



Pastor's e-Note

Morristown United Methodist Church (11/16/2017)

Dear MUMC Family and Friends,

God blessed me and my life with two wonderful mentors who played key roles in shaping my faith and ministry. One was my godfather, Rev. Dr. Frank Butterworth, who was the Hawaii District Superintendent when I was growing up in Honolulu. The other mentor was Rev. Dae Hee Park, who was the Senior Pastor of the Christ United Methodist Church (my home church) in Honolulu.

Last Friday, Rev. Park passed away at the age of 93. He was a great pastor who had a real passion for young people. Under his leadership and guidance, I was able to organize a new youth group at my church. We started out as a fun fellowship group and then grew to be a vital faith-based and mission-driven youth group. We grew from 6 to 50 in three years, and from this group seven of us, including myself, became pastors or seminary professors. Rev. Park's mantra was "Always Faithful." He inspired me and guided me to be the best pastor I could be. He was an avid golfer. He loved golf so much that he found a nice condo on a golf course for his retirement. This coming Saturday morning, many United Methodist pastors and laity will be celebrating his life at the Los Angeles KUMC. While I cannot be there in person, I will be there in spirit and pray for him in Morristown. God bless him.

This coming Sunday is Thanksgiving Sunday. We will gather to give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received from God.

Also, we will celebrate it as Consecration Sunday. We will dedicate our pledge commitment for 2018 to support our church's vital mission and ministry. So, please fill out your financial pledge cards and bring them with you for dedication. With love, I encourage you to increase your pledge. Let's step up in our giving so that we can reach out to more people and make a real positive impact with the Good News of our Lord this next year. Thank you for your generosity.

This Saturday, we will have a pie baking "party" at the church. Many of our youth and adult volunteers will be there to bake hundreds of pies for Thanksgiving. If you can, please join us and volunteer for a couple of hours or so. I will be there, too.

At 7:30 p.m. this Saturday will be another great concert. It will feature The Mirror Visions Ensemble, consisting of Abigail Levis, mezzo-soprano, Mischa Bouvier, baritone, Scott Murphree, tenor and Grant Wenaus, piano. They will present "Journeys." Come out to support the concert series and to enjoy this unique group.

The words of wisdom for this week for you: "True living begins with True Giving. True Giving begins with Thanksgiving." – Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

Have a blessed week/weekend, and will see you in Church.

With Joy and Love,

Pastor Brandon