

**KEY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2018**

Aug 28-Sept. 7 Office Manager Vacation  
Sept. 8 Habitat Car Wash  
Sept. 8 Family Movie Night  
Sept. 22 IHS Prep and Meal

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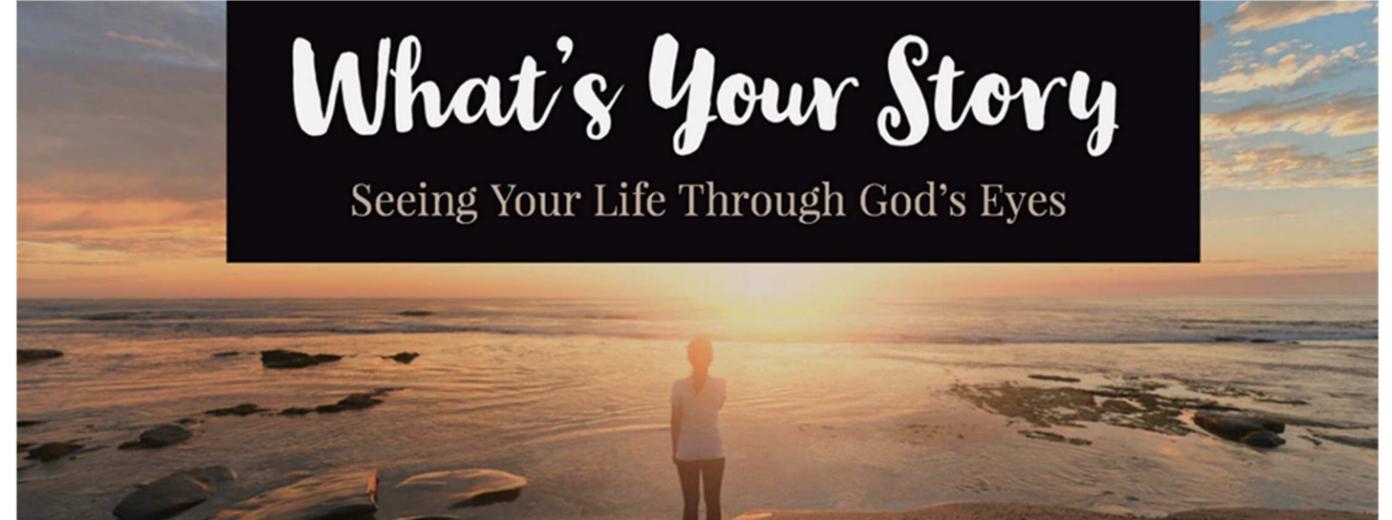
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"Making Disciples of Christ from All Generations"



Your life is an unfolding story of God's love and grace in the world. This is a powerful statement that we have been exploring together over the past few weeks. For some it is easy to see how God has been with us in life's ups and downs, serving as a guide and ally; we see clearly how our stories are powerful examples of God's love and grace. Many of us, however, are so busy with the day to day of raising kids, caring for our aging parents or with the exhaustion of whatever our "normal" life entails, that it is hard to see our lives in such a way. We are thankful for putting one foot in front of the other and try our best to manage the twists and turns that life brings. Although we may not see our lives as a revelation of God's love, that does not mean that our stories are any less powerful and unique. Whether we recognize it or not, your life is an unfolding story of God's love, and you are the main character in that story.

Throughout this series we have been focusing on the biblical character of Joseph. Joseph was found his identity in his the status symbol he wore; he was his fathers favorite son and his cloak designated him as such. Throughout the series of painful experiences, he begins to relocate his identity as God's servant. What I find particularly meaningful about Joseph's story, is not only that he finds his identity in God, but that he still utilizes his personal strengths and pursues the desires he has for his life. He does not with for some miraculous

sign from God to show him the way, or to reveal some truth, instead, he lives he journeys with God. Joseph recognizes that all that he has is from God and he uses what he has been given from God. Eventually he finds himself in the exact place he dreamt about when he began his journey, with his brothers bowing down before him when they figure out that this mighty Egyptian officer was their younger brother they sold into slavery. Whereas the Joseph at the beginning of the narrative would have punished his brothers for their actions, the Joseph that has learned from his journey with God offers forgiveness because he knows that although he has strengths and he has status, he remembers his story and sees it as God's grace with him.

How has God's grace been with you throughout your life? What is your unique story? If we you see your life through God's eyes, as a gift of God's self revelation in the world, will you share it? My invitation as we draw closer to the end of this sermon series is to make an effort to fine at least one person in our church community with whom you will exchange stories with. By sharing the ditches, the ups and downs, and our strengths and desires of our stories I hope that we might see God more fully as we come to know one another and ourselves more intimately.

In Peace, Pastor Brian



Did you know that if you pay your pledge or weekly/monthly church giving at Foodland during the month of September, a payment of \$249 for KUMC will result in a \$298 return for KUMC? Foodland and Western Union returns your donation plus an 8 year average of 19.6% to KUMC. NO NEED TO BUY ANYTHING. Simply go to a checkout counter or customer service and make a payment--cash, check or credit card (get bonus points!). Please help us raise money for projects, renovations and outreach. Let's all support this worthwhile promotion. GIVE ALOHA!

Each September, Foodland asks its customers to give to local nonprofits and then matches a share of those donations. Last year, 17 givers from our congregation donated \$3,380.00. Foodland's matching donation to KUMC was \$713.57 for a total of \$4,093.57. It's easy to donate. Here's how to do it:

- ◆ Visit Foodland during the Give Aloha campaign all through September. You do not have to buy anything. If you do buy groceries, the matching donation is not dependent on how many items you buy.
- ◆ When you check out, show your Maika'i card to the clerk or type in your Maika'i card number, then tell the clerk, "I want to make a donation of \$\$\$ to Kailua United Methodist Church (KUMC)." If you do not have a Maika'i card, the clerk will give you one.
- ◆ The clerk will look up KUMC's code and add your donation to your grocery purchase.
- ◆ Pay for the donation and any groceries all at once. Your receipt will show the amount of your donation for income tax purposes. Your donation goes directly to KUMC.
- ◆ You can donate as often as you wish during September and give up to a total of \$249.00. All of your donation will go to KUMC. Hint for frugal shoppers: use your credit card to make the purchase and earn points or miles at the same time.

After the Give Aloha campaign ends September 30, Foodland will count up how much was donated to each of the participating nonprofits. The more that is donated to any nonprofit, the more money that Foodland and Western Union give that nonprofit. They will donate a total of \$350,000 using a formula that takes into account the number of participating nonprofits and the amount that each receives.



We will have a Family Movie Night on September 8th at 6:30 p.m. Movie will be outdoors on the lawn or in Holman Hall if it rains. FREE popcorn and lemonade. Bring chairs and blankets. This is a free event, please invite your friends and neighbors.



Please note in your calendars that our Fall Family Festival will be on Saturday, October 20th, 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. More details to follow.

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



*September Birthdays*

**OCTOBER 21ST BLOOD DRIVE**



Health Ministries is sponsoring a Blood Drive 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! **Reminder to our regular donors: please remember your 8 week timeline.**



The church office will have limited hours from August 28th through September 7th. Shelley will be on vacation during this time. Please call the office ahead of time before you stop by to confirm someone is here. Jim Orrick will be in the office mornings from 7:30-10:00 a.m., Monday through Friday. Thank you.

**DID YOU KNOW? YOUR KUMC FOUNDATION**



Commonly trusts are arranged to benefit the mundane, general building and maintenance needs. Gutters, toilets, termite treatment for example, are not frequently a topic of discussion yet are none-the-less very important in maintaining any structure. Just as frequently more specific requests are made by fellow KUMC individuals and groups. Funding requests are petitioned to your church peers on the KUMC Foundation board. Input is always desired. It's easy to fund an existing trust or start a new trust. To make a tax deductible donation please speak to or email Ann McBirnie at [amcbirnie@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:amcbirnie@hawaiiantel.net) or Jerry Allen at [Jerry-Allen@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:Jerry-Allen@hawaii.rr.com).

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