



Pastor's e-Note

Morristown United Methodist Church (9/19/2018)

Dear Morristown UM Family and Friends,

My mother is a woman of prayer. I have learned from her the power of prayer. As a part of her prayer ministry, she organized an ecumenical prayer ministry team with her friends from several churches. She has been getting up every Sunday morning at 4:00 a.m. in Honolulu to pray for me and our congregation as we prepare to worship at 10:15 a.m. There is a six hour difference between our time zone and the Pacific time zone. So, each Sunday morning, as I get ready to begin the service, I would remember that I have a prayer partner in my mother.

When my mother was moved into the medical care facility in Honolulu, she could no longer pray for me because of her physical limitation. So, I have started a new pattern. Now, I am remembering my mom (and my dad) in my prayer on Sunday mornings. It is sort of "returning the favor." As I pray for her, something else happens in my heart. I find a total union with my mother in the Spirit. That feeling of a deep connection with her is hard to explain in human words. Having the spirit of oneness in the Lord is a powerful blessing.

Friends, as I have shared with you before, a praying church is a healthy church. When we pray together, we share the spirit of oneness in Christ. When we pray together, we are drawn to seek God's will and guidance as one body of Christ. Now, you understand why Jesus told his disciples to go up to the upper room to pray together and wait. The end result is the explosive empowerment of the Spirit in each disciple's heart and life. And, each disciple received God's power to go and preach the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is a powerful manifestation of what God can do and will do when we are united in prayer.

So, would you pray for each member of our church, for each pastor and staff, and for each ministry we do in and through the church? Yes, a praying church is a healthy and vital church!

This coming Sunday, I will be preaching the second sermon on "Miracles Everywhere: Unbelievable." Come and hear the message that will open up your hearts and lives to God's amazing new possibilities and opportunities.

I am looking forward to the upcoming Fall Festival in Morristown on Sunday, September 30th. We will have our own church booth with face painting, angel necklaces, ministry information, etc. We are looking for more volunteers, so please join us.

Have a blessed week and weekend, and look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Your Prayer Partner,

Pastor Brandon