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Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 30, 2011

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 30, 2011, right after our worship service. The main items on the agenda are the Election of Church Officers for 2012 and the presentation of the draft of the Church Budget for 2012. All voting members are encouraged to be present. Copies of the 2012 Proposed Budget will be available in the Sanctuary and in the church office.



Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee is recommending the following slate for the church leadership positions for 2012. The election will be

held at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 30, 2011.

- Vice Moderator: Roy Chang
- Treasurer: *Position Open* (2-year term)
- Worship Committee Chairperson: Dawn Young (2-year term)
- Stewardship Committee Chairperson: Yvonne Nakata (2-year term)
- Special Activities Committee Chairperson: John Matapua (2-year term)
- Nominating Committee Elected Member: Brett Kurashige (3-year term)
- Aha Pae'aina Delegate: Joni Chun (1-year term)

The current members of the Board of Directors will continue serving the second year of their terms:

- Secretary: Donna Chang
- Christian Education Committee Chairperson: Donda Spiker
- Membership Committee Chairperson: Donna Lum
- Missions Committee Chairperson: Dwight Ovitt

Vice-Moderator Trudie China will become the Moderator for 2012.

"A member qualified for election to the BOD and Nominating Committee may be nominated as a candidate by petition signed by no less than fifteen (15) Active Members filed with the Chairperson or Secretary of the Nominating Committee no less than fourteen (14) days before the election meeting. Nomination of candidates from the floor at the Election Meeting shall not be permitted."

Pastor's Perspective: "Our God Gives To Others Through Us"

By Rev. Darren T. Galindo

When we read through the biblical stories God seems to help the needy more than those who have plenty. Perhaps that is because those who are in need are not afraid to ask (Matt. 7:7) and to open their hands. We are all in need in some way, shape or form. But are we open to receive? Are we open to give? Do we trust that our gifts will be well used?

I remember giving a gentleman some money for food. An hour later I saw him in the parking lot of Foodland, sitting on a wheel stop, with an open container in a brown bag. It's hard to be generous when we don't want to give anything away because we believe if we give it away, we have less. This feeling of scarcity is built on the perspective that whatever we share is gone and whatever we give to provide for another contributes to our own lack. Yet 2 Cor. 9:6-11 teaches us that the more you give the more you get back. And that applies to all economic classes. Love expresses itself in many shapes and forms and action. Giving is one of those forms.

Sometimes we make the mistake of connecting our identity with what we own. I shared recently about a survivor who escaped the wild fires in Texas a few weeks ago and said, "Hey, I got my grandma out, and my dog out. That's all I wanted, I'm thankful." He didn't mention one possession. We are not what we own, we are what we love.

This church shows its love by sharing its food with the River Of Life mission and Family Promise. This church also does a good job of feeding themselves. I haven't been to one committee meeting yet where I was not handed a plate of food. I guess you figure that since I feed you spiritually, the least you can do is feed me back.

I believe it helps to know that the world is bigger than ourselves and to see how our actions impact more people than we know. God designed a world where there is enough for everyone, including living creatures, as long as we take only what we need and give generously.

The Christian Community of believers are natural givers because we understand the economics of the kingdom of God. What we give away we cannot lose (Acts 20:35). And we give as a friend

not as one who gives as to claim one self victorious or mightier than another.

We are to give without judgment. We take only what we need. Remember, we do not need to be rich or own a lot of stuff in order to be generous. And it's not about how much you give, it's about giving on a regular basis that helps transform us into the person that God wants us to be.

"We don't give thanks because we're happy. We are happy because we give thanks."

So this coming Stewardship and Thanksgiving season, give generously with your kind words, with your embraces, and with your treasures. For our God is an awesome God who gives to others through us.

Pastor's Book Review

Why Don't We Listen Better?

by James C. Petersen



This book was loaned to me by Dorothy Lester at the Hawaii Conference. It's a self help book filled with practical tools on how to better communicate. Petersen says, "The listener's job is more than waiting for people to finish their story. A capable listener, like a midwife, helps people give birth to the feelings and thoughts inside them."

Non-judging listening: Labeling people usually reveals more about us, the describers, than the describees. The longer we listen to others the more we learn about them.

Religious Issues at Death: Grieving people are the ones who need to be heard and understood by you (and you may be God's stand in). Bite your tongue if you feel the urge to fix their pain or preach. Accept their responses and they will begin to sense they are not alone.

Rigidity: When people take absolutist positions, we need to listen in a way that helps them identify the essence of their point of view and concerns. Doing this helps talkers to relax and to recognize that their views, that their strong feelings are their strong feelings, and that others may differ and have strong feelings as well. "When you listen rather than defend, no one gets hurt."

Pastor's Devotional Recommendation:

"God Scent" by James W. Miller

GPS (Grow Pray Study)

Daily Scripture: Hebrews 13:20-21, Ephesians 3:14-21

Hebrews, "Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3, "For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."



Reflection Question:

As these Biblical blessings show, worship is not limited to one hour (or even one day) each week. At the end of each service, in one way or another, the worship leader asks that God will "equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ." When that happens, every day and hour of our week becomes an ongoing part of worship, and worship truly becomes a way of life for us.

In the Lord's Prayer, we repeat, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." We pray that prayer to a God "who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 3:20). Will you live a life of worship to the God who can do immeasurably more than all you can ask or imagine, and who calls you to the privilege of being

a person through whom he can do his will on earth every day? (By Michelle Kirby, at the UMC of the Resurrection, Kansas)



A membership orientation will be held at 9am in the Pastor's Office on Sunday, October 16th & 23rd. All are welcome.

Installation Service for The Rev. Darren T. Galindo

The congregation is invited to attend an Installation Service to install the Rev. Darren T. Galindo as our Senior Pastor on Sunday, November 6, at 4 p.m. in our church sanctuary.

Rev. Galindo began his ministry at UCC-Judd Street on August 1, 2011. He received his Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree from Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, California and his BA from Chapman University in Orange, California. He has ordained partnership standing in the UCC and was ordained by First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Whittier, California in 1985.

Before joining our church, Rev. Galindo was at the Windward United Church of Christ in Kailua for 16 years. He was also an Associate Pastor at First Christian Church in Ventura, California, from 1990 to 1995 and Pastor of Youth and Young Adults at the First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu from 1987 to 1989. Before that, Rev. Galindo was the Youth Worker at UCC-Judd Street from April 1986 to May 1987. He and his wife Liza have three daughters – Leilani, Malia and Kamaile.

Dinner will be served in the Parish Hall after the ceremony. **Please RSVP** your attendance for the dinner by calling the UCC-Judd Street church office at 536-8418 on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The deadline to sign up for the dinner is Monday, October 17. Extra parking will be available at the First Church of the Nazarene and Tenrikyo Church – both located on Judd Street.

Community Event...

19th ANNUAL PENNY CARNIVAL

Mon. Oct. 31, 6:30-8 pm
theme: "Under the Sea"
@ United Church of Christ
467 N. Judd St.



**Food, fun,
Entertainment,
Prizes, and games
for pennies!**



Proceeds benefit "Next Step Shelter"



"Thy way was through the sea, thy path
through the great waters" Ps. 77:19

Penny Carnival

Don't forget that the Penny Carnival is only a few weeks away from 6:30 to 8:00pm on Monday, Oct. 31st. It's not too late to sign up to be a volunteer or to bring donations or prizes. Check out the sign up table at aloha hour every Sunday or see Randy, Wes, Wendy, or Jonny if you can help. The theme this year is "Under the Sea" with games and characters highlighting *Finding Nemo*, *Shark Tales*, *Dr. Seuss* (1 fish, 2 fish, red fish, blue fish) and others. The proceeds from this year's Penny carnival will go towards The Children's program being developed at Next Step Shelter. Bring your friends and your pennies! Hope to see you there!

Declutter! Declutter! Declutter!

That word seems to be the "buzz" word around UCC-Judd St. So many of us have just too many "things."



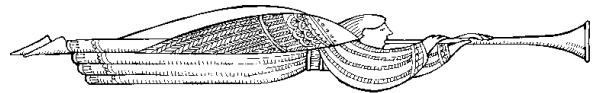
There will be another opportunity to declutter your homes. DeCluttering Day is right around the corner:

Saturday, November 5, 2011 from 9 am - 12 noon.

Items needed: New or gently used (again, we stress "gently used") household items, linens, clothes, toys, books. ABSOLUTELY NO - computers, appliances, furniture or junk please.

Items will be donated to Kaumakapili Church for their "Free Store" which is open weekly for those in need. If you have any questions, please contact MH Sato.

All Saints' Sunday



All Saints' Sunday is a day that we give thanks for our beloved family and friends who have gone to be with the Lord this past year.

All Saints' Sunday will be held on Sunday, November 6, 2011, the first Sunday in November. We will commemorate and give thanks to our departed loved ones, who shared the blessings of our Lord with us in this lifetime and have recently gone to be with our heavenly Father.

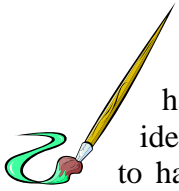
To date, the names of those who will be remembered on All Saints' Sunday are:

- Lola Chang
- Herbert Chun
- Tom Amimoto
- Ah Mee Wong
- Teddy Hee Wai
- Eugene Wong
- William Chun
- Fanny Yuen
- Edith Lau

If there is someone we overlooked, please call the Church Office and let Pastor Darren know or contact any one of our Membership & Evangelism Committee members – Alice Ching, Marie Harada, Beatrice Ing, Terrilynn Lau, Doris Lee, Karen Mun, or Donna Lum.

After service on All Saints' Sunday, you are welcome to join us as we walk to Jesse MacKenzie's gravesite to honor her contribution to our church.

Art In Our Church



As part of the reorganization of our church offices, eight paintings which have been donated over the years were identified. After some research, and in order to have these works of art be best displayed and appreciated, the board decided to keep six of the paintings. Two pieces will be offered for purchase. A special thanks to Sandy Pohl, who donated her services to reframe three of the paintings on display.

Paintings on Display

- "Ships of Fire" by Ozz Franca, is hanging in the church office.
- "Mother and Child," painted by John Young in 1981, is in the board room.
- An untitled abstract watercolor painted by Roger Lun Yuen Lee in 1973, a memorial gift from Mrs. Rena Leong Lee, hangs in the Sanctuary Family Room.
- Two paintings titled "Kowloon, Hong Kong Street Scenes," painted by John Young are in the Sanctuary Bridal Room.
- "Hawaiian Beach," painted by David Kam Cho Wong, a memorial gift from Mrs. Ah Mee Wong, will be hung in Herb Lum's office.

Paintings for Sale

You may have noticed two paintings in the sanctuary; these are being offered for purchase "as is."

- "Seascape," painted by John Young in 1944. The upset price is \$750.
- "Junk Boat Musician," painted by Hon Chew Hee in 1985. The upset price is \$150.

These paintings will be on display in the Sanctuary until Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011. Members are invited to bid on these items by filling out the bid sheet. Bidding will close at 12:30 pm after church on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011.



Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

The churches in Nuuanu are planning the annual Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service to be held on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Community Church of Honolulu. Pastor Darren Galindo will participate in this service. All



are welcome and you are encouraged to attend to receive an uplifting worshipful experience with our neighbors, as it comes only once a year. There will be no Thanksgiving Eve service at UCC-Judd Street.

Christmas Caroling

Mark your calendar for this year's Christmas Caroling in December. This event will take place on Sunday, December 11, 2011, about 12:30 pm. Watch for the sign-up sheets to come out in late November. Get your voices ready to sing carols and praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Join us in December as we share in song about God's greatest gift to us.



Give Aloha Final Results



Thank you to the many members and friends who made donations to UCC-Judd St. with their Maika'i Card through the Foodland/Sack N Save and Western Union's Annual Community Matching Gifts Give Aloha Program during the month of September. UCC-Judd St. has been invited to join Foodland's Give Aloha Celebration on Friday, October 14, at Foodland Farms in Aina Haina for being one of the top 100 organizations in

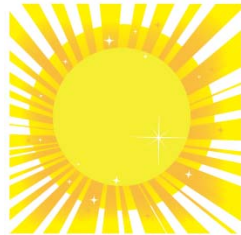
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the Give Aloha 2011 Community Matching Grants Program. At this celebration, we will find out the grand total raised for the community and will receive a check for the donations made to the church and checks for the matching gifts from our generous community partners Foodland/Sack N Save and Western Union.

Members are reminded to turn in any remaining receipts to the offering plate or to the church office by the end of October. Please be sure to write your name on the receipt and to designate what account that you would like to credit for your donation.

Photovoltaic System (PV) Approved by the Board



The Board of Directors selected RevoluSun to install our PV system on the roof of the Parish Hall and MacKenzie Building at its September meeting. RevoluSun is one of Hawaii's largest solar panel installers. Once the final contracts are signed, it will take approximately four to five months to design the system, obtain permits, order the materials, and install the system. Our timeline is to have our system producing solar energy by February 2012. Under the financing plan selected, UCC-Judd St. will be purchasing the system through financing arranged by RevoluSun.

Aloha John Hagen

We extended our appreciation to John Hagen, who's last Sunday with us as Coordinator of Church Music will be on October 23rd. Thank you John for six months of service, we wish you well. A search committee is in place to find an immediate replacement, and plans are being made to expand this position for next year.

Farewell

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - JUDD STREET 3rd Quarter, 2011 Operating Budget Summary

<u>REVENUE:</u>	<u>3rd Qtr. Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
Offering	\$217,898.32	\$173,297.69	(\$44,398.63)
Facilities Rental	\$18,000.00	\$17,763.90	(\$236.10)
Pali Preschool	\$50,958.00	\$50,958.00	\$0.00
Other. Income	\$12,000.00	\$4,548.08	(\$7,451.92)
TOTAL REVENUE-	\$298,654.32	\$246,567.67	(\$52,086.65)
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>3rd Qtr. Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
PERSONNEL-Salaries, & Benefits	\$183,495.57	\$180,414.59	\$23,080.98
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$59,188.25	\$82,205.63	(\$3,019.38)
Programs-Standing Committees	\$55,972.50	\$44,537.28	\$11,435.24
TOTAL EXPENDITURE-	\$298,654.32	\$267,157.48	\$31,496.84

Net Income - (\$20,589.81)

Note: September's Give Aloha Offering Donations not included in report.
Give Aloha Donations scheduled to be received in Mid-October.

Cell Phone Policy

This is to inform you of the following United Church of Christ-Judd Street policy that was approved by the Board of Directors. This policy will be in effect immediately. Chairpersons are asked to inform their committee members of this policy.

The following was added to the United Church of Christ-Judd St. Policies & Procedures:

Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices

Because of the danger to and concern for other drivers and pedestrians, an employee's use of a cell phone (hands free or otherwise), pager, or other electronic devices while operating any motor vehicle during hours of employment or on related business for UCC-Judd St. is expressly prohibited.





Stewardship: Time, talent, and treasure!

Here's an article from the Missions Committee describing all their projects.

Mission Programs at United Church of Christ at Judd Street by Dwight Ovitt

Opportunities to assist one of the programs that are spearheaded by the Missions Committee are many and we are always looking for volunteers to be a part of one of our programs. The following programs are being directed by the Missions Committee:

River of Life Mission: We prepare and serve food four times a year for those who eat dinner at River of Life Mission in downtown Honolulu. Most of the clients are homeless or have limited resources to eat so about 200 -250 individuals eat dinner there, Monday – Friday. At our church we plan a menu, purchase the uncooked ingredients, prepare the meal, and deliver the prepared meal to River of Life Mission, serve the meal, and clean up afterwards. We also provide a worship service that includes music and a short message for those who will be eating. You can assist in this process either at the church where the food is prepared or at River of Life Mission where the food is served. At church we need 15-20 folks to cut vegetables, cook the food in a Wok, fold napkins with plastic forks, or clean up afterward. We can use both men or women or older children at the church. At River of Life we need about 15 volunteers to help serve the food and to work in their kitchen. This is a great project for our younger

members who learn to appreciate what they have as those we serve have so little. At the present time the majority of our volunteers at church are older folks who have been serving in this way for over 20 years. Contact Benson Young or Gwen Nishimura if you wish to volunteer.

Family Promise: Our church is one of about 14 in Honolulu who assist homeless families (3-5) 4 times a year by providing them with a place to sleep and eat for a week. We use our Sunday school rooms where the Chuukese Congregation hold their Sunday services. A total of about 40 members and friends assist this project by preparing meals for about 20 for dinner, spending an evening with our homeless guests that usually include 6-10 children, setting up the area where they sleep by blowing up beds utilizing an electrical blower, covering the beds with sheets, setting up dividers made of sheets, moving chairs and tables to make room for 16 beds, washing soiled linen after the event, or maybe just coming to have dinner with our homeless guests and playing with the young children. The children love our playground but need adult supervision when they are there. Several members purchase food items or give donations of money to cover items such as diapers, wipes, milk, juice, bread, peanut butter, coffee, or other food items. If you wish to donate money for this event, write a check to the church and designate it for Family Promise. For those who wish to discard furniture in good condition, we have a grant to rent a truck to pick up the furniture, dishes, towels, bedding, or other items for setting up a home. We don't take clothing but help our families in getting clothes by sending them to Goodwill or Savers to pick up clothing that is appropriate. If you wish to assist Family Promise in any way speak to Dwight Ovitt and he will guide you at how you can be of help. Contact Dwight Ovitt or sign up after church during coffee hour where signup sheets are made available.

Penny Carnival: The annual event takes place on Halloween and gives children in our church, pre-school, and neighborhood an alternative to going door to door begging for candy. Games, food, prizes, and entertainment are provided by the youth of the church along with many members. The event usually raises \$1,000.00 that is then donated

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to a needy agency within the community. The Carnival is planned by the youth and their leaders. Contact person is Jonny Fong or Westley Mow.

Luau recipient: The Missions Committee recommends potential recipients to the Board of Directors that varies from year to year. This year the UCC Transition House for abused women and the Prison ministry are our recipients. We are open to suggestions from the congregation if anyone has a suggestion for the future. The recipient must be a private non-profit that has an area of concern consistent with the mission of the church.

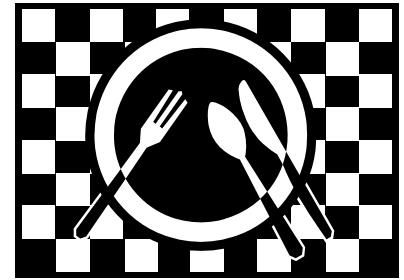
Donation of funds to private non-profits with balance of Mission funds unspent: At the end of each year we have a balance of funds not used for River of Life and Family Promise. The funds usually amount to between \$1,000-2,000 per year. The Missions committee selects 4-6 agencies to receive small grants to these non-profits to help with their activities consistent with the mission of the church. If church members wish to suggest possible recipients make your suggestion to a Mission Committee member by no later than September and they will be considered along with other recommendations coming from the committee members. Contact person is a Mission committee member or Dwight Ovitt, Chair.

The opportunities to assist the Missions Committee by serving the needy are plentiful. We welcome those who have never helped to volunteer their time and energy and resources. If anyone wishes to become an active member of our committee we meet monthly on the second Sunday of the month in the multipurpose room downstairs from the office. We would love to have you join our committee that has many members who have served for years and one member who is new this year. Please participate in any way that you can and receive the blessing of our Creator.

Mission Committee members: Lisa Chock, Gwen Nishimura, Wendy-Mow-Taira, Corrine Agno, Frank Alip, Dennis Yuen, Stanneth Yuen, Conner Asato, Westley Mow: Secretary, Dwight Ovitt: Chair

**River of Life
Mission
Dinner:
September 14,
2011**

By Dwight Ovitt:
Missions Chair



A total of 34 members and friends worked to put food on the table for nearly 200 men, women and children at River of Life Mission on September 14th. Those who prepared the dinner of Kalua pig and cabbage included Jane Bacon, Pearl Fong, Marie Hamada, Karen Mun, Kathy Sumida, Sadie Wong, and Margie Mau. Dinner was cooked by Jimmy Lum, Kenji Sumida, and Dwight Ovitt. Clean up was done by David Char, Edwardo Imperial, Frank Alip, Westley Mow, and Wendy Mow-Taira. Cynthia Lai purchased food and directed the volunteers in preparing the meal.

At River of Life Mission, our worship service was spearheaded by Richard Young with assistance from Ron Lee who co-directs the prison ministry with Richard. Our members who assisted at River of Life Mission included Mike and Trudie China, Gwen and Kenneth Nishimura, Allison Leong, Ann Reynoso, Sandra Pohl, Brett Kurashige, Benson Young and Dwight Ovitt. We had several volunteers that assisted including Jeff Ching, Moon Teriese, Connie Arney, Stephanie Hashimoto, and Charlie Chong.

Observations made that evening were that several children (10-12) ate dinner along with their parents. These children ranged from infants to older children about 12 years old. Some were housed at IHS and it appeared that all children were attending school. Quite a number of women participated and a few new folks were there who recently became homeless. One man who was familiar to me was quite embarrassed when he saw me there helping because he recently became homeless and didn't want me to know. He was employed for many years and had recently lost his job and was denied unemployment compensation. Such a contact is quite difficult when life's complications sometimes leads one to River of Life Mission for a meal and volunteers who reach out and touch one's life are old friends.

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Thanks to all who helped with this event and be aware that another opportunity will take place on November 9th. If you wish to help let Benson Young or Gwen Nishimura know. We always welcome new faces and extra hands who wish to reach out to Honolulu's homeless folks. You never know who just might appear to ask for a plate of food and your understanding.

**Family Promise at UCC-Judd Street:
September 25-October 2, 2011**

By Dwight Ovitt: Family Promise Coordinator

Another hosting of homeless families is complete, thanks to many volunteers at church.

Our week of housing and feeding our families was quite successful with lots of food, sharing, and keeping these families safe while at our church. Our former pastor, Don Asman, brought his magic to our families on Friday the 30th that was enjoyed by the Chuukese family and the children of the 2nd family.

One family who spent their last week in Family Promise, found jobs for all three adults that include a 20 year old daughter. They moved to Nanakuli on October 1st near to where their five children attend schools in Kapolei. This family was so appreciative of all that was done for them and became Christians during their stay in the program.

The second family included two (2) young boys who speak very good English even though they originate from Chuuk. Mom is expecting a baby girl by Christmas but continues to work doing housekeeping services. Dad works for the same company where he cleans the Makai Food Court at Ala Moana shopping center. We spent many hours talking to this family after dinner and developed mutual respect for them as they move toward independence and self reliance. An incident happened on Wednesday when a small wallet with two bus passes was lost. It was found by a child at the Pali Preschool so to thank the Pre-school a letter was written by the 9 year old in English that totally surprised me. It included vocabulary that one usually sees with high school children. That child is

very bright. He also lead us in prayer each evening by reciting prayers he learned in his church.

Those who provided meals included Wendy Mow-Taira and Pat Sofas, Yvonne Nakata and family, Westley Mow, Eduardo Imperial and Dennis Lee, Karen Mun; Margaret, Dawn, Richard, Kristen and Laura Young, SN Wong and Choi Suk Wong. We had enough food left over to feed our clean-up crew on Sunday.

Those who slept at church included Dennis Yuen, Corrine Agno, Dennis Lee, Hayden Cheigh, Brett Kurashige, Edison Chong, and Dwight Ovitt. They also made sure that those who wanted breakfast were able to eat before they left to go to work or attend school.

Additional help was provided in setting up and taking down by Jason Jayaprakash, Alex Chun, Malia Galindo, Avery Asato, Jon Fong, Wendy Mow-Taira, Westley Mow, Brett Kurashige, Frank Alip, Stanneth Yuen, and Gwen and Kent Nishimura.

Additional folks who came to assist with dinner included Alison Leong, Eden Lee, Jeroldine and Amanda Tsuha, and Daphne Ikeda. Those who made donations of monetary value or other items included Jane Bacon, David and Ellen Chun, Sadie Wong, Marjorie Mau, Alison Leong, and Gwen Nishimura.

Washing of laundry was done by Vicky Tom, Michelle Hashimoto, Frank Alip, and Gwen Nishimura.

Thank you all for your part in making this project of UCC-Judd Street and be aware that our next cycle will take place beginning the day after Christmas up until New Years Day. I will need volunteers to set up on December 26th, which will be on a Monday. The person who spends New Years Eve will have the added pleasure of joining our homeless families in starting the New Year at our church.



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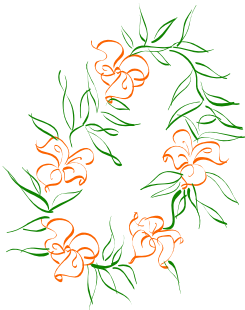
Termite Treatment of the Parish Hall

Diversified Exterminators will be tenting the Parish Hall for drywood termites overnight on Friday, November 11, 2011. For safety reasons, please do not come onto the church grounds on Friday, November 11th, and Saturday, November 12th.



Thank You to Mrs. Shuk Kwan Liu

Thank you to Mrs. Shuk Kwan Liu for making the beautiful yarn leis for the guests who come to our worship services. Your gift will be blessed by God and enjoyed by all the visitors who come to our worship services.



Birthday Greetings for November 2011

By Membership Committee



Your birthday is a blessed event for you are God's gift. Your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ wish that your special day be filled with joy and happiness.

Faith Okawa
Richard Lau
Lawrence Mun
Lily Yuen
George Mow
Jonathan Chong
Jon Yoshishige
Thomas Ark
Karen Chun

Victoria Tom
Cynthia Suzuki
Deborah Yee
Choi Yuk Wong
Eldora Chang
Liam Nishimura
Brett Kurashige
Bette Lum

Mission Committee will sponsor Open and Affirming meetings in 2012

By Dwight Ovitt: Missions Committee Chair

The Missions Committee has agreed to sponsor a study into what it means to become an Open and Affirming (ONA) church in 2012. Materials have been developed by the Coalition for Lesbian/Gay Concerns of the Massachusetts Conference United Church of Christ that we will be reviewing. We will welcome up to five (5) others to join our committee to explore the issues and how they apply to our church.

We plan to keep our committee small and each participant is expected to prepare for our monthly meetings by reading materials that have been developed. Our Pastor, Darren Galindo, has already reviewed these materials and has suggested that we as a committee remain small and keep our communication open and supportive.

The issues that will be reviewed include: Approaching the scripture, introducing the subject and ourselves, attitudes about sexuality, sexism/heterosexism/homophobia, family and relationships, youth and gay, lesbian, bisexual issues, the ONA process: what, why, and how.

If you wish, you can join our committee for 2012 so you can also explore this issue. We ask that non-Mission committee members answer 2 questions: the first is why do you want to be included in the discussion of what it means to be an Open and Affirming church and second, what can you offer our committee that will assist us in this pursuit. Please direct your response to Dwight Ovitt by email or by letter by December 15, 2011.

Our meetings are scheduled for the second Sunday of the month at 12:00 noon in the Multipurpose room. Our meetings are expected to last up to 2 hours. We start our meetings with lunch so all participants are expected to assist by hosting one lunch a year. This process is expected to take place in 2012 beginning in January and finishing in November, 2012.

Email at dcovitthonolulu@aol.com

October Youth Events:



- On the 16th we'll be kicking off the church's stewardship campaign.
- The youth will be participating in the Ward Center's Scarecrow Contest being held on October 29. Please come to Ward center to vote for our entry. 1st prize is \$500.
- Penny Carnival on the 31st! We need everyone's help for this community outreach.

Upcoming November Events:

- On November 11 we're having a guest speaker who had his life turned around through the love of Christ. Moon has been helping with our church's Luau for several years and has a personal statement of how God works through anyone.
- Also in November, we're trying to see if we can volunteer at the Humane Society. Plans are still being finalized and more information will be available.
- Thanksgiving weekend brings the 1st day of Advent and the Youth will be joining the church school on Sunday, November 27 for a time of worship and Advent craft making.



PUZZLE

GOD'S PLAN

When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.

Directions: Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.

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Answers: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)

STATEMENT OF MISSION

United Church of Christ is a family of Christian believers,
 mindful of its beginnings as a mission to Chinese immigrants,
 called to witness to the love of God as exemplified in the life of Christ,
 through strengthening faith in worship and study,
 by the bonding of all in Christian fellowship,
 and in serving the needs of others.

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OCTOBER 10:30AM WORSHIP CALENDAR

“The 23rd Psalm”

Pastor Darren T. Galindo

October 16, 2011: “Getting on The Right Track” Psalm 23:3, John 20:30-31

October 23, 2011: “Feeling God’s Presence” Psalm 23:4, John 28:19-20

October 30, 2011: “God Provides When Danger Arrives” Psalm 23:5-6,
John 3:16

NOVEMBER 10:30AM WORSHIP CALENDAR

"Getting to The Original Christmas"

November 6, 2011: "Getting to The Original Christmas" Matt. 1:18-24, 2:19-23, Lk. 1:39-45

November 13, 2011: "Did The Romans Celebrate Christmas?" Lk. 1:29-38, 51-53, Dan. 7:1-8

November 20, 2011: "The Meaning of Mary's Perfect Delivery" Lk. 1:31-33, 35, Mtt. 1:18-25

November 27, 2011: Rev. Dr. J.P. Sabbithi, Isa. 64:1-9, Mark 13:24-37

Deadline for the December Mercury: November 15th