

Waves of Faith

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IN THE INTERIM

The Transition Team (Debbie Fong, Dan Jessee, Karel Ling, Ron Myers, Vernon Pang and Rebecca Weible) met twice in January, and plans are taking shape to have you participate in discerning God's vision for Kailua Christian Church and identifying KCC's Core Values and Commitments. Let share how the team proposes to do that.

First, since we want God's vision and not just our personal vision of what God is calling KCC to be and do, we are currently using one Bible study on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings. Our goal is to interact with one another and the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-11). Using stories from KCC's history and our own faithful imaginings based on the Beatitudes, we will sketch what the community life and ministry of KCC might look like. We will share what we are discerning with you once we finish this first study.

The team is working to put together another study, probably between Easter and Pentecost, to do even more work on KCC's calling and what God is sending KCC to do. We hope to have as many participate in those studies as possible. The results will be shared, and a team will draw a proposed vision from both studies to be submitted to the congregation for comment, modification and approval.

Second, we want to gather stories from as many members as possible that help us understand

what it means to be the church. With the Deacons help, the team will facilitate sessions for you to share those stories, tease out the core values and commitments they illustrate, and then propose the top stories from each group. From those top stories, we can compile a list of the core values and commitments you have shared. Of course, the team will put that in a form and submit it to the congregation for comment, modification and approval.

We believe that we will do our best and most faithful work when it is the work of the congregation rather than any one smaller group. Our study, our stories, our discerning, our praying, and our working together promises to lead KCC to its discernment of God Vision and its core values and commitments. Those will form an important part of a church profile that the work of the Pastoral Search Committee, which has not been selected.

Please participate, please pray for the work of the Transition Team, and please work together to discern God's vision for KCC.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Jack E. Belsom

--Jack E. Belsom, Interim Pastor



MODERATOR'S NOTES

As we go through this period of transition, I thought I would share an observation with you. I've already done this with you my thoughts on congregational meetings where passions and pronouncements can be confrontational and divisive.

Another observation in the life of a church is the presence of "gossip". What is gossip? In the context of our "church family" it is the dissemination of information that is not true or accurate in a personal conversation. This has very negative consequences especially when it undermines the efforts of others in the church. I'd like to think that this happens at KCC from misunderstandings or misinformation and not a deliberate attempt to discredit or undermine an individual or group. Church governance is especially vulnerable to this since decisions are often made where there is not unanimity. To get by this situation, we are trying at your Council level, to try to reach consensus. By that I mean that we may not agree but we can live with a decision.

We all have a responsibility to validate negative comments or actions as either participants in a process, such as a committee or activity, or if we have heard something negative in personal conversations (gossip). That will prevent us from carrying around negative thoughts and feelings of people or worse yet retelling those negative stories and spreading those inaccuracies. In group work, it would be helpful if you heard something negative or disagreeable, to repeat it to the person who made the comment. That would give you a chance to better understand what someone has said or inform

that person that what they said had negatively impacted you, giving that person an opportunity to clarify his or her statement or maybe an apology. Not resolving these kinds of misunderstandings or feelings are not healthy in any organization.

Recent comments about our current Bible studies have been that it is hard and takes effort. Who knew that being a Christian would be like that? The Bible is a large complex document and

discerning Gods desire for us and the church is not easy. Some may not agree with this process but we should have

that discussion in our groups and not dismissed outside of it. As we continue, let us remember to be humble, forgiving, and mindful of others as we commit to avoiding "gossip" in this process.

Peace,

--Roy Yamauchi †

**DEACONS MESSAGE**

The Board of Deacons met in January to determine position assignments and review the particular responsibilities of each committee position for the upcoming year. One of the important topics that we are addressing is the formation of the 2016 Undershepherd groups. Until notified, in the case of an emergency, please contact your 2015 Deacon. You will be receiving a letter of introduction from your respective deacon shortly. The letter will include information on the Meet Your Deacon luncheon planned for Sunday, March 6, 2016. We hope to see as many of you as possible at our annual event! Should you have any questions about the group list or the luncheon, please get a hold of any of us after church or give us a call.

In Christ' Service,

--Your 2016 Board of Deacons

Myrtle Terada (Chair), Sharon Mon (Vice Chair), Debbie Fong (Clerk), Sharlene Yamauchi, Paul Grable, Bryan Gomes †

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- ~ Brian & Adele Colon
- ~ Wendy and Jiggs Tamashiro
- ~ Winchell Lee
- ~ Pastor David Turner's Dad

- ~ April Jessee’s father
- ~ Myrtle’s Aunt, Sue
- ~ KCC Transition Team/KCC



ASH WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 10, 2016



Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent in the church year, and this year it falls on February 10. Kailua Christian Church will follow its usual practice of holding a simple service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. There will be time for listening to scripture, praying and receiving the imposition of ashes for those who wish. All are welcome.

If you can’t make the morning service, Pastor Jayne Ryan Kuroiwa has invited KCC folks to participate in the Windward UCC Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. It, too, will include time for prayer reflection and the imposition of ashes. Please contact the church office for more details.

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KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
01/03	70	10	05
01/10	67	09	01
01/17	67	05	00
01/24	70	13	01



TRUSTEE’S TIDBITS



The year is off to a quick start. The Trustees conducted two board meetings in the month of January 2016. Some highlights of our meetings include the following:

Assignment of duties –

- Joan Sakaba and Dean Wakuzawa co-chairs of the Trustees
- Karel Ling, clerk
- Gary Nham, Vernon Pang, Shane Soma and Lowell Terada will be in-charge of facilities, equipment, grounds, utilities, and will coordinate work days
- Susan Morita will handle insurance and personnel issues
- The trustees share the responsibility for the proper recording and depositing of pledges and donations to KCC.

Photovoltaic system - The trustees have decided not to pursue a photovoltaic system with the GEMS program as this program appears to be unorganized and losing momentum. This is the program that was originally voted on and approved by the congregation. However, we are looking at another photovoltaic proposal provided by the Hawaii Energy Connection which involves a power purchase agreement. Jason Clark presented this program to us at our meeting on Monday, January 19, 2016. The trustees will be looking closer at the details provided at the presentation and make a decision whether to recommend this program to KCC’s Council for congregational vote.

Monkeypod tree - The trustees will be contracting Trees of Hawaii, Inc. once again to trim/prune the monkeypod tree in the front of KCC.

All church clean-up day – Please note that our first church clean-up date will be Saturday, March 19, 2016. The exact times have not been set, but please put this on your calendar and come out to help clean up our KCC and fellowship with other members and friends.

These are a few of the items discussed at our meetings. Please speak to any of your trustees if you have any questions, concerns or ideas regarding our facilities.

Love in Christ!

--Your Trustees †



**WELCOME
NEW MUSIC LEADER
Jenna Han**

Jenna is a Christian with a strong faith in God and felt the call to our church. She looks forward to sharing her gift of music and promoting the love of God. Jenna is a music graduate from the University of Hawaii. She graduated in May 2015 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music and a minor in Spanish. She grew up in Oregon and attended the University of Oregon before transferring to UH. She has been playing music/singing since age 5 and besides the piano, also plays the ukulele and sings solo. She was part of the UH choir for 3 years. She is also working as a lifeguard and scuba diver. She is also attending class for her EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) certification and paddles for the Waikiki Beach Boys Canoe Club. We thank Jenna for her willingness to jump in and start playing for all our worship services since December 13. The Trustees and Council made a provision to contract her for services until she could be approved by the congregation, which was done on January 17. Let us all help to make Jenna feel welcome.
June Tom, Worship Chair

SIMPLE SUPPER SUPER SAVIOR SERIES

Feb. 17 – March 16, 2016



Wed. Evenings – 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

During this Lenten season we invite you to attend these special events beginning with a simple meal (something like soup, bread and water), followed by a time of devotions from 6:30 p.m. If you cannot make the simple supper, that is okay. Please still plan to come for the devotional time. This time of simple fellowship

together around the table, followed by devotions and quiet prayer is a reflection of how we imagine Jesus and his disciples spending time together, especially on that final night of Jesus' life we know as Maundy Thursday when the Last Supper was observed. Come to fellowship and to learn, but primarily to be present with God as we move toward the crucifixion of our Lord and Savior.

MISSIONS NEWS



A big mahalo for your generous response to the UCC Christmas Fund Offering. Donations financially helps pastors and lay people who have given their lives in service to the church but are now dealing with unexpected hardships and emergencies. At first count we have received \$550.

FYI - Responding to the water disaster in Flint, Michigan, UCC Disaster Ministries has given a \$3,000 solidarity grant to the Michigan Conference to help local churches provide water filters and bottled water to their communities. You can help by making a contribution the UCC's Emergency USA fund.

The Missions Committee was approached to see how we as a church might help a local business, Logos Christian Bookstore who is struggling to stay in business. (A clearer explanation of their situation is posted on the breezeway bulletin board.)

Logos has served Hawaii as a ministry business for 33 years. KCC along with many of you have personally benefitted by their services and resources for the past 28 years that I am aware of – Sunday School resources, Bibles, Curriculum, music, gifts and church supplies for countless ministry events. They are one of a few local church related ministry services still in business that provide personal assistance and an extensive resource supply for the Christian Community. After the loss of Agape Bookstore in Kailua, Logos is one of the most user friendly locations for Windward shoppers. Because they are a *for profit entity*, monetary donations are not tax deductible. However you would like to respond to

their fundraiser, we would encourage you to consider their need of prayers, financial support, and most of all, your on-going business. Mahalo.

The **KCC Transitional Housing Unit** has a new toaster oven that was donated. Our guest family was delighted and appreciative of this resource. IHS is keeping watch for a used tv and dvd player to offer our guests. Please keep our guest family in your prayers as they make efforts to transition back to the mainstream community.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

"Aloha KCC! I want to express my deepest gratitude for all of you accepting me as your youth leader! I am so excited for all the

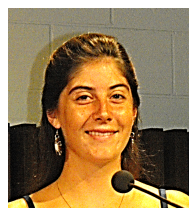
events, activities, and Bible studies that I have been formulating in my mind to get the youth more involved in church and in outdoor activities that will strengthen them as young adults in this world. I am very hopeful and excited for the futures of these youth!

As a quick introduction, I am in my fourth year at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and am planning to graduate in December 2016. I currently work for the Dive Safety Office on campus and I am very involved in outdoor activities, such as scuba diving, hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, free diving, and surfing. I am currently living in town with my sister, Sarah Weible, and am having a great time learning from my own mistakes and growing as a young adult as well. This is why I felt called to be your youth leader. Even though I am still young and trying to figure out my place in this world, I see so much potential in the youth at KCC and I want to do everything I can to help them get through their growing pains and know that God is always near.

Mahalo to all of the parents, youth, and helpers that attended the January 8th movie night where we watched "Inside Out." I also want to thank all of you for hosting the YOU Event on January 15th where youth from all over the Oahu Association came to eat and fellowship together in preparation for the NYE. We have a couple very exciting

events coming up! Our next event is January 30th where the youth will be fundraising for their National Youth Event by serving parents and guests dinner. On February 6th, the youth will have a movie night and sleepover at KCC and at 5am on the 7th, we will be hiking Pill Boxes to greet the sunrise to another beautiful Sunday morning (hopefully!). The most exciting event that I would like to share is the "Oldy Wed's Game" which the Youth will be hosting for all of you KCC members and friends on Valentine's day (Feb 14th). The youth will be serving a spaghetti lunch and will be your waiters and

waitresses as you enjoy your meal and watch the couples on stage as they try to answer ridiculous and silly questions about their partners!



Thank you for all of your continued support! The youth thank you and look forward to serving you all!"

God Bless,

Becca



NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP



Aloha Friends, Join us in Rooms 3/4 for our February Na Anela support group meeting and speaker:

09:30-10:30 a.m.: Support Group Meeting
10:30-11:30 a.m.: Julie C. Vosters, "Yoga Therapeutics Supporting Cancer Care"

Share in this relaxed, informative session exploring the scope of clinically informed and recommended therapeutic yoga movement and mindfulness via uplifting guidance for improved functioning, emotional balance, and mental clarity. Gentle ways to enhance breathing, physical strength, and stamina, range of motion, and flexibility will be shared--participation is optional. For all recently diagnosed, undergoing, treatments, or post-intervention. Friends, family, care providers are welcome. No yoga mat or experience necessary.



Speaker's Background:

Julie C. Vosters, ERYT, Yoga Therapist & Instructor -With a Bachelor of Science in Art and Psychology, Julie initially worked as a neuropsychological research assistant with the Medical College of Wisconsin and then performed internationally as a professional ice show skater with world renowned ice shows including Disney On Ice. Afterward, she pursued extensive yoga training and has been providing integrative care as a yoga therapist and instructor for over 13 years in variety of settings including schools, community and health centers, and medical establishments. Julie's care and collaboration through privates, classes, research, video projects, presentations, and workshops to

support prevention, management, and recovery from clinical health concerns has reached far and wide. A few of many health concerns Julie has experience with are: anxiety, arthritis, Alzheimer's Disease, athletic injuries, cancer, depression, fibromyalgia, insomnia, Multiple Sclerosis, musculoskeletal concerns, osteoporosis, palliative care, Parkinson's Disease, post-traumatic stress disorder, pre- and postnatal care, stroke, substance abuse and addiction recovery, and traumatic brain injury. Her dedication to optimizing well-being offers personalized care and encouragement to all.

1130-1230: Light Refreshments; please bring a healthy snack to share with others.

Please bring a friend or relative who can benefit from our support group meeting and/or presentation.

Mahalo and God bless!

--Myra Yamada



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Keelyn Higashi
Milla Higashi
Kyle Nakamoto
Mildred T. Sakamoto
Debbie Fong
Reggie Yamada
Jacob Kelly
Esau Kelly
Jonathan Fong
Mark Kanazawa
Eliot St. John
Andrew Wakuzawa
John Tamashiro
Andy Teruya
Kamalu Miller
Kupa`a Harrison
Karel Ling
Susan Shiroma
Betty Oi
Mildred S. Sakamoto
James Suzuki
Dot Suzuki
Marisa Yamada
Barney Pilla



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Liloa and Molly Hagmann
Norman and Ann Noguchi
Jiggs and Wendy Tamashiro

KCC HIGHLIGHTS



Pastor Jack sharing at Na Anela in Jan.



2016 Leaders of KCC



Please keep us in your prayers. Mahalo!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					

- 03 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
- 06 – Sat. Youth Movie Night Sleepover at KCC
- 07 – Sun. Communion Sunday.
Youth Sunrise Hike to Pillboxes
- 09 – Tues. Beatitudes Study, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 – Wed. Ash Wed. Morning Service, 10 a.m.
Ash Wed. Evening Service at Windward UCC by Aikahi, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 – Fri. Carpet and Upholstery cleaning at KCC
- 13 – Sat. KCC Leadership Meeting, 8:30 a.m.
- 14 – Sun. Happy Valentine’s Day
Family Promise Week hosted at KCC
Youth Spaghetti Luncheon/OldieWed Game following worship. (\$5 a plate.)
Deacons Meeting
Annual Reports distributed.
- 15 – Mon. President’s Day. Office closed.
- 16 – Tues. Transitional Housing Mtg. 9:30 a.m.
- 17 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
Simple Supper Super Savior, 6 p.m.
- 20 – Sat. Men’s Fellowship Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. at Denny’s in Kaneohe.
Newsletter Deadline / March edition.
- 21 – Sun. Transition Team Meeting, 11:30 a.m. in the Library. Deacon’s Offering received
- 24 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
Simple Supper Super Savior, 6 p.m.
Council Meeting
- 26 – Fri. Tree Trimming, 8:30 a.m.
- 27 – Sat. Na Anela Support Group, 9:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker, Therapeutic Supporting Cancer Care at 10:30 a.m.
HCUCC Leaders Event at
- 28 – Sun. KCC Annual Meeting/Congregational Meeting. Re: 2015 Annual Report



"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

WORSHIP LEADER

June Tom

AUDIO

Jane Masuno
Barney Pilla

USHERS/GREETER

Pat Chinn & Pat Oyama

VISUAL

Saeko Yoshida
Debbie Fong

DEACON GREETER

Paul Grable

LIGHTS & SCREEN

June Tom & Barney Pilla



PIANO & ORGAN

Jenna Han & Ruth Masuno

CHILD CARE Carol Soma , Coordinator

- 07 – Debbie Glenn, Carol Soma, Grace Glenn
- 14 – Jennifer Pang, Kristin Khem, Mia Watanabe
- 21 – Susan St. John, Carol & Cera Soma
- 28 – Carol & Shane Soma, Stone Jessee

FLOWERS

- 07 – Ruth Masuno
- 14 – John & Mildred Sakamoto
- 21 – Barney Pilla & Diane Lee Pilla
- 28 – Reggie & Myra Yamada



KING'S COMPANY

Katelyn Wakuzawa
*Helpers sought for Jr. Church Ministry.
See Patti Myers to sign up!*



Garage Sale Update: New date!
Due to the Easter schedule and manpower, we are confirming April 9 as our official big day.

We look forward to your donations of goods so begin your spring cleaning efforts now. Proceeds from this event will be directed to Sanctuary repairs and improvements with 10% of the total going to a mission outreach ministry. We are also

seeking a co-chairperson to facilitate this event, please contact Myrtle if you are interested.


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Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Dr. Jack Belsom, Interim Pastor

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Feb. 3 - 9:00 a.m. in Room 3
"Tell Me A Story about Being the Church"
Facilitated by Debbie F. and Karel L.
All are welcome.

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT/SLEEPOVER

 Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016 continue on
with a Sunrise Hike to Lanikai Pillboxes.



SUNDAY, FEB. 7, 2016
~ Communion Sunday.
~ Transfiguration Sunday.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, Feb. 10 – 10:00 a.m.
KCC will hold morning service in sanctuary.
Windward UCC evening service – 7:00 p.m.
All are welcome!

KCC LEADERSHIP MEETING



Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
All Leaders are encouraged to attend along
with any other interested persons.
Join us in Room 3.

KCC HOSTS FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

Sunday, Feb. 14 through Feb. 21

Join in the fellowship and satisfaction of service. Mahalo for your kokua

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

 Sunday, Feb. 14, 2016 

~ Deacons Meeting in Library.

~ Youth Oldies Wed Game with Spaghetti Lunch

~ 2015 Annual Reports set to be distributed.

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PRESIDENT'S DAY

Monday, Feb. 15 - Office will be closed.

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SIMPLE SUPPER SUPER SAVIOR SERIES

Begins Wed. Feb. 17, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a light meal and a five week devotional series for Lent. Pastor Jack will facilitate this special time in the church calendar. All are welcome.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Sat. Feb. 20, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. Denny's in Kaneohe

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TRANSITION TEAM MEETING

Sunday, Feb. 21, 2016 following worship

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UCC LEADERS EVENT AT NCC

Sat. Feb. 27, 2016 – 9:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP

Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016

9:30 a.m. Prayer Support Group

10:30 a.m. Special Guest Speaker:



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KCC ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016

Join us following worship for the review and acceptance of 2015 Annual Reports.