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Calendar Highlights

November 18

Thanksgiving Family
Worship

November 19

Newsletter Deadline

November 21

Council Meeting



Harvest Fair 2007

Saturday, November 3rd

9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Come and join us for a day of fun and fellowship at the Manoa Valley Church gym. There will be a variety of foods such as baked goods, chili, fried noodles, bara-sushi, hamburgers, and barbeque chicken. There will also be booths selling boutique, clothing, books, plants, preserves, produce, white elephant items, and a silent auction and games for kids to enjoy.

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Thanksgiving Sunday Service on November 18th

Family worship will begin at 9:00 a.m. Please bring any fruits and vegetables by 8:30 am on Sunday morning to add bounty to the altar.

You may bring your cut flowers and greenery to the sanctuary on Saturday, November 17 at 4 p.m. to decorate the altar.

Aloha! I am so glad to be here! You have already welcomed me in so many ways – from the banner, to conversations, to accepting me into membership on October 28! Mahalo for helping both Rod and me to feel right at home.

The next two months will be busy with all the excitement of Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. I look forward to learning how MVC worships and celebrates these special days. We will have the pleasure of introducing you to our sons, our daughter-in-law, and our granddaughter as they escape the cold of an East Coast Winter to visit us. They are looking forward to greeting our new church ohana.

One of the highlights of the Olympic Games is the relay of the torch from Olympia, Greece to the host city. While the torch relay for the 2008 Beijing Olympics won't begin until March of 2008, the torch of Christianity has been carried for almost 2000 years, from Jerusalem to points all over the globe. This light has lit the lives of people in Manoa Valley for years – shining brightly from MVC and our neighbor church communities. Many ministers – members of this church and its pastors – have taken a turn running the race, sprinting to pass the flame to the next runner.

I feel a bit like one of the runners in the relay. For the person receiving the torch needs to begin running – and increase speed to match the pace of the person carrying the torch. It is going to take me some time to get up to speed, to match the pace you have set, and to get ready for the next leg of the journey. And I will need your help to get me up to speed, and to run along with me as we carry the light for this time and place.

MVC has a long history of carrying God's light through faithful ministry and witness in the Manoa Valley. I will need to have my running shoes on to catch up with you! I look forward with prayerful anticipation to discovering how our mutual ministry will progress in fulfilling God's purpose here. I ask for your prayers as well, for nothing is accomplished without prayer.

You can help me as I get up to speed by calling the office so that we can find time to talk story – in the office, over coffee, in your home, in board and committee meetings, or wherever is most convenient.

Advent is the season of anticipation – of awaiting Christ's coming into the world. I can't wait to see what He is going to do with us!

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.
Hebrews 12:1-2 NRSV

To God Be All the Glory!

Pastor Anne



Come one, come all to the Silent Auction at the Harvest Fair! There will be gift certificates galore to Longs, Safeway, and restaurants and new items and gift baskets for Christmas giving! Check it out and bid early!

Melanie Ching, Silent Auction Chair



Worship Helpers

Song Leader: Leah Young
Bell Ringer: Keoni Williams
Acolyte: Lahela Naki
Sound Ministers: Adam, Clinton, Jerry, Kel
Communion : Wilfred and Nancy Higa, Kathy
& Ron Lee, Ted Isekawa, Marilyn
Nakayama, Nancy Yamamoto and
Ron Hashiro

November Lectionary and Worship

November 4, 2007

All Saints' Sunday

Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain, preaching

Readings: Isaiah 1:1-18; Psalm 32:1-7;
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12;
Luke 19:1-10

November 11, 2007

Stewardship Sunday

Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain, preaching

Readings: Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5,
17-21; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17;
Luke 20:27-38

November 18, 2007

Thanksgiving Sunday

Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain, preaching

Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100;
Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35

November 25, 2007

Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain, preaching

Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79;
Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

November 4

Worship Leader: Sam Browning
Usher: Aki Williams
Greeters: Sue Makanani, Jane Otake
Reader: Susanne Shimabukuro
Accompanist: Reggie Tamashiro
Child Care: Gary Archuleta, Karen Hamada
Children's Moments: Grace Kwon

November 11

Worship Leader: Dot Endo
Usher: Aki Williams
Greeters: Sue Makanani, Aki Williams
Reader: Dot Endo
Accompanist: Catherine Miyahira
Child Care: Courtney Hamada, Shelby Hamada,
Uilani Archuleta, Rikki-Ann Archuleta
Children's Moments: Sam Browning

November 18

Worship Leader: Ron Hashiro
Usher: Aki Williams
Greeters: Edith Abe, Alene Nakasone
Reader: Rose Niimoto
Accompanist: Reggie Tamashiro
Children's Moments:

November 25

Worship Leader: Porfirio Guerra
Usher: Aki Williams
Greeters: Edith Abe, Alene Nakasone
Reader: Dianne Ishida
Accompanist: Leah Young
Child Care: Paul & Shelli Tottori, Kathy Lee
Children's Moments: Kathy Lee



“And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.” Genesis 2:3

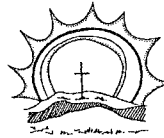
Have you noticed the construction going on where I work at Shriners Hospital on Punahou Street? Many people drive by the property just makai of the H1 freeway every day for years and years without knowing that it's a free hospital for children. The front yard is big and green, graced with royal palms and a stately black iron fence. Behind the existing hospital building though, there is an amazing flurry of activity! In October and November, workers are preparing the foundation for a brand new hospital. We've witnessed a finely choreographed dance of heavy machinery. It's hard, dirty work. The anticipation of the new hospital is so exciting.

My faith is kind of like the construction project at work. Up front, it usually looks pretty good. In the back, behind the fence, sometimes things get dirty. So much work has to be done just to prepare the foundation.

I will be excited to see the finished project at work. It's going to take a few years. I'm excited too to see the finished project that God has in store for my life. These projects are going to take some time. These projects are going to be messy sometimes. There will be breakdowns and set backs but movement towards the goal is good and steady. Knowing the goal and having a plan is essential. The plans have been drawn, revised, and refined for months at the hospital. The plan for our Christian walk was drawn a long time ago too. We can know the plans that God has for our lives by reading the Bible. At the construction site, there are experts in place to make sure everything stays on schedule. At our church, there are experts in place to help you and me stay on the right paths towards our goals!

Come worship with us in November! There are so many special happenings that it's hard to get all the information out to everyone. Please come to

worship, come to the special events, read the website postings and talk to your fellow parishioners so you don't miss out on anything! Happy Thanksgiving!



Journey to the Son

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

-Psalm 118:1

We praise and thank the Lord, but especially so during November and Thanksgiving time. One way to give thanks is to serve others, by being the hands and feet of Jesus.

On Nov. 11 during the Sunday School hour, Journey to the Son and the MVC ohana will make Thanksgiving baskets for Care-A-Van for the homeless and needy people.

Please bring small items to fill the baskets (see Thanksgiving baskets article for details) and baskets or backpacks. Cellophane and ribbon will be provided. We request that parents come to help the children wrap the baskets and stay for worship as we dedicate the baskets.

On Nov. 18, Journey to the Son will praise the Lord and sing at 9 am Thanksgiving worship. All are invited to attend worship and thank the Lord for our blessings. Note: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL that day.

Praise the Lord! Our Compassion International child sponsorship is almost 100% funded! The Journey to the Son families and teachers are sponsoring a child for the year (\$32/month). We prayerfully discerned whether to sponsor a boy or a girl and from what geographic region. There are SO many children living in poverty. Now we patiently await the arrival of our sponsorship kit for the one God has pre-selected for us.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!



Worship Ministry News

All Saints' Day, November 4

- By October 28, write the names of people whom you want to remember on the clipboard found at the back of the sanctuary. Their names will appear on a memorial sheet of names that will be read.
- On November 4, come before 10:00 am to light a candle in their memory. When we acknowledge them during the service, other people who came after 10 am will have an opportunity to light a candle.

Aloha Baskets Galore! for November 11

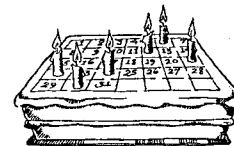
- Waikiki Health Center will collect baskets (we had 63 last year!) and deliver them to needy people on the Windward side of Oahu.
- Gather your donations Please include personal care items for people of all ages, nonperishable food items, gift cards, new/gently used clothes.
- Drop them off in the large basket that will be at the front doors of the sanctuary from October through November 4.
- Journey to the Son children, parents, teachers, and ANYONE else are invited to help wrap these baskets on the morning of November 11 so they can be brought into the sanctuary by 10 am on November 11.

Advent Season! First 4 Sundays in December

- It's Advent Party time on Saturday, December 1 from 4-6 p.m.! *Come join the fun!* All helping hands needed to help set up the sanctuary with Christmas decorations and the Christmas tree. Pizza and salad to follow!
- We are looking for 4 families who would like to light the Advent Wreath for each of the 4 Sundays in Advent. A short text will be read by a family member and others can help to light a candle on the large wreath that will be on the tall pulpit.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

- Come one, come all to our Candlelight Service set for 7 p.m. on Monday, December 23rd.
- Bring festive cookies for snacks after the service.



Birthdays
This Month

- 11/2 Paul Mark
- 11/3 Marissa Pagud
- 11/11 Jane Otake
- 11/13 Justin Lui
- 11/17 Grace Kwon
- 11/18 Rikki-ann Archuleta
- 11/20 Dorothy Murakami
- 11/22 Mark Kazuo Bradley
- 11/24 Keith Shiroma
- 11/30 David Shimabukuro
- 11/30 Rose Niimoto



The Manoa Valley Church Book Club

The MVC Book Club invites all to attend its meeting on November 11 after church from 12-1:30 p.m. Patricia Wood, local author, will discuss her book "The Lottery", a

novel of the young, thirty-one year old Perry who wins the Washington State Lottery. This would not be uncommon except for the fact that Perry's IQ is 76. Perry navigates through the book with his friends and among the vultures after his money stating, "My name is Perry L. Crandall and I am not retarded."

Come talk story with the author and have your book signed. If you are interested, speak with Alice Murata, Beverly Yuen, or Grace Kwon. Location will be announced depending on the number of people interested in attending.

Books can be purchased at Borders Bookstore. Paperbacks are slated for June 2008. Educator's 25% discount rate is available at Borders with an ID from any educator's organization (such as HEA, HSTA-R, NEA, etc.).