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HURRY, HURRY, HURRY!!!!

COME ONE, COME ALL!!

9th Annual MPC

BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, August 22nd



Come to the greatest Block Party on Earth....The exciting fun-packed MPC 9th Annual Block Party given on behalf of Jesus and US (Yes US...MPC!!), for all of God's children! Don't miss out on this exciting, spirit-filling event! Mark your calendar for August 22nd 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm! (followed by the youth concert from 6:30-8:30 pm)

Be a part of making history for our church. How? Hmm, now let me see....Oh, yeah!!!

- ◆ Setting up and tearing down
- ◆ Cooking chili/hotdogs....we will have a chili cook-off! May the best chili win!
- ◆ Making green salads
- ◆ Making rice
- ◆ Making fixings for the chili and hotdogs
- ◆ Making desserts
- ◆ Assisting and working at the various booths, games and activities

Signup sheets are still in need of YOUR Name!! Be on the lookout for Minutes for Evangelism, bulletin notices, and inserts for participation!

Remember what it says in 1 Corinthians 12:14-31 & Romans 12:4-18 about the Body of Christ? Here it is in a nut shell....There is one body, but many parts. One part cannot function without the others!

What will the reward be? Blessings you will not be able to count! Fun beyond your wildest dreams and Fellowship divine!! Help your Ministry Teams make this Block Party a complete success, while at the same time, meeting our neighbors! Invite a friend or co-worker to an afternoon and evening of pure joy! See an Elder nearest you!

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One of the marks of saints is that they grieve greatly over even the smallest of sins. Their love for God is so great that even the smallest misstep in a holy life can bring deep remorse. But the greater they are aware of their sin the greater they are able to appreciate the magnitude of God's gift of forgiveness.

When we view our sins as small we see our forgiveness as small. We see our need for God as being small. We see God's love for us as a small thing costing God little. And, not surprisingly, our love and gratitude to God also remains small.

It is a paradox for a Christian that the greater the awareness of our sin the greater the joy and gratitude we have for God.

When the Apostle Paul felt overwhelmed by his physical and spiritual shortcomings he was reassured by the Lord with these words, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore (Paul adds) I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

You may not want to boast about our sins and weaknesses but you should never hesitate to boast about the love and forgiveness that you have received from God through Christ Jesus.

I'll see you in Church . . . and at the Block Party, too!

Note on the Block Party: Why do we do this almost every year? Here are the "Top 10" reasons:

10. So Rich Brink has someplace to drive his clown car;
9. To offer something to others for free just like God's saving love in Jesus;
8. To invite people to join us for worship and ministry;
7. To introduce people to our MPC ministries and programs;
6. To spread the good news of the gospel;
5. To build closer and friendlier ties to our neighbors;
4. To celebrate our unity in Christ with our Korean, Samoan and Micronesian partner congregations;
3. To bring everyone at MPC together for a common purpose;
2. Because God loves a good party (Luke 14:15ff), and;

The #1 reason for having an MPC Block Party: For the sheer fun of it!

10 BRAVE CHRISTIANS ON THE MOVE

We asked for 10 Brave Christians and we had at least 20 step forward to take on the challenge of setting aside the month of August as a time for personal spiritual discipline.



Each participant has agreed to:

- ✦ Spend 30 minutes each morning in scripture reading, reflection and prayer;
- ✦ Meet with other participants in a small group each week;
- ✦ Volunteer two hours of service to the church in addition to what they do now;
- ✦ Perform one “random act of kindness” each day;
- ✦ Give 10% of their income to the church, “Tithe”;
- ✦ Be willing to share their experience with the congregation and with others.

Although the disciplines begin on August 1st it is not too late to join the program. Give Pastor Jim a call and sign up! You will receive a daily devotional book and an assignment to a small group.

Groups are meeting at the following times and places:

- Sunday mornings at 8:00 am (MPC);
- Tuesday mornings at 8:30 am (MPC);
- Thursday mornings at 9:30 am (Dorothy Dale’s)
- Friday evenings at 7:00 pm (MPC or TBD)

Congratulations to Michelle and Kaleo



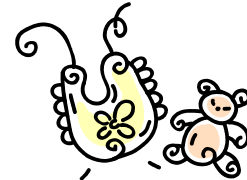
Michelle Wilson and Kaleo Ah Sam were married in an informal ceremony at Yokahama Beach on Saturday, July 25th. Michelle’s pastor/grandfather flew in from Arizona to officiate at the service. Pastor Jim Tweedie assisted. The day before the wedding Kaleo caught a 41 pound Ulua on the same beach. He and Michelle view that as a sign of good things to come! All of us at MPC join in celebrating their new life together!

THANK YOU MPC!

Praise God for this wonderful church family. Thank you to everyone for the baby shower last month. The gifts for Lauren and Noah are greatly appreciated. We had a wonderful time and are truly blessed by the kindness and love from all involved.

Thank you again.

JoLynne Anderson and Jaime Carlson



OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL IS GROWING!

✝ PRAISE GOD!!! ✝

Fall is almost upon us and that means time to get ready for our next term for Sunday school! September 6th marks our kick-off for the new school year. We are in need of teachers for the following age/grade groups:

2 & 3 year-olds	Teacher & Aide
4 & 5 year-olds	Teacher & Aide
1st —3rd Grade	Teacher
4th —6th Grade	Teacher
7th & 8th Grade	Teacher (Confirmation)
High School	Teacher

Whether you are a seasoned teacher or have never taught before—not to worry. We are happy to have you all. We use Hands-On-Curriculum for our Toddlers through elementary aged kids. This is a fun, user friendly curriculum and you learn right along with the children!

Every other year we offer Confirmation classes to the Middle school kids. This is the year! It is a 6th month course and is an in depth study about being a Presbyterian Christian. We are in need for someone to teach this class. It is a great opportunity for an adult to learn right along with the kids!

And finally, we need someone to lead our teens, grades 9th to 12th. If you love teens this is the class for you! The topics for study are up to the teacher. Kathryn can advise as to what has been done in the past and help pick something if you are stuck.

Sign-ups will be on the lanai during fellowship in August. **Training is set for August 30th at 10:30 and childcare available upon request.** If you have any questions, give Kathryn a call in the office at 623-6663.

Family Impact Conference

August 27-29



Sponsored by New Hope Leeward this conference will encourage participants to help young families to succeed in life's most important areas: marriage, parenting, life decisions and life challenges. This high impact, collaborative conference will feature a menu of 50 focused and practical sessions. Speakers will include: Dan Chun, Keli'I Akina, Judge Michael Town, Kim Gennaula, Fire Chief Den Silva, Dr. Brian Misaka, Elwin Ahu and featured guest



Mitch Temple from Focus on the Family.

See www.familyimpactconference.com for details and updates.



ANNUAL YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF GOING TO TIKI ISLAND!

Hey youth and parents! Keep August 30th open for a fun day together with mini golf, bumper boats with squirt guns and lunch all for the low cost of \$15. Lunch is hot dog, cheese/regular hamburger, drink and popcorn. Bring extra money for batting cages, other snacks and treats.

We are meeting at MPC at 1pm and returning by 6pm. Parents are invited to come play and discuss the upcoming year with Ms. Lori. This is the time to bring friends who might be interested in joining our youth group. Also any youth in our church who are in 7th grade or older are invited! Bring \$, extra clothes and permission form.

PARENTS & YOUTH—PLEASE NOTE

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES for August 2009

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|-------------|--|-------------------------|
| 8/9 | <u>YOUTH GROUP MEETING @ LORI'S</u> | <u>1-3PM</u> |
| | This is the only meeting this month. Leadership team meet at 12:30pm. Bring swim gear & permission form. As always, friends welcome! | |
| 8/15 | <u>PRAYER WALK @ MILILANI HIGH</u> | <u>9:30-11AM</u> |
| | Meet at the café. A chance to meet other youth groups! | |
| 8/15 | <u>BLOCK PARTY FLYER DISTRIBUTION</u> | <u>TBA</u> |
| | We'll meet at church in afternoon. | |
| 8/30 | <u>ANNUAL KICK-OFF PARTY @ TIKI ISLAND</u> | <u>1-6PM</u> |
| | See article above. | |



MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

To begin in September

The Christian Education Ministry Team is offering an opportunity to take something good (your marriage) and make it better! During the month of August CE is taking a survey on days and times that would be most convenient for couples. You can fill out yours (located in Sunday's bulletin) and drop into offering plate. We are also looking for a couple who would like to facilitate the group. Materials are already purchased and ready to go. See CE Elders, Barry Nupen or Margie Esteron or Kathryn Tingley for more information.



And God Created Dog and Cat



A newly discovered chapter in the book of Genesis has provided the answer to "Where do pets come from?"

Adam said, "Lord, when I was in the garden, you walked with me every day. Now I do not see you any more. I am lonesome here and it is difficult for me to remember how much you love me." And God said, "No problem. I will create a companion for you that will be with you forever and who will be a reflection of my love for you so that you will love me even when you cannot see me. Regardless of how selfish or childish or unlovable you may be, the new companion will accept you as you are and will love you as I do, in spite of yourself."

And God created a new animal to be a companion for Adam. And it was a good animal. And God was pleased. And the new animal was pleased to be with Adam and it wagged its tail.

And Adam said, "Lord, I have already named all the animals in the Kingdom and I cannot think of a name for this new animal."

And God said, "No problem. Because I have created this new animal to be a reflection of my love for you his name will be a reflection of my own name, any you will call him Dog."

And Dog lived with Adam and was a companion to him and loved him. And Adam was comforted. And God was pleased. And Dog was content and wagged his tail.

After a while, it came to pass than Adam's guardian angel came to the Lord and said, "Lord, Adam has become filled with pride. He struts and preens like a peacock and he believes he is worthy of adoration. Dog has indeed taught him that he is loved, but perhaps too well."

And the Lord said, "No problem. I will create for him a companion who will be with him forever and who will see him as he is. The companion will remind him of his limitations, so he will know that he is not always worthy of adoration."

And God created Cat to be a companion to Adam. And Cat would not obey Adam. And when Adam gazed into Cat's eyes, he was reminded that he was not the Supreme Being. And Adam learned humility.

And God was pleased. And Adam was greatly improved. And Dog was happy. And Cat didn't care one way or the other.

—from Christ Lutheran Church, Mililani

Mililani Presbyterian Church

Pastor James A. Tweedie

Officers of MPC

Session

Vacant	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
Jeff Anderson	Missions
Dave Keim	Missions
Traci Haly	Worship
Doug Wright	Worship

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Mason James Kaluhi Martin, child of Scott Martin & Lisa Aki was baptized during morning worship at MPC on Sunday, July 12th. Mason was born on April 29, 2009. Scott has been a member of MPC in years past and his mother, Lucille Martin, was an Elder at MPC and served on the Pastor Nominating Committee that called Pastor Jim back in 1993 baptism before moving back to the East Coast.



Mason . . . Welcome to the family of God!



July Noel & Scott Gordon

95-1012 Kapaunoo St

Debbie & Raymond Scott

95-929 Uluwai St #107

The MPC Personals Page:

What's going on in our church family?



Happy Anniversaries



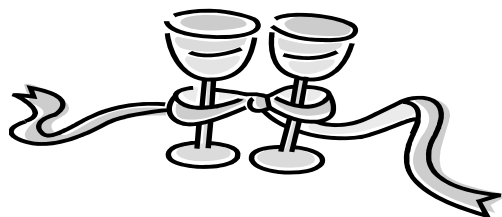
HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

August

- 2 Harold & Noreen Tavares
- 2 Jeff & JoLynne Anderson
- 5 Barry & Judy Nupen
- 8 Chunky & Sue Higa
- 16 Jason & Hazel Stott
- 19 Jeampy & Marcena Keto
- 21 Ed & Cheryl Kido
- 23 Robert & Kathleen Curry
- 24 Paul & Dorothy Dale
- 26 Bill & Cheryl Horton
- 29 John & Laura Pasternak
- 29 Dave & Theresa Keim
- 31 Charlie & Karen Cabral

August

- 1 Kay DeWeese
- 1 Jacob Sallot
- 2 Elliott Park
- 3 Steve Fry
- 5 Tina Fernandez
- 6 Alex Forsythe
- 6 Richard Takahata
- 7 Robert Iwasaki
- 8 Wally Park
- 9 Susan Craig
- 10 Esther Kim
- 10 Richard Esteron
- 13 Brandon Wong
- 14 Holly Johnson
- 21 Rebecca Nishimura
- 25 Mike Johnson
- 27 Chris Burt
- 29 Marcena Keto
- 29 Youngsook Wright
- 31 Frank Storch
- 31 Xylena Augustin



Elders & Deacons Ordained & Installed

On Sunday, July 12, Jeff Anderson & Dave Keim were ordained as Elders and then installed on Session along with Wally Park (previously ordained) and Geoff Horvath (elected to serve a second term). Charlene Storch was ordained as a Deacon and installed along with Betty Harrell and Mike Johnson who were elected to serve a second term. Congratulations! We praise and thank the Lord for your leadership!

August 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.