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Worship Center Refresh

Everything is coming together, and September will be the month we get to see real progress in our effort to beautify the house of the Lord!

All 150 of our new upholstered chairs have been subscribed. Thank you to the large number of donors who stepped up for this special occasion. (See Donor List on page 7.) Repairs to the Worship Center door hardware will make “the Church of the Open Doors” doors easier to open and close.

August 26-September 13

All activities normally held in the Worship Center will take place elsewhere on campus while the wood floors are being repaired and resurfaced. Worship will take place on the Fellowship Lanai for the first two weeks of September.

September 11

While we know to be patient with delivery of items shipped across the ocean, we anticipate the scheduled arrival of the chairs on September 11. If you are free during daylight hours and can volunteer your muscles to help unpack and arrange chairs during that week, please let John Toillion know of your interest. At least four people are needed for this task, the more the merrier!

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Help Foodland Lend a Helping Hand

It's that time of year again! Each September Foodland and Western Union team up to donate to local non-profit groups. The way they like to do that is to reward those groups, like Mililani Presbyterian Church and Preschool, who also “put some skin in the game.”

Last year Mililani Presbyterian Church & Preschool cracked the top 100 list of organizations contributing to Foodland's Give Aloha annual matching gifts drive. That's quite an achievement! Can you help us meet that goal again?

Take our church's Give Aloha number to any Foodland or Sack-N-Save. Give the cashier your cash or credit card and say you want your money to go to Mililani Presbyterian Church-#78296. Save your receipt. Sign it and give a copy to the church office or put it in the offering plate. Keep the original for tax purposes.

At the end of September, Foodland will match a percentage of all donations. In past years this match has increased customer donations by up to 20%.

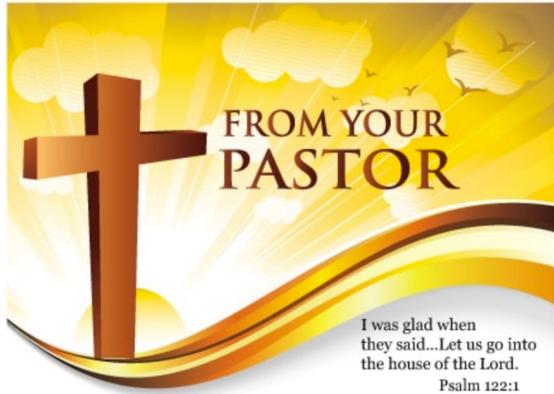


SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

Men's Fellowship Breakfast
September 14

River of Life Mission
September 25

Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show
September 29



One of the most frustrating facts about a transitional time between pastors is that the process of selecting the next pastor is, of necessity, an opaque and confidential process.

Those on the Pastoral Nominating Committee are putting in lots of hours, having lots of serious discussion and deliberation, but those outside the committee can't see what's happening. Is anyone interested in us? Do you have good prospects? Are we there yet?

We've been "transitioning" since Pastor Ron announced his retirement in June of 2018. It's starting to feel like we've been waiting a long time. In fact, in late July the Session approved a new contract for me. I've been here beyond my first one-year term.

There are days I look back on what Mililani Presbyterian was like when I arrived, and I see all the fruit of that past year. On other days I think we haven't done near enough. How about you? Are you wanting the pace to slow down, or are you thinking to yourself "We have slowed down! It's time to speed up!"

Let's put this in perspective: most of our life of faith is "unseen work." God's hand is paving the way for our life's choices, but in our day to day walk we may not be aware of progress or action.

Here's what I know to be true: foundational structures are being firmed up and a dedicated staff is in place. The Pastor Nominating Committee is following a steady pace, narrowing the field of candidates, and is hopeful of positive potential. For every single change you can see, like new banners or worship center chairs, there are four improvements you can't see. We can trust the present and the future. We trust the Body of Christ, the people of God because our band of believers have walked by faith and not by sight many times.

We know the Way,
Pastor Jayne

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL GIVING SUMMARY

As of: July 31, 2019

GENERAL OFFERING (Envelopes + Loose)	PROJECTED (A)	RECEIVED (B)	DIFFERENCE (A-B)
(Year-to-Date) January 1 – July 31, 2019	\$74,809	\$74,264	(-1%) \$545
BUILDING FUND	PROJECTED (A)	RECEIVED (B)	DIFFERENCE (A-B)
(Year-to-Date) January 1 – July 31, 2019	\$20,761	\$20,844	(+1%) \$83

- **GIVING UPDATE:** As of July 31, General Offering giving is pretty much right on projections while the Building Fund giving is **1% OVER** projections.
- **Facility Update:** Progress continues on addressing a number of facility needs. As of this writing we have received **\$13,175** in donations for **150** new chairs plus extra to help cover the cost of shipping. **PLEASE NOTE:** Starting Monday, August 26 the Worship Center floor restoration will begin and we expect it to be done by the following week. Until that time the Worship Center will be unuseable. Accordingly we are planning to conduct our Sunday services for September 1, 8 and possibly 15 on Fellowship Lanai. More details to be provided via the *Midweek Blast*.
- **Questions?** Refer any questions concerning the above to Treasurer John Toillion at AlohaTilly@hawaii.rr.com.



Save the Date for River of Life

Our next dinner service for the River of Life Mission in Chinatown is Wednesday, September 25. Contact Elder Dave Keim to volunteer to cook at home or serve on site. Those 16 and over are welcome as volunteers. 15 is the minimum number of dinner servers needed. Feel free to invite your friends and family to join us and help the community.

Early October Reminder

On Sunday, October 6, we will celebrate World Communion Day and receive the PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness Offering. 50% of the offerings support peace and reconciliation missions across the world. 25% will be designated by Mililani Presbyterian Church for a local or member's cause, and 25% will aid our Presbytery of the Pacific's peacemaking work.



Fall Adult Christian Education

It's time to get back into the swing of things! 10:30 Adult Sunday School has a new fall line-up starting September 1 in the Conference Room.

Love Does—led by Wally Park and Pastor Jayne

September 1-29

Bob Goff, a regular presenter at the Honolulu HIM Conference, hosts a video series using the insights from his group study book, *Love Does*. If you are looking to put some pep into your faith walk, you won't want to miss this upbeat, mission oriented, motivating series. Goff is an engaging storyteller who uses humor and his own life events to make it feel like he's a welcome friend who has come to "talk story. Sign up in the church office to receive a study book.

Crawl, Walk, Run: Our Church and Mental Health Ministry—led by Stephen Ministry Team and Pastor Jayne

October 6 and 13

Studies show that 1 out of every 4 adults in America will be affected by mental illness at some point in their lives. So how can Millilani Presbyterian Church offer hope to families and individuals who experience extended depression, anxiety, or other behavioral challenges? As a jumping off point we will use video testimonies from Rick Warren's Saddleback Church and ponder what initial steps MPC might take to offer hope and support.

Neighborhood Church—led by Pastor Jayne

October 20-November 17

Did you know the Presbyterian Church (USA) had a book club? This year all PC(USA) congregations are encouraged to read **Neighborhood Church: Transforming Your Congregation into a Powerhouse for Mission** by Krin Van Tatenhove and Rob Mueller. Using Asset Mapping ideas, the authors speak about five fundamental practices which need to be part of church life before new missional programs can take root and take off. Order your own Kindle edition or sign up in the church office to receive a paperback.

Advent Creativity—led by Pastor Jayne and friends

December 1-15

Help design art, music and written liturgy for Mililani Presbyterian's Christmas Season and find a spiritual support partner for the Advent Season.

Lectionary Readings for the Month Ahead

The Common Lectionary is an ecumenical calendar of scriptures used for planning worship and sermons which covers the majority of biblical texts in a three-year cycle.

September 1

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 8:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 8

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

September 15

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

September 22

Jeremiah 8:18-19:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

September 29

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:189-31

New Opportunity: NAMI Walk--October 12

The Stephen Ministry Team at Mililani Presbyterian Church is walking with NAMI for the first time this year to show our support for those within our church, preschool, and community who experience mental health concerns because God implores us to bear one another's burdens and to "walk the extra mile." Won't you join us? NAMI (the National Alliance on Mental Illness) is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans impacted by mental illness.

The annual Honolulu 5K NAMI Walk will begin from Honolulu Hale at 9:00 am. Not sure you can walk? Then sign up to volunteer on the course, or donate at <https://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.participant&participantID=266546>.

Did you know that:



NAMI provides support, education, and advocacy to hundreds of thousands of families, individuals, educators, mental health service providers, and law enforcement professionals each year. Wow! NAMIWalks helps us continue to provide these programs at no cost to the community--how cool is that? Donating to NAMI through our church page is easy, fast and secure. Your donation will make a difference and help people and families affected by mental illness right here in Hawaii.

Thank you for supporting NAMI!

Stephen Ministry Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show



Aloha all of you talented MPCers. Once again it's time to dust off the hula skirts, ballet shoes, buy some fresh doggie treats, tune your guitar, dust off the old joke book or whatever new talent you may have to share.

It's time for the annual Stephen Ministry Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show. We are having a change in venue, time and date this year.

This event will take place on
Sunday, September 29, 11:45
on our Fellowship Lanai.

Your donation of \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 6 - 11 helps support our ongoing ministry to people in our church who can benefit from the caring, listening, praying support during challenging times in their life. The meal will start at 11:45 and the talent show at 1:00 PM. It's a lot of fun and we all know what a talented congregation we have. Thank you in advance for your support. Sign ups will begin September 8 on the Lanai during fellowship times after service. Bring your appetite for some delicious spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and dessert. See you there!

Help Wanted

Children's Church needs volunteers for the Nursery from 8:45 am - 10:00 am. If you are interested, please sign up on the clip board (located in the lobby) or see Cristina.



What's new?

I will be using a new curriculum this fall, Deep Blue Connects: Loving God, Loving Neighbor. We will discover lessons from the Bible about being a person of faith in a community where not everyone acts or thinks the same way. We will discuss Bible stories that teach us how to be true to our faith, while sharing God's love with people who might be different from us.

Preschool Parent Orientation

The new school year is off to a great start! On August 22 the families of our MPP preschoolers gathered to meet teachers, learn about classroom schedules and school expectations. Pastor Jayne welcomed the parents to our campus, invited them to consider us as their spiritual home, and shared information about our congregation and worship schedule.

Commissioning of Teachers and Aides

Commissioning of the MPP teachers and aides was held on August 4. There were 12 teachers & aides present, as well as Director Cat Awong & Cristina Stiles, Assistant Director.



Worship Center Chair Donors

Michelle Ah Sam
In Honor of the Hugh Lee Ohana

Dan & Tish Ashcraft

Rich Brink

Karen & Charlie Cabral

Rev. Michael and Erica Chang

Jean Chase
*In Honor of Rev. Ron & Margie Lee
and Adda Beamguard*

Darrell & Stephanie Ching

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In Memory of Sang Kuk Cho

Adam & Laura Davidson

Richard Detheridge

Ron Dickson

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In Memory of C. Ross Smith

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Norm & Shirley Fujiwara

Becky Gustafson

Sally Hastings
In Memory of Marge Jackson

Betty Hay

Jackie Hites

Harold & Edith Hobbs
In Memory of Dorothy Chen

June Honda

Todd & Bonnie Jackson
*In Memory & Honor of
Homer & Thelma Burge*

Juanita Johnson &
In Memory of Leroy Johnson

Dave & Terri Keim

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Daniel & Joanne Kim

Rev. Joseph & Esther O. Kim
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Wally & Laura Park
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Gene Rittenhouse

Rev. Jayne Ryan Kuroiwa

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Michael & Linda Tam
In Memory of Herbert & Laura Harimoto

Jon & Jill Teraizumi
In Honor of Elle Teraizumi

John & Diana Toillion

Norma & Phillip Wright
In Honor of Lula & Lillian Wright

Anonymous

Worship Center Refurbishment

Donors

Anonymous, 100 Bibles
Dorothy & Paul Dale, *floor restoration*

Vendors

Finishing Touch Hardwood,
floors, Communion Table, pulpit, bench

MITY, *chairs*

Summit Construction,
door hardware repair

Mililani Presbyterian Church

Transitional Pastor Jayne Ryan Kuroiwa

Officers of MPC

	Session		Board of Deacons
Margie Esteron	Clerk of Session	Charlene Storch	Moderator
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John Toillion	Finance & Facilities	Mary Cordial	Blue
John Toillion	Worship	Yehui Carr	Purple
Daniel Kim	Worship		
		(serving 2nd service)	

NEW CLERK OF SESSION

Mahalo to Margie Esteron for being our new Clerk of Session along with still handling Congregation Life as an Elder! Also we'd like to thank John Martin for his years of service as Clerk of Session!



If you have a praise to report or prayer request, you may email Rich Gordon, our prayer coordinator, at

rhenrygordon@gmail.com



- 7 Michael and Erica Chang
- 16 Bill and Barbara Martin



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| 1 | Becky Gustafson | 13 | Jon Teraizumi |
| 4 | Jill Teraizumi | 14 | Yongson Kim |
| 5 | Noah Felts | 20 | Paul Kuehn |
| 5 | Joanne Kim | 22 | LuAnn Kuehn |
| 7 | Joanna Houston | 28 | Erica Chang |
| 8 | Nathan Park | 28 | Elle Teraizumi |
| 9 | Erica Utu | 29 | Norm Fujiwara |



The Jones family, Bill, Chaz, Sydney and Alex visited MPC last month. They will be at Yokota AB in Japan for one more year before retiring.

Big School Supply Distribution

John Toillion, Jim O'Hara and Dave Keim helped with the big school supply distribution at Kipapa Elementary School on July 24.

Thank you to everyone who helped by donating school supplies.

