

# Waves of Faith

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## IN THE INTERIM

We are on our annual journey through Lent to Easter, and we look forward to the familiar celebrations of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter. I am grateful for those who talked to me about what KCC has done in the past, and that will guide us this year.

We have finished our study of the Beatitudes and are using what we have learned to start to pull together a proposed vision—who we are and what God is calling us to be and do. We will continue with one more study that focuses specifically on vision, and the four sessions will be held between Easter and Pentecost. During that process, the Transition Team will share with you each stage of the process to make sure your input has been heard and respected. A draft of the vision will be developed and shared to get even more feedback and direction from the congregation. The Transition Team wants to be sure that vision flows from what we have learned.

Similarly, the Transition Team is compiling responses to “Tell Me a Story about Being Church” that many of you have helped with. The Deacons are also scheduling time to gather even more input so we can identify KCC’s core values and commitments. Once again drafts of those will be shared for feedback and refinement. We are looking for what stands at the heart of this congregation.

All of work helps us answer the questions:  
“Who are we? What is most important to us?”

How has our history shaped us? Where are we now in relation to the community? And what is God calling KCC to be and do?” When we have a strong consensus on all of those, we will have the basis of “Profile” that the Pastoral Search Committee can use. We are targeting June as a time to have this work ready for consensus. Following that, a Pastoral Search Committee will be formed according to KCC’s bylaws, and it will do what we have done together to search for a candidate with the gifts and skills that will help KCC move toward God’s vision for the church.

There is another benefit to this important work. Members are talking about what they believe, sharing how God is working among us and praying for the future ministry of this church. Please continue to pray for the Transition Team, your church leaders and me as we work to follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ’s service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack E. Belsom".

Jack E. Belsom, Interim Pastor





### MODERATOR'S NOTES

We are now approaching the end of our first six months of our interim pastoral period. I know it has been difficult to understand what the process is and why we are going through it as it has taken this long for me to fully grasp it.

Let me say first that our “process” of discernment, education, deliberation, and prayer brought us to calling Pastor Jack as our interim and his first six months has been a testament to this process. I believe he has been everything that we expected in calling him. This is not to say that it has been easy, since we needed to be exposed, challenged, taught, as well as cared for and supported. I understand that for some of us, it has been challenging since it was not business as usual.

It would seem that the search for a new settled pastor is pretty straight forward. Get a group of congregants together and come to some kind of agreement of what everyone would like to see in the new pastor and find the candidate who comes closest to that description. Get it over quickly and cause minimum disruption in the life of our church. That path would assuredly lead to power struggles resulting in winners and losers (with good intentions by everyone). Our current process will give us a unified focus and a chance at achieving unity through consensus.

The interim period has presented KCC with a unique opportunity of discernment, reflection, assessment and visioning. KCC and the world that it exists in has evolved, having said this, I believe we have always been a faithful Christian body, grounded in the Bible and guided if not transformed by Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit and we will continue on that path.

We will embark on another series of Bible studies assisted by the Center for Parish Development

which also provided the study materials for our study of the Beatitudes. I would encourage your participation in this effort so that you might experience where God wants his church to be.

I remain energized and am ever hopeful,

--Roy Yamauchi †

### DEACONS MESSAGE



Aloha from your Deacons, we look forward to meeting and greeting each and every one of you at our annual Meet Your Deacons Luncheon. This year you may see different faces in your undershepherd group, as some of the groups have been reconfigured in an effort for you to get to know different people in our church family.

The luncheon will be held on Sunday, March 6, right after service, at KCC. On the agenda: besides yummy sandwiches and chips and getting to know each other, we plan to take some time for a “Tell me a story” activity which will give us a chance to talk story, gain some insight, and help determine the profile of our church in preparation for the calling of our settled pastor.

By now you should have received a letter and a call from your deacon. If you did not yet, please contact the office and leave your name so we can get back to you.

We hope you will join us for this fun-filled afternoon. So mark your calendar – March 6 and we’ll see you then!

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

- ~ George Nakamura
- ~ Gerald Pang
- ~ The Turner Family

KCC sends our deepest condolences to the family of \*Wendy Tamashiro, beloved wife, mother, grandma, sister, and friend. We share the loss of our sister in Christ with her husband, \*Jiggs and sisters, \*Irene Kanetake and Dorothy Calaycay, who are \*charter members of KCC literally from its very start. We were honored to have the memorial service for Wendy here at KCC on Sat. Feb. 27, 2016.

**HOLY WEEK AT KCC**



The journey begins Palm Sunday, March 20 as we re-member and re-enact the procession into Jerusalem. This year we will invite all who want to process to meet at the rear of the sanctuary for the Palm Sunday Gospel, the Blessing of the Palms and a procession with palms. We will have the words to the hymn ready for everyone to read and sing.

Maundy Thursday (March 24) we will begin with a light supper in the sanctuary. This year we will host members of Windward UCC for this shared celebration. That will give us time to talk with one another about our experiences around the table and at the Lord’s Table. Pastor Jayne Ryan Kuroiwa and Pastor Jack Belsom will share the leadership. The service will end with a Tenebrae (growing shadows) that will lead us through an account of the journey from the Upper Room to the Tomb on Good Friday.

**Easter Sunrise Hike** – Join Rebecca Weible as she leads the hike at the trail’s start at 5:30 a.m. on Easter Sun., March 27, Makapuu Lighthouse trail.

**Easter Breakfast** – Bring the family and invite a friend to join us for Easter Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. The breakfast team will prepare a fun meal we can enjoy as we prepare for the worship celebration.

**Festival of the Resurrection**

The 10:00 a.m. service will be a celebration of the heart of the Christian faith—Christ’s resurrection. It is the reason that we worship on Sunday. We will sing the songs that have shaped us and listen to the familiar story of the first witness to the

Risen Christ—Mary Magdalene. The text for the celebration will be John 20:1–18.

Plan now to participate in the whole journey and to share in the celebration.

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**SIMPLE SUPPER SUPER SAVIOR SERIES**

**Continues**



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

**March 3, 10, 16, 2016**

During this Lenten season we invite you to join us at these special events beginning with a simple meal 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.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- Minoru Teruya
- Kegan Terada
- Lance Yoneshige
- Jolene Chang
- Alan Yoneshige
- Cindy Imai
- Lynne Nakano
- Christy Clark
- Jason Lau
- Lance Shiroma
- Heather Bernal
- Nathan Chang
- Sam Kojiro
- Joshua Weible



- Dean Wakuzawa
- Dora Kim
- Pastor Tim Weible
- Lowell Terada
- Winchell Lee
- Linda Yoshimura
- Ian Oga
- Camille Oga

Karel Ling  
Maureen Wakuzawa

Finally, a contract has been approved with Call Ollie, Inc. Oliver Kelso has been hired to assist in the updating of our KCC website. Want to serve on the website maintenance committee and learn about websites, see June Tom.

Mahalo to all of you at KCC for your constant generous support!

Love in Christ!

--Your Trustees ✝



*Copies of the 2015 Annual Report and an updated Church Directory are now available and can be picked up from the church office.*



**TRUSTEE'S TIDBITS**

Bring your rags, your sponges, your gloves, your cleaning spirit and join in a half day of fellowship sprucing up the church. A **KCC church workday** will be held on Saturday, March 19 and your help is very much needed. Work will begin at 8:30 a.m., with completion of most chores by noon. Lunch will be served.

The Trustees continue to research the financial aspects of installing a photovoltaic system. Being good stewards of our Earth, there is also consideration for sustainability. Stay tuned.

By the time you read this article, our monkeypod tree will have had a haircut. Trees of Hawaii was hired by KCC to do the pruning and trimming. Our yard is maintained by Evergreen Landscaping and Maintenance.

Improvements will be made to the men's bathroom. The church experienced a flood early one morning in January. Thanks to Derrick for cleaning up the water, to Lowell and Kammy for responding immediately. Plumbing fixtures are old and upgrading will be done as needed.

Our floors and carpets are set to be cleaned. Our sanctuary chairs were cleaned by Advantage Carpets. We are looking at cleaning or replacing the drapes. Shane, Lowell and Vernon will be installing fire alarms, motion sensor emergency lights for the transitional house and repairing louvers. Spring cleaning!

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**



February was a fun filled month full of many events! The youth had a movie night and sleepover, where they woke up early the next morning to hike Pill Boxes for sunrise. As exhausted and cold as they all were, they persisted and watched the sunrise above the clouds! The youth also hosted an event on Valentine's Day called the "Oldy Wed's Game" that they spent several hours planning. It was a complete success, thanks to all of you! The youth thank you! The youth also made a spaghetti dinner for Family Promise that very same week!

In March, a couple youth are attending the HIM conference from March 3-5. I will also encourage youth who are of age, to volunteer at the River of Life mission on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The youth will also have a beach day on March 6<sup>th</sup>, where they can all hang out and enjoy the Sunday afternoon. Although I will be on a trip to visit Family from March 18-26, I have encouraged the youth to attend the KCC Work Day. The youth will also be encouraging all of you church goers to start off Holy Week with a march of palms into the sanctuary. However, I will be back in time for Easter, and will be leading an Easter sunrise hike at 5:30am at the Makapu'u Light House Trail.

Thank you all again for your continued support!  
--Rebecca Weible, Youth Leader



(OGHS) special offering will be received on Sunday, March 13, 2016. Thank you for your generous contribution.



**KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
01/31	70	06	00
02/07	72	08	01
02/14	76	10	00
02/21	70	06	05




**MISSIONS NEWS**

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery. Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women’s empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief,

accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place.

The One Great hour of Sharing

**GLORY IN HIS SOUL**  
 A Musical Drama about the life of Henry Opukaha ‘ia  
 Written by Randy Hongo



**April 17, 2016**  
 7:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

**April 23-24, 2016**  
 6:00 p.m.

**Kalihi Union Church**  
 2214 North King Street • Honolulu, HI 96819  
 A Benefit For The Hongo Music Education Center

**GREAT OPPORTUNITY**

Mark your Calendar

Admission is free. A love offering will be taken for the Hongo Music Education Center.

Members of KUC will portray characters in Henry’s life and tell his story in 18 scenes. There are three original songs and two hymns, to be sung by soloists and a choral ensemble, and a hula depicting Henry’s prayer of salvation.

Let’s support our good friends, Randy & Gay Hongo!

**RIVER OF LIFE OUTREACH –**



**Message and a Meal – Thursday, March 3, 2016**

We will be joining our friends at the mission in downtown Honolulu with a message of encouragement and a hearty shredded chicken meal with all the fixings.

Please see Dan Jessee if you would like to help out with the meal prep or at the service.



The **WINDWARD COALITION OF CHURCHES** are working with some exciting new support ministries that deal with *Domestic Violence*, the *Spiritual Care Volunteer Training* that will be held at St. John Lutheran on Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 April 6-May 11 and efforts establishing state-wide long-term care coverage for Hawaii residents. More information to be offered on the Blue Zone Projects. For more detailed information please check out the breezeway bulletin board.

A partial list of participants in the Coalition include: Pastor Dave Rasmussen: Castle Hospital Chaplain, Pastor Jessica Gibo: State Hospital Chaplain, Pastor Anke Flohr: Pacific Health Ministry, Samaritan Counseling Center of Hawaii, Pastor Ruth Peterson, Pohai Nani Chaplain, Pastor Jane Ryan Kuroiwa: Windward

UCC, Pastor Tim Ellington: Kailua United Methodist Church, Pastor Kathryn Zurcher: St. John Lutheran Church. Pastor John Finau: Keolumana Methodist, Pastor Jack Belsom, Kailua Christian Church (UCC), Jane Muench, Harold Hoff, Pastor Giovan King: St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Pastor Matthew Lukens: Emmanuel Episcopal, Pastor Elizabeth Leavitt: Christ Church Uniting, Retired Pastors, Babs Ripple, Sam Cox.

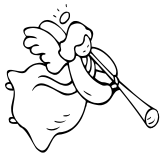
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We are delighted and grateful to have both, Myrtle Terada and Susan Morita co-chairing our Spring Garage Sale next month. We invite you to gather your reusable goods and kind donations for this fun event. Hopefully at the end of the day we will have had many happy customers, new friends who may come by for service sometime, and a chance to do some upgrades/repairs to our Sanctuary. As a practice we also commit to giving 10% of the proceeds back to the community through an outreach ministry. If you are interested in helping in other ways for this event, please contact Myrtle or Susan. Donations pick up may be arranged by calling the church office. Donations can be dropped off the week before the sale. Mahalo.



**MAHALO KCC** for your generous giving of \$565.00 to the Christmas Fund Offering received for 2016. These funds have been sent to support those in the ministry with emergency relief in their time of need and to others who will be comforted when they see that they have not been forgotten.

**NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP**



Pohai Nani, here we come!

Na Anela I ka hana a ke Akua, support group for those with serious illnesses (recovering or recovered) will meet at Pohai Nani on Saturday, March 26, to fellowship with the Nemotos (Sats and Carl). It will also be a reunion for Mitsi Higashida.

This is our fourth year that we are planning this outing, thanks to Stan and Chris Higa's wonderful recommendation!

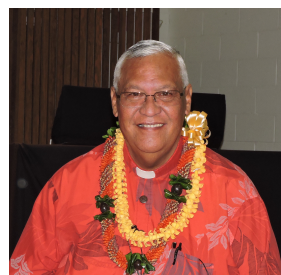
We will meet on the 14th floor (Nemotos reserved the beautiful social room with an awesome view). Light and healthy refreshments will be provided by the group members and friends. 11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

If you need a ride, please contact Kammy, John Sakamoto or me.

Mahalo and Looking forward to enjoying our time with Sats and Carl!

Blessings to all,  
--Myra Yamada ☩

**KCC HIGHLIGHTS**



The Rev. Richard Kamanu, Associate Conference Minister joined us for worship on the last Sunday in Jan. to share a great morning message.



Couples playing the OldieWed's Game at the Youth's Valentine's Day Spaghetti luncheon.

**KCC GARAGE SALE**

Saturday, April 9, 2016





The youth also enjoyed this fun event getting to know their church family aunts and uncles better.



CHILDREN

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

March 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	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	31		

- 01 – Tues. Tues. Evening Bible Study on Parables in Luke, 7:00 p.m. Through the month.
- 02 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, Parables In Luke, 9:00 a.m. Through the month. Simple Supper, Super Savior Series continues, 6:00 p.m. meal, 6:30 p.m. devotional. March 2,9,16 end.
- 03 – Thurs. River of Life Outreach in Chinatown. 12 noon meal prep, 5:30 p.m. head out.
- 04 – Fri. HIM Conference. KCC office closed.
- 06 – Sun. Communion Sunday. Meet Your Deacons Luncheon.
- 08 – Tues. Parable Study continues, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 – Wed. Parable Study continues, 9:00 a.m. Simple Supper Super Savior Series, 6 p.m. meal, 6:30 p.m. Devotion.

- 11 – Fri. Upstairs Carpet cleaning at KCC
- 13– Sun. OGHS Special Offering will be received in service. Deacons Meeting. (Daylight Saving Time begins.)
- 15 – Tues. 4C/KCC Meeting, 1:00 p.m. Parable Study continues, 7:00 p.m.
- 17– Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9:00 a.m. Simple Supper Super Savior, 6 p.m.
- 18 – Fri. Trans. Housing Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 19 – Sat. All-Church Workday, 8:00 a.m.
- 20 – Sun. Transition Team Meeting, 11:30 a.m. in the Library. Newsletter Deadline. Missions Meeting following worship.
- 21 – Mon. Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 22 – Tues. Parable Study continues, 7:00 p.m.
- 23 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9:00 a.m. Simple Supper Super Savior, 6 p.m.
- 24 – Thurs. Maundy Thursday Service, 6:15 p.m. meal, 7:00 p.m. Tanebrae Service.
- 27 – Sat. Men’s Fellowship at Dennys, 8 a.m. Na Anela Support Group, Pohai Nani Luncheon 11:15 a.m. 14<sup>th</sup> floor.
- 28 – Sun. HAPPY EASTER. Sunrise hike, Breakfast at KCC, worship, 10 a.m.
- 29 – Mon. Kuhio Day. Holiday. Office closed.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**WORSHIP LEADER**

Diane Lee Pilla

**AUDIO**

Jane Masuno  
Barney Pilla

**USHERS/GREETER**

Alice Esaki, April Jessee

**VISUAL**

Saeko Yoshida  
Debbie Fong

**DEACON GREETER**

Sharon Mon

**LIGHTS & SCREEN**

June Tom & Barney Pilla

**PIANO & ORGAN**

Jenna Han & Ruth Masuno



**CHILD CARE Jennifer Pang, Coordinator**

- 06 – Jennifer Pang, Lara Higashi, Grace Myers
- 13 – April Jessee, Alice Esaki, Rayn Jessee
- 20 – Carol Soma, Nancy Arakaki, Emily Pang
- 27 – Easter Sunday, No Nursery



**FLOWERS**

- 06 – Ruth Uyechi
- 13 – Paul & Kammy Grable
- 20 – Ruth Uyechi
- 28 – Lilies

**KING’S COMPANY**

June Cunningham

**AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS:**

(Paul Grable’s Deacon Group)

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

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

Join us for a light meal (6:00 p.m.) and devotional time (6:30 p.m.) focused on the season of Lent. All are welcome.



**SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016**

- ~ Communion Sunday.
  - ~ Meet Your Deacon Luncheon
- Hope to see all of you there!

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016**

- ~ OGHS Special Offering received
- ~ Deacons Meeting in Library after worship.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016**

- ~ 4 C and KCC Monthly Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. in Room 3.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016**

All Church Workday - 8:00 a.m.  
 Lunch will be provided.

**BIBLE STUDY ON THE PARABLES IN LUKE**

Tuesday Evenings – 7:00 p.m.  
 March 1, 7, 14, 22, 29, 2016  
 Wednesday Mornings – 9:00 a.m.  
 March 2, 9, 16, 2016

**SIMPLE SUPPER SUPER SAVIOR SERIES**

Continues Wed. Feb. 2, 9, 16, 2016



**Holy Week**

**Palm Sunday, (Passion Sunday)**  
**March 20, 2016**

**Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service on March 24**

**Joint service with Windward UCC, 6:15 p.m.**  
**light meal with service to begin at 7:00 p.m.**

**Good Friday, Holiday. Office will be closed.**

**Happy Easter! Jesus is Risen!**

**Sunrise Hike at Makapu`u Trail –**  
**5:30 a.m.**

**Easter Breakfast at KCC – 8:00 a.m.**





**Worship Celebration – 10:00 a.m.**

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016**

- ~ Transition Team Meeting in the Library  
immediately after worship.
- ~ Missions Meeting in Nursery

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**MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**

Saturday, March 26, 2016  
8:00 a.m. at Denny’s in Kaneohe

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**NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP**

Saturday, March 26, 2016  
Pohai Nani Fellowship Luncheon  
Meet on the 14<sup>th</sup> floor at 11:15 a.m.  
Potluck luncheon.



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**MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2016**

- ~ Kuhio Day Holiday. Church Office Closed.
- ~ Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.