

THE HERALD

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2015 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Each year Aiea UMC meets with our district superintendent, Tom Choi and other churches in central Oahu for our annual Charge Conference. The Charge Conference is where the “business” (budgets, pastor salary, membership reports, etc.) of the church is presented and approved. All church members are encouraged to attend and many from our congregation were represented (see picture below). One item on the agenda is the approval of the Leadership team; volunteers who have agreed to serve on our various committees.

Aiea UMC has 7 committees that work together with the appointed Pastors and staff to achieve our mission of “Seeking God, Serving Others”. Each Committee has a chair that is responsible for coordinating and leading that committee. The Committee chairs, pastors, and staff come together monthly for Administrative “Ad” Council meetings. These meetings are important for communication, goal setting, and visioning within the church. The Ad Council meetings are open for anyone to attend and typically occur the last Tuesday of the month @ 6:30pm.

Listed on page 6 is a description of each of the 7 committees and who will be serving on that committee in 2015. If you have concerns, ideas, or questions, please talk to any of the members listed. Better yet, if you are passionate about an area of the church, volunteer to serve! Volunteers are encouraged on all committees but we are specifically seeking to fill “pukas” on the SPRC and Worship Committees (9:30 usher coordinator).



Top Row (L-R): Grace Omura, Rev. Jim White, Jody White, Doug Rinehart, Paul Takamiya, Rick Goodwin, David Atkins, Arvin Trippensee, Rev. Joe Siofele

Bottom Row (L-R): Dell Epperson, Rev. Peter Lee, Sarah Beebe, Stefany Veiga

2014-2015 Charge Conference– January 27, Trinity UMC



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:00am WORSHIP
- 9:30am WORSHIP
- 11:00am YOUTH GROUP
- 2:00pm SAMOAN WORSHIP
- 4:00pm SAMOAN YOUTH

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**COMMITTEE
MEETING DATES**

2.10.15 FINANCE

6:30 PM

CHAIR: ARVIN TRIPPENSEE

2.11.15 WORSHIP

7:00 PM

CHAIR: DEBBIE OGATA

2.17.15 SPRC

6:30 PM

CHAIR: BLAKE VANCE

2.24.15 AD COUNCIL

6:30 PM

CHAIR: DELL EPPERSON

LITURGISTS

8:00 CHUCK TOKUHA

9:30 ROSS ROLEY

ASH WEDNESDAY (2/18)

12:00 DELL EPPERSON

7:00 EMILY WHITE

HOME MALUHIA UPDATE

The work date scheduled for January 17th had to be postponed as we firmed up the plans for the facility improvements. A group visited the home in January to develop final estimates and supply lists. We will be painting six bedrooms and creating a nice outdoor space for the teens to visit with their families and each other. The Quilting Passion Group has made fabulous quilts and pillowcases for each bed.

If you are interested in helping either by volunteering your time, making a donation to help defray the cost of the project, or have questions about the home, please contact Stefany Veiga at stefanyv@me.com Our new work date is tentatively scheduled for Saturday February 21st. Stu Rinehart will be leading the patio construction. Once confirmed we'll get the word out as quickly as possible.

Some things to consider if you'd like to make a donation for a specific item(s), we will need to purchase the following:

Paint Roller Covers: \$10 for 2 (need 10)

Paint Tray Liners: \$6.50 for 10 (need 1 10-pack)

Painter's Tape: \$6.50 per roll (need 12 rolls)

Paintbrushes: \$15 for set of 3 (need 2 sets)

Paint Trim Cups: \$2.75 each (need 4 trays)

Drop cloths: \$9 each (need 6)

[Reusable items will be given to the church for use on future projects]

OR, Do you have the following you would like to LEND to the project?

6' or higher ladder (need 4)

Paint Roller Handles, short or long handles (need 8)

Submitted by: Stefany Veiga



**FEBRUARY
SCHEDULE**

BASKETBALL: The Basketball Passion Group will be meeting the following Wednesday nights in February: Feb. 4, 11 & 25 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Halsey Terrace basketball courts. See Pastor Jim for more information (whitehome@hawaiiintel.net).

GAMES FELLOWSHIP: Meets every Wednesday from 12:30-2:30 to play cards & board games in the double classroom.

HULA: Meets every Monday @ 9AM in the double classroom to practice and learn the art of Hula.

MOVIE: The Movie Passion Group will be meeting on Sunday, February 22nd. Movie & theater time to be announced. Contact Pastor Jim or the office if interested.

QUILTING: The Quilting Passion group will be meeting Saturday, 2/7 from 9am-noon in the Children's Room. This group will be participating in the Big Island Shop Hop from Friday 2/20- Sunday 2/22, traveling around Kona, Kamuela, Hilo, and Volcano in search of inspiration, fabric, and fellowship! All are welcome to join!



Aiea UMC 2015-2016 scholarship application packets are now available to graduating high school seniors and to those continuing college or other post high school studies. An applicant must be an active member of Aiea UMC for at least one year at the time of application. Complete eligibility rules are described in the application packet. The application deadline is April 30, 2015. Contact the church office for packets and information.



“But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.’”

(I Samuel 16:7)



Figure #4

measured in “stops.” The human eye is so complex, it can see 15 stops of light at one time! A very good camera, however, can only see 3-4 stops of light. That’s why, when showing your travel photos to friends later, you’ll look at your prints and remember the original experience a bit less vivid. “You really had to be there,” we say. That’s because our camera can only capture 3-4 stops of light in one photo.

HDR photography lets you take those 3-4 stops of light, and move them along a dynamic range of shots. So a photographer can take 3 or more shots of the same picture at slightly different settings, then blend them together in order to create a final photo that more accurately captures the range of light your eye saw when you took the shots! Let me show you what I mean. I took the series of photos below at Waiki’i Ranch on the Big Island this past Christmas. **Figure 1** is the “perfectly exposed” shot that you’d find while in a P or AUTO mode. **Figure 2** is that same exact shot, taken a fraction of a second later, but at a -1 stop setting shift (that’s why it’s a lot darker). **Figure 3** is that same shot taken another fraction of a second later, but with a +1 setting shift (meaning it’s a lot brighter!). Then I blend these 3 photos together (using an HDR software called “Photomatix” + Adobe Lightroom + Adobe Photoshop). The end result is **Figure 4**. You can see there’s quite a difference between figure 1 & figure 4, isn’t there?

God has recently reminded me that He “sees in HDR.” God sees the “full range of light” in our lives (which includes both the bright highlights and the dark shadows). Sometimes we see portions of the light spectrum in our lives and others... and we get stuck on one of those two extremes. None of us should be known by our worst moments. Likewise, none of us are truly as good as our best moments! God sees us as we truly are. No pretenses. No masks. No inflated egos. God just sees us. What a gift! It’s as if He’s blended the photos of our life together, to get the best possible image.

You know what that means, friends? We, as followers of Jesus, are called to do the same. We’re called to see our brothers and sisters in faith (and even those outside the faith) in their full range of being. We can’t get by seeing people with just 3-4 stops of light in their lives. We need to see as close to the 15 stops as possible. That’s how God sees us!

PASTOR JIM'S MESSAGE (CONT).

So as you go through the upcoming year, and are working on your own relationship with God.. make sure you take a few moments to look at one another with new eyes. Get off of "AUTO" mode and on to AV or TV or M or even P mode! "Bracket" your shots in order to experience the power of HDR Christianity! None of us should be known by our worst moments. And none of us should believe the press clippings of our best moments. There's a wider, more inspiring range of sight out there. I pray that we'll ALL take that challenge... and transform our congregation into a community of faith that loves like Jesus loves. AMEN!



Figure #1



Figure #2



Figure #3

CONFIRMATION 2015



In the United Methodist Church, we practice infant baptism, believing that God's covenant relationship with us can be at ANY age – not only when we're "fully aware" of what that relationship & covenant actually mean (ie. adulthood). At the same time, we also believe that when a young person reaches a certain age & maturity level, they'll often want to **confirm** the promises that were made by their parents on their behalf at their baptism. Confirmation is the process by which our young people come to understand their faith more deeply and make a public confession of solidarity with Jesus Christ.

Confirmation classes will be held on Sunday afternoons from 4-5:30pm, beginning on Feb. 22nd. All youth interested in growing in their relationship with God are welcome to come join us! Pastor Peter, Thomas Killough (youth group leader), and Pastor White will be leading the group. It will culminate with a Confirmation Celebration in worship on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. Let any one of the 3 leaders know or contact the church office if you (or your youth) is interested in participating!

TACKLE



HUNGER

Sunday, 2/1/14

Canned goods and \$1 donations will be collected following worship by the youth group. All donations will support Aiea's Good Samaritan Food Pantry at St. Elizabeth's Church.



SUNDAY,
February 15th
9:00-9:30am
10:45-11:00am

*proceeds to support youth group HIM conference attendance



FEBRUARY

- 1- Marcy Thomas
- 2- Sadao Shimabukuro
- 3- Kemper George
Cindy Jensen
Helen Fahrni
- 4- Alanna Vance
- 5- Daryl Takamiya
Suzanne Pak
Madison Rinehart

- 6- Ben Roley
Ashlyn Yoshimura
- 8- Ryan George
Les Omura
Emilio Sharp
- 9- Angel Dalmacio Jr.
- 11- Mariliz Dalmacio-Velasco
Pastor Joe Siofele
- 12- Tiki Sagapolutele
- 13- Dick Meckstroth
- 15- Rachel Roley
- 17- Cori Ann Takamiya
- 18- Gladys Harding
- 20- Quinn Davis
Timothy Tali

- 21- Betty Demarke
- 23- Lianne Nagano
Takao Sugai
- 25- Becky Seiuli
- 26- Terry Brown
Sandra Pak
- 27- Grace Omura
Kiyoko Oshiro
- 28- Debbie Ogata



FEBRUARY SERMON SCHEDULE



2/1- "The Zax"

2/18- "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"

2/15- "The Butter Battle Book"

2/18- ASH WEDNESDAY

2/22- The Garden of Gethsemane



HUDDLE 1: "Hearing God's Voice in Your (Busy) Life"

Option 1: Wednesday's @ 9:00 AM (Start Date 2/11)

Option 2: Saturday's @ 9:00 AM (Start Date 2/14)

Discipleship Huddles are a 7-session Small Group that meets for 90-minutes every other week to learn specific ways for busy people to grow in their spiritual life & discipleship.

To sign-up or for more information, email: whitehome@hawaiiantel.net or call the church office today!

2015 LEADERSHIP TEAM (CONT).

FINANCE COMMITTEE: This committee helps us ensure that we are good stewards with our finances. They create and track our budget, ensure proper financial protocols are being followed, and organize Stewardship Sunday. 2015 Members of this committee are: Arvin Trippensee (chair), Doug Rinehart (treasurer), Rosa Yasuda, Mike Goad, Thomas Killough, Fely Quemado, Chris Neff, and Sylvia Sugihara.

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE: This committee serves a similar role as a “Human Resource” department would within a company. Some of their responsibilities include: hiring/evaluating staff, setting staff salaries, and serving as a liaison between church members and pastors/staff. 2015 Voting Members of this committee are: Blake Vance (chair), Sandra Pak, Cori Takamiya, Moira Iofi, Billie George, and Grace Omura. Non-voting members are: Jim White (pastor), Joe Siofele (pastor), Peter Lee (pastor), Dave Atkins (lay leader), and Jean Kikumoto (lay member representative to Annual Conference).

AIEA U.M.C FOUNDATION: This group is responsible for managing special gifts made to the church including the scholarship fund. 2015 Members of this committee are: Paul Takamiya (chair), Claire Rivero, Lianne Nagano, Lynn Goad, David Juan, Tracy Davis, Faresa Tali, and Stanley Shin.

EDUCATION GROUP: This group is responsible for coordinating Spiritual Growth programming including bible studies, small groups, Sunday School, and Youth Group. 2015 Members are: Grace Omura (chair), Sarah Beebe (Director of Christian Education), Jim White, Jody White, Thomas Killough, and Sunday School teachers: Noeline Khaw Vorbau, Carmen Boros, Billie George, Marnie Trippensee, and Stefany Veiga.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE: This group decides how our outreach budgetary funds are allocated and coordinates service opportunities. Members of this committee for 2015 are: Stefany Veiga (chair), Betty Demarke, Danny & Lynn Gomez, Lois Takata, Noeline Khaw Vorbau, Grace Omura, Roxann Oyler, Debbie Kailiwai, Matt Staggs, Genie Brown, Sherry Barnes, and Michi Mau.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: The Board of Trustees are responsible for maintaining any updating property and facilities owned by Aiea UMC (church and parsonage). 2015 Members of this committee are: Rick Goodwin (chair), Mark Hulett, Daniel Barnes, Lois Takata, Setu Setu, Stu Rinehart, Leah Stuck, Jeff Thomas, Roy Yamaki, and Dorothy Kawamoto.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: The worship committee focuses on creating a powerful worship experience. Members of this committee for 2015 are: Debbie Ogata (chair), Jim White (pastor), Joe Siofele (pastor), Peter Lee (pastor), music staff, Sylvia & Alan Uyehara (communion stewards), Lila Koide (flowers), Debra Bradshaw (flowers), Jean Kikumoto (8am usher coordinator), Marcy Thomas (acolyte), and at-large members: Grace Omura, Jody White, Beck Misiluti, Karen Goodwin, Jane Petalver, and Setema Sagapolutele.

Additionally to the committees, the following have agreed to volunteer for these important roles within the church:

LAY LEADER: Dave Atkins

SAMOAN LAY LEADER: Tolu Tagovailoa

FINANCIAL CLERK: Genie Brown

ADMINISTRATIVE (“AD”) COUNCIL CHAIR: Dell Epperson

Please keep these leaders in your prayers. We pray that God continues to encourage our members to get involved and guide all of the leaders in the direction of his will. AMEN.

Submitted by: Sarah Beebe

HEALTHY BODY & HEALTHY SPIRIT

Recently I had a health issue which made me schedule a physical examination. I had always thought that I was still young and healthy. Taking care of my physical body was not always a priority. After the examination, my doctor advised that I exercise, control what I eat and, of course, lose weight. Keeping a healthy body, mind and spirit is very important in our lives. Through the challenge to my health, I gave much thought to “Healthy Body and Healthy Spirit.”

Scripture tells us: “Your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God. You are not your own, you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.”

(1Corinthians 6:19-20)

“...Give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice – the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.”

(Romans 12:1-2)

When I read a book about health, I found some interesting data (in box below).

- ◇ For the first time in history, as many people are suffering from the result of too much food as are suffering from malnutrition. While millions of people suffer from not having enough to eat, millions are struggling with the effects of being overweight.
- ◇ Seven in ten Americans are overweight.
- ◇ Diabetes, heart disease, and other “lifestyle-based diseases” now kill more people than infectious diseases worldwide.

What we do with our body influences our mental, emotional, spiritual, and even financial health. God expects us to take care of our bodies for being holy and healthy. As the Bible says, let us change the way we think and take care of our bodies, minds and spirits well for ourselves, our families and our God!

Submitted by: Pastor Peter Lee

NOT ALL WHO WANDER ARE LOST*

A CONTEMPLATIVE PILGRIMAGE
IN THE WILDERNESS

WHAT
2015 BRITT LECTURES
with Rev. Lorenza Andrade Smith

WHEN
February 13 to 16, 2015

WHERE
First United Methodist Church
1020 S. Beretania St., free parking off of Victoria St.

REV. LORENZA ANDRADE-SMITH is an ordained minister of the United Methodist Church who has taken a vow of poverty and spent the past 4 years living with the poor and marginalized. She lived for three years in the U.S. “under the stars” and for the past year has been on a global contemplative journey.

www.HawaiiDistrictUMC.org

*J.R.R. Tolkien ** Dr. Seuss

FRIDAY, FEB 13
@ 7 P.M.
“You’ll Never Be Ready: Just Go!”

SATURDAY, FEB 14
@ 7 P.M.
“In the Midst of Holy Chaos: Rejoicing and Giving Thanks”

SUNDAY, FEB 15
@ 7 P.M.
“R&R: Recognizing Renewal”

MONDAY, FEB 16
@ 9 TO 12 PM
“Oh, the Places You’ll Go!”: Sacred Travels”

Lectures are free and open to the public. Child care and sign language interpretation are available upon request. For more information, call 522-9555.



“GOD’S CREATURES”



SUPPLEMENTAL CHARGE
CONFERENCE

Tuesday, 2/24/15 @ 6:30pm
(Double Classroom)

All Church Members are welcome to attend!

CHURCH STAFF

Bishop: Rev. Minerva Carcaño

District Superintendent:
Rev. Dr. Tom Choi

Senior Pastor: James A. White

Associate Pastor: Joseph Siofele

Associate Pastor: Peter Lee

Director of Christian Education/
Pastoral Assistant: Sarah Beebe

Rainbow Choir Director: Peter Lee

Handbell Choir Director:
Karen Carlisle

Organist: Malia Poyer

Accompanist: Laura Shimabukuro

NEW IN 2015– OHANA POTLUCK DINNERS!



One of our goals for this year is to increase our connectivity with one another. We want to build strong relationships so Aiea UMC members can support each other while deepening our spiritual relationships with God. This is difficult goal to accomplish within 1-2 hours Sunday morning.

Our Ohana Potluck Dinners are designed to be quarterly events for our members to get to know new members and have an opportunity for fellowship and to get to know our church ohana!

The concept is simple- bring your family, bring a dish to share, and let's have a relaxing dinner together! Our first Ohana Potluck Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 7th @ 5PM. Please plan on attending! To RSVP, please email the office (aieaumc@hawaiiantel.net) or sign-up outside of the sanctuary beginning Sunday, February 22nd. Transportation is available if needed.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS' MINISTRIES (HIM) 2015 CONFERENCE



The 2015 Hawaiian Islands' Ministries (HIM) Conference will be held March 19-21 at the Hawaii Convention Center. This year's theme is "Mightily Inspired," and features over 30 speakers over the three days, including 100 seminars to choose from! In addition to the "regular" conference track, there is also a Youth Track, a College & Career Track, a Mental Health Track, and a Justice Track (focusing on sex-trafficking ministries). If you've never been to an HIM Conference, come see what you're missing out! It's easily one of the highlights of our youth group each year!

You can find more information at www.himonline.org... or talk with Pastor Jim for more information. Online registration ends March 1st.

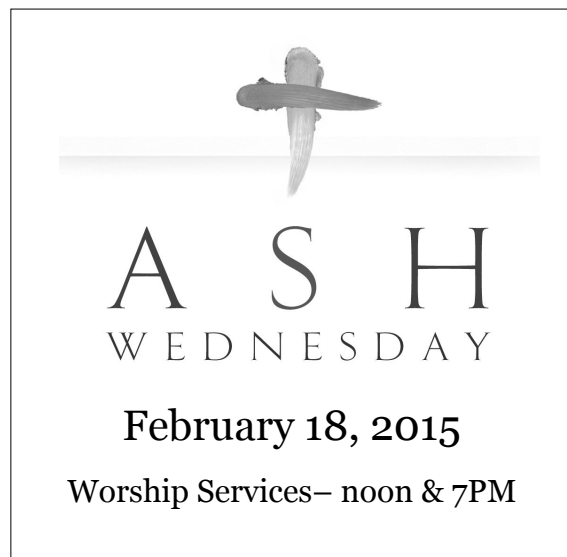


PLANNING MEETING

SUNDAY 2/15 @ 11 AM,
Children's Room

UPCOMING MESSY CHURCH EVENTS:

Saturday, 2/28, 5-7 PM
Saturday, 3/28, 5-7 PM



Mark your calendar! Family Pictures and Information Update is scheduled for Sunday, March 8th before and after worship!



Our Purpose: Knowing, Loving and Serving God

Our Journey: Building a life-changing community that follows Jesus through worship, relationships, spiritual growth and service.