


HEART-TO-HEART

We are reminded that Christ is in our hearts and we are in His and that love connects us all in unity.



"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

God's Love

This year, Palm Sunday and Easter are both celebrated in March.

Last month we had movie night and watched, "A Journey to Bethlehem." Although it was supposed to be a movie that's viewed at Christmas, any movie of God's birth is a love story - of God's love to all of us. He sent his son to earth to dwell among mankind and to teach everyone of his infinite love for us.

As we celebrate Easter, which represents Jesus Christ's resurrection, we are celebrating another love story - of Jesus' love for all of us. He sacrificed himself so that we may all have eternal life through him.

God's divine love transforms us to love Him and to love others. Let us all embrace his love and let our actions represent that love.

May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

2 Thessalonians 3:5

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A Senior Moment...Just Because, Laughter Is Good Medicine

by Linda Kunimitsu

One day about a month ago, hubby Nori and I had lunch with Jeanne Nagatani at the Food Court at PearlrIDGE.

As we parted with our stomachs satisfied, Nori and I went upstairs to the Satellite City Hall to renew his license. I had the form filled out. The clerk asks Nori for his license. He hands it to her. She looks at it and says, "You're one year early. It expires 2025."

Ai yai!

The roving reporter wants to know: Do you have any senior moments to share? Contact one of your editors if you do.



Earth laughs in flowers. — Ralph Waldo Emerson



"As soap is to the body, so laughter is to the soul."

— A JEWISH PROVERB

He Hears My Voice

by Joan Doi

If you're a parent, teacher or someone who works with or has worked with children, you probably have had some good laughs over what they communicate. The celebration of Easter brings to mind a note written by one of my daughters that reads:

"Dear Parents, please boil tow eggs for me. I will need it tomorrow, Thurs. March 31. I am going to dye in class. Thank you"

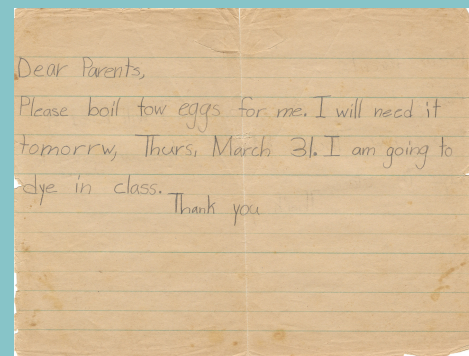
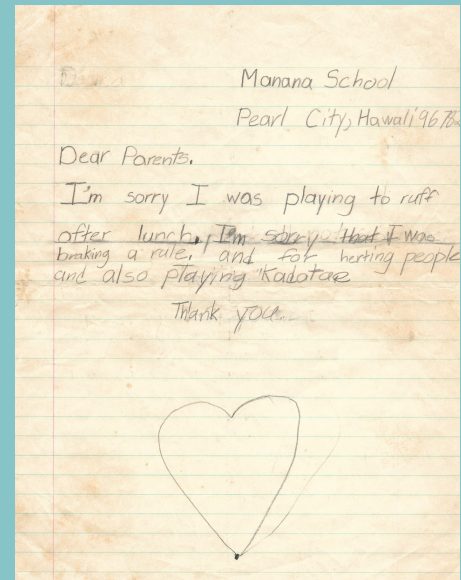
Throughout the years I saved and treasured little well- intentioned messages gone awry (like the ones on the right). They still conjure up a good laugh, especially with misspelled words like this one:

"Dear Parents, I'm sorry I was playing to ruff after lunch. I'm sorry that I was braking a rule. and for herting people, and also playing kadotae. Thank you. Love ___?___ (same daughter. 😊) Won't mention name.

Kids say and write the darndest things, but we get their jest because we know them so well. Consequently, we respond to their requests, their ideas and feelings— "Heart to Heart." They need not be concerned about being grammatically correct.

Likewise, it occurred to me that there are times when, we, even as adults, struggle to put into words the deep yearnings of our soul when we seek God's comfort, forgiveness or counsel. We are often so overcome with emotions and cannot find the words to express our feelings of emptiness, sorrow or despair. During these times, it is comforting to know that we have the gift of the Holy Spirit who helps us in our weaknesses. "When we do not know what we ought to pray for, the Spirit intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God." (Romans 8:26-27) Most comforting is the verse of assurance that follows: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

Just some thoughts. And if you need a lift along with your prayers, try retrieving those scribbled notes from a youngster if you've saved any. Laughter is good for the soul. 😊



Precious keepsakes - from the mouths of babes.

Prayer List

Transformation - Pray for transformation that we may become more like Jesus. It starts with us improving our attitudes and our inner selves so that we may represent Christ in a way that leads others to him.

WOCC Strengthening - Pray for God's direction on how we can all serve at WOCC. Pray also for a successor pastor in 2024 who will energize the church and its mission.

Our Missionaries - Pray for our missionaries as they bring others to Christ despite their personal challenges. Pray also for our own evangelism to others. May we plant seeds with everyone we meet so that they may come to know and accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Heal Our Congregants - Pray for those in our congregation who need God's healing power to restore their health and spirit so they may once again participate fully in fellowship with the church.



"pray continually"

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17



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