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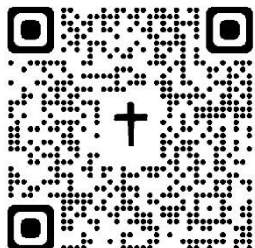
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Sunday Morning Worship
Service, 10 a.m.
Tuesday Morning Bible
Study, 9 a.m.



THE CONNECTION

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The other day I closing up the men's restroom in Baird Hall where I discovered one of the toilet stall doors was locked from the inside. I checked under the panels to see that there were no feet. Nope. I knocked on the door just to be sure. Perhaps the feet were up on the seat cover. Nope.

"Ready or not, I am opening the door!" I yelled as I stuck a dime in the exterior plate to operate the latch. I swung the door out to discover. . . wait for it. . . bated breath. . . nothing. Sorry if I built up the suspense for no reason.

To be sure, in a similar situation some years ago I went in to discover a homeless GENT hanging out in the wheelchair accessible stall of the WOMEN's restroom. It was a lovely surprise to discover nothing amiss this time around. Yet, still the mystery remained as to how or why the stall was locked from the inside.

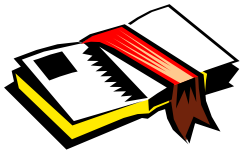
I thought back to Sunday morning after church that week. Who had been in the restroom? Oh yes, the children were playing "hide & seek." I had stopped one young damsel searching out her compatriots in the men's restroom, explaining to her that she just could not be seen going into the men's side of the facilities. She replied that it was a favorite place for the boys to hide when it was her turn to seek them out. It must have been indeed the case that some boys had been hiding in the stall but decided to exit it by crawling under rather than using the door.

Don't you just love it when life mirrors a Dennis the Menace (casual mention with no copyright infringement) comic strip? The church sometimes needs a laugh track when the craziness takes over! By the way, as for me I prefer to hide in the pulpit--best place in any church to hide. Then while you are well hidden, make voices like it is the Holy Spirit talking to the masses.

Do you ever wonder about Jesus as a boy in his formative years? The only story we have in the Bible is of his ditching his parents and hanging back in the Temple (Luke 2:41) to rile up the learned adults in the room. He obviously was not too shy. We also know that he had brothers and sisters, siblings with whom he must have played growing up. That must have been fun.

Other sources beside the Bible tell stories of Jesus as a boy, including the Muslim Koran. They make him out to be quite outgoing and playful--just like His Father in heaven? We might assume!

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Scriptures and Sermons for November

- 6 Nov Luke 13:18-30
"Narrow Door"
- 13 Nov Luke 13:31-35
"Get Out of Dodge"
- 20 Nov Luke 14:1-14
"Where to Sit"
- 27 Nov Isaiah 2:1-5
"Peace"
- "4 Dec Psalm 72:1-
"Justice"



The **Tuesday morning Bible Study** group meets in Baird Hall at 9 am to discuss the Scripture for the upcoming Sunday sermon. Come share your inspirations and insights with the Pastor. Everyone is

welcome.

Calendar Notes:

Kauai Association AHA MOKUPUNI, November 6th at 3pm right here in Waimea at our sister church Waimea First Marshallese (the former Japanese church on Ola Road). The theme will be "One in Christ." A free fellowship meal will follow the worship and meeting.

Thanksgiving Day Worship will be at the Waimea Baptist Church on **November 24th** at **9:00am** (every year we trade off the location). The offering will go the WKMA Kokua Fund at Nana's House to help the needy.

Advent starts on **November 27th** this year. The four candles will represent Peace, Justice, Righteousness, and Conviction all coming together in the Christ Candle to be lit on Christmas Eve. The hanging of the greens (decorating the Christmas tree) will take place on that last Sunday of November after worship.

Worship Leaders

Lay Reader: Jackie Matsumura

Deacon: Lauren Starner

November Deacons: Jared Morsey, David Somers, Marlene Matutino

Church Council Meeting: November 13, 2022 at 11:30 via Zoom Hybrid

Margaret's brother, cancer; Susie Somers, cancer recovery; Dr. Fukino, cancer recovery; Ruth's daughter, Carol Alvesos (brain tumor); Jill Faye, cancer recovery; Mike Matutino, cancer recovery; Janice's friend Ron, cancer recovery; Leinani Springer, cancer recovery; Galen Kaohi, cancer recovery; Norma Watanabe cancer recovery; Jared's father (stroke); Lucia's son Michael for healing; Mahea's mother (stroke); Berenice's mother Hortencia (stroke); Pastor's Uncle Olaf; Helen's mother (heart); Gladys Okada (blindness); Kristen to fight infection; Robert Medeiros knees; Robert's Mom Dorothy breast cancer surgery; Sue Carlson (hip replacement recovery); Rob Carlson; Beth Hanashiro (headaches); An end finally to the pandemic; Healthcare workers; Those suffering from spiritual distress; Our local, state, and national leaders, our men and women in the military fighting terrorism, and a speedy end to wars everywhere.

On-line giving is set up for helping with the Septic Rebuilding at the cabins in Kokee. If you can at all help personally that would be great. Just go to the church's Facebook page and click on the "Waineke Septic Rebuild" that is pinned to the top of the page. It is super easy, and 100% of what you give online will go to the camp ministry. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Niches are available in the new columbarium. Call the church office if interested.
\$2,000 per niche for the general public
\$1,500 per niche for WUCC members

Hauoli la Hanau!

November 4 Marty Vidinha
November 9 Elaine Ganeko
November 12 Nelson Keller (Jr)
November 19 Christopher Aguilar
November 20 Shelly Erdmann
November 28 Sue Carlson



Cemetery News

I call it "Nursery Row" – the line of small graves behind the rock wall near Baird Hall. There are many other small graves throughout the cemetery; however, this row of graves tells a story of hardship and loss.

Feb 7, 1948 – Feb 9, 1948

March 26, 1927

Mar 2, 1911- Jan 10, 1912

Feb 18, 1909 – June 7, 1909

May 30, 1902 – May 16, 1903

November 26, 1898 – February 7, 1906

March 10, 1926

August 30, 1919 - Feb 27, 1920

June 16, 1897 – August 19, 1898

Teri Sakai, Cemetery Chair

News from the Pews

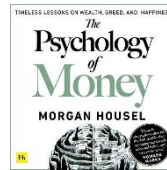
- * Tuesday afternoon Bible Study at the Regency Puakea has started again. One of the participants is of course Gladys Okada. She says a hearty "hi" to all of us out here in Waimea. She still remembers the "Waimea fight song" from school.
- * Thank you from the Pastor: "Blessings on all of you that brought me food to eat and kept me company while Mama Kahu Helen was away. It is truly appreciated!"
- * Mama Kahu Helen has been invited to preach at Lihue Christian Church on November 13th.
- * Blessings and travel mercies to Kev Christian as he is off to Poland for the month on a work assignment.
- * Congratulations on Russell and Berenice's buying a new home in Hanapepe Heights!

Youth Mission Update:

So much going on! Last month we started the Waimea Canyon Middle School Bible Club again, and the response on campus has been wonderful. The first meeting we had over thirty youth show up. Our after-school open gym is operating with also over thirty youth on any given day--thanks to Jared and Christian. The High School Bible club has just about fifteen youth showing up now--the youth lead the live music and share in the bible readings. Sunday school is humming along with a fine group of younger kids too--thanks to Mahea and others in leading this. Last month we hosted another "Pseghetti Night" for the parents (drop of kids and have date night)--thanks to Alex for his excellent care skills in this! Something to pray about: that Waimeke about=that Waimeke cabins might be open again for our annual Spring Youth Retreat.

Book Club

Lucia Laidlaw will host on November 20 at 3:00 pm. Her selection is a nonfiction book called *The Psychology of Money*



by Morgan Housel. Housel's book describes the various factors that influence how we think about money and how these factors influence our spending, saving, or investing.

In *The Psychology of Money*, award-winning author Morgan Housel shares 19 short stories exploring the strange ways people think about money and teaches you how to make better sense of one of life's most important topics.

Tentatively for December Cindy Horton will host *After: A Doctor Explores What Near-Death Experiences Reveal About Life and Beyond* by Bruce Greyson.



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As we get closer to the holidays, let us give ourselves a little more time to play, to be young at heart, to hear laughter and cheer and to sense God's continued blessings. I think making people happy makes God happy too.

Aloha ke Akua, Pastor Olaf

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DOMINOES
TUESDAY, 7-9 PM
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