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The Presbytery of the Pacific PCUSA
and Mililani Presbyterian Church
cordially invite you
to the Ordination of

Thomas Euntack Hong

Rev. Al Miles, preaching

At Mililani Presbyterian Church
Sunday, May 5, 2019
4:00 p.m.

Dinner to follow on the Fellowship Lanai

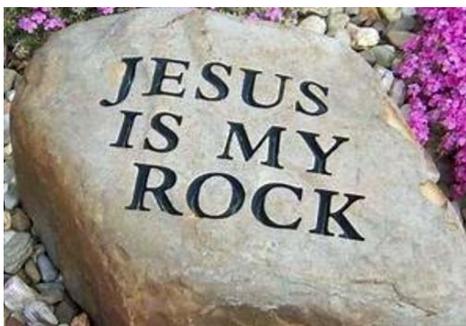


Women's Retreat

Saturday, May 18th
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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 as we arrive.

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

Sign up begins April 28th on Lanai

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

SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

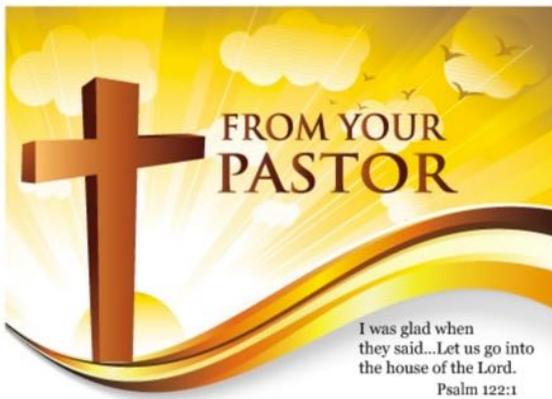
Men's Fellowship
Breakfast
May 11

Women's Retreat
May 18

MPC Work Day
May 18

River of Life
Mission
May 22

Memorial Day
Picnic
May 26



The Stephen Ministers at Mililani Presbyterian Church have been studying up on mental health topics so that they might shape a support ministry to individuals and families who live with illnesses and disorders that affect our minds and spirits.

Many of us have had occasional episodes in life when we experienced depression; some of us have anxiety that surfaces on a daily basis. In fact, 1 in 5 adults in the United States lives with a mental health condition, 1 in 25 (10 million) with a serious mental illness.

As we enter the month of May, named Mental Health Awareness Month, I'll be inviting you to pray for the people whose lives go beyond statistics such as these:

- 60 million people in the United States face the day-to-day reality of living with a mental illness.
- 90% of those who die by suicide have an underlying mental illness. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States, but suicide is preventable.
- The best treatments for serious mental illnesses today are highly effective; between 70 and 90% of individuals have significant reduction of symptoms and improved quality of life with the right treatments and supports.

I'll preach on Psalm 30 the morning of May 5. It's a rich poem about second chances found within God's mercy after a distressing time of illness and pain. The Stephen Ministers and I hope that might be the starting point of more open conversations about coping and rejoicing even in the midst of stigma and suffering.

Why use the pulpit for this purpose? Because silence doesn't help create either awareness or community. And it only allows stigmas to stay unchallenged. I'll let the good people at NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness explain:

"People experiencing mental health conditions often face rejection, bullying and even discrimination. This can make their journey to recovery longer and more difficult. Stigma is when people, or you yourself, view you in a negative way because you have a mental health condition. Some people describe stigma as shame that can be felt as a judgment from someone else or a feeling that is internal, something that confuses feeling bad with being bad.

Navigating life with a mental health condition can be tough, and the isolation, blame and secrecy that is often encouraged by stigma can create huge challenges to reaching out, getting needed support and living well. Learning how to cope with stigma and how to avoid and address stigma are important for all of us."

The power of the Psalms to reach deeply into our emotional and spiritual core, and the power of our Savior to offer healing, serenity, and encouragement to people in distress give us a strong foothold as we seek to be "wounded healers" aware of our own frailty, and grateful for the hard won knowledge that helps us serve compassionately.

Won't you share a moment from your experience that can create a modern day psalm, a song of longing, need and thanks?

On the journey,
Pastor Jayne

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL GIVING SUMMARY

As of: March 31, 2019

GENERAL OFFERING (Envelopes + Loose)	PROJECTED (A)	RECEIVED (B)	DIFFERENCE (A-B)
(Year-to-Date) January 1 – March 31, 2019	\$30,036	\$31,601	(+3%) \$693
BUILDING FUND	PROJECTED (A)	RECEIVED (B)	DIFFERENCE (A-B)
(Year-to-Date) January 1 – March 31, 2019	\$8,944	\$9,929	(+11%) \$985

- GIVING UPDATE:** For the second month in three, we are ahead of projections in both our General Offering and Building Fund. PTL!! I pray this trend will continue.
- New Facility Subcommittee:** Session approved formation of a Facility Master Planning Subcommittee under F&F for the twofold purpose of (1) working with our ministry teams to identify near term facility-related planning and projects and (2) to begin laying the groundwork for longer term (5-20 year) planning. Our initial goal is to get our arms around those things that need immediate attention. We will be providing periodic updates to Session and to the congregation. Team members are F&F Elders Dan Ashcraft & John Toillion, Elders Wally Park and Darrell Ching, Frank and Zachary Storch, Hugh Lee, Becky Gustafson, Jim O'hara, and Rev. Jayne Ryan Kuroiwa.
- Special One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS):** PTL! Total donations received was \$1284 vs 2018's donations of \$1183.



MPC Easter Egg Hunt

New Children's Ministry Director Named



Cristina Stiles begins May 1 in a newly created dual role to help bridge the Christian education needs of both our congregation and our preschool. Her title will be Children's Ministry and Assistant Preschool Director, a "promotion" of sorts from her former post as Assistant Preschool Director.

Cristina will assist with MPP weekly chapel services, integrate chapel and classroom religious education, and supervise the Nursery and Children's Church on Sundays. During her three month probationary period Pastor Jayne and the Christian Education Ministry Team will help her learn about the church's curriculum and current educational programs. Listening to the needs of parents, children and youth will be among her early tasks as we seek to develop a Sunday program that serves families' needs.

Ms. Stiles was raised on Maui and earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Hawaii's West Oahu campus. She has been employed at Mililani Presbyterian Preschool for some 15 years. Cristina is married to Matt Stiles, and has 2 adult children.

**MEMORIAL
DAY**

Sunday, May 26, 2019



12:30 - 6:00pm at Bellows, Pavilion C

We will fire up the grill at about 2pm.

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 access through the gate.

Please sign-up ASAP so we can inform security.

Bellows map available.

Be sure to sign up on the lanai! Sign-ups begin May 5th

For more information contact:

Margie Esteron at 623-9194 or cell 348-3995





JOIN US FOR THE NEXT EVENING OF SERVICE AT RIVER OF LIFE MISSION!

- WHEN:** Wednesday, May 22, 2019
Meet at MPC at 5:15 p.m. to carpool or meet us at the Mission by 6:15.
- WHERE:** 101 N. Pauahi St., Honolulu
- NEEDED:** At least 15 volunteers are needed to serve the dinner meal, while others cook at home for the occasion.
- SIGN UPS:** Sign ups on the lanai during Fellowship starting Sunday, May 12.
- For more information contact Elder Dave Keim or the church office.

APRIL'S ADOPT-A-PARK – MPC WORK DAY

Mahalo nui loa to the nine volunteers who turned out on Saturday, April 27 for our first of two annual Kipapa Park clean ups of the year. Elders Dave Keim and Darrell Ching with help from Jason Sagan repainted HECO's large storage building that had been graffitied. Jason also painted over graffiti inside the men's bathroom. Rich Gordon took on doing a deep cleaning of the two bathrooms while Bill Horton did some painting and heavy raking.

Since this event is combined with our monthly MPC Work Day, we had volunteers helping at the church, too. Dave Lucas, Hugh Lee, Rev. Jayne Ryan Kuroiwa and Jim O'Hara took care of cleaning the Worship Center, office and conference room. Prep work for painting was also completed. Our next scheduled Work Day is Saturday, May 18.



(L-R) Bill Horton, Elder Darrell Ching, Elder John Toillion, Rich Gordon)







Mililani Presbyterian Church

Transitional Pastor Jayne Ryan Kuroiwa

Officers of MPC

Session

John Martin	Clerk of Session
ELDERS	MINISTRY TEAM
Wally Park	Christian Education
Darrell Ching	Christian Education
Adam Davidson	Congregational Life
Margie Esteron	Congregational Life
Dave Keim	Outreach
Dan Ashcraft	Finance & Facilities
John Toillion	Finance & Facilities
John Toillion	Worship
Daniel Kim	Worship

Board of Deacons

Charlene Storch	Moderator
Jessica Hayashi	Parish Coordinator
(Vacant)	Assistant Moderator
DISTRICTS	
Stephanie Ching	Red
Betty Harrell	Orange
Sally Hastings	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 Rich Gordon, our prayer coordinator, at

rhenrygordon@gmail.com.

Storybook Theatre at Mililani Presbyterian Preschool





15 Paul & Lu Ann Kuehn
 31 Sang Kuk & Suk Ran Cho

4	Gabby Houston	22	Paul Dale
4	Dick Hites	22	Richard Detheridge
8	Don Seekins	24	Thelma Burge
9	Tye Koonroeng	28	Kathryn Tingley
14	Laura Park	28	Lilyana Felts
18	Barbara Martin		



**Amanda and Jerry Joyce
 Send Their Greetings from
 Annapolis, Maryland**

They miss everyone here and are hoping to make it back to Hawaii someday to visit us at worship services. They have received orders to PCS to Ohio where Jerry will return to school to finish his Nursing degree.

According to Amanda and Jerry, "Trey and Lottie are growing like weeds."