



Pastor's e-Note

Morristown United Methodist Church (7/17/2018)

Aloha, good friends, from Honolulu. It is another beautiful morning. Needless to say, I have been getting up at 4:00 a.m. (which means 10:00 a.m. in NJ) to welcome each new day. Several of you asked for updates on my parents. My mother is now well situated at the Liliha Healthcare Center. We are grateful that she is only a few rooms away from my dad in the same facility. They get to see each other briefly from time to time. It has been very difficult to see my mom and dad in a bedridden condition with a limited communication ability. We are learning to communicate with them with our eyes and smiles. And we pray with them each day, thanking God for all circumstances. As for me and Jennifer, we are learning to “let go and let God” and trust in God’s guiding grace. We thank you all for your loving care, support and prayers for my parents and us.

I am glad that our ASP Mission Team got home safely. As Holly Dinneny shared in her Facebook, it “sounds like the group accomplished great things - making much needed home repairs for our friends in need, friendships and life changing memories!! That’s what it’s all about!” My applause to everyone on the ASP Team for a job well done in sharing God’s hope and love. Thank you, Vince and Maria, for your diligent leadership. Now, you all deserve a good rest this week.

I am grateful to Jack Scharf and Kris Hansen for sharing preaching responsibilities and taking care of urgent pastoral care needs (with Pastor Charles Perez) while I am away. Thank you to our staff and our leaders for keeping the ministry flowing each day.

This coming Sunday is a joint worship service on the Green. The Presbyterian Church is hosting and Jack will participate in it. If you are in town, please come and enjoy the service in God's nature.

Have a blessed week and I surround each of you with aloha.

Pastor Brandon