

The PresByte

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Lulumahu Falls Hike Saturday, October 14, 2017 Meet at the church at 9 a.m.



Hiking Time: 2 hours

This trail takes you through a bamboo forest which then leads to an open grassy valley that has wonderful views. Continuing toward the waterfall, you will enter into the jungly portion of the hike. This isn't a groomed trail. It requires that you cross the stream multiple times, climb over some boulders and a few fallen trees/limbs. At the top of the trail, you get to enjoy a beautiful waterfall and pond. You return the way you came.

We consider this a fairly easy hike with some fun obstacles. Many friends, from age 2 to 70+, have enjoyed this hike with us.

What to bring:

- Sunscreen
- Mosquito repellent
- Water
- Snack
- Shoes that may get muddy/wet
- Slippers (flip flops) - for after hike, in case shoes get muddy/wet
- **Some sort of bag to put wet/muddy shoes in**
- Walking stick, if desired

Directions:

Take Pali Hwy Exit going toward Pali Lookout.
Take Nu'uuanu Drive and continue up street until you see a parking lot.
Park here or on street close to it

Please sign-up or contact Staci Gordon at 421-9833 in case we have to cancel due to inclement weather.

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I ♥ My Park!

**KIPAPA NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
CLEAN-UP DAY**

Saturday, October 21, 2017
8:00 am -11:00 am

For more information visit:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kipapa-neighborhood-park-clean-up-tickets-38016533475>
or email kipapapark@gmail.com

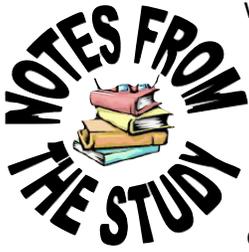
Kipapa Park is adopted by Mililani Presbyterian Church and Preschool

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Lulumahu Falls Hike
October 14

Kipapa
Neighborhood Park
Clean-Up Day
October 21

Dance the Night
Away
November 4



Beloved in Christ, on August 21, 2017 we witnessed God's great blessing in nature with the total eclipse.

As we try to move through the process of becoming a more purpose driven church, I said in that moment, we need to check our alignment with God's purposes to make sure we are in the "path of totality"—a path where we experience not the darkness of the sun being blotted out by the moon, but remain in the everlasting light and love of God's eclipse through the lens of Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Let's review the 5 purposes of a PDC church from our notes again.

Purpose #1: Love the Lord with all your heart. Through our **worship**, the church exists to worship God. Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only. (Matt: 4-10). Notice that worship comes before service. Worshiping God is the church's first purpose. Sometimes we get so busy working for God, we don't have time to express our love for him through worship.

Purpose #2: Love your neighbor as yourself. **Ministry.** The church exists to minister to people. **Ministry** is demonstrating God's love to others by meeting their needs and healing their hurts in the name of Jesus. The church is to minister to all kinds of needs: spiritual, emotional, relational, and physical. Each time you reach out in love to others you are ministering to them.

Purpose #3: Go and make disciples. **Evangelism.** The church exists to communicate God's Word. We are ambassadors for Christ, and our mission is to evangelize the world. It is every Christian's responsibility to share the Good News wherever we go. Evangelism is more than our responsibility; it is our great privilege. As long as there is one person in the world who does not know Christ, the church has a mandate to keep growing. Growth is not optional; it is commanded by Jesus. Church growth is not for personal benefit, but because God wants people saved.

Purpose #4: Baptizing them. **Fellowship.** Going, baptizing, and teaching are the essential elements of the disciple making process. As Christians, we're called to belong, not just believe. We are to belong and be members of his body. Baptism is a symbol of salvation and fellowship. It visualizes a person's incorporation into the body of Christ. We welcome them into the fellowship of the family of God. We have each other for support. The church exists to provide fellowship for believers.

Purpose #5: Teaching them to obey. **Discipleship.** The church exists to edify, or educate, God's people. It is the process of becoming more like Christ in their thoughts, feeling, and actions. It begins when a person is born again and continues throughout the rest of his/her life. It is the church's responsibility to develop people to spiritual maturity — "So that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ (Eph. 4:12b-13)."

Our scripture text for this Sunday is from Matthew 21:23-32 Jesus gives us the roadmap to the way of righteousness—Christ's authority gives us the power to do what is right and calls us to obey God's will—as we obey God we receive the Lord's blessings. Jesus teaches us how one is to enter the kingdom of God through the parable of the two sons. Jesus has specific purposes in mind based on His word as the builder and head of the Church. Pastor Rick says, "It isn't our job to create the purposes of the church but to discover or re-discover them."

Our duty is to understand what these purposes are and to implement them. God gives us the freedom to be innovative with the style of ministry but never alter the substance of it. Pastor Rick invites us to focus on both the nature and tasks of the church. Let us continually seek to re-discover the 5 purposes of the church based on the two great Scriptures— "A great commitment to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission will grow a Great Church!" May we always be blessed with God's knowledge and power and purposes!
Pastor Ron.

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL GIVING SUMMARY - August 31, 2017

| GENERAL OFFERING (Envelopes + Loose) | BUDGET (A) | RECEIVED (B) | DIFFERENCE (A-B) |
|---|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| (Year-to-Date January 1 – August 31) | \$114,828 | \$104,018 | (-10%) \$10,810 |
| BUILDING FUND | BUDGET (A) | RECEIVED (B) | DIFFERENCE (A-B) |
| (Year-to-Date January 1 – August 31) | \$27,195 | \$27,949 | (+2%) \$754 |

Note from your Treasurer: Last month I noted the need for a someone to replace me as MPC Treasurer. On September 26 Session accepted, with reservation, my letter of resignation as MPC Treasurer effective on the day of our MPC Annual Meeting - January 28, 2018. Included in the letter was a note that Ed Kido will likewise be stepping down as the "man behind the numbers" as he and Cheryl intend to relocate to the mainland in 2018 to be near family and especially their grandchildren. Both Ed and I greatly appreciate all the support we have received over the years. As many of you know, even personal finances are a challenge - especially here in Hawaii; however, having the opportunity to serve MPC in this capacity has been very rewarding even in the challenging years when we saw our finances dwindle for many reasons; yet we kept reminding ourselves that we serve a God who knows all and He's never let us down. As Session seeks someone to assume this critical position we know without a doubt that God is calling someone in our midst to stand up and say, "Here I am Lord - send me!"

Kay DeWeese's Mission Trip to Tanzania

God's Work in Tanzania by Kay - Video interview and personal story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EDpV9D5Xizk>

Maasai Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS)
- Tanzania, Africa - 2013

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLiodRpbB8E>



If you have a praise to report or prayer request, you may email Trang Malone, our prayer coordinator, at trang.malone@yahoo.com.



PARENTS & YOUTH - PLEASE NOTE:

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR

October 2017

10/15 Youth Group @ 12 noon

- ◆ Meet up on the lanai after Sunday School for lunch
- ◆ Bring your Bibles, & tithes for Nelly
- ◆ As always, friends are welcome!



Our youth visited First Assembly of God's youth group in Wahiawa!

Please visit <http://www.mpc-hi.org/presbyte/> for additional photos and videos from our special events here at MPC, as well as an archive of previous PresByte Newsletters. Also, don't forget to visit <http://www.mpc-hi.org/videos/> for videos of Sunday services and links to Pastor Ron's sermons.



“Dance the Night Away”

Date: Saturday, November 4, 2017

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Location: Mililani Mauka Elementary School Cafeteria, 95-1111 Makaikai St, Mililani, HI 96789

Cost: \$5 per person; ages 2 and under free

An Invitation to our Community – to join one another in friendship, fun, and feel good music!

Come dressed in 60s or 70s attire whether tie-dyed, bell-bottoms, polyester, or platforms!



Highlights:

- ✿ Three hours of your favorite 60s and 70s music...featuring our very own - Pastor Ron Lee!
- ✿ Free drinks and snacks
- ✿ Free photo props
- ✿ Free face painting
- ✿ Raffles
- ✿ Dance contest for adults
- ✿ Hula-hoop contest for keiki
- ✿ Prizes for best dressed

Needed: Volunteers to assist with ticket sales, requesting donations for raffles, decorating, set-up, ticket sales at the door, manning the raffle table, concession stand, donation of baked goods, judges for contests, photography, and clean-up

Sign-Up: On the lanai during fellowship or email trang.malone@yahoo.com

For more information contact: MPC Outreach Committee Members: Pastor Ron, Dave Keim, John Toillion, and Trang Malone.



All proceeds will benefit our local D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program.

D.A.R.E. is committed to teaching our keiki to be respectable and responsible citizens. The purpose of D.A.R.E. is to teach our keiki to make safe and responsible decisions to resist alcohol, drugs, tobacco, violence, and other risky situations to lead a safe and healthy life.

Mililani Presbyterian Church

Pastor Ronald K. Lee

Officers of MPC

Session

| | |
|----------------|----------------------|
| John Martin | Clerk of Session |
| ELDERS | MINISTRY TEAM |
| Wally Park | Christian Education |
| Dion Houston | Christian Education |
| Adam Davidson | Congregational Life |
| Margie Esteron | Congregational Life |
| Dave Keim | Outreach |
| Young Kim | Outreach |
| Russell Malone | Finance & Facilities |
| Wally Park | Finance & Facilities |
| Phil Demske | Worship |
| Daniel Kim | Worship |

Board of Deacons

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|------------------|--|
| Kathryn Tingley | Moderator |
| Rick Esteron | Parish Coordinator |
| (Vacant) | Assistant Moderator |
| DISTRICTS | |
| Stephanie Ching | Red |
| Jessica Hayashi | Orange |
| Charlene Storch | Green |
| Elliott Park | Yellow |
| Tish Ashcraft | Pink |
| Mary Cordial | Blue |
| Esther A. Kim | Member-at-Large (serving 2nd service) |



Welcome to our new Deacon of the Green District, Charlene Storch. This is her 2nd time around since she served a few years ago as our Deacon Moderator. So she knows what she doing! If you are a member of the Green District, be sure to find her and say hi.

Here is a little background info on Charlene:

She was born in Oklahoma and lived there until she was 9. Then moved to New York for 4 years. Then it was off to Texas where she lived until she met Frank and they moved to Crescent City, California. They lived there for almost two years. Frank was hired by CCPI and they moved to San Diego. CCPI is a sister company to Summit Construction which brought them to Hawaii, and here they have lived for 24 years.

Her immediate family is made up of Frank (husband) who we see occasionally, Frankie (Son), Zachary (Son), Rachel (Daughter), Keoni (Grandson) and his mom Jane, plus Zoey and Jasper (their dogs). She has two brothers and her parents, but dad passed away in September 2009.

She has worked for MPC as the Assistant Bookkeeper for the past year.

Her hobbies are reading, cross stitch, making photo albums for their vacations and spending time with family.

Please welcome Charlene to the Deacon team when you see her!



The MPC Personals Page:

What's going on in our church family?



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| 2 | Rich & Staci Gordon | 1 | Robert Curry | 19 | Sang Kuk Cho |
| 2 | Norm & Shirley Fujiwara | 3 | Maille Malone | 20 | Christian Demske |
| 19 | Carmen Vega & Rachel Wienke | 5 | Josh Woellhof | 22 | Irene Lucas |
| 24 | Joseph & Esther Kim | 6 | Chayson Seneca | 22 | Johnny Bullock |
| | | 6 | Mike Tam | 23 | Wendy Uchiyama |
| | | 9 | Mary Jane Tiedemann | 24 | Liam Fredriksen |
| | | 12 | Rachel Wienke | 24 | Mari Houston |
| | | 13 | Kyung Park | 25 | Eunice Chang |
| | | 16 | Marshall Ritchey | 27 | Nicole Ching |
| | | 18 | Frank Storch | 30 | Shirley Fujiwara |



Sunday School Classes for all ages at 10:30am

We are continuing our two Adult Sunday School classes:

- Kathryn Tingley facilitates "Fruit of the Spirit" by Bill Hybels
- Rich Brink facilitates a study on the Gospel of Matthew



MPC Christmas Dinner

December 3, 2017
 5:30 p.m
 Leilehua Golf Course