jacobson, Florence<br>Nakamura, Greg<br>Sagawa, Kevin |
| 25 | Torigoe, Margaret<br>Robert, Sabrina                  |
| 28 | Okada, Irene  |
| 29 | Masutomi, Benjamin                                    |
| 30 | Miyasato, Ronald<br>Miyake, Shirley                   |

### VOLUNTEERS FOR SEPTEMBER

#### USHERS:

#### FLOWERS:

- 9/2: Carol Morioka  
 9/9: Katada & Tadaki Families (Mem)  
 9/16: Amy Shiroma, Clarice Suzuki  
 9/23: Joyce Nakamoto  
 9/30: Amy Saito (Mem), Thelma Sato

#### CHILDCARE:

- 9/2: Janine Kawazoe  
 9/9: Millie Daikawa  
 9/16: Roberta Chu  
 9/23: Eileen Shiraishi  
 9/30: Miyeko Yamane

#### LAYREADERS:

- 9/2: Ruth Niino-DuPonte  
 9/9: Roberta Chu  
 9/16: JP Thoma  
 9/23: Anne Sadayasu  
 9/30: Karl Kawahara

#### REFRESHMENT:

- 9/9: Janet Fujioka, Hats Kamimura,  
 Carol Morioka

#### Personal:

*Reprinted from Office of Aging Focus on Senior Success Stories:* **LILY YURIKO INOUE**, 89, was recently awarded the Rose Award of Excellence by the Zonta Club of Hilo for her years of community service serving women, the elderly, disadvantaged, cancer victims and her church. Inouye currently still serves on the Committee on Aging.

#### Star Bells Ring With Joy

Fumi Maeda, Director of the Star Bells Choir wrote:

"Thank you very much for letting us to perform bells with singing hymn.

August 26<sup>th</sup> was the first experience for us. I think 400 years ago, people started hand bells did the same thing like us. It was the excellent feeling of unity.

Thanks again ♪ aloha, fumi"

#### Pastor Tom wrote to the Star Bells:

"Aloha Fumi - Our thanks to all of you for the shared music experience. I could feel and hear people warming up as we progressed in our singing. It was fun. You all do a great job in your performances. Warmest blessings to all your members, Pastor Tom"

Members of the Star Bells Choir are: Fumi

Maeda, Director; June Amasaki; Roberta Horita; Kahori Aoki; and Amanda Wendel

**GIVE ALOHA 2012 PROGRAM  
INFORMATION (77840)  
FOR PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS**

The Church of the Holy Cross will again participate in Foodland / Sack 'n Save Give Aloha program. Donations can be given to any Foodland/Sack 'n Save stores statewide. The sponsors have set aside a pool of \$350,000 in matching gifts, but as in the past the amount donated have exceeded the matching gift amount, so a proportional share will be given to each organization. **Our organizational code is 77840**

**Donation Process**

From September 1-30, donations to Give Aloha participating organizations will be accepted at checkout at all Foodland, Sack N Save and Foodland Farms stores statewide.

Customers must use their Maika`i Card to make a donation, and can donate up to a cumulative total of \$249 per person, per organization. Donations exceeding \$249 per person, per organization will not be matched. Donations made without a Maika`i Card will not be matched. Individuals must use their own Maika`i Card to make a donation. Multiple donations on a Maika`i Card exceeding \$249 for the same organization will not be matched.

Customers who do not have a Maika`i Card may request one at checkout. Only one Maika`i Card will be issued per person.

Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match each donation up to a total of \$350,000 for all organizations combined. If total customer donations exceed \$350,000, the matching gift will be divided proportionately among all participating organizations (see Calculation of Matching Gifts).

Membership dues, fees, tuition, and other payments for which goods and services are received in return are not considered "donations." These payments will not be matched.

Donations in the form of cash, check or credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and JTB) will be accepted. Donations must be made payable to Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farms.

The donation amount and name of the organization will appear on the customer's receipt.

Donor names will not be released to organizations.

Donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Foodland reserves the right to refuse participation of any non-profit organization. Since donor information will no be given, it is important that if you are making a gift that you drop off your receipt so that proper credit will be given.

**From Life Secrets® Video  
SEVEN HONDERS OF THE WORLD**

*This article may have been already published at an earlier date, but rereading it may be more meaningful this time.*

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present Seven Wonders of the World. Though there was some disagreement, the following got the most votes:

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| 1. Egypt's Great Pyramids | 2. Taj Mahal            |
| 3. Grand Canyon           | 4. Niagra Falls         |
| 5. Empire State Building  | 6. St. Peter's Basilica |
| 7. China's Great Wall     |                         |

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one quiet student hadn't turned in her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list.

The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't make up my mind because there were so many."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help." The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are:

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| 1. To touch | 2. To taste |
| 3. To see   | 4. To hear  |
- She hesitated a little, and then added,
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| 5. To feel      | 6. To laugh |
| 7. and to love" |             |

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. Theses things we overlook as simple and "ordinary" are truly wondrous.

A gentle reminder for all of us that the most precious thing in life cannot be bought...