

West Kauai United Methodist Church Newsletter

Pastora's Message

Dear Friend in Christ:



I've been praying for you. These have been tumultuous time in the United States and around the world. Most of my dearest friends are facing profound battles in their lives right now. I'm asking the Holy Spirit to renew and refresh you in the name of Jesus, beyond our circumstances or challenges.

This month is Lent season, and we are coming into Holy week before Easter Sunday. So, I want to share some encouragement words with you. My Mom often told me, "Lupi, without hope, you cannot start the day." We all need hope that goes beyond pretty words or wishful thinking.

We are in the shadow of the cross, Jesus' predictions of His ultimate display of glory and greatness. His crucifixion and in 3 days He will resurrect. Therefore, "HOPE" has been justified by our faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by our faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance, and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us." (Roman 5:1-5)

One thing I would personally ask of you is that you would "seriously pray for us here at West Kauai UMC." Our Administrator to our Leaders and their committee and your Pastora and Lay leader. As we work to be obedient to God's calling for us. We will work hard, regardless of our age or circumstances. I assure you that God has even more in store for us than we can imagine.

SHALOM

Spring is Here!

Debbie and Randal's bounteous Honohono orchid plant graced the altar. Ryan spotted a flock of Nene geese visiting the sanctuary and finding a place of peace and joy on the property



Lectio-Divina



Kim Kennedy

For our 2026 Bible Study Pastora suggested we try using Lectio Divina, or "divine reading," as our study method. It has been a wonderful and meaningful way to encounter scripture together.

Each week, we are given a verse to meditate on individually. When we meet on Zoom, we share what that verse means to us personally. It is amazing how the living word of God speaks to each of us in our unique life circumstances. This experience reminds me of Luke 12:7, "But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows." It is a powerful reminder that God loves us more than we know and is with us through every moment of our lives. Processing this in such an intimate Bible study group has been a true joy.

SUCCESSFUL RUMMAGE SALE

Hooray! WKUMC, We did it! Our financial and community service goals were met and surprisingly exceeded it!

Everyone's efforts to gather donated items, prep the hall, prep the specialty items, prep the rummage, prep for the bake/ food sale, prep the grounds for parking, prep the church for display, put up the tents, mix the malasadas batter, set up the cooking station, prep the lunch area, cook food for workers were all accomplished!

We reached out to the community to provide an economically affordable and friendly opportunity for shopping. We invited the J1 teachers with the assistance of Randall Francisco for a special sale. We collected clothing for the houseless, jeans for the incarcerated and children's clothing for an orphanage in the Philippine Islands. We offered rummage items to two churches in the community having a later sale.

Pastora Lupi said "to God be the glory!" Mahalo WKUMC from Glenda and Pat.



METHODIST VINE



He is Risen



EASTER Blessings



Food distribution enters its 5th year

Under new directorship, Debbi Evans at the KIFB, Randal and Marisa Valenciano continue to coordinate the successful monthly food distribution at WKUMC. We feed God's people physically and spiritually through this outreach. We hope it inspires church growth.



Quiet Disciples

The picks for this issue are Ryan Baniaga, Tony Halapua and Roland Pablo . These 3 men dedicate themselves to maintaining the grounds and fields surrounding the Kaumakani sanctuary. Volunteering many hours to cut the koa, weed wack , mow, and haul away trash without regard to the time of hours spent or the time of day is what they do. They are stewards of the land and beautify the property so people can see the church from a distance. When you're on the property you can see the village buildings, gaze upon the ocean and perhaps observe an ocean creature. Thank you to these 3 hardworking men who labor quietly with purpose and aloha. You are appreciated!



April Announcements

Volunteers needed

Pastora is looking for assistance to serve communion to the homebound. Requests for communion should be given to the Pastora. For more information, please sign up with Pat Pablo if you are called to help provide this service.

Pastora Monalisa Halapua
reappointed one more year !



Dates to Remember

April 18: Church Fundraiser at St. Theresa carnival in Kekaha. Hours of event: 2-10 pm. We will do our "Malasadas Ministry."

May 10: Mother's Day. Bring a picture of your mom or any significant woman in your life

June 14: Father's Day. Bring a picture of your Dad or any significant man in your life.

Editor's Note By Pat Pablo

John 20:1-18 Joy in the Easter Story

Two of our extended Pablo Ohana passed away during Holy Week. It is a great loss for our family. The same grief was experienced by Jesus' family and followers. Yet, the Easter story tells of the resurrection of Jesus and whoever believes in him will have eternal life. What a joy to know this promise. We will one day reunite with our loved ones.

This year, we spent Easter with our San Jose family. Tracy and Don took us to worship at the Palo Alto First United Methodist Church. What a lovely experience to worship in a large cathedral and listen to special choir music! We sang the same Easter songs that Kauai would sing 3 hours later. The celebration of the resurrection is universal. There's joy in knowing we have a common bond no matter where we are in this world. I pray your souls be filled with Easter Joy and Aloha!

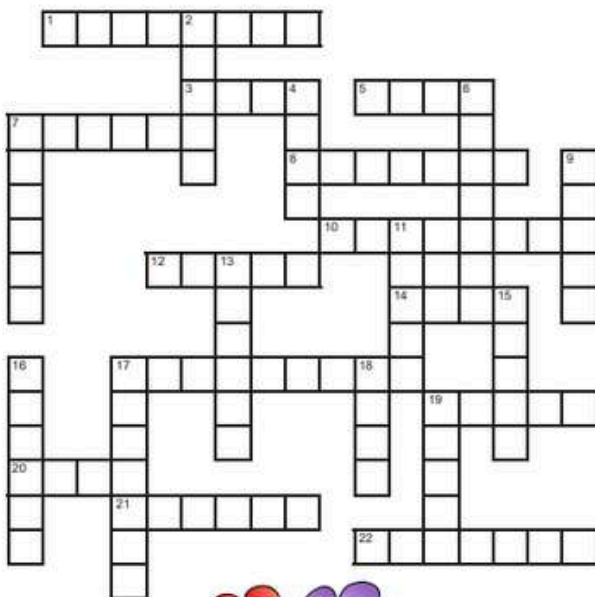
Spring is Here!

Across

1. It warms and brightens everything.
3. Warm up from a freeze.
5. They make honey.
7. Meal in the park.
8. Colorful arc in the sky.
10. It keeps the rain off you.
12. The color of spring grass.
14. Where a bird lives.
17. An adult caterpillar.
19. A baby chicken.
20. What chicks hatch from.
21. It comes after winter.
22. Red insect with black spots.

Down

2. Come out of an egg.
4. Wiggly creature that lives in the ground.
6. Short rainfalls.
7. Small pool of rain.
9. What the lawn is made of.
11. Another name for a rabbit.
13. A spring holiday.
15. Holland is famous for this flower.
16. Just a little wind.
17. Flower on a tree.
18. It is green and on a plant.
19. It might hide the sun.



Word Bank: Bees, Blossom, Breeze, Bunny, Butterfly, Chick, Cloud, Easter, Eggs, Grass, Green, Hatch, Ladybug, Leaf, Nest, Picnic, Puddle, Rainbow, Showers, Spring, Sunshine, Thaw, Tulip, Umbrella, Worm

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