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**Family Movie
Under the Stars
July 15, 2017**

Fun Activities in July



**Family Fun Night
July 29, 2017**



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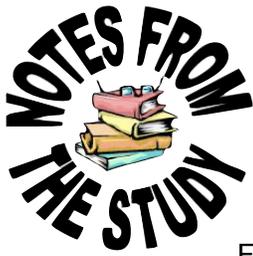
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Church-Wide
Retreat
August 5

Fall Kick-off for
Sunday School
August 6



Beloved in Christ, in last month's PresByte I was writing to you from my hotel room in Lake Forest area getting ready to attend Pastor Rick Warren's Leadership Conference for church growth. The scripture text I chose for last month was Isaiah 43:1-7 taken from David Jeremiah's Turning Point devotional.

Margie and I had to make a quick adjustment to driving on the LA freeways to get to Lake Forest in Orange County from LAX. In verse 2 of chapter 43 the prophet says, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you."

We know highways are a parable of life. Sometimes we're on the scenic route; other times we're going through hail, wind, fire, and storm. We never know when we'll hit a rough patch. That's why the journey is better when the Lord Jesus is in the driver's seat of life. I was sure glad of God's presence driving south for one hour and a half. He has promised to go with us every step of the way, and we'll never face floods or fires without His grace providing the strength we need and the guidance necessary to go forward.

We, our newly formed PDCT, Purpose Driven Church Team, are set to embark on our upcoming church planning retreat on August 5th. So far, we have been successful in signing 29 people from MPC and we still have some 14 books available. The retreat outline and purpose is organized according to the following agenda.

1. To create a spirit of enjoyment of God, one another and personal call to service.
How: By singing and praying together.
2. To gain a basic understanding of the Purpose Driven Church model and the benefits of adapting Purpose Driven Church principles, processes, and methods needed to grow in our commitment to fulfilling our role of discipleship.
How: By watching a video by Pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback Christian Church followed by a time of reflection and feedback.
3. To re-imagine MPC in terms of the Purpose Driven Church model.
How: By focusing on providing attendees an opportunity, in small groups, to answer the following questions: "What is keeping our church from growing?" "What obstacles and hindrances are preventing growth from happening?" "Do you believe the Purpose Driven Church model would work at MPC?"
4. To discuss the Way Ahead at MPC to becoming a Purpose Driven Church.
How: Share how we are already imploring parts of the PDC strategy. Discuss what happens next should MPC desire to become a Purpose Driven Church. Discuss what we can do right now to start the process. I will ask all who attend to vote decisively to make the next step to taking our church to the next level! Come and see what that will be!

Pastor Rick said, "older churches need to re-define their purpose." Why is this important? For these five reasons:

It builds morale. "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Prov. 29:18).

It reduces frustration. "You Lord give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm" (Isa. 26:3).

It allows concentration. (Paul) "I am bringing all my energies to bear on this one thing; forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead." (Phil. 3:13).

It attracts cooperation. "Tell us how to proceed in setting things straight, and we will fully cooperate" (Ezra 10:4)

It assists evaluation. "Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves! (2 Cor. 13:5).

Let's suit up and get set for "Hope Renewed" as a purpose driven church on August 5th! In Jesus' name, we pray and ask this to be done! Amen!

Pastor Ron

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY
as of
June 30, 2017

GENERAL OFFERING (Envelopes + Loose)	BUDGET (A)	RECEIVED (B)	DIFFERENCE (A-B)
(Year-to-Date) January 1 – June 30	\$88,148	\$76,721	(-11%) \$9,427
BUILDING FUND	BUDGET (A)	RECEIVED (B)	DIFFERENCE (A-B)
(Year-to-Date) January 1 – June 30	\$20,364	\$19,808	(-3%) \$556

TREASURER OPPORTUNITY: This past June marks my 7th year as MPC's Treasurer. I have truly enjoyed this opportunity to serve in this important area of our MPC ministry. As most of you know, my dear friend and former Treasurer, Ed Kido has been a God-send and is the person behind all the number and has kept me on the straight and narrow. Both Ed and I are retired and would like to give others an opportunity to serve in this area of ministry. I would ask that you be in prayer to see if this is where God might be calling you to serve. Feel free to contact me (John Toillion) or Ed Kido for more information as well as your possible interest in serving as MPC's next Treasurer.

PARENTS & YOUTH – PLEASE NOTE:

**YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR
August 2017**



8/13 Youth Group 12 p.m.

- Plan to stay for lunch after Sunday School.
- Miss Erica will call when it is time for group.
- Remember tithe for Nelly!
- Friends welcome!
- We will be making plans for the sprint!

Family Fun Night July 29, 2017

We had an exciting Family Fun Night and Potluck on July 29 for all the Keiki. Our night was filled with songs, dances, skits, activities, videos, games, crafts, great food and Bible teaching! We focused on the theme that God made us and how God will always love us! We'd like to thank all our parents and volunteers who helped make it a special Family Fun Night!



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.



*Mililani Presbyterian Church & Preschool
78296*

*Give Aloha at Foodland, Sack N Save, and
Foodland Farms to Help us Raise Funds!*

We are participating in **Give Aloha**, Foodland's Annual community Matching Gifts Program. This program honors Foodland's founder, Maurice J. "Sully" Sullivan, and continues his legacy of giving back to the community.

How It Works

From September 1 - 30, customers are invited to make donations of up to a cumulative total of \$249 per person, per organization to participating Hawaii non-profit organizations at checkout. Donations made without a Maika`i Card will not be matched. Individuals must use their own Maika`i Card to make a donation. Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match a portion of each donation.*

Matching Gift

The Western Union Foundation has generously donated \$50,000 to add to Foodland's gift of \$250,000 to Hawaii non-profit organizations participating in Give Aloha this year. Therefore, the total gift that will be given to all participating organizations combined is \$300,000.

How to Donate

At checkout, present your Maika`i Card and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to our organization. If you do not have a Maika`i Card, you may request one. Our five digit registration code is 78296. Your donation will be added to your grocery purchase total. You may give up to \$249 per organization (donations exceeding \$249 will not be matched). The amount you have donated to us and the name of our organization will appear on your receipt. Any donation must be made payable to Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farms. Donor names will not be released to our organization, so if you would like us to know of your gift, please contact us directly so that we may properly acknowledge your gift.

Are These Contributions Tax Deductible?

These contributions are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Please save your store receipt for tax purposes since it will be the only record you will have of your donation.

*** How Matching Gifts will be Calculated**

Matching gifts will be calculated after the end of the program. Organizations will receive 100% of all customer donations given to their organization, plus their %age of Foodland and the Western Union Foundation's \$300,000 matching gift. The portion of the matching gift that each organization will receive will be based on the total dollar amount of customer donations designated to that organization as a %age of all customer donations received for all organizations.

Please contact John Toillion should you have any questions regarding this program.

Mililani Presbyterian Church

Pastor Ronald K. Lee

Officers of MPC

	Session		Board of Deacons
John Martin	Clerk of Session	Kathryn Tingley	Moderator
ELDERS	MINISTRY TEAM	Rick Esteron	Parish Coordinator
Wally Park	Christian Education	(Vacant)	Assistant Moderator
Dion Houston	Christian Education	DISTRICTS	
Adam Davidson	Congregational Life	Stephanie Ching	Red
Margie Esteron	Congregational Life	Jessica Hayashi	Orange
Dave Keim	Outreach	Charlene Storch	Green
Young Kim	Outreach	Elliott Park	Yellow
Russell Malone	Finance & Facilities	Tish Ashcraft	Pink
Phil Demske	Worship	Mary Cordial	Blue
Daniel Kim	Worship	Esther A. Kim	Member-at-Large (serving 2nd service)
	Worship		

Christian Education



Sunday School

Sunday School for all ages starts back up on August 6 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Come join us for our two new adult classes!

- Study on the Gospel of Matthew - Facilitated by Rich Brink
- Fruit of the Spirit - Facilitated by Kathryn Tingley



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

The MPC Personals Page:

What's going on in our church family?



21	Phil & Jenny Demske	1	Kay DeWeese	17	Emma Fredriksen
21	Ed & Cheryl Kido	2	Elliott Park	17	Staci Gordon
23	Robert & Kathleen Curry	2	Marshall Dimond	18	Chris Chur
24	Paul & Dorothy Dale	3	Samuel Houston	18	James Kim
26	Bill & Cheryl Horton	6	Richard Takahata	18	Julia Kim
29	Dave & Theresa Keim	8	Wally Park	23	Bunkea Koonroeng
31	Charlie & Karen Cabral	10	Esther O. Kim	29	Young Sook Wright
		10	Rick Eastern	29	Trang Malone
		11	Barry Lee	31	Frank Storch

DOES GOD EXIST?

A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. They talked about so many things and various subjects. Eventually they touched on the subject of God, and the barber said: "I don't believe that God exists."
 "Why do you say that?" asked the customer.
 "Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving God who would allow all of these things."
 The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument. The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop. Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long,

stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt.
 The customer turned back and entered the barber shop again and he said to the barber: "You know what? Barbers do not exist."
 "How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber. "I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!"
 "No!" the customer exclaimed. "Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside."
 "Ah, but barbers DO exist! What happens is, people do not come to me."
 "Exactly!"- affirmed the customer.
 "That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! What happens is, people don't go to Him and do not look for Him. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."

