NA OLELO MAIKA'I "THE GOOD NEWS"

WEST KAUAI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER





Pastora's Message

Psalm 86:12 "I give thanks to you, O LORD my GOD, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever."

Dear Beloved Church Family;

Greetings in the grace and peace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. As we come into this season after Pentecost, I am filled with gratitude for the many ways I see GOD at work among us. It has been a blessing to witness the genuine care and support you show one another, in our weekly services and throughout our community. Your commitment to prayer and fellowship is a powerful testament to our shared faith.

Looking ahead, we have several opportunities to deepen our walk with God and serve our neighbors. I want to highlight a few upcoming events:

- Stewardship month kicks off in October and Delia Ishibashi will give us her testimony.
- Bible study every second and last week on Wednesday and Friday every month. Join us as we share the Word and it's teaching.
- Food distribution every last Wednesday of the month. We always need volunteers to help us.
- Fundraising at Hanapepe October 18

The word of GOD reminds us in Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to GOD." May this promise give you comfort and strength this week, this month and toward the ending of this year. Knowing that you can bring every joy and every worry to Him.

I am so grateful to my Lay leader Randal Valenciano and Becky Komaki, Auntie Pat Pablo, our Administrator Glenda Miyazaki, council and our committees. To Tracy and Don for our newsletter. I am grateful to be on this journey with you all. Words alone can't express my gratitude to my WKUMC families. "Thank you." I look forward to what GOD has in store for us, and worshiping with you every Sunday and celebrating the goodness of God together. In his Service,

Pastora Monalisa L Halapua

Devotional Reflection Time



Several people have been meeting at 8:30 am before church service. This group is called the Devotional Reflection Group. Becky usually leads the discussion.

They follow the daily devotional and reflect on the past Sunday's entry and scripture passage. Participants share what stands out for them or any devotional passage that had a particular impact in their daily life.

Anyone can sit in and join the reflection process. The word of God finds its way to people's hearts in different situations. Becky said it's another option for spiritual feeding. Thank you for the opportunity.

Our Quiet Disciple

Marlina Vea is this issue's pick for quiet disciple. Her gentle and compassionate ways speak volumes. When visiting Kauai, she assists the church liturgists by reading the scriptures in Spanish for our Honduran farm workers. She's able to converse with them in their native tongue and interprets for them for other members.

Retired from the Garland independent school district in Texas, Marlina currently works part time for the Club Demonstration Services for Costco and enjoys attending the Keller Activity Center. She's a blessing to all and we look forward to her visits!



Rummage and Bake Sale Fundraiser

By Glenda Miyazaki

Hooray! We met our financial fundraising goal of \$6000 with the Rummage and Bake Sale held on Friday, August 29 and Saturday, August 30. It took many working hours and many working hands to see it through from beginning to the end. As usual, our food and bake sale was 'the winnah' with Becky and crew producing all kinds of yummy goodies! It was a major success for us.

The purposes for the fundraiser were:

1) To raise monies to support our existing facilities and church programs

2) To promote community outreach by providing a budget friendly economy for our neighbors and friends.

With the monies raised, West Kauai United Methodist Church would continue to:

- 1) Provide financial assistance for repair and maintenance work on existing facilities (Kekaha and Kaumakani sanctuaries, Runes Hall, Kaumakani Church hall and Kekaha parsonage)
- 2) Support church programs and church activities

The community turnout and support were Awesome! In addition, we extended our goal 'to foster community outreach' by inviting our newly arrived J1 teachers to shop so that they could set their homes up. Mahalo everyone for making this venture a success!





























United Women in Faith

UWF sends out devotionals to homebound, elderly, and friends throughout the United States. The portuguese sausage sale is the main fundraiser. An upcoming event is the luncheon for the first responders.





October Activities

October is the annual stewardship month for our church. We will prayerfully reflect on the strength of our tithing .

We are also participating in the October Harvest Festival in Hanapepe on the 18th. We plan to sell our famous malasadas, poi balls, spam musubi and cancanen. Come and support the festival!

October has been set as the target month to initiate our letter campaign. We want to reach out to as many as we can to raise funds for the repair of the Kekaha sanctuary roof. Everyone will be asked to assist with the mailouts.



Friends Connect

"While home on Kauai, Mel Valenciano Billingsley visited Anita Fuertes Malama who is a resident at the Kauai Care Home in Waimea. She gave Anita a candle holder that was made by the Harris Youth.

"Anita was happy to hear about her many friends at Harris UMC. She truly misses the Bible studies and fellowship. We reminisced about the many activities that she had organized especially the trolley rides through downtown Honolulu during the Christmas holidays and returning to Harris to eat a bowl of saimin or eat pizza and drink hot chocolate. Her Pentecost decorations in the sanctuary with balloon creations were outstanding!"



Food Distribution Continues

Our church's food distribution program is in its 4th year. Marisa and Randal Valenciano faithfully volunteer to coordinate the program with our partners G&R and the Kauai Independent Food Bank. Packing and delivering the food to Kupuna in Kaumakani, Pakala, parts of Eleele and Kekaha would be impossible if not for the dedicated and wonderful volunteers who show up every month to help. Congratulations on the longevity of this church growth outreach project!















Editor's Note

Generosity By Pat Pablo

Proverbs 11:24-25

"One person gives freely yet gains even more, another withholds unduly but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper: whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." Over the summer months our family received mangoes, fish, "omiyage" gifts from friends and travelers. The exchanges resulted in happiness and satisfaction.

During the recent church's activities, I was in constant awe of how people sacrificed precious time and energy to volunteer and complete tasks set before them! Everyone worked together, laughed together and fellowshipped together. In the end, we went home feeling a sense of "mission accomplished" and with treasures. When one gives, one

As we head into the fall, upcoming projects will require teamwork, vision and outreach. The Harvest Festival, Stewardship month, and the Letter fundraising campaign can be challenges but hopefully victorious!

2 Cor 9:7 "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Let's do our part to please and thank God for his overwhelming generosity to each of us. Come and feel refreshed!







Why did the cranberry blush?

It saw the turkey dressing.

What do you call turkey on the run?

Fast food.

Thanksgiving Word Scramble

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- krueyt 3.
- omfaylwer 4.
- niwsebho 5.
- ciarrrbesne 6.
- 7. spmiligr
- ricdukmts
- dnenir 9.
- 10. syam
- 11. solrl
- 12. eremnboy
- gobebl
- 14. dessret
- 15. ngstufif
- 16. uyhtarsd
- 17. efats
- 18. rgavy
- 19. nnasidi
- 20. rbeda

Important Dates

- October 18: Harvest festival church fundraiser
- October 31: Monies due to United Women in faith for Portuguese sausage fundraiser
- November 23: Thanksgiving Service. Table of Plenty to
- December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- December 25: Merry Christmas!

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