

Iao Pepa

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A Monthly Newsletter of Iao United Church of Christ

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November 2017

Blessings from Pastor Tino | *“Grow in Faith, Hope, Peace & Love”*

Aloha, Community...

And a busy October it was! But here we are beloved community, moving forward like a strong-steamed locomotive as Christ lays down our rails.

As I reflect on the month of November, it has always been for me and my siblings a special month, as Mama’s birthday falls on Thanksgiving Day this year. Mama would have been 96 this year. She always loved when her birthday fell on Thanksgiving Day because she could celebrate a day of thanksgiving with the precious jewel she cherished the most – her family. I couldn’t have chosen a better memory to write about on this month and not think of YOU – my new extended family. As we celebrate All Saints day, let us remember those “saint-like” figures, who may not always have gotten it right, but have shaped us to who we are and who we are becoming.

So, with that, we are arriving at a special day for all of us, *our* installation on the 12th at 3 in the afternoon. It has been a long journey for me as I began my discernment process in being a pastor of a church. God has brought us together Iao UCC, a church that boldly envisions new and innovative ways of “being the church” and a pastor that is not just an extrovert, but one that leads with faith and courage. This month, not only do we continue with our stewardship campaign, let us also reflect on Consecration Sunday on the 12th, remember our Veterans on the 11th, Transgender day of remembrance on the 19th, time of Thankfulness on the 23rd, and our last day of Pentecost – the Reign of Christ on the 25th, just to name a few.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who has brought us all together to be his hands and feet out in our communities. As we formalize our ministry together on the 12th, I encourage us ALL to remain steadfast in our prayers for one another and remember that each of our gifts and talents are a blessing to this our Church we call Iao UCC. I extend a special thanks to Lloyd who coordinated the installation and the Tri-Isle Association for guiding us in the process. With that, I wish to close with these words of *“I Need You to Survive”* by Hezekiah Walker...

*I need you, you need me.
We're all a part of God's body.
Stand with me, agree with me.
We're all a part of God's body.*

*It is God's will, that every need be supplied.
You are important to me, I need you to survive.
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*I pray for you, you pray for me.
I love you, I need you to survive.
I won't harm you with words from my mouth.
I love you, I need you to survive.*

*It is God's will, that every need be supplied.
You are important to me, I need you to survive.*



In the photo above, Iao Preschool kids made a little parade and procession up to Pastor Tino’s office, to offer him gifts of baked goods and Halloween songs & greetings.

November Lectionary

Nov 5 **22nd Sun. after Pentecost**

Joshua 3:7-17
 Psalm 43
 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12
Partners in Service

Nov 12 **23rd Sun. after Pentecost**

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
 Songs of Solomon 6:12-16
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13
Tending God's Light
 (Stewardship Sunday)

Nov 19 **24th Sun. after Pentecost**

Judges 4:1-7
 Psalm 90:1-8, 12
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30
Extravagant Opportunity
 (Thanksgiving Sunday)

Nov 26 **25th Sun. after Pentecost**

Ezekiel 34:11-16
 Psalm 95:1-7a
 Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46
Reigning Compassion

The lesson in **bold** is the focus of both the message of the day and any Sunday School



Dusk sky above the church sanctuary sometime in mid-October.



Sunday, November 5th was, among other things, Remembrance Sunday. These votive candles were lit during the service, in memory of a loved one who had passed away.

{ The photos above and right were taken by [Pastor Tino](#), who posted these to the church's Facebook group page. }

November Worship Readers:
 Jane Tesoro & Johnalynne Yinmed

Nov. Worship Responsibilities*

Nov. 5

Greeter: Lee Murakami
 Head Usher: Dennis Hashiro
 Usher: Kathy Tanaka
 Hostess: Joy Yamane
 Aloha Hour:
 Avis Wong

Nov. 12

Aloha Hour:
 Jackie Murai & Grace Murata

Nov. 19

Aloha Hour:
 Grace Mathin & Anna Yinmed

Nov. 26

Aloha Hour:
 Maui Kosrae Etawi

* (same greeter, ushers and hostess for the whole month)

November Birthdays

- 11.02 Joshua Kenyel
- 11.06 James Itamura
- 11.11 Lynette Yamashiro
- 11.12 Robert Kennedy
- 11.16 Rick Hayashi
- Lynette Kaneshina
- 11.19 Ruth Mukai
- Shonia Lomae
- 11.25 Alan Maeda



Joshlyn Miteg was the Witnessing Steward, giving her testimony on Sunday, November 5th.

Aloha Hour Supplies

For Aloha Hour, the Buildings and Grounds Team will have a plastic tub set up with supplies used. There will be supplies such as plates, cups, utensils, and napkins. This plastic tub will be located in Fujitomo Hall.

On Sundays, Aloha Hour hosts/hostesses are asked to bring the tub down from Fujitomo Hall and returned to the same location after. Please list on the tub any items needing re-stocking and the Team will make every effort to keep up with the inventory.

Editor's Note

By **I. nebres**

This month's *Iao Pepa* is a very short 4-page issue, for a number of reasons.

Primarily, it's because church staff (well, me ::chuckle::) has been extraordinarily busy over the past month since right after our Fair Booth busy-ness at the Maui Fair, preparing for Pastor Tino's installation weekend.

I suppose I can also justify this brevity by pointing to the longer-than-usual last issue and its plethora of photos and articles on the life and times of this small church in Wailuku. :-)

At any rate, do expect the forthcoming December issue of *Iao Pepa* to be an action-packed one, as we will surely have lots of news to share—not least the photos and stories from Pastor Tino's installation Sunday, and a wonderful story about the dedication of signs and a plaque at Watanabe Hall, which is where the Iao Preschool lives.

The important thing for this issue is the list of events there on the right—mark your calendars now, for the services and events of Advent.

Until December, then... I remain your faithful church secretary and newsletter editor...

Lloyd

Upcoming Noteworthy Events for your Calendar

Sunday, November 12

Consecration Sunday

9:30 a.m. service — with Guest Steward Danette Kong

Installation of The Rev. Florentino Cordova

3:00 p.m. at the church sanctuary

Followed by an Open House & *Lu'au* at the Parsonage.

Friday, November 17

Ladies' Lunch Bunch

11:00 a.m. Kanda Hall

Friday, November 17

"Stone Soup" Dinner

6:30 p.m. at Kanda Hall — Annual Iao Preschool event

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Lunch

12:00 p.m. at Kanda Hall

Friday, December 15

Iao Preschool Christmas Program

6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary — Annual Iao Preschool event

Sunday, December 17

Congregational Meeting

Immediately after the 9:30 worship service

Thursday, December 21

Blue Christmas Service

6:00 p.m. at the church sanctuary

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service

7:00 p.m. at the church sanctuary

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day Service

All-day Christmas celebration with the Maui Kosrae Etawi 'ohana, at the church sanctuary and Kanda Hall

Sunday, January 28

Annual Meeting

Immediately after the 9:30 worship service



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We ARE, indeed, lao UCC—here’s a throwback photo to last month’s very successful Frosty Pog booth at the Maui Fair

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Pastor	Florentino Cordova
Moderator	Gail Ideue
Secretary/lao Pepa Editor	Lloyd Nebres
Preschool Director	Flerida Iniba
Choir Director & Pianist	Karyn Sarring

***You are always welcome at
 lao United Church of Christ.***