

# Koinonia

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## Pastor's Corner ...

### Worship Services:

Japanese Worship /  
Bible Study

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

English Worship

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM

### Sunday School:

Adult English Bible  
Classes

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

### Children's Ministry:

Breakfast Program

8:45 AM – 9:15 AM

Children's Church

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Children's Activities  
Program/Child Care:

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

### Upcoming Events:

Thanksgiving  
Luncheon

November 23

Praise Night

November 29

Caroling

December 7

Children's Church  
Christmas Program

December 14

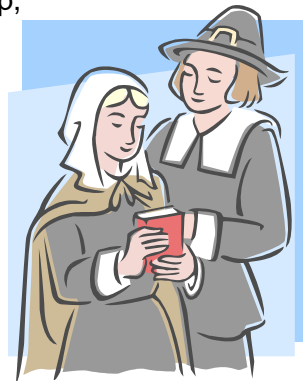
## *Attitude of Thanktitude (not a misspelling)*

**Luke 17:11-19:** As Jesus was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" ... (Jesus then heals them) ... **One** of them, when he saw he was healed, came back praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him – and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?..."

I have always had a bit of difficulty adequately thanking people for their graciousness. Okay, it is a LOT of difficulty. It isn't because my parents neglected to teach this to me. They did! Well, at least they *tried* ... more than once. Rather, it is because I was (am?) lazy, especially when a decent "thanks" calls for a thank-you note. (I hope I'm not stepping on too many of your toes, but I probably am.) My list of intended but never-written thank-you notes is embarrassingly long. I am hoping that some have surpassed the statute of limitations. How sad is it when long before an event you dreadfully anticipate your failure to write thank-you notes! ☹️ Christmases, birthdays, appreciations, celebratory events; it's a black mark on my character report card! It's okay for all of you conscientious note-writers to have pity on me. I am definitely pity-worthy in this!

Please don't misunderstand. My difficulty in giving a proper "thanks" does not mean I am not grateful. In fact, in my spirit I am **very grateful!** But it often ends there. I confess that I am like the nine healed lepers who did not *make the effort* to come back to thank Jesus for healing them. So as far as an "attitude of gratitude" goes, I have that! I just don't always act on it. For me, I do not need an attitude, I need an **actitude**. (yes I made that word up, so don't try to google it.) And I do not need more thankfulness, but I do need more of **thanking** people properly. That's where **thanktitude** (made that one up too) comes from.

There is no question that the surviving **Pilgrims** - who came to the new land in 1620, survived the severe winter, and had experienced a bountiful crop the following year - had grateful hearts. But more than grateful hearts, they **gave thanks** to God. They were not satisfied with having the right attitude, which is critical, but they took the **time to plan and prepare to thank God** (they celebrated for one week!) for His blessings on them.



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**Actitude of Thanktitude (continued)**

The reality is, giving someone proper thanks takes some time and effort. Giving God the thanks he is due requires hitting the “**pause button**” on our lives, stopping the inertia of activity, thoughtfully counting your blessings, and desiring to give Him a proper “thank-you” for His goodness to us. This **Thanksgiving**, may you, with an “**actitude of thankitude**” take the moments needed to sit before God and give Him a proper “Thank You” for all He has done for you!

Endeavoring to Act on My Gratitude,

Stan

**Christmas Angel Project** by Joyce Tanji

The Secret Angel Project is again asking for “angels” this coming Christmas season to “adopt” a child (an 8th grader or below) from our Children’s Church (CC) program. Each child must first qualify for an “angel” by attending CC at least eight Sundays from the beginning of September to the end of November - a total of 13 weeks. Those children qualifying will be able to submit a “wish list” of what they would like from their secret “angel.” The total gift(s) must not exceed \$25.00.



Many of our children come from the immediate lower economic community and therefore, are not privileged to receive many gifts at Christmas. We ask that the “angels” not only open their wallets but also their hearts by praying for their adoptees during the year and especially to remember them on their birthdays. Please consider praying for this

worthy project and if led, participate by adopting a child. Monetary donations of any amount are also accepted if you are unable to shop. If interested in participating, contact Joyce Tanji at 737-4561 or Joan Doi at 455-7343.

**Children's Church Christmas Program**

This year's Children's Church Christmas Program will be held on **Sunday, December 14th** during the morning worship service. It is based on the story of the **Giving Tree** by Shel Silverstein. The story tells of the relationship between a young boy and a tree. Giving the boy what he wants is what makes the tree happy, a function it serves throughout the boy's life.

Please join us in celebrating Christmas with a presentation by the children and teens. Pastor Stan will also present a “sermonette” appropriate for this holiday season.



## Prayer Requests:

When you pray, eagerly anticipate the joy of ascending above the earthly realm, and bringing these requests to the throne of the God who loves you and His world!

### Individuals:

- **Merle Moribe** – pray for continued recovery from stroke; pray for clarity of thoughts as she has been diagnosed with dementia.
- **Stan Seki** – pray for an effective treatment for Parkinson's Disease. Praise God for His protection as Stan fell down a flight of concrete stairs, suffering only a broken kneecap.
- **Art Tani** – Pray for effective treatment for cancer, and a relationship with Jesus. Pray for God's support for Shima as caregiver.
- **Barry Christensen** – pray for long-term stability and peace of mind.
- **Randy Hongo** – pray for strength, protection from infections and recurrence of cancer. Pray for the strength to continue ministering in music.

### WOCC and OMS Conference Activities:

- **Holiday Schedule** – pray for our:
  - Thanksgiving service (11/23)*
  - Praise Night (11/29)*
  - China STM Sharing (11/30)*
  - Caroling at Waipahu Hall Elderly (12/7)*
  - Kids Christmas Program (12/14)*
  - Christmas Service (12/21)*
- **IDC** – Pray that our church will be effective in making disciples who love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength.
- Pray for all the children attending Tuesdays Homework/Reading Program and for Jeanne and all of the volunteers who staff it.
- **Building Decisions** – Pray for God to reveal his direction and timing pertaining to a new building.

### The World:

- Pray for our **government leaders** – wisdom to make righteous judgments congruent with God's kingdom values.
- Pray for the **100,000 Christian brothers and sisters** in Syria that fled Mosul due to threats by ISIS. They are now displaced and facing the coming winter.
- Pray for the stopping of the group **Islamic State**.

“Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

John 14:13-14

If you would like to list or change your prayer request, please contact Stan Miyamoto: via a note, or e-mail at [stanmiyamoto@gmail.com](mailto:stanmiyamoto@gmail.com)

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## Thanksgiving Service & Luncheon

### VISION STATEMENT

"To develop  
and  
strengthen  
the  
congregation  
to actively  
minister to the  
community"

We're on the Web!  
See us at:  
[www.wocc-hi.org](http://www.wocc-hi.org)



*Please join us for worship  
service and a delicious  
Thanksgiving luncheon on  
Sunday, November 23rd.  
Services begin at 10:45 AM,  
followed by the luncheon.  
See you all there!*