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A Message from Interim Pastor Mary

There have been many losses and deaths for members and friends of Church of the Holy Cross in the past several months. Some are grieving a loved ones' death; others miss dear friends. Other losses including loss of health, mobility, or memory may also cause us sorrow. Into our lives, however comes a great mystery: the resurrection!

Martin Copenhaver writes of Christ's resurrection: "We know something happened because something unexpected, something powerful turned the followers of Jesus, this huddle of dispirited and frightened men and women, into a valiant band ready to dare anything and doing it... And they could no more hold it in than a new mother could hold in the news of the birth of her child, no more than a blind man could ignore the restoration of this sight."

The dispirited followers of Jesus knew new life and hope in Christ's resurrection – so can you and I! Christ's resurrection still occurs – miracles of new hope and new life occur. Can you see them? Have you seen the green on Mona Kea? Have you noticed the brilliant Saffron finches that frequent our campus? When the sun shines after so much rain have you noticed a lightness in your own step? Have you experienced a healing of your heart, mind or spirit?

Something mysterious occurred more than 2000 years ago. From death came new life! And that newness is present today in the nearness of the Holy Spirit. Can you perceive it?

Please share with me the ways you see, hear, taste, touch the new thing Christ is doing in the world!

Peace & Joy,
Pastor Mary

Moderator's Message Settled Pastoral Search Committee Update

Aloha, Our search committee nominees finished their time of prayer and discernment and met Tuesday April 8. We are blessed that all the nominees have accepted the mission to become our settled pastoral search committee. Praise be to God! There are different skills and backgrounds among the committee but all share a dedication God and Church of the Holy Cross. The committee members are: Anne Sadayasu, Christian Albano, Erin Kita, Gloria Kobayashi, Janet Fujioka, Newton Chu, Stefan Tanouye, and Theone Suzuki. The committee begins its work with a time of prayer, preparation, and discovery as they learn the process.

A formal commissioning will be held on **Sunday April 27** during our worship. I hope you can attend to join them as they make their commitment to us and us to them. In the weeks after the commissioning the team will have a meeting (s) with Associate Conference Minister Diane Weible. She will be their mentor through the process, as she was for the interim search. As with the interim search all the dealing of this committee must remain confidential but we will be regularly updated on the progress and kept informed.

Keep Anne, Christian, Erin, Gloria, Janet, and Newton, Stefan, Theone and the congregation in your prayers.

May the peace of Christ be with you

Sue Smith

Adult Education – Acts of the Apostles
beginning week of April 28, a 7 week Bible study.

Acts tells the story of the early Christians and how Christianity spread with action packed stories The faith of the followers of Jesus is challenged and CHURCH is born! There are many similarities to being a Christian today and the experience of Christians in the first century. This study will help us look at scripture and our faith today, in our own context. What do these stories have to do with our faith in Hilo today? The only text you need is your Bible. Please sign up by calling the church office or speaking to Mary. We need at least 4 to have a group.

Possible times:

Monday evening at _____ pm
Wednesday morning 9:30 am

Remembering Tokie Fujimoto

Born: March 20, 1923

Entered Life Eternal Friday, April 4, 2014

Family only service to be held in early May.

“Blessed are those who die in the Lord, for their deeds do follow them.” The Revelation to John

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One Great Hour of Sharing



Thank you to all those who gave donations to OGHs. Our total for this year is \$1,828. This money will go to families and communities in need not only in the United States but around the world. Your support is greatly appreciated.

April 13, Palm Sunday

We'll begin worship with a parade recalling Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem! The service will recall how the week quickly turned from accolades for Jesus into accusations and a crucifying mob.

April 17 Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm

On this sacred night we recall how Jesus first shared the bread and the cup with his closest friends, a service Christians call Communion, the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist. Our evening service will include the Lord's Supper and a time of darkening, known as Tenebrae, recalling how the disciples deserted Jesus. We welcome your presence at this sacred service! The Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa will join us in our service.

Eggcellent Adventure for Keiki of all ages!

Decorating Easter Eggs on

Saturday, April 19th

9:00am in J's Café

Please remember to bring junk clothes!

April 20, Easter

Celebrate Christ's Resurrection in 10 am worship – Christ's Resurrection brings us hope of new life too! Fellowship time follows worship. Special choir and trumpet music.

Easter Lesson and Egg Hunt

on Sunday, April 20th

8:45 in the Lounge

Please bring your own basket!

Senior Ministry

Everyone is invited to a free luncheon sponsored by the Senior Ministry and the Women's Fellowship. We will also be treated to a May Day performance by students of E' Makaala School. It will be on Thursday, April 24th from 10 am to 12 noon. Call the office or sign up on the senior ministry bulletin board if you are able to attend, thank you!

Bread for the World

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. By changing policies, programs, and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, we provide help and opportunity far beyond the communities in which we live.

Church of the Holy Cross will be holding its annual Bake Sale and Letter Writing to our Congressional Delegates on Sunday, May 4, 2014. We are asking the membership to provide baked goods, pickled vegetables, sushi rice, or any other types of prepared food to be sold at our annual bake sale. This event has always been well supported by the membership, so plan now to provide something for the sale. Also, come prepared to sign letters to our senators and representatives in Congress to help end world hunger.

Miss Saigon at UHH Theatre

Pedro Kaawaloa and Christopher Tomich will be starring in the UHH production of Miss Saigon. The showings will be April 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 at 7:30pm. Sunday, April 13 at 2pm. Please go and support!

Coffee Ministry with UH Hilo Students

Have you noticed the new coffee outreach to University students? Anna Kennedy is leading the way providing a smiling face and a free cup of coffee to students on Monday mornings beginning about 8:30 am. Do you wish to help? Contact Anna. This ministry is to offer a friendly face and greet students. It's doing a new thing! This idea came out of a conversation with the Deacons.



IYAA CAR WASH THIS SATURDAY
April 12 8am -1pm

Do you have extra sample sizes of toiletries?



Kalapana Maunakea Church, Mike Warren pastor, has asked if we can gather some samples and small sizes of toiletries. They will be distributed as part of the church's weekly feeding program for members of the community in need. There will be a box in the back of the sanctuary for collection. Mahalo for your caring support.

Church Volunteers

April 13, 2014

Chapel Decorations:

Roberta Chu, Alice Fujimoto

Childcare:

Lei Jack

Layreader:

Lei Cruz

April 20, 2014,

Easter Sunday

Chapel Decorations:

Easter Lilies, Cindy Debus

Childcare:

Jennifer Tanouye

Layreader:

Bob Smith

April 27, 2014

Chapel Decorations:

Millie Daikawa

Childcare:

Clarice Suzuki

Layreader:

Mary Ann Katayama

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

10am-4:30pm

Lunch

12pm-1pm

Friday

10am-12pm

For Building of Faith Rentals and Key pickup

June 14, 2014 Enhancing Worship Workshop

Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ – Ken Makuakane, Program Associate for Church Vitality, and Donald Schmidt, Associate Conference Minister – will present a workshop on Enhancing Worship. There will be a special session for lay readers to help you hone your skills! Time to be determined.