

**KEY DATES FOR OCTOBER 2018**

October 6	Kalaheo High School Project Grad Car Wash
October 13	Habitat Car Wash
October 20	Fall Family Festival
October 27	IHS Prep and Meal

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**THE LAST WORD**

*“There is no season when such  
pleasant and sunny spots may be  
lighted on, and produce so pleasant  
an effect on the feelings, as now in  
October.”*

*~ Nathaniel Hawthorne*

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“Making Disciples of Christ from All Generations”

## LIFE MINISTRY OF PAUL



We find ourselves in the midst of a sermon series on the life of the Apostle Paul. Although we could easily spend an entire year to study this dynamic and inspiring Apostle and the 28 percent of the New Testament scriptures that he wrote, we are instead focusing briefly on the heart of his understanding of the Gospel. I believe that Paul has two primary points: that while we were weak, at the right time, God sent God's son for us; and, that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The big, all encompassing, love of God is an easy belief for many of us to hold on to. With an expansive love of God we can proclaim the United Methodist slogan, “open hearts, open doors, open minds.” The challenge, however, is what to do with those who seem ‘outside’ of that love, or seem to act

against it? The greatest challenge in Paul's ministry and in the life of the early church was figuring out how to engage those who were different, namely, the Gentiles. At that time most of the followers of Jesus were Jewish and when the disciples spread the word from town to town their primary medium was to show up at the synagogue and teach the good news of Jesus Christ. It was not until the radical transformation of Paul that the early church began to embrace Gentile communities and share with them the big amazing love of Jesus Christ. As they began to minister to these different communities, they began to wrestle with how someone could or could not participate in the grace of Jesus Christ. Previously, to be included into God's mighty acts of salvation one had to convert into Judaism and adopt the lifestyle changes that went along with their understanding of the Torah (God's law). Circumcision and eating Kosher were, for example, non-negotiable. As Paul expanded the Gospel of Jesus Christ further away from Jerusalem and got connected to more Gentile minded communities he wrestled with whether or not people had to follow a prescribed ethic in order to inherit God's love, or in his mind, whether or not people had to become Jewish to find themselves within the body of Christ.

As we move into the last three weeks of the sermon series we will explore how this challenge plays out in his life and ministry. We may no longer debate over whether or not we must follow Jewish law in order to inherit the Kingdom of God, but we are faced with the very same challenge of figuring out how we can move forward as one body of Christ with people who act and, even, believe differently. Continue to join in this conversation on Sunday mornings and invite your friends as we explore Paul together.

In Peace, *Pastor Brian*

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

Drivers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels. Hawaii Meals on Wheels is a private, non-profit 501(C)3 organization that is dedicated to helping frail elders and individuals with disabilities preserve their independence at home by providing hot, nutritious meals and regular personal interaction. Meals are delivered Monday-Friday, including all weekday holidays. Very flexible volunteer schedules. For more information, please contact Bradley Akamu at Hawaii Meals on Wheels, (808)784-2756.



**LOOKING FOR BELL RINGERS**



Bells are a wonderful part of our music program at KUMC. There is a bell presentation being prepared for Sunday, October 14th, and the group needs more ringers. There are only five more practices before the performance. Ringers don't need to have been ringing experience, but some familiarity with reading music is very helpful. It's lot of fun! If you are interested, please email Wim Bles at [tnrwim@aol.com](mailto:tnrwim@aol.com) or call him at (808) 349-2943.



Saturday, October 20th from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Pony rides, face painting, games, crafts, bingo, chili cook off, and Trunk or Treat. This all ages event is FREE. Costumes encouraged. Friends welcome. We are asking families to participate in one of the following ways: Bring a crock pot of chili, cooked rice, a kid friendly dish, dessert, decorating your trunk and pass out candy for the Trunk or Treat, and/or help with the set up/clean up. Register at [kailua.churchcenter.com](http://kailua.churchcenter.com).



**OCTOBER 21ST BLOOD DRIVE**



Health Ministries is sponsoring our second Blood Drive of the year on Sunday, October 21st from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Kelleway. Please look for Deborah Tom to sign up after worship or call the church office. Kailua United Methodist Church consistently collects among the highest numbers of blood units collected of any church on island. Let's make sure we keep up the good work by donating! Mahalo for signing up to give the gift of life!

*If you're interested in the October birthdays, please call the church office at 261-6238*



*October Birthdays*

**DID YOU KNOW? YOUR KUMC FOUNDATION**



Harry and Kathryn Fuller grew old with KUMC. Harry, with tools in hand, performed hours and hours of needed church care. Kathryn was there always in support of Harry, yet independent, a great mother, church volunteer, and she loved reading and writing poetry. We are KUMC, can hold Harry and Kathryn Fuller as the 'gold standard' of church volunteerism.

Both Harry and Kathryn treasured organ music. So much so they specified that part of the 'Fuller Trust' grow and be used for the care and upkeep of our church organ.

It's easy to fun and existing trust or start a new trust. Please speak to or email John Kojima [johnkojima@gmail.com](mailto:johnkojima@gmail.com) or Ann McBirnie [amcbirnie@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:amcbirnie@hawaiiantel.net).

**ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE**

Kailua United Methodist Church will have their annual Charge Conference with District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Se Hee Han on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. here at KUMC. This will be a joint charge conference with Keolumana UMC and First Tongan UMC. All are welcome.

**SMART TREES PACIFIC**



Smart Trees Pacific will be here at KUMC on November 3rd from 7:00 a.m. till noon in celebration of Arbor Day Hawaii. They will be giving away 400 one gallon tree and shrub seedlings. The Outdoor Circle, Aloha Arborists and master gardeners will be providing educational information regarding the right tree, right place to plant. Open to the community. Come by and check it out!



At KUMC our vision is to be a Christ-centered, knowing, loving and serving ohana. Congregational Care provides members of the church opportunities to offer care and support of each other in a variety of ways. This may involve making phone calls to members unable to be in worship, visiting our homebound members, keeping specific individuals in prayer or simply writing notes at important times. As part of the church ohana, we are all part of the Congregational Care team. If you feel inclined to be more actively involved on the team and want to learn more, please contact Sue Pignataro at 808-421-8713 or [sue@kailuaumc.org](mailto:sue@kailuaumc.org).