

Waves of Faith

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IN THE INTERIM

I hope you were able to be a part of the Vision Retreat, and I know that some could not be there. Still, I hope you were praying for our time of working together. 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. is a long time, but those who participated were engaged throughout the process. Working in small table groups, we looked at results from the Bible studies and added other insights.

For me the joy came with the creativity of the groups. One group shared a dramatic presentation. Another gave us a vision image to hold of Jesus embracing the world. Others drew, sketched, wrote words and even a bit of verse. Oh, the groups shared theme songs. That work will guide the Transition Team in producing a draft of a Guiding Vision.

I thought it would be helpful to share what a Guiding Vision is and is not. These are from a publication of the Center for Parish Development, and our consultant, Dale Ziemer, is a co-director of that center.

A Guiding Vision IS –

A congregation's expression of who it is called by God to be as a people of salt and light living for the sake of the world God loves.

A Guiding Vision –

depicts what the good news of God's saving grace and transforming love would look like if it became visible in the life and practices of the congregation.

A Guiding Vision –

portrays the communal life of faith in Jesus Christ and how that new life is to be expressed concretely in and through this community of believers.

The challenge of expressing a Guiding Vision involves –

- relating the theological understandings of the church to actual practices of each unique congregation
- avoiding the expression of an unrealistic ideal
- avoiding a description only of the current situation
- envisioning the dynamic potential of your congregation

What a Guiding Vision IS NOT

A vision is not a magical elixir that cures all organizational ills. No matter how well a vision is formulated, it can be inappropriate, poorly communicated, or poorly implemented. To gain a realistic view of what a vision can and cannot accomplish, it is helpful to consider what a vision is not.

- A vision is not a prophecy or a prediction of the future. It is a compelling picture of a desired future that feasibly could be realized, with commitment and dedication.
- A vision is not a mission statement. A mission statement describes the specific role a local church will take, given its current circumstances, to move it toward

embodying its vision. A vision depicts a future way of being. Thus it provides a

- lure that draws the church into the future, toward the reality it depicts.
- A vision is not factual. It does not yet fully exist and may never be realized as originally imagined. It deals not with present experience but with possible and desirable futures.
- A vision is not static, enunciated once for all time. Vision formulation should be seen as a dynamic process, an integral part of the ongoing task of responsible participation in the ministry and mission of the church. When congregations stay with a vision too long they tend to become irrelevant and even unfaithful.
- A vision is not a constraint on actions, except for those inconsistent with the vision. A vision unleashes and then reorients the energies of the church in a common direction. It opens up opportunities rather than restricts them. It serves as a catalyst for change.

I encourage you to take a look at the words and images in the first report. That report is on the bulletin board in the breezeway. You may ask Kammy or me for a copy—either digital or in print. Working with images is a challenge for people like me who are usually rational-verbal-logical, but those images prod me to make new connections. I thank God for those who think in images and make connections that have to be God's gift to KCC.

The final draft will come to the congregation for discussion, changes and eventual adoption. My hope and prayer is that we will continue to catch glimpses of God's vision for KCC and that we will continue to share those glimpses and insights with one another.

Yours in Christ's service,

Jack E. Belsom

Jack E. Belsom, Interim Pastor



MODERATOR'S NOTES

Dear Kailua Christian Church Member,

At our last Council meeting, we were ready to appoint members to the Pastoral Search Committee as prescribed by our bylaws. After much thought and discussion, your Council decided that we wanted to be as open and inclusive as possible, so we are taking another approach. We have included a section of the Search and Call Process in the United Church of Christ with the intention that we would want each member to self-qualify, using the criteria set forth in that document and to accept all who believe they meet these criteria.

Please pay special attention to the “**Personal qualities and attributes**” that individuals should have. Also review the “**Five Commitments for Search Committees**”. Be sure that you can pledge to these as we will hold all committee members to these elements as we meet and go through the process of discerning where we should be in our call process.

There are a number of personal qualities and attributes to consider in the selection of Search Committee members; individuals should have:

- a passionate commitment to Christ's Church
- a positive attitude (no grudges!);
- a capacity to approach the task with openness rather than a pre-determined agenda;
- a sense of integrity and respect for others!
- an ability to be absolutely confidential;
- a capacity to listen, to participate in a group, and to come to consensus.

In addition, an individual under consideration for the Search Committee should be:

- an active supporter of the church as demonstrated by worship attendance, financial support, and participation;
- trusted and respected by the congregation;
- willing and able to make this responsibility very high priority.

FIVE COMMITMENTS FOR SEARCH COMMITTEES

A Faith Commitment... The task of the Search Committee is very simple and very complex. Initially the task is spiritual. Search Committee members make a faith commitment to develop as faith-centered, prayer-directed people of God willing to listen to God in the process of seeking a new pastor. Search Committee members engage in a 4-Way Covenant—a Covenant with their prospective pastor, the congregation, the Conference and Association, and the Holy Spirit.

A Time Commitment... Search Committee members make a time commitment. By the time the search process is completed (from first organizational meeting to the calling of a new pastor) the committee may have been working together for as little as 9 months or as long as 18-24 months. Initially most Search Committees meet weekly. Once committees begin considering pastoral profiles and scheduling interviews, the frequency of meetings increases. At times the Search Committee must travel to hear prospective pastors preach. All in all, it is a significant time commitment.

A Commitment to Confidentiality... Search Committee members make a commitment to confidentiality. Members must not talk about the content of their work. That is to say, the sharing of names of individuals under consideration is a serious breach of process. Even to speak in generalities about location or experience or gender can risk folk guessing who the committee is considering. The congregation must be kept informed at every step of the process. Sharing where the Search

Committee is in the process is critical. However, until a final candidate is presented, all conversation about any candidates is closely guarded.

A Commitment to Openness... Search Committees make a commitment to genuine consideration of all candidates. The commitment involves understanding that the gifts, skills, and experience of candidates are primary in determining their ability to serve the congregation.

A Commitment to Consensus... Finally, Search Committee members make a commitment to consensus. Members need to be of one mind in recommending their prospective pastor to the congregation. Any unreadiness on the part of any member of the Search Committee can and often does spell disaster down the road. Everyone must be able, with a clear and positive conscience, to support and endorse the individual presented before the congregation.

A proposed calendar noting the committee meeting dates is provided. While the day of the week may change when we review the days with the committee, the frequency will probably not change, except for a few cancellations. This should give you an idea of what the time commitments will be.

June – 3 meetings, Purpose: Meet with Rev. Richard Kamanu. Finalize Vision Statement, begin constructing Church Profile. Trustees will develop call agreement and compensation package.

July – 4 meetings, Purpose: Finalizing Church Profile. List vacancy. Reading UCC Ministerial Profiles training.

August – 4 meetings, Purpose: Receive Ministerial Profiles, Seek additional information, evaluation discussions.

September – 4 meetings, Purpose: Receive Ministerial Profiles, Seek additional information, evaluation discussions.

October – 4 meetings, Purpose: Reduce candidate list to produce interview list. Prepare for interviews.

November – 3 meetings, Purpose: Conduct interviews.

December – 2 meetings, Purpose: Worshiping with the Candidates.

January – 4 meetings, Second interviews. Discernment. Offering the Call.

March – 4 meetings, Purpose: Negotiate and accept call.

I will chair the Search Committee and facilitate all of the meetings. Our priorities in this process will be the congregation, unified and informed. We will seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and we will reflect on the teaching and ministry of Jesus at all times. We solicit your prayers that God may use us and this process as we move into God’s future.

We also held our “Visioning Retreat” on May 14th. 26 members attended and participated by sharing in small groups and presenting to all in attendance at the end of each exercise. We developed many views and thoughts and these will be condensed and the findings shared with the Congregation.

I look forward to continuing this process with you. Peace.

--Roy Yamauchi ☩

might be leading us, who we are, and assisting us through the process of acquiring our new Pastor.

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HAPPY FATHER’S DAY TO ALL THE MEN



Please join us for a potluck on Sunday, June 19, 2016

That will be provided by the women and children of KCC.

DEACONS MESSAGE



Pastor Jack, the Council and the Transition Committee conducted the KCC Vision Meeting with the congregation this past month and we are still in the process of forming a new vision for the future of KCC. We had a pretty good turnout for the meeting and a lot of good input from those who attended. We studied the Sermon on the Mount (portions of Matthew 5 and 6) as the basis for our church vision. There was a pretty good consensus that the Sermon on the Mount is a very good place to start to form a compelling vision for KCC and Pastor Jack has been focusing on this scripture to help us form a Biblically based vision.

We learned at the KCC Vision Meeting that the survey that was used by the Trustees, Council and Deacons to assess the status of KCC, three areas of weakness emerged as areas where KCC should prioritize its efforts. The areas that appear to need the most work are summarized as follows:

1. **We are not experiencing the Body of Christ Together.** In other words: our ideas of faith are not shared freely with each other, people do not feel listened to, valued or encouraged when they bring up a new idea and

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



- ~ Jean Kanazawa
- ~ April Jessee’s father
- ~ Joan Sakaba and extended family
- ~ Walter Yeda’s brother
- ~ Lowell Terada’s brother-in-law, Dick
- ~ Saeko & Howard Yoshida
- ~ Ron Myers
- ~ George Nakamura

The Transition Team and the Search Committee members as they help us find out where God

when differences occur between people they are not expressed caringly.

2. **We need leadership development.** In other words: we are not utilizing our spiritual gifts well, our leaders are not responsive to new ideas or opportunities for the church, our leaders are not on a path of growth in providing spiritual leadership, there is no good rotation of leadership, our leaders are getting burned out and our leadership team does not experience a healthy sense of unity and mutual encouragement.

3. **We need to reevaluate our ministries and structural processes.** In other words: we haven't reviewed our ministries regularly and there currently isn't a good fit between the size of our structure and the ministry it supports.

One thought about a new vision for KCC is to reconsider adopting or reinstating portions of

the KCC Statement of Purpose. That statement was our focus and goal for many years and seemed to me to be very good. It was printed in the bulletin every Sunday as follows:

To be a W.A.R.M.M. church by reaching out to people, inviting them into relationship with

Jesus Christ and into the membership of the church family, nurturing all persons through active discipleship, and equipping ourselves for ministry in the church and in the world, in order to worship and glorify God.

This statement was helpful in the past in focusing our efforts on what we believed God's vision was for KCC and something similar to this may be useful again in the future.

Paul

Grable, Deacon

Membership/Undershepherds



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ruth Lum
John Sakamoto



Naia B Turner
Sharon Mon
Kauai Todd
Travis Gerber
Dusty Grable
Kristen Miyahara
Shane Soma
Brenton Tom
David Nemoto
Kirsten Turner
Jody Sakaba
Kimi Ogata
Monicalyn Martinez

Aileen Arashiro
Bryson Nakamoto
John Vloria
Allen Ishikane
Teyvyn Higashi
Stone Jessee
Edda Mae Johnson
Jenna Gerber
Roy Yamauchi
Colin Vloria

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Brian & Sue Nakashima
Larry & Sandra Siu

Fred & Hazel Masuda
Daniel & Jane Masuno
Paul & Kammy Grable

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers... 1 Thess 1:2

MISSIONS NEWS



Transitional Housing Unit Update:

Our new family Misty, Lillyan, and Noah have settled in and has frequented KCC for worship since moving in. The family has a great support team whose goal is to help them get back on their feet. Mom will be pursuing her education as a CNA once the children get settled in their new schools. We want to celebrate with Lillyan as she graduated from elementary school and looks forward to going to middle school. Please keep them all in your prayers as they rebuild their new life together. Greet them at worship!

BIBLE INSTITUTE OF HAWAII board members stopped by recently for a visit and to thank KCC for your generous and faithful support. They were encouraged by our continued support as they committed to rebuilt trust and confidence in their ministry. They

were eager to hear how they might provide helpful teachings that would grow people of faith in their everyday living. Please feel free to share any thoughts you may have with your mission team.

Here are a few classes that will be offered this summer. However, expect a full class line-up returning in the fall (Fall schedule dates: September 4 - October 27, 2016).

SUMMER QUARTER:

"What does Faith look like in practice?"

"What does the Bible say about the End Times,

Angels, and ME?" These questions will be answered with our class line-up, which include the introductions of a familiar and a new name with BIH.

We are delighted to welcome back, **Mr. Clive Cowell**. For a number of years, he was the Executive Director of *BIH*. He returns to Hawaii with a wealth of experience from the mission field and his world travels. He possesses extensive teaching experience along with a strong grasp of God's Word.

We are also excited to get to know **Mr. Ian McKnight**. He has a strong passion for Theology and Church History. Currently, he teaches at *PacRim Christian University* and has a considerable background in the pastoral ministry. Over the course of the next three quarter, Ian will be covering the broad scope of Systematic Theology in a very down-to-earth and practical way.

Make sure to take advantage of the ***Bring a Friend*** discount! This offer allows you to register a guest for FREE. Use it to introduce someone new to the ministry of BIH. Please call 595-4700 to register or go online to Bible Institute of Hawaii. More details on times and locations are available on the breezeway bulletin board at KCC.

FAMILY PROMISE WEEK hosted at KCC in May was a good time of fellowship and support for the 5 families (13 people total) that participated. According to volunteers the time

spent with our guests was pleasant and so appreciative and respectful of what was offered to them. The children especially were fun and engaging and the helpers felt satisfaction on a good week. Special thanks to Bryan, Dan, Jen, Blanche, Sharon, Walter for their ongoing support of this ministry and to all who graciously helped throughout the week with set up, clean up, donations and overnight hosting.

RIVER OF LIFE OUTREACH will take place on Thurs. June 2, here at KCC. Event begins with food prep (shredding chicken) at noon and the service team leaving for the Mission at 5:20 p.m. We welcome help for this event and encourage you to check with the office if you can help fill the areas of need still available. Mahalo!

NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP UPDATE



June will be a time of rest for Na Anela.

We will take this month as respite and look forward to a guest speaker to join us in July. Please continue to pray for all our friends who are dealing with life threatening illnesses and health challenges and don't forget to give praise for news of recovery and healings. Looking forward to seeing all of you in July.

TRUSTEE'S TIDBITS



The month of April was positive from a financial point of view with a net of \$2,100 of net income. This was due to the garage sale adding in excess of \$3,300 of gross receipts. Thank you to all who helped make this a successful and fun event. We appreciate the leadership of the co-chairs (Myrtle Terada and Susan Morita), the volunteers who helped with the event, those who donated many terrific items that could be repurposed, and all those who came out to support us.

During our May trustees meeting, Pastor Jack introduced us to a different approach of handling stewardship. This will be looked at in

the coming months to roll out later this year in concert with our budget for 2017.

Pastor Jack also informed the trustees of an upcoming seminar entitled "Practicum: Recasting Your Church's Assets". This session will be presented by Sally O'Brien of the Episcopal Church Fund on October 21, 22 and 28 and 29

at Wailuku Union Church. The objectives of the seminar are as follows:

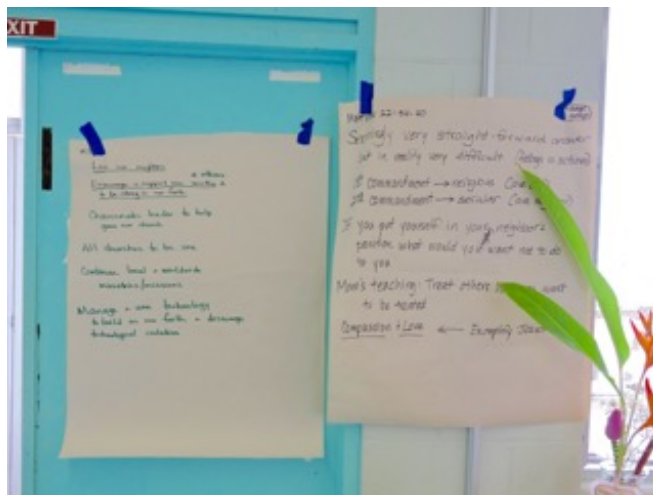
- ~ Develop financial self-sustainability through the creative use of buildings and property
- ~ Create relevancy by developing relationships in the outside community
- ~ Disperse or reallocate real-estate assets which are redundant or cannot be sustained
- ~ Inspire new ways to be a thriving church

Those interested in attending this session should contact Pastor Jack.

We also invite you to mark your calendars and reserve Sat. July 16 for our next All-church Workday. Your support of this event makes a big difference in the care of our facilities. This has always been a time of satisfaction getting things cleaned up and maintained as we try to be good stewards with the blessings that God has provided.

Love in Christ! Your Trustees
Karel Ling, Susan Morita, Vernon Pang, Shane Soma, Joan Sakaba, Lowell Terada, Dean Wakuzawa.

VISION RETREAT ON MAY 14



HIM 2016



DVD Highlights of featured speakers from Honolulu 2016 Christian Conference will be shared on Sunday mornings through the month of June. Please join us in the library at 8:45 a.m. sharp when we will begin these presentations. All are welcomed to attend.

KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
05/01	65	04	01
05/08	71	09	01
05/15	58	09	01

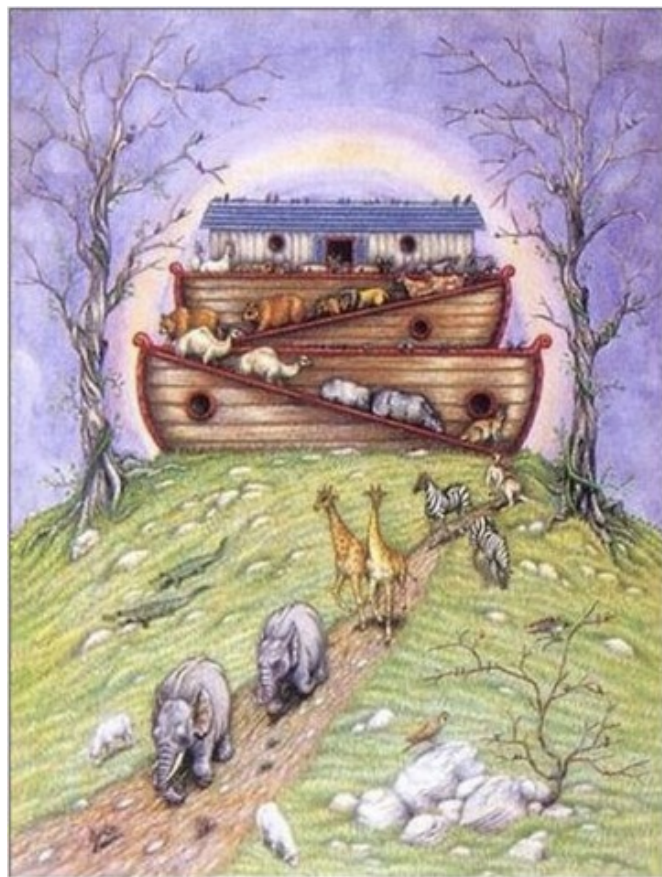


For those who were able to attend, this was a good time of sharing, laughing, envisioning, caring and listening to each other. We are very thankful for Pastor Jack and all the hard work he is doing to help us through this transition time.

"Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose."

1 Corinthians 1:10

I am not afraid of tomorrow for I have seen yesterday, and I love today!



Noah's Ark : Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark.

ONE: Don't miss the boat.

TWO: Remember that we are all in the same boat!

THREE: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

FOUR: Stay fit. When you're 65 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

FIVE: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

SIX: Build your future on high ground.

SEVEN: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

EIGHT: Speed isn't always an advantage.

The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

NINE: When you're stressed, float awhile.

TEN: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

ELEVEN: No matter the storm, there's always a rainbow waiting.

OUR 2016 GRADUATES
CONGRATULATIONS!



Emily Pang, daughter of Vernon and Jennifer Pang Soma

Cera Soma, daughter of Shane & Carol

Emily graduates from Kamehameha School and in the fall will attend the University at Manoa and go into Civil and Environmental Engineering. Emily shared some of her experiences at KCC...

I can remember the first time my mom told me we were going to start going to church...it was around the time I was in first or second grade, and I wasn't too happy about sacrificing my free Sundays. She and my dad dragged me (rather unwillingly) down the road to my first day of Sunday School, where I met Auntie Mae, who is probably one of the nicest ladies I have ever met. As I sat in her class, I could feel my begrudging feelings towards my parents slipping away....

Emily shared that she made some good friends. *We have stayed in touch over the years, and I'm glad to have met them; they're a special separate friend group in my life that exists only because of KCC.*

Cera graduated from Castle High School and will be attending New York University's Tisch School of the Arts in their Cinema Studies Department. She hopes to pursue a career in the film industry in the future.

Cera also shared some memories of her time here at KCC. *I've been attending KCC for my entire life, except for the few early months when my parents claimed I was too noisy with my colicky crying and kept me at home. As an only child, I looked forward to my time in the KCC nursery, getting to play with the other toddlers and being looked after by the big kids, aka the Youth Group. If you were to ask other church members what they will remember about me, I'm sure many will recall the incident of my "Great Escape" from the nursery.*

When I'm in the middle of my first East coast winter, I look forward to warming myself with fond memories of all the KCC Aunties and Uncles who

have taught me and fed me and cared for me through the years.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

- 01 – Wed. Summer Sewing/Craft Ministry, 9:00 a.m. each Wed. morning.
- 02 – Thurs. River of Life Outreach, noon prep @ KCC, 5:20 p.m. leave for Mission.
- 05 – Sun. Communion Sunday. Pastor Jack will leave for presentation through the 9th.
- 08 – Wed. Summer Sewing/Craft Ministry, 9:00 a.m. all are welcome.
- 10 – Fri. Aha Pae’Aina state wide gathering at Central Union Church.
- 11 – Sat. Aha Pae’Aina continues
- 12 – Sun. Transition Team will meet after worship.
- 15 – Wed. Summer Sewing/Craft Ministry, 9:00 a.m. all are welcome.
- 19 – Sun. HAPPY FATHER’S DAY, potluck lunch to follow worship service. Deacons Offering to be received.
- 20 – Mon. Transitional Housing Meeting, 10 a.m.
- 22 – Wed. Summer Sewing/Craft Ministry, 9:00 a.m. all are welcome.
 Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 25 – Sat. Men’s Fellowship 8:00 a.m.
 59th Anniversary of the United Church of Christ.



NEWSLETTER CREW welcomes help for editing. If you would like to assist, please contact Kammy in the church office. Mahalo!

a great opportunity to meet and greet newcomers, catch up with old friends, and make new ones.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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June Tom

AUDIO

USHERS/GREETER

Jane Masuno
Barney Pilla

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DEACON GREETER

Sharon Mon

LIGHTS & SCREEN

June Tom

PIANO & ORGAN

Jenna Han & Ruth Masuno



CHILD CARE Carol Soma, Coordinator

- 05 – Carol Soma, Debbie & Grace Glenn
- 12 – Jennifer Pang, Carol Soma, Stone Jessee
- 19 – Susan St. John, Lara Higashi, Grace Myers
- 26 – Shane, Carol, and Cera Soma

FLOWERS

- 05 – Dot & James Suzuki
- 12 – Jean Kanazawa
- 19 – Ruth Uyechi
- 26 – Nancy Arakaki



KING'S COMPANY

(Not available at printing)

AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS:

(Deacon Group: Paul Grable)

Any refreshments offered for Sunday mornings during the hospitality hour will be appreciated. Please bring them into the kitchen that morning so the group can prepare it to be enjoyed after the worship service. Mahalo for your kind support and generous donations each week as we continue to share in this special time of fellowship. This is

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SUMMER SEWING/CRAFTS MINISTRY



Wednesday Mornings – 9:00 a.m.
Join us each week for this great time of fellowship and service through July. All are welcome

RIVER OF LIFE OUTREACH

Thursday, June 2, 2016

Food prep will begin at noon at KCC
Carpooling advised, meet at KCC by 5:15 p.m. for a ride. Join us as we offer support to our friends at the Mission with a message and a meal. May God use us to be a blessing to our neighbors.



SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016

Communion Sunday

PASTOR AWAY

Pastor Jack will be off island June 6 through 9 (Monday through Thursday). Please contact your Deacon(s) in the case of an emergency. Rev. Jane from Windward UCC will be available to assist us if the need arises.

Aha Makua – June 10- 11, 2016
State wide conference of the UCC
Central Union Church - 1660 S Beretania St.
Please keep this event in your prayers.

Praise God
for being our
ABBA FATHER!

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2016
KING KAMEHAMEHA DAY
Holiday Observed.
Church Office will be closed.

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TRANSITION TEAM MEETING
Sunday, June 12, 2016 – after worship.

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HAPPY FATHER’S DAY
Sunday, June 19, 2016
Potluck lunch to follow worship.
All are welcome!



Deacons Offering will also be received on Sun.
June 29. Mahalo for your consideration to this
Emergency Fund to help those in need.

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COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, June 22, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

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MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
Saturday, June 25, 2016
8:00 a.m. at Denny’s in Kaneohe

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