The PresByte

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Women's Retreat

Saturday, May 12th
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Prevent Sinburn with Sonblock!
Here's an opportunity to grow in:
~Fellowship
~Faith
~Following Jesus

Women of the church will gather at MPC at 8 a.m. and car pool to Kay DeWeese's North Shore home. A continental breakfast will be provided.

What to bring: ~A dish to share for lunch & your Bible

Sign up on the Lanai

If you have questions, please contact Margie Esteron, 623-9194 or at 348-3995

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Attention Everyone,

Once again it's time to get out your ballet shoes, your guitar, your sheet music, your old joke book, your hula skirt, or your favorite skit. We will be having our annual Stephen Ministry Spaghetti dinner/ talent show on May 20. Your donation of $7 for adults and $4 for children 6-11 helps support our ongoing ministry to people in our church who would like a listening ear or a sounding board for challenges in their life. The dinner will start at 5 p.m. and the talent show will be at 6 p.m. We have a lot of fun and everyone knows that we are a talented congregation. Thanks in advance for your support. Sign ups will start on May 6 on the lanai. So bring your appetite for some scrumptious spaghetti, delicious garlic bread, a great salad and some good dessert. See you there!!!!!!!!!

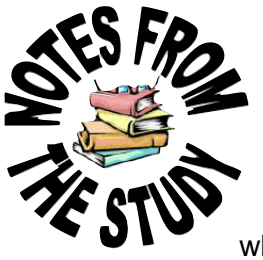
Stephen Ministry

SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

Women's Retreat
May 12

Stephen Ministry Spaghetti Dinner & Talent Show
May 20

Church Picnic
May 27



Beloved in Christ, by now everyone should know of my upcoming retirement from parish ministry at MPC. Margie and I are looking forward to the days when we don't need to answer to the sound of that “almighty” alarm clock. I asked Margie what she is most looking forward to when that day comes, and she replied, “I just want to get up when I feel like getting up!” Amen. I can second that emotion.

With only two more PresBytes to go before I say “aloha”, I would like to introduce briefly a new book I purchased at the last HIM conference after attending a seminar by author and Pastor Tony Campolo. I spoke with Tony after his seminar and commended him on his engaging style and focused remarks. Tony is in his mid-eighties and still speaks and preaches with the energy of a young man, but adds his incredible depth of wisdom, knowledge, and experience as a seasoned evangelist!

Tony's book we are about to tackle in our adult Bible class on Thursday is entitled *Are you a Red Letter Christian?* Tony writes “over the past couple of decades, Evangelical Christians have often been associated with the Religious Right and the most conservative positions of the Republican party. Rebelling against this designation are those who prefer to be called *Red Letter Christians*, desiring to live out the red letters of Jesus’ words in the New Testament.” Believing that Jesus is neither a Republican nor a Democrat, Red Letter Christians, Tony says, transcend partisan politics and concentrate on issues viewed through the moral and Biblical lens of God's Word.

Tony writes in chapter 2, a Biblical approach to politics, that Jesus would have gone over well in our modern media age, when complicated political messages are reduced to sound bites. If a reporter were to interview Jesus to ask him to spell out his platform in one sentence Jesus would have said, “I have come to declare that the Kingdom of God is at hand!”

Tony continues, *Red Letter Christians* already believe that Jesus Christ has initiated this new Kingdom reality back then and even today. The Kingdom of God is *transformed people living in a transformed society!* So, when we preach this message of transformation to the people in our day, we are preaching the gospel of the Good News—the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In present day Christendom, there has been a tendency to forget that both the salvation of individuals and the transformation of society are Kingdom non-negotiables, Tony writes. There are Christians who act as though all that's needed to bring God's Kingdom is the transformation of individuals through traditional evangelism.

Some of these Christian folks believe that if enough individuals are converted in Spirit-filled Christians, won't these godly people create a godly world? Isn't personal evangelism enough to facilitate Kingdom building? I believe, like Tony, there is much truth in the belief that “sacred” people produce a more just society. After all, it is through transformed people whom the Bible calls the "Church" that God is presently at work changing the world into what God wills for it to be. The Church says Scripture is the chosen means through which God will change the world.

Look at the scripture in Ephesians 1:21-23. We read, “Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.”

God has used the church to usher in the fullness of His presence in history, and the primary way through which the Church changes the world is by commissioning its members to serve in every social institution. Being in all the world, living the love of God, and working for justice to impact people's lives for God are those activities that make ordinary Christians into effective change agents. I will write more on Tony's three choices to have a biblical approach to political involvement in the next PresByte.

May God bless us all.
Pastor Ron

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL GIVING SUMMARY
(As of March 31, 2018)

GENERAL OFFERING (Envelopes + Loose)	BUDGET (A)	RECEIVED (B)	DIFFERENCE (A-B)
(Year-to-Date) January 1 – March 31, 2018	$38,059	$33,975	(-11%) $4,084
BUILDING FUND	**BUDGET (A)**	**RECEIVED (B)**	**DIFFERENCE (A-B)**
(Year-to-Date) January 1 – March 31, 2018	$8,950	$7,745	(-14%) $1,205

THE WAY FORWARD

By now the majority of MPC'ers know that Pastor Ron has submitted a request to dissolve his relationship with MPC effective July 31, 2018 with plans to enter into retirement. At April 22's Congregational meeting, Pastor Ron's request was approved by the congregation. Pastor Ron's final Sunday preaching will be July 1.

So where do we go from here? Here's a summary of what has already taken place and what's planned for the near future:

- Session approved the Pastor Encouragement and Evaluation Team (PEET) as lead in coordinating the initial transitional phase which includes - developing a job description and compensation package for the Interim Pastor and forming a Work Group charged with finding an Interim Pastor.
- Presbytery of the Pacific has selected Rev Elizabeth (Liz) Leavitt, Pastor of Christ Church Uniting Disciples of Christ and Presbyterians, to represent the Commission on Ministry (COM) in assisting us with this transition.
- Pastor Ron has planned vacation the last two weeks in May and in July. Pulpit Supply Pastors have already been identified to cover the six Sunday's Pastor Ron will be gone. Here's the schedule:
    - May 20 - Rev Lauren Medeiros
    - May 27 - Chris Chur, MPC CE Director
    - July 8 - Rev (Retired) Mary Paik
    - July 15 - Rev Jay Jarman
    - July 22 - Rev Jay Jarman
    - July 29 - Chaplain Peter Strong

More information will follow, including plans for Pastor Ron and Margie's Farewell. Their farewell will be held on Saturday, July 21. Please note this change in date from June 30 as previously announced. Refer any questions to Elders Wally Park or Dave Keim.

Mililani Presbyterian Preschool

THANK YOU MPP FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE MILILANI SHOPPING CENTER BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT IN APRIL

On behalf of Mililani Shopping Center, we would like to thank Mililani Presbyterian Preschool's 4 & 5 year-olds for their participation in Mililani Shopping Center's Barricade Beautification Project on April 19th. We hope that your students, teachers, and volunteers enjoyed themselves as much as we did having them help with the Shopping Center's Beautification Project. Their artwork is simply beautiful. Thank you also for your assistance in coordinating the necessary paperwork and field trip for the Project. Mililani Presbyterian Preschool helped to beautify the barricade and spread Aloha for our Community, just as the Shopping Center had envisioned for this Project.

Photos are of the Pueo Class of 4 & 5 year-olds.

The Naia Class participated, too.

Graduation Sunday
May 20, 2018

This year, the Christian Education & Congregation Life Ministry Teams are pleased to honor our graduates on Sunday, May 20th, during the Worship hour. As we have done in past years, the High School Graduates will be receiving an Adult Study Bible (the funds are provided by an anonymous donor and have been for over 20 years) along with a scholarship from the Congregation Life team. This year we are excited to honor the following students:

Helen Eunji Kim
Daughter of Daniel & Joanne Kim
Mililani High School
Plans to possibly attend University of Washington
Interested in studying Biochemistry

Gabrielle Elizabeth Houston
Son of Dion & Mari Houston
Mililani High School
Plans to further education
Interested in studying Art

Christopher Daniel Chur
Chaminade University
Master of Science in Counseling Psychology
Interested in Mental Health Counseling

If we have missed anyone who is graduating this year or did since last May, please contact the office at 623-6663, Kathryn Tingley at mpcofficemgr@gmail.com or Chris Chur at chrischur808@gmail.com. We don't wish to leave anyone out!

PARENTS & YOUTH – PLEASE NOTE:

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR

May 2018

*** NO YOUTH GROUP THIS MONTH due to so many activities.**

Next YG will be held on June 10th at noon.

*** 5/13 BAGEL & YOGURT BAR DURING FELLOWSHIP FOR MOM'S DAY**

Meet Ms. Erica in kitchen at 9 a.m. that morning for preparation.

*** GRADUATION DINNER PARTY –TBA**

Watch your email & bulletin for details. We will be honoring our 2 senior grads in youth group.

2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JOIN OUR TEAM!!!

THIS YEAR IS FOR 3 NIGHTS!

July 5, 6, & 7 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

We are looking for help in the following areas:

Kitchen help (set-up/clean-up); Imagination Station leaders/asst;
KidVid Cinema leaders/asst; Campus Security;
Preschool leader/asst. & lots of Crew Leaders

AND ~ We are registering children NOW!

Give a call to the office: 623-6663;
Email: mpcofficemgr@gmail.com
to either volunteer and/or register your child TODAY!

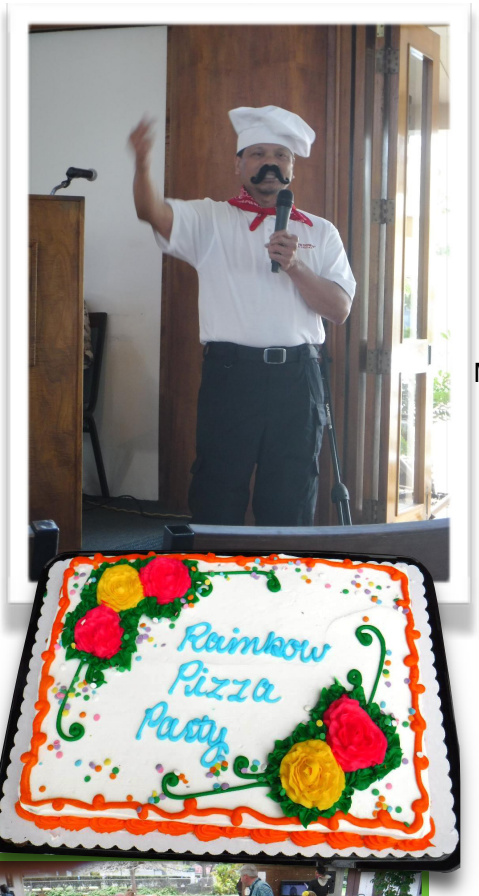
Pastor Ron & Margie, Elliot Park, Bill Horton & Diana Toillion

Rick & Margie Esteron

Phil & Jenny Demske with her parents, the Rasks

Junior & Sichie Hayashi, Cheryl & Ed Kido, Mike & Linda Tam

MC Rick Esteron



Zachary Storch, Aaron; Charlene & Frank Storch

Esther & Young Kim, Bill Horton, Elliot Park & Cheryl Horton

Margie Lee, Kathryn Tingley, Mary Cordial and great-grandkids, Noah, Lily & Micah

Thank you to our Deacons!

Tish Ashcraft, Mari Houston, Rick Esteron & Betty Harrell

Adam & Laura Davidson, Jean Chase, Ron Dickson & Eugenia Woodward

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

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
(Vacant)	Worship
Daniel Kim	Worship

Board of Deacons

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 H. Kim	Member-at-Large (serving 2nd service)

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

Mother's Day Sunday
May 13, 2018

Mother's Day Sunday is coming up on May 13th! And to celebrate all our wonderful Moms, the Youth Group will be preparing a bagel and yogurt bar after Worship Service on the Lanai. On Mother's Day, in lieu of Sunday school, the elementary aged children will meet Mr. Chris and Ms. Kathryn in room 1 to create a Mother's Day surprise.

The MPC Personals Page:

What's going on in our church family?

8	Patrick & Alice Smith
10	Dan & Wendy Uchiyama
15	Paul & Lu Ann Kuehn
31	Sang Kuk & Suk Ran Cho

4	Gabby Houston
4	Dick Hites
8	Ed Kido
8	Don Seekins
9	Tye Koonroeng
11	Margie Lee
12	Steve Wingrove
14	Laura Park
18	Russell Malone
18	Barbara Martin
22	Paul Dale
24	Thelma Burge
25	Patrick Smith
27	J.J. Johnson
28	Kathryn Tingley
28	Lilyana Felts
30	Krys Yadao

Memorial Day Church Picnic

Sunday, May 27, 2018

12:30 - 6:00 p.m. at Bellows, Pavilion A

We will fire up the grill at about 2 p.m.

Bring your own meat to grill and a side dish to share.

Don't forget beach towels, boogie boards & sunscreen!

If you don't have a military ID we can get you a pass for the gate.

Please sign-up ASAP so we can inform security.

Bellows map available.

Be sure to sign up on the lanai!

For more information contact:
Margie Esteron at 623-9194 or cell 348-3995.