

Na Olelo Maika'i

"The Good News"

Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors

A Communication of The Outreach & Evangelism Committee

April—May 2018

Generosity for West Kauai UMC Mangan Tayon Program Updates

Our multi-cup rice cooker that Nancy Fuertes Ueno donated to the Mangan Tayon (Let's Eat!) program finally cooked its last pot of rice and broke down.

Nancy donated it as her Mother's Day gift 13 years ago. Nana Connie Baniaga was using 3 smaller rice pots to cook enough rice for the Saturday program to feed the homeless, the homebound and the elderly. Coming to the rescue were Mark and Marianne Upward who donated a 30-cup rice cooker to the program while they were visiting on Kauai. Hooray!

When we heard that there was about \$200 left in the budget for this outreach program, we asked the congregation to give what they could into the little brown bag that was circulated to supplement the budget. The congregation generously gave a total of \$96. Thank you!

A generous monetary donation from Nancy's friend, Dr. David Blende was received. His office is in San Francisco. He has supported this program several times. Mahalo!



Mrs. Connie Baniaga, the founder of this service program for 15 years is the main chef. She plans the meals, buys the supplies and cooks on the designated Saturdays. Mrs. Marlene Domingcil, a community friend comes to help when she is able and takes a couple of plates to the hungry in Hanapepe.

There's a team of ladies from the church who volunteer and help with serving, cleaning the kitchen and delivering the meals to the homeless at Lucy Wright Pavilion, the homebound and the elderly.

The ladies occasionally provide desserts that go into the lunch plate. To all the earth angels, thank you for your generosity in caring for the less fortunate. Thank you for doing God's work here on earth.

You are very much appreciated.



Kaumakani Church Re-Opening in May



Finally after a long time of being un-usable due to termite damage, the Kaumakani Church is now ready to use once again. The termite damaged floor has been fixed thanks to Mark Svoboda (Cal & Cory Ellisor's son) and his associate for their skills, volunteerism and dedication. Mahalo for the donations received. So, mark your calendars and invite your family & friends to praise our Lord Jesus and listen to the good news.

Holy Communion Sunday

May 6, 2018

Time: 9:30am. Refreshments to follow.

Be a part of this historic moment and help make it a special memorable day with your presence, your voices, songs and prayers! See you there!

Methodists In The Community

On April 20 & 21, 2018, members of WKUMC assisted with the Malasadas booth at the St. Theresa fundraiser. Phil Kleidosty, chair of the Malasadas booth worked with Becky to do the planning and



developing the best recipe. Crews from both churches came together to prep, measure, crack eggs, clean, transport, cook and fellowship with each other.

The weather was beautiful on both nights. In the booth were members from St. Theresa and WKUMC rolling out the malasadas into the hot oil adjusting the temperature, trying not to burn or drop the precious dessert. New friendships were made. The inexperienced learned from the more experienced worker. Customers bought the delicious pastry.

Every effort was made to keep the waiting time for the lines short.

In the end, there was a general sense of neighbor helping neighbor. All are God's people.

Pastor's Message

Be Still and Listen!

Think of everything that's happening around us; California fires, killings in churches and schools, now flooding that damaged properties, houses that left families to be homeless. Maybe it's about time to stop awhile. Be quiet for us to hear the small voice of God calling us. Let's practice resting as Jesus rested after creation to pray and give thanks to the Father. In Hebrews 4:10-11- "those who enter God's rest also cease from their labors as God did from his. Let us therefore make every effort to enter that rest. We've been very busy doing many things in life. Too often we keep going in our own strength when we need to stop and remember God's desire for us to be quiet and still. Have time for meditation of God's word and have quality time to pray. Maybe we've been missing out on answers to our prayers.

We missed what the Lord Jesus is telling us, because of so many things in our minds.

Let us be reminded that, "Silence allows us to hear God's voice'. Let us make every effort to have everyday relationship with our God. And let us enter God's rest," Perfect rest requires practice". Have time also to close your eyes, to rest, and be quiet. Happy resting. In our quiet time maybe God is telling us to open up our hearts to reach out and help those affected by the recent flooding and soil erosions that left our dear brothers' and sister's families homeless. Let us let them feel our love and care by sharing our blessings and keeping them in our hearts. We also keep them in prayer for comfort, wisdom and strength to overcome their loss and be able to go back to their normal lives again.

MAHALO everyone!

Much love, Pastora Freda



Editor's Note by Pat Pablo



Miracles

There are many stories in the Bible of miracles. My personal favorite is the feeding of 5,000 people from the little boy's lunch of 5 loaves and 2 fish. Jesus blessed the food and the multitude was fed. (Luke 9:10-17)

Previously, the disciples were panicked about the people going hungry and told Jesus to send the crowd away. After the meal, they gathered the leftovers. They collected 12 baskets full! (Might have been small baskets, who knows?)

The idea is that the blessings of food overflowed. Are you or someone you know in need of a miracle? There are many people who are ill, have lost homes and property with the recent flood or in despair over personal trials.

The answer is prayer; a direct communication with Almighty God through Jesus Christ, his son from whom all blessings flow. Laying our cares and burdens at Jesus' feet and fervently praying with great expectations are what we can do.

Believe in a Miracle today. When blessings come, someone's life is never the same. The spirit is lifted. Let us pray for ourselves and for others.



Methodist Vine



Nana Connie's Special Cascaron

Nana Connie Baniaga is sharing her famous recipe for cascaron, a delicious Filipino dessert. On many occasions, she makes a panful of cute little crunchy balls drizzled with honey for people to enjoy.

Our church potlucks are special when we are treated to her famous cascaron. She had a cooking demonstration for the ladies and we saw firsthand how she makes the onolicious morsels. Hope we have the magic touch to make it like you do.

Connie's Crunchy Cascaron

3 boxes of Mochiko flour
8 teaspoons of baking powder
A dash of salt
1 package of coconut flakes
1 quart of fresh milk
2 ½ cups of Splenda
1-quart canola oil =4 cups
¼ cup of water (used to wet palms of hand to roll the ball) before dropping into oil
Canola oil for frying.



Mix all ingredients together except for water, canola oil for frying and the honey. Dip fingers in water and roll a ball of the mixture the size of a large marble (smaller than a golf ball!). Drop balls into hot oil and watch the balls turn golden brown. Help flip the balls with a fork and remove from oil onto a plate with paper towel to drain the oil. When the cascaron balls are cool, drizzle honey over them. They are ready to eat and enjoy. Yum! Yum!

Thank you, Nana Connie for cooking Cascaron for us and sharing your special recipe!
We greatly appreciate this treasure!



Bible Study Reading

Here are some great selective Reading for the month of April and May. Let us go forth to wherever God calls us to give the world the good news, "Hey, you are included."

Acts 8:26-40 The good news of resurrection—that God defeated death and sin by raising crucified Jesus from the dead—leaps over all boundaries and overcomes all obstacles. Nothing can prevent the loving embrace of Jesus Christ from drawing all into the sphere of his love. Baptism is a tangible, visible sign of the relentless reach of God's salvation to the end of the earth.

Introduction to the Readings

Acts 8:26-40

Philip goes out to the desert and there meets an Ethiopian.

1 John 4:7-21

The First Letter of John urges us to "love each other, because love is from God."

John 15:1-8

Christ urges his followers to keep close to him so that they will produce good fruit. What has God done in your life to make it productive.

Prayer

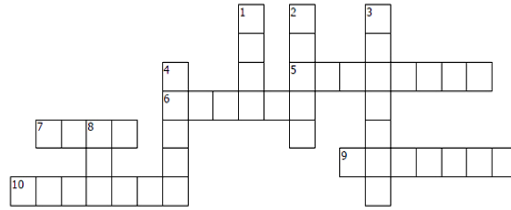
O outreaching, barrier-breaking, expansive Holy Spirit of the living, resurrected God, shake us up and move us out from the cozy confines of this congregation so that we might enjoy being part of your gospel. Nothing holds you back, evangelistic Spirit. No people, anywhere on the globe, are held back from your loving embrace. Bring to our limited minds awareness of all those who may, because of our timidity and reserve, think that the message of Jesus Christ is not a message addressed to them. Then help us to become engaged with you in your mission to the end of the earth so that your will is done in heaven and to the end of the earth—all done in your name so that the world may know the good news: you are included. Amen.

Children's Corner

Give Me Oil In My Lamp

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. Matthew 25:13 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 25:1-13 (NIV)



ACROSS

5. 12 o'clock at night
6. Not awake
7. A swinging or sliding cover over the place where someone usually enters a room
9. Ceremony in which a man and a woman are married.
10. Someone who does not use good judgment is _____.

DOWN

1. Someone who has good judgment and makes good decisions is _____.
2. Devices used to produce light
3. A feast or meal held in recognition of some person or occasion
4. To observe or look at something
8. A liquid that is often used to make fuel.

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M-O-T-H-E-R

"M" is for the million things she gave me
"O" means only that she's growing old
"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,
"H" is for her heart of purest gold,
"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,
"R" means right, and right she'll always be,

Put them all together, they spell "**Mother,**"
A word that means the world to me.



Calendar of Events

- May 5 District Conference at Parker UMC on Oahu. Pastora Freda and Charlene Dorsey are attending
- May 6 Worship service in Kaumakani sanctuary at 9:30am. Communion Sunday
- May 13 Mother's Day service in Kekaha
- June 12-17 Annual Cal-Pac conference at the University of Redlands
- June 17 Father's Day service in Kekaha
- July 3 WKUMC Fundraiser at PMRF
- July 4 WKUMC Fundraiser at Kekaha Ball Park
- July 4th celebration
- August 4 UMW Rummage Sale

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