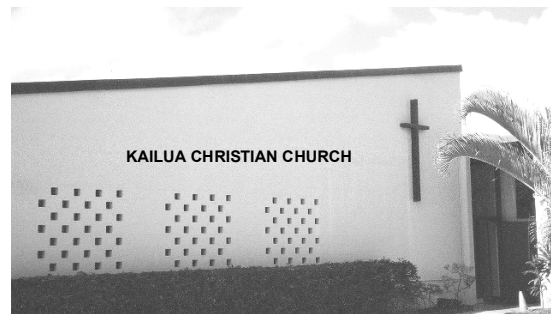


Waves of Faith

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IN THE INTERIM

How do you put together a budget? Situations change. Children go off to college or move out, a family member retires, income increases or decreases, medical insurance increases, etc. When there is a change, we need to stop and assess our priorities. What is most important for us in 2017? We do that with our families, and we do that as a church.

If everything is stable and we believe income and expenses will remain the same, we simply take last year's budget and make minor adjustments. However, if we have to attend two graduations on the mainland, our travel budget may be significantly higher. Budgets usually tell us what we believe is important.

Kailua Christian Church UCC needs to fund the Pastoral Search and prepare for calling, possibly moving, and welcoming a settled pastor. Those are not expenses the church has had to address for some time. In addition, your Council has recommended to you three priorities:

- 1) We need to experience the Body of Christ in our work and ministry. We make sure we support one another by sharing our faith and our ideas freely with each other, learning to welcome and accept our differences in ways that are caring, and accepting people who are different from us.
- 2) Leadership development.
- 3) Evaluating/reviewing ministries and processes—how are we organized for

ministry? Are we building on our strengths?

A budget based on goals begins with plans to achieve those goals. It asks, "What resources (personnel, funds, time, equipment, etc.) do we need?" It prioritizes the budget so that first things are first.

One process we may want to use with our committees, the Council and the Pastoral Search Committee is called a SWOT Analysis. We analyze our Strengths, our Weaknesses, any Opportunities and any Threats. Too often we fret over our Weaknesses instead of taking a good look at our Strengths. If we try to find create ways to build on our Strengths to seize opportunities that God is presenting, we probably will get more done than bemoaning our Weaknesses. Oh, yes, we do need to take any Threats seriously. In the time I have been in ministry with you, I have not picked up on any immediate Threats.

By building on our Strengths, we can put first things first and be ready to welcome the Opportunities that God will present. The Apostle writes, "[God says,] 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (2 Corinthians 12:9 NRSV). With that assurance, we don't even have to worry about our weakness.

Let's trust God to use us and this interim to move us toward God's vision for Kailua Christian Church UCC.

Your servant in Christ,



Jack E. Belsom, Interim Pastor

MODERATOR'S NOTES

Last month, we talked about change and how the “rate” of change makes this time different. Today, I read where Uber’s self-driving fleet of Volvos is arriving in Pittsburg this month. They are projecting that it will be 5 years before a self-driving service will be commercially available. What will that mean for me? No need to invest \$25,000+ in a car, insurance, gas (electricity) or maintenance. Great timing for me as it will occur as I am forced to give up driving! I’ll be able to retain my independence and mobility at a lower cost. Or I can look forward to many disagreements with my family as they try to tell me I can no longer drive safely as the little nicks and dents accumulate on my car and I defiantly hang on to the keys.

What does this have to do with KCC you ask? Everything, if we do nothing, we are targeting the 65 to 80 year-olds in our community. This is the population that does “church” as we do it today, but how about the 18 to 38 year-olds, in other words the “millennials”? If they do not want to share our traditional worship experience, how do we reach them? Do we advertise in the local paper and on TV? If they are on social media, as most believe, do we reach them through that media? Would we meet them in the community, a coffee shop, or even a pub? We have much to consider in the way that we have to change how we do things. This does not mean that we have to change who we are as a Christian Community.

In our month’s long exercise of discernment, “Listening to the Spirit: Assessing the Now” and Bible studies of the Beatitudes and Jesus’ Parables, we developed a clearer vision of who we are as a Church community. This is the KCC community that the Charter Members have passed down to us and confirmed by our discernment. This sense of community, care, compassion and love goes beyond theological differences. In fact, it accepts those differences

as Jesus did in his ministry. May I add that our denomination allows those differences?

So, think about and prepare for change, it is here.

Peace,

--Roy Yamauchi †

Philip Yancey, *Reaching for the Invisible God*



God often does his work through “holy fools,” dreamers who strike out in ridiculous faith, whereas I approach my own decisions with calculations and restraint. In fact, a curious law of reversal seems to apply in matters of faith. The modern world honors intelligence, good looks, confidence, and sophistication. God, apparently, does not. To accomplish his work God often relies on simple, uneducated people who don’t know any better than to trust him, and through them wonders happen. The least gifted person can become a master in prayer, because prayer requires only an intense desire to spend time with God.

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please continue to keep in your prayers

~ Blanche Keahi	~ Sue Nakashima
~ Jean Kanazawa	~ Mitsi Higashida
~ George Nakamura	~ Laurie Lum
~ Barney’s Nephew, Dante	~ Akito Sagawa
~ Ron Myers	~ Soma family

The people of Italy recovering from a devastating earthquake.

Pray for all our home bound KCC Ohana and those who have not been able to join us for whatever reason. May they know they are sorely missed.

Continued prayers coveted for the Transition Team and the Search Committee members as they help us figure out where God is leading us, who we are, and for assisting us through the process of acquiring our new Pastor.



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--Paul Grable, Deacon ☩



B.I.B.L.E simply means:
Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.

DEACON UPDATES...



Beginning on the first Sunday in September, the KCC Deacons are going to start serving communion to the people who are not able to come to the church service on that day. Please let any Deacon or Pastor Jack or Kammy know that you would like to be served communion at your residence and we will make arrangements to have one of the Deacons come visit you and share communion with you. Our plan is to do this after the service on the first Sunday of each month. So, if you request communion, you should expect a visitor in the early afternoon on that day. We will contact you to confirm.

The Deacons have also become aware of an ever increasing need for vehicle transportation for our elderly members and friends who do not drive any more. This issue has been raised before and we know that prior efforts have been made to address this need. As our church ages, the need increases. So, we are going to attempt to address this need by initiating a KCC Taxi Service made up of volunteer drivers. Anyone who would like to take advantage of this service please let us know. Anyone who would like to serve by being a driver, please also let us know. We will see what we can do to put drivers and passengers together.

Finally, Diane Lee Pilla has agreed to fill a vacancy in the Deacons for the remainder of 2016. Sharlene Yamauchi stepped down from her Deacon position in July. Diane has just recently graciously agreed to fill in. Thus, those of you who were in Sharlene's Under Shepherd Group will now be shepherded by Diane for the rest of 2016.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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| Bianca Tamura | Natsuko Matsushima |
| Loretta Lee | Harriet Nishizawa |
| Gary Nham | Stella Wakamatsu |
| Katelyn Wakuzawa | Kauila Miller |
| Caitlin Vioria | Kiley Reese Kano |
| Saeko Yoshida | Maikai Miller |
| Viola Imai | David Yoneshige |
| Carmen Kelly | Bob Minamoto |
| Deidre Harrison | Mitsi Higashida |
| Richelle Nemoto | Sandra Arashiro |
| Logan Myers | |
| Jean Sakata | |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Rev. David & Kirsten Baumgart Turner
- Bryan & Barbara Gomes
- Reggie & Myra Yamada
- Pastors Tim & Diane Weible
- Dennis & Debbie Fong
- Stan & Akiko Nakamura
- Carl & Satsuki Nemoto



“REAPING WHAT YOU SEW”

The ladies of the Summer Sewing/Craft Ministry concluded their projects on the last Wednesday in August. The ladies participated in hemming pants for the homeless shelter, making leis, making dolls, making caps for the babies in the hospital, making greeting cards, and crocheting various items for our next bazaar. Mahalo to all who shared in this great time of fellowship, donated supplies for projects, and took time to learn a craft or taught

others to create nice things that would bless others. Well done ladies!



STUDY ON THE BOOK OF ROMANS

Here's a great time to grow your faith and learn from Paul's letters to the Romans. *Romans is the first of Paul's letters in the New Testament, the longest of them (16 chapters) and in many respects, the most significant. Unlike his other letters to congregations he neither founded nor knew, but was hoping to visit soon. For this reason Romans both introduces Paul and also the major themes of his mature thinking about what God has done in Jesus Christ.* We are excited to provide two opportunities to take advantage of this study, the first starting on Tues. evenings, from September 6 at 7:00 p.m. and at the Wednesday Morning Bible Study starting on September 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

A workbook will be available for a \$5 donation which will help defray costs on this resource. All are welcome to attend the classes being held in Room 3. Hope to see you there!



KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
07/31	62	13	04
08/07	56	06	--
08/14	69	07	--
08/21	67	11	04



NEW WEBSITE

Please visit our new KCC website. (www.kailuachristianchurch.org) The Home page photos were taken by April Jessee and are

just beautiful. Debbie Fong has agreed to maintain the site by updating it once a month. Be sure to refer to the calendar for the latest events in our church. It is already current.

Pastor Jack and Kammy will be checking the Contact portion of the website. We have requested a Members Only tab that will be available shortly. This website was designed by Oliver Kelso who also designed the site for Windward UCC.

NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP

Saturday, September 24, 2016



Join us for our regular support group

fellowship beginning at 9:30 a.m. when we can share updates and pray for each other. We will then welcome our special guest speaker, Steve Katz from NAMI at 10:30 a.m. The National Alliance on Mental Illness is a lifeline for the families of people coping with severe mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, clinical depression, and obsessive compulsive disorder. Having a loved one with the symptoms that occur with these illnesses can take over one's life. NAMI's primary purpose is to educate and support these families and other loved ones. We also are strong advocates for getting our government to make mental health a priority. Currently there are many times more people with a mental illness being warehoused in our jails and prisons than there are in our hospitals and group homes. We aim to change that. Steve is one of those family members directly affected by this state of affairs, and it is part of his mission to raise awareness and make positive change. Recently Hawaii was ranked the third worst State in the US in providing mental health services. NAMI Hawaii is working to change this. You are welcome to invite anyone interested in this topic.

A light potluck lunch will follow this sharing.

A BIG MAHALO to the KCC OHANA

Thank you to the whole congregation and especially Aunty Joan for helping the KCC Youth get to Orlando, Florida for the 2016 National Youth Event. The youth had an amazing time listening to inspiring speakers, working with international aid companies, meeting other youth from around the nation, and going to Disney World. It was an unforgettable experience that will continue to impact your youth. Thank you all for your unwavering support.

-Grace Myers, Rayn Jessee, and Katie Gomes

TRUSTEE'S TIDBITS

The practice we have come to accept as the norm during the budget “season” at KCC has been the presentation of the proposed budget for the new year, considering the church’s potential income for the next year and allowing faith to lead the way, when there have been discrepancies. This year, with the guidance of Pastor Jack and with the faithful commitment of Trustee Gary Nham, KCC will consider stewardship in a very different way. Certainly it will be important for the Trustees and Council to come up with an operating budget for 2017, but the manner in which we as individuals will be asked to respond will be novel for KCC.

“Giving You: Consecrating Stewards 2016” is the theme of a four-week focus on what it means to be a steward in God’s household and what it means for Kailua Christian Church (UCC) to be a stewarding community. We will be offered the opportunity to hear from and be in relationship with a guest steward, a local minister. We will also hear from three members of our congregation who will serve as witnessing stewards. The guest steward will kick off the focus at a dinner with a presentation on the theme, “Giving to You.” You will receive a letter from the guest steward which will encourage members and friends to consider what it means to be a steward and to participate in worship on Consecration Sunday.

On that Sunday, commitment card will be consecrated during worship; and, the church will celebrate with a simple lunch.

Please mark your calendars with the following:

Wednesday or Thursday, October 19 or 20 – Potluck dinner with Guest Steward

Sunday, October 23 – First Witnessing Steward
Debbie Fong

Sunday, October 30 – Second Witnessing
Steward– Nancy Arakaki

Sunday, November 6 – Third Witnessing
Steward – Dan Jesse

Stewardship letter to be distributed
Sunday, November 13 – Consecration Sunday
with Guest Steward

In addition, two very important Congregational Meetings will be held:

-Sunday, Nov. 20 – Budget Discussion Meeting
-Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016 – Congregational Meeting to approve 2017 Budget and Election of Officers and Board Members

As we prepare for these important seasons for the church, we ask that we heartfully contemplate these two key words:

♥**STEWARDSHIP** – the activity or job of protecting and being responsible for something; to include the office, duties and obligations of a steward – the responsible overseeing and protection of something worth caring for and preserving.

✝**CONSECRATE** – dedicated to a sacred purpose; to make something an object of honor or veneration. A synonym for the word consecrate is sanctify. Its antonym is desecrate.



There are different kinds of gifts but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. (1 Cor. 12:4-5)

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. (1 Pet. 4:10)

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. (Romans 12:4-6a)



MISSIONS NEWS

Our Transitional Housing Unit welcomes your support as we clean and prepare it for a new family who are active participants of the Institute for Human Services (IHS) Homeless Program. Our last guest family had decided to move back to the mainland to be closer to family and gather a better support system. Please continue to keep praying for Misty, Lilyann and Noah and their success in getting back on their feet.

We are in the process of interviewing a new family as guests for our Transitional Housing ministry. Please keep the T/H Team in your prayers as we try to use good discernment in our decisions.

Please consider sending donations of gently used furniture and household goods our way if you are parting with these items. Mahalo.

Mahalo to all who helped with serving our five families at Family Promise Week here at KCC. Special thanks to the great support team who provided help preparing the rooms, meals, and hosted overnight. This was a blessing for all who participated. Our next FP week will be held on Nov. 13 through Nov. 20.

You are invited to attend this free workshop
Growing Older: A Gift of New Beginnings

A workshop presented by Grant Lee, Adrienne Mark, Phil Mark and Janice Ogoshi - Saturday, September 10, 2016 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Makiki Christian Church 829 Pensacola Street Honolulu, HI 96814

We are all aging. Studies have shown that as we grow older, we have opportunities to share with others the wisdom, abilities, and skills that we have acquired. Our positive emotional experiences continue to increase. We can accept our aging as a gift of God and reframe our life's purpose. In this seminar, we will explore several factors for healthy aging so that we can discern God's vision for the "third third" of our lives. We will also explore possible ministries for and with older adults to strengthen and build the church.

There is no charge for this workshop, but please call to sign up so we know how many people to expect. We encourage anyone wanting to attend from KCC to call KCC's office for a possible ride or carpooling effort. Mahalo. For more information or to sign up, please call 395-3408. Sponsored by Hawaii Kai UCC.

♣ Recycle, Don't Throw Away, eWaste

You can recycle your [eWaste](#)—computers, monitors, laptops, printers, fax machines and phones—on Saturday, September 24, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Central Union Church (1660 South Beretania Street, Honolulu).

♣ Meet UCC General Minister & President

All are invited to a community-wide worship service to welcome and hear John Dorhauer, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. The service will be held on Sunday, September 25, 4 p.m., at Central Union Church.

♣ Nu'uaniu Pastor Departs

Rev. Mary Paik concluded her ministry at Nu'uaniu Congregational Church after eight years of service. Her last Sunday in the pulpit was August 21.

FOODLAND'S GIVE ALOHA PROGRAM

For the month of September only, Foodland will match a portion of your in-store

donation through the Give Aloha Program! Just let your Foodland or Sack N Save Cashier know that you want to donate to the Kailua Christian Church - Organization code: 78524

If you wish to have your contribution matched and are not a Maika'i Rewards member, please register for free at Check-out. All donations are tax-deductible. Foodland will match a portion of donations from Maika'i Rewards customers only. There is a maximum amount of \$249 total you can donate (amounts can be given at different times during the month). Your giving to the church through this program will maximize the giving to KCC in September. See Bryan Gomes for more information. Mahalo for your support. Don't forget your receipt!

- 19 – Mon. Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 20 -Tues. Study on Romans, 7:00 p.m.
- 21– Wed. Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 24 – Sat. Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8 a.m.

@ Denny's in Kaneohe.
Na Anela Support Group, 9:30 a.m.
Special guest speaker, Steve Katz from NAMI, 10:30 a.m.
- 25 – Sun. Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.

SPECIAL THANKS to Diane Lee Pilla for accepting the position of Clerk on our Council for the rest of 2016. Diane has also agreed to serve on the Deacons Board for the rest of 2016. A big mahalo goes out to her

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2016						
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SUPPORT THE GIVE ALOHA PROGRAM!

- 01 – Thurs. River of Life Mission, Cancelled
- 04 – Sun. Communion in Service, 10:00 a.m.
- 05 – Mon. Labor Day Holiday Observed. Office will be closed.
- 06 – Tues. Study on Romans, 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.
- 07 – Wed. Wednesday Morning Bible Study on Romans 9:00 a.m. all are welcome.
- 11 – Sun. Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m. Deacons Meeting following worship.
- 13 – Tues. Study on Romans, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 – Wed. Wednesday Morning Bible Study on Romans 9:00 a.m.
- 18 – Sun. Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.



WORSHIP LEADER
June Tom, Paul Grable

AUDIO

USHERS/GREETER

Barney Pilla

Dan & Rayn Jessee

VISUAL

Debbie Fong

DEACON GREETER

Sharon Mon

LIGHTS & SCREEN

June Tom

PIANO

Jenna Han

CHILD CARE

Jennifer Pang, Coordinator

04 Debbie Glenn / Jennifer Pang

11 Alice Esaki / Susan Morita



18 Carol Soma / Shane Soma
25 Jennifer Pang / Nancy Arakaki

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2016

Labor Day, holiday
Church office will be closed.

FLOWERS

04 – Gary & Cleo Nham
11 – Winchell & Lily Lee
18 – Paul & Kammy Grable
25 – Stella Wakamatsu



KING'S COMPANY

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AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS:

(Deacon Group: Debbie Fong)

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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TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Starting Tuesday, September 6, 2016
Study will be on Book of Romans
7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Starting Wednesday, September 7, 2016
Study will be on Book of Romans
9:00 a.m. All are welcome.

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DEACONS MEETING

Sunday, September 11, 2016
following worship.

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LET GO and LET GOD

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Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

Communion Sunday

~ **Missions Meeting** following worship.

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TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, September 19, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

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COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 21, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

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NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP

Saturday, September 24, 2016 – 9:30 a.m.

Monthly prayer and support fellowship followed by special guest speaker: Steve Katz from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) who will share at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend and stay for a potluck following the presentation.

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MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 24, 2016

8:00 a.m. at Denny’s in Kaneohe

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Make your offering to KCC through the

GIVE ALOHA PROGRAM

during the month of September.

Foodland will match a portion of this donation with added funds that will benefit KCC and it’s ministries. Donate to code: **78524**. Please obtain two receipts – one to give to KCC with your name, so we can record your donation, and the other keep for your own records. A big mahalo to all!