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Calendar Highlights

July 8

MVC's July Celebration

July 14

Council & Leadership
 Retreat

July 16

Newsletter Deadline

June 29

Safe Church Policy
 Meeting

Please join us in celebrating Manoa Valley Church's



July Celebration
 Sunday July 8, 2007
 After 9:00am service

Family and Friends of Manoa Valley Church
 Are invited to a fun-filled day of



Chili Cook-off
 (Bring a pot of your favorite chili
 recipe)

"Any Fruit" Cobbler Contest
 Jell-O Contest
 Salsa Contest
 Pony rides
 Bouncer
 Balloon Monsoon

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With joy and thanksgiving, we announce the confirmation of the Call of Reverend Anne-Findlay Chamberlain as the Senior Pastor of Manoa Valley Church! The Congregation convened at a Special Congregational Meeting on June 24th and voted to confirm the call that was first brought forth by our Search Committee and moved forward by the Council.

Pastor Anne will begin a three year contract on October 28th. A formal installation will be scheduled shortly thereafter.

God has guided and blessed the search process and He has rewarded our faithfulness. The congregation is thanked for their patience. The Search Committee Members are thanked for their diligence and their hard work over the past nearly 2 years. The staff is thanked for their dedication and reliability.

As we look forward to beginning a new partnership in ministry with Pastor Anne, we thank God for His Grace!



Love of my Father by Sue Yamamoto, Moderator

I've been thinking of my dad since Father's Day recently past which in turn reminded me of a testimony that I prepared last summer. So I apologize in advance for the repeat of the story but I want to tell you again about my Father and what I learned about my heavenly father from him. Dad was born in 1912 on a homestead in Fall River County, South Dakota in 1912. He grew up in a "whistle stop" town in eastern Montana where my grandfather ran a drey line. A drey line was a team of mules pulling freight wagons that delivered goods from the railroad stops to customers, stores, farms, etc.

Stanley Edward Brady was a gentleman. Not in the sense of being terribly refined but because he was a GENTLE man. He did not raise his voice or his hand to anyone. He was a good Lutheran until he married my mother who promptly converted him into a good Presbyterian. When I was two years old, we moved to Spearfish SD and because there was no Presbyterian Church, our family began its long association with the United Church of Christ. Dad sang tenor in the church choir. He also sang Barbershop with his Lion's Club and played a mean harmonica. He had perfect pitch and he had a perfect love for his family. Dad was a salesman by trade. He was never terribly successful, financially speaking because he was just too nice of a guy. But he provided for his family and was a happy man, for the most part. We always had more than we needed even if we didn't always have everything we thought we wanted.

Now, I was his youngest child and was therefore loved a lot and also left to my own devices quite a bit. As a teenager, I wasn't always the perfect child, if you can imagine that! To tell the truth, I was horrible for a time. I thank God regularly my

own children didn't act the way I did. At least not to the extent that I did. I was truant. I had a motto that I'd try anything once and most of the things that I tried, I found that I liked and did them repeatedly! I was belligerent to my parents much of the time and was a rather skillful liar, I thought. Of course, as an adult, realize that my parents knew a lot more of the truth than I realized but chose to handle me through love, rather than confrontation. But one day, my dad came into my room, sat down on my bed, looked me in the eye, and said "Susie, I love you". And I said, "Yeah Dad, I know". And then he said, "No, I REALLY love you!" and then he went on to say "and there is NOTHING in this world that you could EVER do that will change that.". Still being belligerent, I said "Really?!?" Like it was a challenge or something. And he said that it didn't mean that I couldn't make him mad or that I couldn't make him sad but it did mean that I couldn't make him not love me.

Now that was a perfect love! That's how our heavenly father loves us. I wish that every child in this world could know that kind of love from both their earthly fathers and from their heavenly father. Not everyone has the blessing of a dad like mine. Lots of folks do have dads that loved with a perfect love even if it was never articulated but I was so lucky, so blessed to have been Stan Brady's little girl. That day, dad said that not only would he always love me, but that he would always help me. But that if he didn't know what kind of trouble I was in, then he couldn't help me and that he hoped I would know that I could always count on him to be there for me.

We can always count on God to be there for us too. We don't always have to tell God what kind of trouble we are in, God already knows. But our God is an awesome God and he wants us to tell him, to confess to him that we have failed and to open ourselves up to his love and his protections. To be loved is all that we need and more than we deserve. Through Christ's perfect gift, we are forgiven and we can know that God loves us perfectly. We all need to be loved and all we have to do is ask. I did.



July Lectionary and Worship

July 1, 2007

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. William Kaina, preaching

Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14; Psalm 77:1-2,
11-20 or 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21;
Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1,13-25;
Luke 9:51-62

July 8, 2007

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. William Kaina, preaching

Readings: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30 or Isaiah
66:10-14,19-21; Psalm 66:1-9;
Galatians 6:(1-6),7-16;
Luke 10:1-11,16-20

July 15, 2007

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. William Kaina, preaching

Readings: Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82 or
Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm
25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14;
Luke 10:25-37

July 22, 2007

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. William Kaina, preaching

Readings: Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52 or Genesis
18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians
1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 29, 2007

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. William Kaina, preaching

Readings: Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85 or Genesis
18:20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians
2:6-15, (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

Worship Helpers

Worship Leader: Ron Hashiro
Song Leader: Leah Young
Bell Ringer: Keoni Williams
Acolyte: Natalie Kwon
Sound Ministers: Adam, Clinton, Jerry, Kel
Communion : Jane Nakabayashi, Agnes Hirotsu,
Millie Mezurashi, Nathan and Lois
Kwon, Dianne Ishida

July 1

Ushers: Tadami and Nobue Izutsu
Greeters: Agnes Hirotsu
Accompanist: Reggie Tamashiro
Child Care: Les & Lisa Miyamoto, Mae and
Megan Saito
Children's Moments: Laura Glenn

July 8

Ushers: Tadami and Nobue Izutsu
Greeters: Kaipo Menecke
Accompanist: Catherine Miyahira
Child Care: Jean Endo, Amy Matsuno,
Leatrice Yukinaga
Children's Moments: Sam Browning

July 15

Ushers: Kenneth and Alice Chun
Greeters: Theodore Isekawa
Accompanist: Reggie Tamashiro
Child Care: Mazie Okimoto, Sarie & Steven Uechi
Children's Moments: Grace Kwon

July 22

Ushers: Kenneth and Alice Chun
Greeters: Theodore Isekawa
Accompanist: Catherine Miyahira
Child Care: Evie Gallagher, Gwyen Nosse,
Carolyn Okinaga, Pam Kutara

July 29

Ushers: Alvin and Bertha Fujioka
Greeters: Aki Williams
Accompanist: Reggie Tamashiro
Child Care: Ann Haioka, Clinton Haioka, Jocelyn
Kasamoto
Children's Moments: Melanie Ching

Safe Church Policy Reminder

The deadline for compliance with our Safe Church Policy is approaching! For all who regularly and/or occasionally volunteer with our Sunday Child Care or Sunday School, you are required to read the policy and submit the disclosure form by September 1, 2007. The policy and forms are available on our web site or through the church office.

A final informational meeting about the policy and compliance issues is scheduled for Sunday, July 29th following the worship service.



Congratulations to these graduates from the Manoa Valley Church Family:

- *Alysia Uilani Archuleta, Roosevelt High School*
- *Courtney Hamada, Roosevelt High School*
- *Jean Kasamoto, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Pacific University*
- *Laurie Okinaga, Georgetown University*
- *Ian Yamamoto, Associates degree in Environmental and Fire Science, Honolulu Community College*
- *Sara Yamamoto, BS in Business, Chapman University*



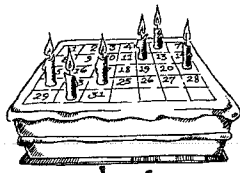
Worship Committee

If we had a calabash to hold our ideas, it would be overflowing! We are thankful to the handful of people who shared their ideas via our recent survey asking for ideas on how to enhance our worship services.

Helping hands are always needed to fill in the dozen or so tasks that complete each worship service. Pray on what you can do to help our community!

Grandparents (or anyone who can “borrow” children!)...Sunday, September 9 is designated as Grandparents Day. In a reversal, we would like to bring your keiki and we will honor you and your mo’opuna! (grandchild). We’re finalizing the details of that special Sunday.

Hele mai kakou (all of us come together) and ho’omaika’i Ke Akua (praise God)



Birthdays This Month

- July 5 Clara Katekaru
- July 5 Clinton Haioka
- July 8 Jonathan Mark
- July 10 Matthew Inaba
- July 17 Paul Tottori
- July 19 Dawn Hamada
- July 22 Joanna Katherine Lee
- July 24 Edna Kano
- July 25 Elan Giddings
- July 29 Lawrence Trela
- July 29 Wade Tokoro

☺ JUST FOR LAUGHS: DENNIS

Little Dennis began falling out of a tree and cried, "Lord, save me!" There was a pause and then he said, "Never mind, Lord, my pants just caught on a branch."

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SMILE !!!



Happy Birthday

REJOICE! BE GLAD!!



God thinks you're Wonderful! It may be difficult for you to believe that *God* knows your name ... but *He* does - written on *His* hand - spoken by *His* mouth - whispered by *His* lips - Your Name!

"See, I have written your name on the palms of My Hands." Isaiah 49:16a

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