

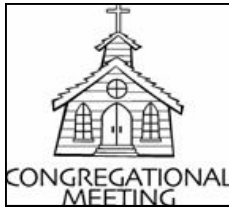
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Annual Meeting of the Congregation Sunday, January 31, 2010

Following worship on Sunday, January 31, the Congregation will meet to Review the 2010 MPC budget, to elect a member of the Pastor Support Team and receive the reports of the MPC Ministry Teams. Time will also be given to discuss the pastor search process and to update the status of the new building project.



New MPC Korean Fellowship Worship Begins Sunday, January 10th at 10:30 am



The MPC Session has approved a second MPC worship service each Sunday morning at the 10:30 am Sunday School hour. The service will be in the Korean language and will take place in the Worship Center. Worship in English will continue at the 9:00 am hour. This decision has been made to promote and encourage the spiritual faith and life of our MPC Korean-speaking members. A number of different Korean-speaking ministers will preach at the 10:30 am service each week. The Rev. Dr. Bong Rin Ro, Dean of the Hawaii Theological Seminary, has been invited to be the guest preacher for the first weeks of this new ministry. Dr. Ro, who is multi-lingual, will also provide pulpit supply for the 9:00 am English worship service on January 17th. On the first Sunday of each month the 10:30 am service will be cancelled so that all MPC members can worship and share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper together.

"This will not in any way affect our positive and supportive relationship with the Hanmi Presbyterian Church"

The 10:30 am worship service is a ministry of MPC on behalf of our Korean-speaking members. MPC will continue to be one congregation with one pastor, one session and one budget embracing both our English- and Korean-speaking members. This will not in any way affect our positive and supportive relationship with the Hanmi Presbyterian Church congregation which will continue to meet and worship at 12 Noon each Sunday.

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As you all know my last Sunday leading worship as Pastor of MPC will be Sunday, January 3, 2010. I will be on “vacation/leave” through January after which Jeanine and I will have moved to Long Beach, Washington, where I will then assume my new responsibilities as Pastor of the Ocean Beach Presbyterian Church in nearby Seaview.

It is a curious coincidence that the first time I preached at MPC was also on January 3, seventeen years ago in 1993. On that Sunday the MPC Pastor Nominating Committee presented me to the congregation who then proceeded to elect me as your new Pastor.

Now, after nearly 17 years of church newsletters I am writing my 189th and last “From the Pastor” column in the PresByte. I have often wondered how many of you actually have read my words each month and whether any of them touched someone’s heart, strengthened someone’s faith or encouraged someone in their walk with Christ. In the end all my sermons and teaching and counseling and writing have merely been the offering to God of my words. Whatever good has come from them has been the work of God’s Holy Spirit who alone has able to reshape and translate them into what needed to be heard by those who were listening.

In the coming months there will be a number of different preachers sharing their own words from the MPC pulpit each Sunday. Do not listen to their words and judge them by the world’s standards. If you are able, please listen to what God is trying to say to you through their words. If you listen in faith you will hear far more than what has merely been spoken. You should practice the same discipline when you read the Bible. When the Holy Spirit joins the conversation the words you read will become Living Words; the sort that the old gospel hymn calls, “Wonderful Words of Life.”

Eventually you will call an Interim Pastor to serve until a new Pastor will be nominated, called and installed. Until that day arrives be sure to remember that the only “Word” that really matters is the one that “became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)

It has been a joy and a privilege to have lived, served and loved among you. You have helped raise my children and you have constantly inspired me by demonstrating what God can do when people love and serve Jesus in the same way that He has loved and served us. If, by God’s grace, I have helped to keep Jesus at the center of our life together, it will have been enough.

I’ll see you in church and, by the way, “Hallelu-year!”

The Tweedies Say "Thank You"

Jim and Jeanine would like to thank all the MPC family and friends who provided such a generous Christmas gift for them last month. They want everyone to know that the gift will come in very handy and that it will be put to a good and pleasant use!



FELLOWSHIP TIME—JANUARY 3



Come and join in for the Tweedie's last Sunday at MPC. Please bring your favorite pupu (hors'd'oeuvre) or cookie that day, if you wish. We will furnish a cake and some pupus so there will plenty for all.

FAREWELL PARTY FOR TWEEDIE'S

Join in sending off Pastor Tweedie and Jeanine (to the other side of the Pacific) at Schooner's restaurant (used to be The Marina), Sunday, January 17th, at 5:00 p.m.

We will begin sign-ups on Sunday, January 3rd, on the lanai after church. Cost will be \$23.50 per person which includes tax & tip to be paid ahead of time.

Seating is limited so we will offer childcare at the church. Each child is \$5 with a limit of \$10 per family. Please sign-up as soon as you can so we can plan wisely.

A map will be available, but this requires no decal to get to location. Hope for a beautiful sunset that day! For more information call Michelle at 664-7603 or Karen at 623-1596.



Per Capita

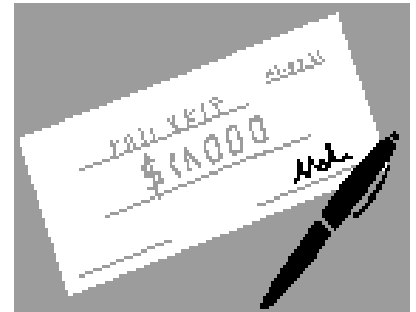


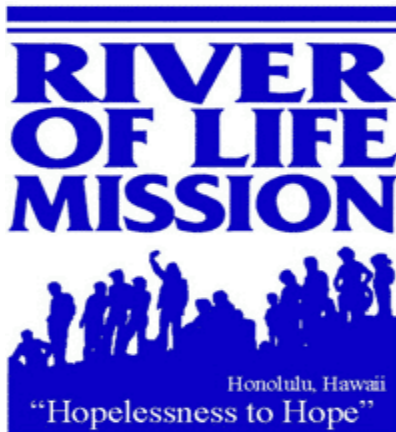
Now that most of you have received your MPC giving envelopes for 2010 you may be wondering what the “Per Capita” envelope is for. “Per Capita” is the Presbyterian Church USA way of covering administrative costs for the denomination each year. Each congregation is asked to contribute \$X per member each year. This year it is \$34 per member. We’ve budgeted for some of this but are hoping that each member will chip in that amount over and above their annual pledge. We hope you will help out with this gift. Just place it in the “Per Capita” envelope or designate it on the check or on your regular giving envelope. Thanks.



MPC NEW BUILDING UPDATE

We had hoped to begin construction of the new lanai canopy during Christmas vacation but the County Planning and Zoning Departments have decided that they need to approve the whole building project before they will approve any one part of it. We will know more about the progress with our building permits soon after the New Year arrives. Financially we have been blessed with a new \$10,000 grant from the Pettis Foundation (their 3rd grant for this project) and the arrival of a check for \$30,000 from the Atherton Foundation, a grant that had been approved in 2008. God is good and is only asking that we be patient! Elders Charlie Cabral and Hugh Lee, along with Frank Storch, are coordinating and overseeing the project.





Join Us For the Next Evening of Service at River Of Life Mission

- When:** Wednesday, January 27, 2010
Meet at MPC to carpool at 5:30 p.m. or
Be at the Mission by 6:30 p.m.
- Where:** 101 N. Pauahi St.
- Needed:** Donations of food
Cooks for the meal
Servers on site at ROLM

This is our first visit of the year, and we ask for everyone to participate. Sign-ups will begin after services in mid-January. If you have any questions about this rewarding and worthwhile mission of MPC, please contact Dave Keim at 927-5170.



KIDS FOR CHRIST

COMING NEXT MONTH!

It's that time again! Ms. Kathryn is busy sending out letters of registration and recruiting helpers for this next session of KFC (Kids for Christ). It will begin the first Wednesday of February (the 3rd) and run every Wednesday finishing on March 24th (8 Wednesdays total).

For those of you who don't know about KFC it is a mid-week children's program geared to integrate non-churched kids from our neighborhood within our church family. While they are playing, crafting and learning Bible stories, they also are developing Christian relationships with other children but more importantly Christian adults.

This type of program requires some volunteers! We need table parents who will sit with the kids as everyone eats together, Cooks to prepare good meals for them, helpers for crafts and story time also. Ms. Kathryn has been doing this for a number of years now and has great ideas on how you can help out according to your comfort zone. You can help for 1 or 2 evenings or show up for a free dinner for all 8 Wednesdays. We'd love to have you and so would the children!

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT.....

(From Jeff Anderson in Afghanistan taken from an email)—

I've been here in Kabul for just about two weeks. Christmas here was a warm sunny day with temperatures in the 50's. There was lots of good cheer around the base. Although I am away from home, it was a wonderful time to celebrate Christ's birth and reflect on the magnificent importance of the day. Jo Lynne and the girls are doing well and are visiting family back in Iowa.

As for sending things, I have to tell you that I'm really at a comfortable location and don't need much of anything. There have been so many sweets around for Christmas that I absolutely don't need anything like that. In fact, folks back home are so generous that we end up re-boxing loads of extra treats and items and send them forward to the more remote locations. Anyway, having said all that, recent magazines and local Oahu/Hawaii interest stuff would be fun. Little games or a deck of cards are always good too. But mostly, let everyone know that I'm okay. Prayers for me and this place are the most important things.

Take care and God bless, Jeff A.

(From Rich Gordon in Iraq taken from an email)—

To celebrate Christmas when you are deployed is a little different than being at home. I went to church last night for their candlelight service. It was a packed house of course, the music is always better at Christmas, and the chaplain preached a great message. Then I went to visit the Soldiers in the radar facility and up in the tower. Today, we will have a BBQ, have a video game tournament, watch some movies, and let folks have just a little bit of downtime. Folks here seem like they are in a good mood, but they are away from home, so it is always tinged with just a bit of sadness.

You should see all the stuff we get from friends and families to help prep for Christmas. There are literally hundreds of Christmas stockings, bags of candy, cookies, and cards all over the office area and in their rooms. It is neat to see what everyone gets and what they want to share with others. We listen to the British Military Radio station here (I am not sure why we get it there are no Brits here), so we get to listen to how they are celebrating Christmas all over the world. They really get into the spirit it sounds like.

I got to speak to the girls and Staci last night, and the energy was very high there in Germany. It was great to hear that they are really focused on the spirit, mood, and the joy of the holidays. Ruby and Charly had made some elaborate plans to make sure that they were up early with the proper levels of excitement. They are sad about the lack of snow there, but they were getting over that little detail. No beach this year for them either.

I wish the friends and families in Hawaii all the very best for the Christmas season and for the New Year. Please be safe, and continue to do nothing but good things.

Merry Christmas from Iraq, Rich G.

Mililani Presbyterian Church

Pastor James A. Tweedie

Officers of MPC

Session

Dorothy Dale	Clerk of Session
ELDERS	MINISTRY TEAM
Barry Nupen	Christian Education
Margie Esteron	Christian Education
<i>*to be filled</i>	Congregational Life
Michelle Emerson	Congregational Life
Geoff Horvath	Evangelism
Wally Park	Evangelism
Charlie Cabral	Finance & Facilities
Hugh Lee	Finance & Facilities
<i>*to be filled</i>	Missions
Dave Keim	Missions
<i>*to be filled</i>	Worship
Doug Wright	Worship
Stacy Shishido	<i>To be determined</i>

Board of Deacons

Mike Johnson	Moderator
Mary Ross Winsley	Assistant Moderator
Kari Nupen	District Coordinator

DISTRICTS

Betty Harrell	Green
Heidi Takahata	Red
Rick Esteron	Orange
Dottie Lee	Yellow
Bill Horton	Pink
Charlene Storch	Blue



PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

for January 2010

January 10th and 31st:

YOUTH GROUP @ 1PM AT LORI'S HOME (leadership 12:30pm)

- ◆ *Bring your Bibles and friends welcome!*
- ◆ *Don't forget swimsuit, towel & permission form!*
- ◆ *As always, friends welcome.*

A fun activity is being planned. Date & time will be announced later.

The MPC Personals Page:

What's going on in our church family?



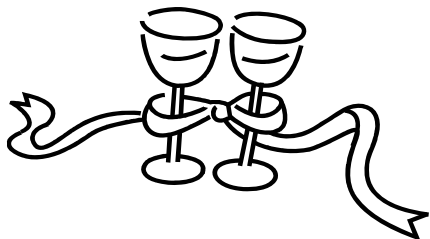
Happy
Anniversaries



HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

January

29 Richard & Heidi Takahata



Church Bloopers.....(not from MPC!)

- ♦ Church deacons are not to pass out until the Pastor finishes speaking!
- ♦ Ladies' Bible study will be held Thursday morn at 10am. All ladies are invited to lunch after the B.S. is over. (?)
- ♦ The lecture on the religious history of circumcision has been cut from tonight's program.

January

- 1 Grace Kim
- 2 Hiro Spence
- 2 Dottie Lee
- 2 Hui Kyong Iwasaki
- 5 Bill Martin
- 5 Kari Nupen
- 7 Harold Hastings
- 13 Laura Ambrosecchio
- 13 Mona Bonbright
- 14 Mary Holland
- 15 Nita Johnson
- 15 Peter Emerson
- 17 Zachary Ayers
- 18 Charlene Storch
- 18 Tommy Takahata
- 20 Bethany Sosa
- 22 Kathleen Curry
- 23 Cecile Brink
- 24 Megan Wright
- 25 Nelson Acosta
- 26 DeAnn Acosta
- 27 Andrew Haly
- 27 Rose Shaw
- 28 Betsy Evans
- 30 Helen Kim
- 30 Yoko Chun

JANUARY CALENDAR

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MISSION

*To glorify God, to know and
serve Jesus Christ, and to live
and share His good news.*

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Vision

We are a place of welcome for all, having a particular passion for the needs of children, youth and their families. Building on who we are, God is calling us to be:

A church that reaches out as well as welcomes in with the Good News of God's saving love in Jesus Christ;

A church where every child and adult is committed to Christ, assimilated and integrated into the body of Christ, equipped for the body of Christ, and inviting others to become a part of the body of Christ;

A church that experiences growth in membership, facilities, and staff.