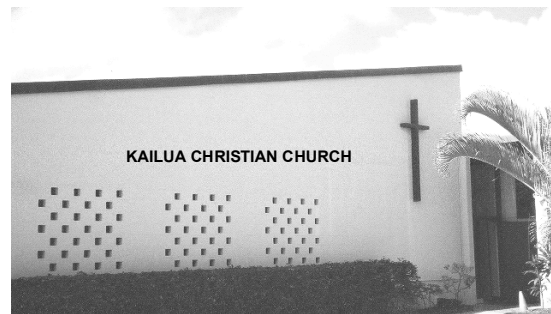


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IN THE INTERIM

VISION RETREAT– SATURDAY, MAY 14

What is God's vision for Kailua Christian Church? That question has been before us for several months. We have studied the Bible, prayed together, and worked to discern elements of that vision. Now it is time for the congregation to come together to integrate that prior Bible study with the hopes and dreams of all the congregation as we seek to discern God's Vision Saturday, May 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the church.

What are the goals of the Vision Retreat?

- Join hearts and minds in a communal discernment process
- Learn together through worship, study, reflection, and fellowship
- Provide input to the expression of a Guiding Vision for our church

We will work in table groups with facilitators during that time. There will be opportunities for singing and praying, lots of good food and fellowship, experiences of listening and sharing, as well as the posting of insights on newsprint. Those newsprint notes will enable a small group to express in writing a Guiding Vision for Kailua Christian Church. That Guiding Vision will be presented to the congregation for review, modification and adoption.

As a part of the retreat, the Council will share its assessment of those challenges that must be addressed both now and in the future when the church calls its new pastor. That description of the current situation will challenge us to discover

what opportunities we have as we build on the strengths of this congregation for ministry.

These two elements—the Guiding Vision and the Assessment of the Current Situation—will be used by your Pastoral Search Committee, which will begin its work in June. They will also be used to shape the ministry in this interim period.

You are key to having this discernment process reflect the heart, mind and soul of Kailua Christian Church. Your deacon will be contacting you to encourage you to participate and to coordinate transportation for you if that will help you.

We believe we will make the best decisions when as many as possible bring their gifts together to discern God's will. I look forward to seeing you May 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and I expect that God will work through us to offer us a surprising vision of God's future for Kailua Christian Church.

Yours in Christ's service,

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

Interim Pastor



personal calls to the sick and injured, the list goes on and KCC has not missed a beat, in fact, we are all in over time.

The Vision Retreat will bring a lot of the work done in the last seven or eight months together. If you have not participated in the process, this will be a good time to become part of it. We are part of a denomination that values congregation control of the direction that a church takes. To maximize your vote, it is critical that it be informed. Please attend.

--Roy Yamauchi †

MODERATOR’S NOTES

On May 14th, we will be gathering at the church for a Vision Retreat, from 8:30AM to 2:00PM. We would have been seven months into our Pastoral Search process and we haven’t even formed our Search Committee. I know that some of you are impatient to “get on with it”, but the old saying of journeymen carpenters, “measure twice and cut once” comes to mind. Not having measured more than once, or thinking about what I was trying to do, before cutting, I’ve found myself at the hardware store starting over again. Was I careless because I was dealing with a cheap piece of plywood? What if I was working with a beautiful piece of koa or monkey pod? Well, you have charged your leadership team with a very serious task and I believe most of us feel that we are dealing with a very precious entity, Kailua Christian Church. Not only are we measuring twice, but we have put much thought into this process. We began this “reconstruction” process by being very deliberate in selecting an interim pastor. Experience, interim training, and energy were important “measurements” that your leadership team used. Dedication was a bonus that Pastor Jack brought that just amazes me. Preparation for our more complex service, Bible Studies, Conference participation, Transition Team meetings and preparation,



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- ~ Jean Kanazawa ~ Betty Oi
- ~ Gerald Pang ~ Gregg Cha
- ~ Evelyn Ball

- ~ April Jessee’s father
- ~ Joan Sakaba and extended family
- ~ The family of Bill Nestuk on his passing.
- ~ The Edmond family and healing for their infant daughter.

The Transition Team as they continue to help us find out where God might be leading us, who we are, and assisting our Search committee who will help us find our new Pastor.

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Strengthen the Church Offering

The annual Strengthen the Church special offering empowers youth to build the future of the UCC.

Money received from this offering is split evenly between the Hawaii Conference and UCC national ministries. Nationally, the offering supports youth and young adult ministries, new church plants, and grants to help congregations communicate the “God is still speaking” message.

In Hawaii, STC breathes life into new local church projects, especially those focused on youth ministry, through Christian Investment Grants administered by the Stewardship Missional Team. Please support this special offering that we will receive on Pentecost Sunday, May 15 during worship. Mahalo!

DEACONS MESSAGE

Romans 5:5 teaches us, “And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.



Huey Lewis and the News, a band that some of you may recognize, crooned the chorus, “I want a new drug, one that won't make me sick; one that won't make me crash my car or make me feel three feet thick”. I admit the lyrics are a bit weird but wouldn't it be great to have a drug with no side effects? I can already hear Roy, our resident Pharmacist, naming off a whole list of drugs that fit that criteria but I'm referring to a different kind of “drug” ... one that we, as Christians, have. Hope! Hope is a “drug” that gets people through all manner of maladies with no side effects.

Paul affirmed that the “unconditional love of God means that regardless of failure, suffering,

distress, challenge, or fruitless effort we are victors over all those things”. Even when we are down there is hope!

Hope reminds us that God is present in every corner of our lives. Hope is the drug that carries us over the next obstacle in our faith journey, through problems at work or school or at home, through the next phase of the current interim process here at KCC. Whatever the case, hope reminds us we are not alone.

Please continue to pray for each other and do not hesitate to reach out to any of the deacons if you have questions about where we are at in the interim process; the upcoming program “Listening to the Spirit: Assessing the Now”; the “Plans for My Memorial Service” flyer or require help with other matters.

Hope in Him makes all things possible!

Bryan Gomes, Deacon
Membership/Undershepherds



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Linda Umetsu
Mae Takahashi
Bert Yoshioka
Cera Soma



Betty Ota
Stanley Nakamura
Lia Lau
Walter Yeda
Lily Lee
Reid Umetsu
Pua Todd
Matthew Chang

Kimberly Terada
Lara Higashi
Sherie Oga
Ken Nakamatsu
Noah Nishizawa
Winchell Lee
Logan Gerber

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Gary & Cleo Nham James & Dot Suzuki
Bert & Judy Yoshioka Harry & Vi Imai
Jo Ann & Larry Takumi

MISSIONS NEWS



Thanks to your generosity and hard work generated by our KCC Spring Garage Sale, the missions ministry was provided funds to support ministry efforts in Uganda with Angie Lee through Love One by One Ministries. Joyfully, \$150 was sent for resources to an orphanage in Uganda and also a local outreach, Hale Ola, a spouse abuse shelter on the Windward side of Oahu will receive approximately the same amount for their program. It was a privilege to be able to help support these two ministries in our local community and afar.



KCC Transitional Housing Ministry Update

Our transitional housing unit has been vacated by our last family, Doreen and Koryne and we have welcomed another family into the shelter as of Monday, April 25. Misty, Lillyan and Noah are excited and grateful for a safe and quiet place that they can call home for the next six months as they seek out long term housing through IHS. Please keep both of these families in your prayers as they make the transitions needed in this time in their lives. May our new friends experience the true aloha that KCC offers in Jesus name.

NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP
Saturday, May 28, 2016



This month, we will have our regular support group meeting. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Room 3 with emphasis on member updates and shared prayers for each other.

Special thanks go out to our guest, David Nakamaeio from Comforting Hands Senior Care for the delightful presentation in April. We appreciated the tips on how best to take care of yourself with reminders to monitor your meds – (check with pharmacist or dr.), Get your eyes checked, remove obstacles that may cause tripping and falling, and exercise and keep moving.

Mahalo and God bless! Myra

Windward UCC is offering a free two-part seminar, The Conversation Project - Tuesdays, May 17 and 31, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Health care/end of life wishes. Folks from Kokua Mau will empower you for this task. RSVP to church office at 254-3802.

TRUSTEE’S TIDBITS



First quarter giving statements were prepared and recently distributed. The Trustees feel that most of the errors from the year end 2015 statements were the result of multiple giving accounts for the same family. We hope that we have consolidated most of the accounts. KCC giving is recorded in the computer using a program called Church Windows. It provides the ability to store data in an orderly fashion, but with any other program, what goes in will come out the way it goes in. Your Trustees have been trying to learn to use Church Windows efficiently. We were very much dependent upon Jane Shiroma, who left us at the beginning of 2015; and, we had a huge

learning curve. Once again, our apologies to any of you who experienced errors in 2015. We encourage you to look at your first quarter reports and share any concerns that you may have. This will assist us in getting our computer files more accurate.

The Trustees held their April board meeting and once again took up the matter of a photovoltaic system for KCC. Due to Public Utilities Commission changes in late 2015, the GEMS program, through which KCC had planned to seek financing for a system, was closed down. William McKillop, the GEMS project manager extended his sincerest regret that the state subsidized program would not be available to KCC. The Trustees, with the assistance of Moderator Roy Yamauchi are still considering a potential power purchase agreement and other alternatives to making KCC an energy efficient property. Any comment or information you may have to offer is encouraged. Please see any of your Trustees.

Recent significant expenses for the church have included the installation of a new split air conditioning system for the office, plumbing and electrical improvements and repairs, the trimming of the monkey pod tree, cleaning of some of the sanctuary chairs, replacement of a broken kitchen stove, insurance and other annually required fees, Bible study materials and transition process study, and the improvement of our KCC

website. The office will also be receiving a new copier as the lease on the old one is up. The new unit will not have the fax function as most documents can now be scanned and transmitted electronically. We continue to research the different alternatives in cleaning the drapes.

Although stewardship is highlighted in the Fall, our recent needs suggest the prudence in assuring the Congregation that while the Trustees are attempting to be faithful in utilizing KCC's financial resources, there are needs and situations that require us to expend Church funds, that are not daily operational costs. We remain a living church and wanting

to continue to be responsive to the needs of our world and community, your support is gratefully received and utilized.

Love in Christ! Your Trustees

Karel Ling, Susan Morita, Vernon Pang, Shane Soma, Joan Sakaba, Lowell Terada, Dean Wakuzawa.

HIM 2016

We are fortunate to have access to viewing highlighted speakers from the HIM conference on DVD. We will make them available Sun. mornings beginning May 29 in the church library. Please join us at 8:45 a.m. sharp when we will begin the presentation. MP3 presentations of individual speakers are accessible if you coordinate with the church office.

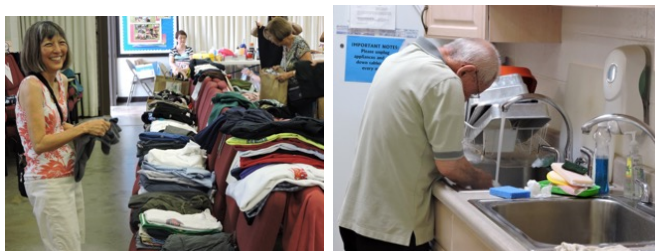
Titles of Presentations to be shared:

- “Do Whatever He Tells You”, Mike Pilavachi
- “A Tree Grows in Heaven”, Matthew Sleeth
- “The Gospel is Greater”, Dave Choi
- “When One Door Closes”, Paul Sheppard
- “Intimacy with Christ”, Dave Choi
- “Pass the Salt”, John Jenkins

KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
04/03	64	08	00
04/10	71	08	01
04/17	62	10	01
04/24	66	10	00

SERVING TOGETHER!





A Big Mahalo to KCC family and friends for your great support of the Garage Sale. After expenses and donations to special ministries we generated approximately \$2880 for repairs and upgrades to our sanctuary.



A process will be established to determine the qualities needed to serve as an effective member of the Pastoral Search Committee and to outline the obligations of committee members and tasks.

If you are interested in being considered for the Search Committee, please contact one of your Council members. You must be able to attend one to two meetings a month and work by consensus as the selection process will take months.

Worshipping together on Sunday, April 3
With our brothers and sisters of the
Four C Church.



Pastoral Search Committee

Your Council will be meeting to appoint members to the Pastoral Search Committee. As provided for in our church's bylaws, the Church Council shall appoint at least eight members, at least four from the Church Council and four from the membership at large.

**OUR 2016 GRADUATES
CONGRATULATIONS!**



Emily Pang, daughter of Vernon and Jennifer Pang

Cera Soma, daughter of Shane & Carol Soma

Emily will be graduating from Kamehameha School on Sunday, May 29. Ceremonies will be held at Neal S Blaisdell Arena at 6 p.m.

Cera will be graduating from Castle High School on Sat. May 21 at the school field at 5:30 p.m.

Both girls are still deciding on what college they would be attending. Come join us on Sunday, May 29 during worship when we will have a blessing for these young ladies and some light refreshments after worship in their honor.



Sunday, May 8, 2016

A sincere thank you goes out to all mothers - for all they do. A Potluck lunch will be provided by the men. Mahalo also to all women who have blessed us with their love.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday, May 15, 2016



For Christians, Pentecost is a day on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church." Thus, from an historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the church was started. This is also true from a spiritual perspective, since the Spirit brings the church into existence and enlivens it. Thus Pentecost is the church's birthday.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 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 – Sun. Communion Sunday. Transition Team will meet after worship.
- 03 – Tues. Tues. Evening Bible Study People of Salt and Light, 7:00 p.m. last class.
- 04 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, People of Salt and Light, 9:00 a.m. final class.
- 05 – Fri. Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 07 – Sat. Mokupuni for the OAUCC will gather at Makiki Christian Church, 8:00 a.m.
- 08 – Sun. Happy Mother's Day! Men's Potluck. Family Promise Week hosted at KCC. This ministry outreach will continue through Sat. the 14th.
- 11 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
- 14 – Sat. KCC Vision Retreat, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All are welcome, RSVP for resource preparations and lunch count.
- 15 – Sun. Pentecost Sunday. UCC Strengthen the Church Offering to be received in service. Deacons Meeting following worship.
- 18 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
- 21 – Sat. Men's Fellowship, 8:00 a.m. Denny's
- 25 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9:00 a.m. Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 28 – Sat. Na Anela Support Group, 9:30 a.m.
- 29 – Sun. Graduates Blessing in Service.
- 30 – Mon. Memorial Day Holiday, Office closed



NEWSLETTER CREW welcomes help for editing. If you would like to assist, please contact Kammy in the church office. Mahalo! A BIG mahalo goes out to Lillian Sakaguchi who was able to helped for numerous years.

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DEACON GREETER

Paul Grable

LIGHTS & SCREEN

June Tom

PIANO & ORGAN

Jenna Han & Ruth Masuno



CHILD CARE Jennifer Pang, Coordinator

- 01 – Jennifer Pang, April & Stone Jessee
- 08 – Carol & Shane Soma, Grace Myers
- 15 – Susan Morita, Carol Soma, & Mia Anne Watanabe
- 22 – Alice Esaki, Jennifer & Emily Pang
- 29 – Kristen Khem, Nancy Arakaki, & Rayn Jessee

FLOWERS

- 01 – Reggie & Myra Yamada
- 08 – Vernon & Jennifer Pang
- 15 – Mary Watanabe
- 22 – Carl & Jean Sakata
- 29 – Howard & Saeko Yoshida



KING'S COMPANY

Maureen Wakuzawa

AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS:

(Deacon Group: Myrtle Terada)

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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Rev. Dr. Jack Belsom, Interim Pastor



SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016

- ~ Communion Sunday.
- ~ Transition Team meeting in the library following worship.

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PEOPLE OF SALT AND LIGHT

(Study Series Conclusion)

- 5/03/2016 Tuesday Evening – 7:00 p.m.
- 5/04/2016 Wednesday Morning – 9:00 a.m.

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SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY - to all the women who have nurtured us along the way. We thank God for you! Please plan on staying to enjoy the potluck lunch that the men will prepare for the ladies.

FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

HOSTED AT KCC Please keep this ministry in your prayers as we host homeless families through the week with housing in our classrooms and meals that you can help provide. Sign up now. Mahalo!



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SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016

KCC VISION RETREAT



Please make every effort to attend this vital event to discuss the future of KCC. We will gather from 8 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Room 3. Lunch will be provided. (read Pastor's article for more)

information). Mahalo!

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016

Pentecost Sunday

- ~ STC Special Offering received.
- ~ Deacons Meeting after worship.



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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 21, 2016

8:00 a.m. at Denny's in Kaneohe

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Friday, May 6, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 25, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

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NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP

Saturday, May 28, 2016

We will have our regular support group meeting from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in Room 3 with emphasis on member updates and shared prayers for each other.



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SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2016

- ~ Graduates Blessing, 10:00 a.m.
- Celebrate this special time in the lives of Cera Soma and Emily Pang.



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MONDAY, MAY 30, 2016



**With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember**

Memorial Day Observed.
Let us honor those who serve and have served their country. Our Church office will be closed.