

Waves of Faith

Kailua Christian Church (United Church of Christ)
317 Manono Street, Kailua, HI 96734-2211
Chartered 1959 –



FEBRUARY 2017

Volume 32

Issue 02

In the Interim

On January 6 we moved into the season of Epiphany. That's the season between January 6 and Ash Wednesday, which will be March 1 this year. It is a season when the church reflects on how God is seen in the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. The Greek roots of the word suggest that it means to "sound through." Those who saw and heard Jesus heard God sounding through his ministry.

The Western Church has focused on the image of light. That explains why the paraments (the cloths on the altar) are white. It used to remain white until Ash Wednesday, but now you probably noticed that it stayed white through January 8 and then changed to green. The first Sunday after Epiphany is a day that we remember the Baptism of Jesus.

In the Eastern Church the focus was on baptism and water. That explains the green color. They remember all the times that God used water to bring about the "salvation" of God's people. We remember crossing the Red Sea and crossing the Jordan. We also remember that Jesus was baptized in the water of the Jordan River, and Jesus identified himself as "living water" to the woman at the Samaritan well. We all celebrate the gift of Christ as living water for all.

Epiphany gives us the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of our baptism. In baptism,

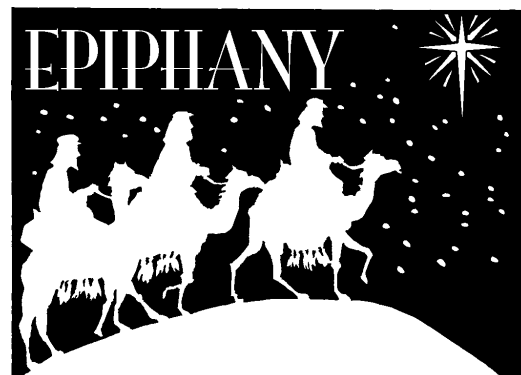
we respond to God's call to us, and we are commissioned for ministry. We are called and sent. When someone is baptized as an infant or a child, they usually recognize that Christ is sending them out into the world at confirmation. Regardless of how we were baptized or when we were baptized, the meaning is the same, we live into our baptism for the rest of our lives.

May this season of Epiphany for all of us to claim Christ's call not only upon our individual lives but also our corporate lives as Kailua Christian Church. Let us celebrate and continue to grow into our calling and our being sent.

Yours fellow servant in Christ,

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

Jack E. Belsom, Interim Pastor



A message of new life bringing new hope to the world
The excitement of a new beginning

MODERATOR'S NOTES

Happy New Year! I realize the month of January has already gone by, but I wanted to start off my first message to you as your Moderator in this manner. This is a new role for me at Kailua Christian Church (KCC). For most of my time as a member of KCC, I have served as a trustee. I humbly ask for your prayers, patience and guidance as I embark on this new role.

This is an exciting new year as we seek to find a new pastor to lead our church. The pastoral search committee continues to work diligently on our church profile and will present an update to the congregation at our annual meeting on Sunday, February 26th. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

Some of our church leaders and I will be attending the annual Hawaii Conference UCC Church Leaders Event on Saturday, February 25, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Central Union Church. It is a day full of various workshops that will allow us to learn new things to help us in our roles as leaders at KCC. It will also provide us the opportunity to network and fellowship with other church leaders from around the state.

Please remember that I am here to serve as your Moderator. Please share ideas and thoughts you may have regarding KCC with me or any one of your church leaders. It is important that we know what our fellow members are thinking and feeling. I look forward to this new year for KCC and finding out what God has in store for us.

Love in Christ!
Dean

**BUILDING FUND, SPECIAL OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED** – Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017

Funds received through this special offering will be used to give attention to new doors in the back of the Educational wing this year. As with all special offerings received, your participation is voluntary and to be done not grudgingly or out of a sense of compulsion (2 Cor. 9:7) but consider seeing this giving opportunity as a privilege for believers in Christ. A designated envelope will be provided in the bulletin a week prior to the offering date and more envelopes will be available in the chair pocket in front of you in service. Mahalo for your consideration.

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers

- ~ Lillian Ishihara in Rehab
- ~ Carl and Sats Nemoto
- ~ Lowell's continued healing
- ~ Myra's Mother in law
- ~ Hazel Chow
- ~ Akiko & Stanley Nakamura
- ~ Mitsi Higashida
- ~ John Sakamoto
- ~ Blanche Keahi
- ~ Chef Paul Onishi's mom
- ~ Our Search Committee and Church Leaders

Praise God for providing two great care homes for Sats (near Castle High School) and Mitsi (in Aiea). Check with the church office for the addresses and/or Phone numbers if you would like to contact them. Both of the ladies welcome and look forward to visitors. Call ahead to schedule a visit.

Sincere Condolences to Akiko Nakamura on the loss of her brother, Asato Komata. Mr. Komata passed away peacefully in his home on Jan. 18. Please keep the Komata family in your prayers as they mourn his passing. Services were held on Jan. 26.

DEACON NEWS



The Deacons had their first meeting of 2017 and welcomed Nancy Arakaki back to serve as a Deacon again. Nancy was last a KCC Deacon in 2009 and for many years prior. She has lots of knowledge of our longtime members and is particularly skilled in visiting and caring for and praying for those who are ill or in need. We are all blessed by her renewed service as a KCC Deacon.

There are currently five Deacons serving at KCC. They are: Myrtle Terada (Chair), Paul Grable (Vice Chair), Debbie Fong (Clerk), Sharon Mon (Communion), and Nancy Arakaki (Membership). Nancy, Myrtle and Sharon will also be in charge of administering the KCC Benevolence Fund.

We thank former Deacons Bryan Gomes, Sharlene Yamauchi and Diane Lee Pilla for their service in 2016 and previously and wish them well in their new roles for 2017 and beyond.

One change that will be implemented by the Deacons in 2017 is that we will no longer be giving guests name tags and leis and have them sign the guest book when they first arrive at our worship services. We have eliminated the position of Deacon Greeter and the guest register book. The primary purpose for this change is that we do not want our guests to be uncomfortable or overwhelmed or singled out when they first arrive. We want to welcome them gently with warm hospitality.

We also plan to make some changes in the Kitchen and with refreshments. Stay tuned.

Our Meet Your Deacon Lunch will be held after church on Sunday, March 12, 2017. You will be receiving an invitation letter this month inviting you to attend.

2017 is probably going to be an unpredictable and eventful year for KCC and our country and the world. Keep us all in your prayers.

Your Deacons: Myrtle Terada, Debbie Fong, Nancy Arakaki, Sharon Mon, and Paul Grable

TRUSTEE'S TIDBITS



The Board of Trustees have only five of the eight people needed to run the Board of Trustees. The Trustees are Susan Morita, Lowell Terada, Vernon Pang, Karel Ling, and Myra Yamada. Please pray about this as we do need at least three more people to help keep our Church up and running.

Please see one of these five people if you have any questions about being a Trustee, and you may volunteer to any one of these people and let them know you are willing to help out. We will be meeting the third Sunday of each month after church for about an hour to go over the business for the month. God bless you for considering helping out our Church on this committee.

Thank You all, Karel Ling Co-Chairperson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Keelyn Higashi

Milla Higashi

Kyle Nakamoto 16 Debbie Fong

Mildred T. Sakamoto

Reggie Yamada

Jonathan Fong

Mark Kanazawa

Andrew Wakuzawa

Andy Teruya

Kupa`a Harrison

Susan Shiroma

Mildred S. Sakamoto

Dot Suzuki

Barney Pilla

Jacob Kelly

Esau Kelly

Eliot St. John

John Tamashiro

Kamalu Miller

Karel Ling

Betty Oi

Sean Khem

Kara Khem

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Liloa & Molly Hagmann
Glenn & Debby Ogasawara
Norman & Ann Noguchi



Please inform the office of any corrections and/or updates to your personal information for this area.

KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
12/24	121 (Joint worship with 4 C Church)		
12/25	38	02	
01/01	49	02	02
01/08	48	06	
01/15	57	11	03
01/22	55	08	
01/29	61	10	01

**NA ANELA I KA HANA A KE
AKUA SUPPORT GROUP**



January 2017 marks Na Anela's 15th year anniversary, since we first started our life-threatening illness support group in Jan. 2002, meeting monthly from Jan. through Nov. each year.

Na Anela has focused on enriching each other's lives and promoting one's wellness journey, through our small support group fellowship where we share and pray for each other, in a comfortable and confidential environment, while bringing in valuable, interesting and talented speakers who share their expertise with all of us. We grew closer and learned a lot!

We started off with a large group of church members and friends (majority were cancer survivors) 15 years ago, and with the passing of time, many have passed on or are now physically unable to attend. We definitely miss our friends who are no longer with us. Mary Ann Ishikane, our co-facilitator, who passed away on September 24, 2009, was one who enjoyed sharing her many resources with the group. Sats, our spiritual advisor, who loved opening

each meeting with her heartfelt prayer, is now incapable of walking on her own. We are very grateful to be alive and still fighting to survive! Thanks be to God!

We would like to continue our small support group ministry on a bi-monthly timeline. We will plan on meeting every odd-numbered month. Community resource speakers will be invited to enhance our wellness journey for: Jan. 28, Mar. 25, May 27, Jul. 22, Sep. 23 and Nov. 18.

For the even months, we encourage you to attend a conference, event or seminar of your choice. Taking Care of Your Diabetes (TCYOD) is hosting the Best Diabetes Conference, on Sat, Feb. 11, at the Hawaii Convention Center. Register online: tcoyd.org or call 1-800-998-2693. Learning is Lifelong! Share what you've learned at our next meeting!

Mahalo and God Bless!
Myra Yamada

Steve McCall from HMSA sharing at the Laugh-Sing-Move event in January.



Wish you were here to enjoy it too!



MISSIONS NEWS

By Kammy Grable

A big mahalo goes out to Bible Institute of Hawaii Board member, Leilani Zukemura for sharing a Missions moment with us in January. Her message expressed appreciation and encouragement to our continued partnership to growing people in the knowledge of God’s word through the Bible and how we can apply that knowledge to our daily lives and to His glory.



Special thanks also go out to BIH President, Randy Stone who attended with his wife Lenora to share their appreciation for our continued support of this vital ministry.

BIH Winter Course on Proverbs: Wisdom for Everyday Living, is currently being held at KCC on Friday mornings. We have a great turnout and find this is a wonderful opportunity to fellowship and learn more about our faith with our neighbors and new friends. Dr. Martha Stinton facilitates this class from 9 to 11 a.m. through March 3.



Family Promise Week Hosted at KCC

We will once again offer our hospitality to the guest families of the Family Promise of Hawaii ministry. These houseless families are coming to KCC on the evening of Feb. 19 and leaving the morning of Feb. 26.

We hope to count on your support to provide this care for them. There are numerous ways you can help: 1) Donate food items on the request sheet that volunteers will prepare for breakfast and lunch times. 2) Provide a complete prepared meal for one evening during the week, 3) Sign up as an overnight host from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. one night during the week, 4) or help the day they arrive or leave so we can return the facilities as it normally is for other ministry programs. See Bryan or watch for the sign-up sheets that are being circulated as to how you can be of help.

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” Matt. 25:40

* * * *



**River of Life
Outreach
Ministry
Thursday,
March 2, 2017**

Keep March 2 reserved to participate in this service and fellowship event when we’ll go to Chinatown and share a message and a meal with our friends in need. Food prep begins at noon at KCC and we leave for the mission at 5:20 from the church. Brownie Bakers are always needed. Brownie mixes are available the Sunday before the event. Sign-up sheet with areas of need will be passed around during this month. Mahalo!

**KCC TRANSITIONAL HOUSING
MINISTRY UPDATE**

We celebrate the current partnership of Institute of Hawaii (IHS) and KCC in providing a transitional housing apt. for families in transition. Since the early 90’s this “home” for many who were homeless -- provided a quiet, safe place that they could regain some peace of mind and hope as they made new goals for their family’s future.

Through the years we have continued our efforts to share this ministry as a support to programs who

specializes in helping homeless families and those falling on hard times. We worked with PACT, HCAP, and the Dept. of Social Services who helped guide the families and provided resources to be better equipped to handle finances, parenthood, and being responsible for the choices they make. At the beginning of this program it was believed the founders hope was to provide single moms with children a safe place; to get them off the streets; so they could focus on rebuilding their lives. This initial goal still hold's true today. Your faithful commitment to support this ministry has provided many families with just that chance.

Under the capable and caring leadership of Ruth Uyechi, we shared compassion and comfort and learned how to offered grace even in the most challenging of times. Even after the loss of her leadership – those remaining to serve (Dot Suzuki, Hazel Masuda, Pamela Morikawa, Lowell Terada, Jennie Lee, and Kammy Grable), continue to do the same because that is what they think Jesus would want done. Because we see how showing someone the love of Jesus can change their lives, on your behalf, we provide shelter, support, and an invitation into the family of God. We hope that they will make the best of this opportunity and we pray that no matter where they go, they will leave here with some hope and great memories and an assurance that God loves them.

As we prepare our unit for a new guest family, we invite you to join us on Thursday, February 2 from 9 to 12 for a chance to put a sparkle on the apt. that will lift the spirits of our new guests. This will also be a chance when you can see the unit while it's empty of guests.

Mahalo for providing this place of shelter for those in need. Hope to see you on the 2nd of February.

A Sincere MAHALO to Rev. Dr. Tom Fujita, our guest pastor for Sunday, January 29. We appreciate his words of encouragement that we are the Church of Jesus Christ, and as such, we are here to proclaim Life in its Fullness. He also reminded us to look for a “Moment of Awe” that God has gifted to us each day.



HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN

CONGRATULATIONS TO PASTOR SCOTT FURUKAWA

The O'ahu Association UCC convened on Sunday, January 22 at Manoa Valley Church to examine Scott Furukawa for ordination. Together as part of the OAUCC we celebrate the unanimous vote approving him. This was a good day for him as he also celebrated his daughter's 21st birthday. Best Wishes to Scott.

HAWAIIAN ISLAND'S MINISTRIES

29th Annual HIM Conference

March 16-18, 2017

at the Hawaii Convention Center

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23 ESV

Mercy
HIM 2017

At a Glance

- 3 days | 6 general sessions
- In-depth preconference sessions
- Outstanding plenaries
- Inspirational sessions, transformational worship
- Exceptional speakers - 45+
- Practical seminars - 80+
- Youth program for middle school and senior high students
- Friday Night Worship Concert

More details posted on KCC breezeway bulletin board.

February 2017						
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				

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEB.

- 01 – Wed. Surprised By Hope Study, 9 a.m. ,
- 03 – Fri. BIH Class on Proverbs 9 a.m.
- 04 – Sat. Men’s Fellowship at Denny’s, 8 a.m.
- 05 – Sun. Communion Sun. Missions Mtg.
- 07 – Tues. Surprised By Hope Study, 7 p.m.
- 08 – Wed. Surprised By Hope Study, 9 a.m.
- 10 – Fri. BIH Class on Proverbs 9 a.m.
- 12 – Sun. Deacons Meeting. Annual Reports distributed for review.
- 14 – Tues. Surprised By Hope Study, 7 p.m.
- 15 – Wed. Surprised By Hope Study, 9 a.m. Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 17 – Fri. BIH Class on Proverbs 9 a.m.
- 18 – Sat. Four C Women’s Conference at KCC. Use of facilities 10 to 3 p.m.
- 19 – Sun. Family Promise Week hosted by KCC through the morning of Feb. 26. Missions Moment in Worship.
- 20 – Mon. Presidents’ Day Holiday. Office will be closed. Newsletter Deadline.
- 21 – Tues. Surprised By Hope Study, 7 p.m.
- 22 – Wed. Surprised By Hope Study, 9 a.m.
- 24 – Fri. BIH Class on Proverbs 9 a.m.
- 25 – Sat. UCC Leadership Conference
- 26 – Sun. KCC Annual Meeting, vote on accepting the 2016 Annual Report and ministry updates to be given.

MAR.

- 02 – Thurs. River of Life Outreach, Message and a Meal. Meal prep at KCC at noon, leave for mission in Chinatown at 5:20 p.m.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

WORSHIP LEADER

June Tom

AUDIO

Barney Pilla

USHER

Paul Grable

VISUAL

Debbie Fong
Diane Lee Pilla

LIGHTS & SCREEN

June Tom

PIANO

Jenna Han

KING’S COMPANY

Youth

CHILD CARE Carol Soma, Coordinator

- 05 – Susan St. John / Carol Soma
- 12 – April Jessee / Carol Soma
- 19 – Carol Soma / Shane Soma
- 26 – Lara Higashi / Carol Soma

FLOWERS

- 05 – Reggie & Myra Yamada
- 12 – John & Mildred Sakamoto
- 19 – Bea Jacobson
- 26 – Ruth Masuno

AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS:

Our Undershepherd group led by **Deacon, Debbie Fong** will host refreshments for the month of February. A special thank you goes out to their entire group.



2017 ALTAR FLOWER MINISTRY



Mahalo for the kind response from so many already in supporting the Altar flowers ministry. Alice Esaki is doing a great job

keeping things running smoothly. There are still Sunday slots available if you would like to sign up in honor or in memory of someone special. Mahalo for your generous support.

“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.” (NIV) Romans 12:10-11

Kailua Christian Church (UCC)
317 Manono St. Kailua, HI 96734-2211
Ph: (808) 261-0125 fax: (808) 262-8457
Email: kcc-ucc@hawaiiantel.net
Website: www.kailuachristianchurch.org

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
KAILUA HI
PERMIT NO. 568

Return service requested

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

SURPRISED BY HOPE BIBLE STUDY

Facilitated by Pastor Jack Belsom
offered through the month on both
Tuesday evenings - 7:00 p.m. and
Wednesday mornings - 9:00 a.m.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, February 4, 2017
8:00 a.m. at Denny's in Kaneohe



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017

Communion Sunday
~ Missions Meeting following worship.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

~ Deacons Meeting following worship.
~ Annual Reports will be distributed for review.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Tuesday, February 14, 2017
Tell Someone How Much They Mean to You!

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

FOUR C WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 18, 2017
The Chuukese women will hold a Women's
Conference here at KCC from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

~ Family Promise Week hosted at KCC
~ Mission Moment with Family Promise
~ Building Fund Offering to be Received

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017

~ President's Day
Holiday Observed. Office will be closed.
~ Newsletter Deadline for March edition

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

Annual Meeting immediately following worship.
Please plan on attending for informational up-
dates and members voting on accepting the
Annual Report presented for 2016.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017

Reserve this date to help w/ River of Life Out-
reach. KCC Food Prep at noon, 5:20 p.m. leave
for mission in Chinatown.