

April 22, 2015

The Messenger

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday
9:30 am-01:30pm

Wednesday & Friday
09:30 am—12:20 pm

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Important Dates to Remember:

Sunday, April 19th
Trustees Meeting
After Worship

Thursday, April 23rd
Senior Ministry
10 am to Noon
Building of Faith

Saturday, April 25th
10 am to 2 pm
Hawaii Island Assoc.
UCC 'Aha Moku'puni
Imiola
Congregational Church
Worship, elections, church reports and more

Sunday, April 26th
"Chuuk Disaster Relief"
Voluntary collection

Tuesday, April 26th
Deacons Meeting
After Worship

Thursday, April 23rd
Senior Ministry
10:00 am to 12 noon
Building of Faith



We will be treated to a May day performance by students at EMakaala School. The Women's Fellowship is sponsoring the program, therefore it will be FREE to all who attend. Please sign up on the Senior Ministry Bulletin Board or call Jodi at the church office (ph: 9351283) if you're able to attend.

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Donations will be collected.



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Deacons Meeting
After Worship



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Strengthen the Church
Promotion begins on April 27th and will be collected on May 24th. Envelopes will be sent with next Messenger on May 6th

Pastor's Corner

As Time Goes By!

It is said that a German missionary in Africa [Germans are known for their punctuality] often looked at his wristwatch so that he could start the worship service punctually, not tolerating worshippers coming late. Said an African worshipper to the German missionary: **you have the watch; we have the time!**

Actually, *you have the watch; we have the time!* is more theologically profound than we think. You see there are **two words** for time in Greek.

We have the i-phone time, computer time, the wall clock time, wristwatch time, the Big Ben time in London and, yes, of course, our early morning wake-up time. This type of time is known as **chronos** in Greek. We squeeze in all our activities/deadlines/classes/appointments/bus & train timetables/our flight's departure and arrival in minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, and years in **chronos**. English words like '**chronology**,' 'chronic,' '**chronicle**,' 'chronophobia,' 'chronoscope,' 'chronosequence,' come from *chronos*.

Somewhat in contrast, there is, too, **kairós**, better known as *time of opportunity*, hence the phrase "*opportune time*." **Kairos** is derived from *kara* [head], referring to things "coming to a head," thus a time to take full advantage of. **Kairós** is popularly known as 'the *suitable time*, the *right moment*, or a *favorable moment*.' I guess 'strike while the iron is hot' is one such example. The proverb clearly alludes to the imagery of a blacksmith at his forge. If he delays in shaping the iron when it is hot [pliable] the iron soon cools and hardens and the opportunity is lost.

A tongue in cheek equivalent of 'strike when the iron is hot' from a first grader in his first summer camp is: strike when the bugs are near!

Many people know **kairos** as in God's good **time**. The next time you hear preachers talking of the *kairotic* time or moment, you would know what they are referring to.

To repeat myself, there are two words for time in Greek: **chronos** and **kairos**.

Chronos refers to **chronological** or sequential **time** and is quantitative.

Kairos signifies a time lapse, a moment of indeterminate time when something special happens and is qualitative. In parenthesis, *kairos* [singular] can also mean *weather* and in the plural [καιροι] it means *the times!*

After characterizing the two words for time in Greek, many people stop here. Lo and behold, a surprise awaits them!

Having said all these things about **chronos** and **kairos**, I find myself in a quandary when I look at Galatians 4:4!

But when the fullness of time had come [ὅτε δὲ ἦλθε τὸ πλήρωμα τοῦ χρόνου]. **Chronou**, not **kairou** is used here for 'time!' One would have expected Paul to use *kairou* [possessive case of *kairos*] and not *chronou* [possessive case of *chronos*] here!

It is obvious that Greek words tend to mean many things. Often, it is difficult to tell what one word means in an absolute sense. Thus, **kronos** can mean just **chronological time**, or even **fulfilment of time** as in Galatians 4:4.

Examples of **kronos** used as **fulfilment time** are also found in

Luke 1:57 [Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son],

Acts 7:17 [But as the time drew near for the fulfilment of the promise that God has made to Abraham, our people in Egypt increased and multiplied] and also in

Rev. 10:6 referring to delay, [and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it: "There will be no more delay."]

What's the lesson here? Simple.

Languages [because they are living creatures!] **are fluid and flexible**. Strike when the bugs are near!

Praise God and thank you for calling me to do a six-month interim pastorate with you. It is obvious that I cannot do my interim pastorate without **being with God** and **with you**.

Being with is the touch-stone in doing God's mission. Arguably, *being with* is what life is all about. All divine and human relationships have to do with *being with*. Relationships are essential to health and wealth, our everyday relating to each other and to nature, as well as in times of profound crisis and loss.

The opportune time is here for us to be with each other acting as the scabbard that holds the sword [For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any **double-edged sword**, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow]. Hebrews 4:12

Kahu Choo Lak

Dear Friends in Christ,

Gary and I are filled with gratitude for the lovely send off on Sunday, April 12! Your kind words, gifts, lei, music, and great food filled us with aloha! I know many wonderful cooks prepared for the great potluck. It was a blessing to have so many of the congregations worshiping on our campus worship with us. Gary and I feel very fortunate to have been in your midst, ministering with you at Church of the Holy Cross, United Church of Christ!

We are excited to have six weeks to explore New Zealand. In early June we return to our home in Seattle. If you would like to be in touch our office manager, Jodi, has contact information for me. We hope that if you come to Seattle you will let us know.

I trust that you will give a wonderful warm welcome to Rev. Yeow! And under his guidance you will want to think about how to prepare for and welcome your next settled pastor and family. The Search Committee is doing their work; please remember them in your prayers.

Gary and I leave with great memories of a fabulous 15 months with you! May God's richest blessings be yours.

A hui hou!

Pastor Mary



Sunrise at Cascades Mountains
In Washington State

SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee is diligently working on looking for our new Pastor. We are now interviewing candidates via the internet(skype). Please keep us in your prayers as we continue the search for our new settled pastor.

Blessings, Stefan Tanouye, Committee Chair

From the Board of Stewardship and Mission

On March 29, the Federated States of Micronesia was devastated by Typhoon Maysak, a Category 5 super typhoon. Early reports say 60-80% of the homes in Weno, the capital of Chuuk State, were destroyed. 5 people died and more than 6,000 people were displaced in Weno alone. Crops and infrastructure were destroyed.

Through the UCC One Great Hour of Sharing offerings, we are able to help support our Chuukese neighbors in their time of need. We will take up a voluntary collection on Sunday, April 26th. Checks should be made out to "Church of the Holy Cross" and in the memo area, indicate "Chuuk Disaster Relief". We will forward the funds to the Conference to send to OGHS for us. In addition, please keep the people in the Pacific area affected by the typhoon in your prayers.

Anne Sadayasu



Got Graduates?

It's that time of year when well deserving students will be receiving their diplomas! If you know of anyone from our church who will be graduating from high school or college, please let Yoko Hayano know (yokohayano@gmail.com). You may also leave message for her with Jodi in the office.

SAVING LIVES Karl Kawahara

“Hey, do you want to save a life or lives?”

“Yes, sure I would love to do that!”

“Then get with it and sign up for Giving Blood with CHC!”

“Okay, I’m game, where do I sign up?”



You can sign up with The Blood Bank of Hawaii by calling (800) 372-9911. There are sign in sheets at the back of the Sanctuary. There are basically four (4) requirements for one to donate blood.

1. You must be at least 18 years of age—17 with parents permission.
2. Weight at least 110 lbs.
3. Be in good health.
4. Have waited at least eight (8) weeks since last donation of blood.

So, get out and do your part in meeting our goal of 121 appointments.

Let’s go over the top this year!!

Aloha Ke Akua,
Karl Kawahara
(808) 959-8811

Hawai’i Island Association United Church of Christ ‘Aha Moku-puni



Date: Saturday, April 25, 2015
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Place: Imiola Congregational Church
65-1084 Mamalahoa Highway, Waimea



Agenda includes worship, elections, reports from churches and more.

For more information contact Association President Keola Downing at keola@hilobay.com or 808-965-9008

SAVE THE DATE!

Mana`olana - Hope Kokua - Help Ho`ola - Healing

E Mālama`Ola “Caring for Life”

ANNUAL PREVENT SUICIDE HAWAII CONFERENCE:
“Sustaining Communities,
Families, and Individuals through
Life Promoting Actions”

HAWAII CONFERENCE 2015

Thursday, April 30, 2015 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Marriott Waikoloa Beach Resort, Waikoloa, Hawai`i

SPONSORS:
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COUNTY OF HAWAII MAYOR'S OFFICE

Questions? Please contact Larry Walter, Conference Chairman
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Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

What a joyous Sunday it was! Worshipping with and enjoying the friendship of members and friends of the Church of the Holy Cross lovingly cultivated over the years as well to those who were more recently welcomed into our church family. It was truly a glorious day.

And a most surprising event happened on that Sunday – a mini tree hung with peace cranes was presented to me. Can you imagine how it felt to have one’s heart skip out of rhythm when the announcement was made? I thank you, Pastor Mary, and the committee composed of Margaret Torigoe, Connie Yoshiyama, and Jane Kawazoe who consented to adopt the “199,000 Crane Project” by our members as a part of the project initiated by the Honokaa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple which will be presented to the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki as a gesture of “of the many individual tragedies of war.” As a homebound senior who initiated the germ of the project for our congregation to become involved, it was very gratifying to have members and friends of our church fold, contribute and exceed the initial goal of 1,000 in less than a month using their own supply or origami. This was augmented by my initial donation of 1000 origami to launch the project with an additional 2000 made available to members for their use as well as more by Margaret. As an aside, it might be interesting for you to know that all craft stores in Hilo were out of the origami size that we needed at the beginning so had to turn to the internet to order or replenish our supply. Also, I was informed that monetary donations came from members to help offset part of the cost of purchasing origami – with one coming from as far away from Vermont (where the Brunos reside).

In recapping how many cranes we initially sent to Honokaa, Margaret counted and boxed 8,000 cranes in September– a number well over our initial goal of 1,000 cranes- then in succeeding months sent another 1,000 cranes. Then on Sunday, Margaret announced that she had the latest count of nearing 10,000 cranes from our congregation “ready to go to Honokaa”. What an overwhelming task it was for Margaret and she is still doing it! And if it were not for the generosity and time members and friends our church who carefully folded cranes, we would not have reached this “magic” (10,000) number announced on Easter morning.

As we keep on praying for world peace, this “199,000 Crane Project” to be achieved, the cranes will be presented to memorial organizations in the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki –all the while through faith we learn that the impossible is possible, that dreams can become reality, and that miracles do happen.

With warmest “mahalo” and a most grateful senior, I remain
Lily Inouye

P.S. Last night as we were enjoying an Easter dinner with our greater “ohana”, Lorraine who is a senator from our island’s First Senatorial District saw our Peace Crane Tree that was given to me during worship that morning. She then asked to “borrow” The Tree to use as décor in her legislative office in Honolulu so others could view it and learn about the significance of the “199,000 Crane Project”. I consented and she is planning to hand-carry it to Honolulu after her week-end’s visit home. I am hopeful that people who happen to visit the senator’s office and learn about this Peace Crane Tree will be moved to “seek out books, films or other peace education materials or projects.”

Thought for the day, I can’t remember who said it but it went something like this: “While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.”

With gratitude, joy and love,

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The Messenger is a bimonthly newsletter distributed by the Church of the Holy Cross in Hilo. If you have an article please either send it via email in word format to holycrosshilo@hawaii.rr.com or via post by April 27th.

The next scheduled Messenger will be May 6th, 2015.

April Ushers:

Moira Tanaka,
Newton Chu, Esther Kodani & Karl Kawabara

April 26th

Chapel Decoration

Millie Daikawa

Layreader

Mary Ann Katayama

Childcare

Clarice Suzuki

May Ushers:

Woody, Jean & Erin Kita
Mary Ann Katayama
Saeko Hayashi

May 3rd

Chapel Decoration

Malia Mattos

Layreader

Stuart Mori

Childcare:

May 10th

Chapel Decorations

Jill Suzuki &

Theone Albano

Layreader

Millie Daikawa

Childcare

Woody Kita

May 17th

Chapel Decorations

Millie Uchima (memorial)
&

Millie Kataoka

Layreader

Carolyn Lum-Bellem

Childcare

Dorothy Matsui



April Birthdays

- 23 Kenneth Tanouye
- 25 Saburo Robert
Gail Wung
- 27 Leigh Kusinski
Saksan Mitipok
- 28 Roberta Chu

May Birthdays

- 01 Higashi, M. Michiyo
Robert, Mary Ann
- 05 Tanouye, Lillian
- 16 Lum-Bellem, Carolyn
- 17 Ouye, Andrew
- 21 Kawasaki, Toshiaki
- 22 Siderhurst, Noah
- 24 Yamauchi, Joe
- 26 Enomoto, Yasuo
- 27 Matayoshi, Mary
Ushijima, Joy
Yamane, Miyeko
- 29 Chow, LeAnne
- 30 Mitipok, Sakae