

Waves of Faith

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In the Interim “The Last Week”

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which is March 1 this year. There will be a brief service at 10:00 a.m. which will include the imposition of ashes for those who want to receive that. The ashes will be made from the palms from last Palm Sunday. This ancient practice reminds us that the gift of our lives comes from God and how quickly joyous shouts of praise become ashen. It uses the traditional phrase: “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Beginning March 7, at 7:00 p.m. we will gather in rooms 3 and 4 for a devotion that focuses on the last week of Jesus’ life. For example, Jesus’ cleansing of the temple occurred on the Monday of that last week. We will use both scripture and devotional material to guide us through the last week.

Of course, we will celebrate Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter in April. Too often the events that stand at the center of our faith are given less attention than our grand celebrations of Jesus’ birth. That’s easy to understand because it is more fun to speak of angels singing, shepherds in amazement and Magi coming from afar than it is to focus on that difficult last week of Jesus’ life in and around Jerusalem.

We forget how startling the proclamation of the early churches was. They were proclaiming, “Jesus is Lord.”

“Lord” was a title that was reserved for the Emperor. In essence, they were saying, “You think Caesar is in charge, but you have it all wrong. The one the Empire executed is the one the true God and sovereign over all creation who raised Jesus raised from the dead.” People were not crucified for their “religious convictions.” They were crucified as political insurrectionists. Of course, the Roman Empire could only imagine an empire ruled and maintained by violence threat. The churches were proclaiming a totally different kind of empire.

If we take time to focus on that last week of Jesus’ earthly ministry, that message comes through loud and clear. Easter proclaims the defeat of the last and greatest enemy—death. That explains why so many of Jesus’ followers could risk their own death. They knew that the final victory had been won even if the continuing skirmishes with the Roman Empire didn’t recognize that final victory.

I encourage you to take time to read the Gospels and note that while only small amount of space is used to tell the story of Jesus’ birth, many chapters in all the gospels focus on the last week.

Yours in shared ministry as we follow Christ,

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

Jack E. Belsom, Interim Pastor

MODERATOR'S NOTES

Romans Chapter 12 verses 4 to 6 state, "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."

This scripture passage spoke to me as I was starting to write this month's Moderator's Notes. It is a reminder that all members of Kailua Christian Church (KCC) form the body of KCC. Each and every one of us has been blessed with gifts from God. I encourage you to share your gifts with KCC.

On Saturday, March 4th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, we will be having a leadership retreat at KCC. Although we are calling it a leadership retreat, the Council decided that it would be a great idea to open this event to all members. The invitation is not to merely sit and observe, but to be an integral part of this KCC event. The complete agenda for this event is still being finalized, but we will have some type of ice breaker (i.e., fun sharing time), review our governing documents, review committee duties, and discuss what should be done in the interim period after Pastor Jack completes his contract (end of April 2017) with us and prior to the hiring of a full-time pastor. This will be a perfect time to come and share ideas with your leaders and other members in a comfortable setting. Please let me or any of the leaders know if you are interested in attending this event. We will want a head count so we will have enough copies of handouts for those in attendance. Oh...and we will be having a simple lunch to conclude this event! So, I hope to see you there.

Love in Christ!
Dean

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers
 ~ John & Mildred Sakamoto
 ~ Brian Nakashima
 ~ Fred Eberlein
 ~ Lillian Ishihara
 ~ Carl and Sats Nemoto
 ~ Hazel Chow
 ~ Akiko & Stanley Nakamura
 ~ Mitsi Higashida
 ~ Blanche Keahi
 ~ Search Committee and Church Leaders

Prayers for the Terada family on the loss of Lowell's uncle in late Feb. and Myrtle's sister who is in hospice.

Deepest Condolences to Dot Suzuki and family on the loss of her husband, James. James passed away in early February and the family had a memorial service at Nuuanu Mortuary in mid-February. Please keep the family in your prayers as they adjust to this time of grief.

DEACON NEWS

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent (this year it falls on March 1). The forty days of Lent represent the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness resisting the temptations of Satan and preparing for his ministry. Let us spend this time of Lent making changes in our life to be more like Jesus. Take the time to pray and listen for God, and focus on your relationship with Him.

The annual "Get to Know Your Deacon" Luncheon will be on March 12, right after Sunday's Service. You should have received a letter from your deacon introducing themselves and inviting you to the luncheon.

On the menu: sandwich bar and chips (yum!) We encourage you to attend and get to know your deacon and fellow undershepherd group members. There will be new faces as the

groups have been modified from 6 groups last year to 5 groups this year.

If you did not receive a letter or you do not know who your deacon is and you wish to attend the lunch, please call either any one of the deacons or the office. We hope to see you at the luncheon.

In Christ' Service,
Your 2017 Board of Deacons
Nancy Arakaki, Debbie Fong, Paul Grable,
Sharon Mon, and Myrtle Terada



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| Minoru Teruya | Nathan Chang |
| Kegan Terada | Heather Bernal |
| Lance Yoneshige | Sam Kojiro |
| Jolene Chang | Cyndi Kesler |
| Alan Yoneshige | Joshua Weible |
| Cindy Imai | Karel Ling |
| Lynne Nakano | Maureen |
| Christy Clark | Wakuzawa |
| Jason Lau | Dean |
| | Wakuzawa |
| | Dora Kim |
| | Pastor Tim |
| | Weible |



- HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**
 27 Richard & Alice Esaki
 29 Bruce & Coleen Kugiya

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
02/05	52	05	00
02/12	51	05	01
02/19	49	02	00



NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP

Please join us in Rooms 3/4 for our March Na Anela support group (bi-monthly) meeting and speaker:

0930-1030: Support Group Meeting
10:30-1130: Sherri M. Taniguchi Lau serves as the Program Coordinator, for the FEMA certified courses, under the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center at the University of Hawaii.

Our guest speaker, Lisa will give an overview of the many topics/classes (7 FEMA certified courses, totalling 56 hrs, free to various organizations and general public).

Her presentation will touch on the many course offerings. Of particular interest, and the reason for inviting this speaker is a topic that is close to our hearts. (Mahalo to Kammy for her coordination!)

AWT 308 Natural Disaster Awareness for Caregivers of Senior Citizens, usually presented as a 4 hr course, will be introduced during our allocated time (60 minutes). The regular course offering (minimum of 25 participants/maximum of 35) can be arranged for the convenience of Windward residents on the Windward side.

What to Expect: Natural Hazards and Natural Disasters Constraints, Vulnerabilities and Resilience Preparedness Exercise. Recommended for caregivers who would assist Seniors during disaster situations.

1130-1230: Light Refreshments; please bring a healthy snack to share with others.

Please bring a friend or relative who can benefit from our support group meeting and/or presentation. Natural disasters affects all of us!

Mahalo and God bless!
Myra Yamada



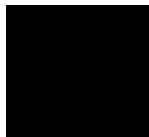
MISSIONS NEWS
By Kammy Grable



We just conclude another round of hosting Family Promise Week here at KCC (Feb. 19-26). Mahalo to all who stepped up to provide to the needs of our guest families.

From setting up, providing food supplies, cooking a meal, being a overnight host, to cleaning up after the weeklong event, all parts were vital to this ministry and we all extend a warm mahalo.

The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund



Mahalo for your generous support of the UCC Christmas Fund that we receive in Jan. We were able to send \$855 this year to help Pastors and lay people who have served the church and are now in need of care due to emergency needs and hardships.

The pension board disburses these funds to those who have served the church and are in emergency need and have limited resources

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YOU'RE INVITED

The public is invited to
a Service of the Imposition of the Ashes on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 7 pm at Windward United Church of Christ - 38 Kaneohe Bay Drive, in Kailua.



Ash Wednesday begins the 40 day season which leads up to Easter Sunday. Lent is a time for self-reflection and simple living marked by mediation and service to others.

Contact www.windwarducc.org, 254-3802



BIBLE INSTITUTE OF HAWAII



The missions board was delighted by the turn out of our first course offered by BIH and will again offer a new six week course starting on March 24. **READING THE BIBLE FOR ALL ITS WORTH** (Bible study methods). Dr. Martha Stinton will again facilitate this new course on Friday mornings from 9 :00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Room 3.

God's word is rich with spiritual treasure. But we must learn how to mine the jewels that lie below a surface reading of the Bible. Join us to learn what to look for in reading the Scriptures. God will speak to you in new and life-changing ways, and you will experience the joy of discovery.

Register early for this course at \$40 per person or if you like invite a friend to join you and the cost would be two for the price of one or \$20 each. But you must register together.

One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering
Sunday, March 26, 2017

We worship a God who gives generously and abundantly. God gives to all creatures their food in due season, and from God's open hand the desire of every living thing is satisfied. God has given us so many blessings. The food we eat, the friends and family we cherish, the precious gift of God's love for us, a love that led Jesus to lay down his life for us. When that love abides in us, we cannot refuse to help our brothers and sisters in need. Through the special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing, we join with other Christians to make our presence known to people who might feel forgotten—the hungry, the hurting, the thirsty, the sick. Our gifts, together, provide food,

shelter, comfort, and safety all over the world. Please consider your support of this offering.

March 2017						
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 01 – Wed. Ash Wednesday Service, 10:00 a.m.
WUCC Ash Wed. Service, 7:00 p.m.
- 02 – Thurs. River of Life Outreach, 5:30 p.m.
- 04 – Sat. KCC Leadership Retreat, 8:30 a.m.
- 05 – Sun. Communion Sun. First Sun. in Lent
Deacons Mtg. Missions Mtg.
- 07 – Tues. Lenten Study, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 – Sat. All-Church Workday, 8:30 a.m.
- 12 – Sun. Second Sun. in Lent
Meet Your Deacon Luncheon
- 13 – Mon. Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 – Tues. 4C & KCC Monthly Mtg., 1:00 p.m.
Lenten Study, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
- 16 – Thurs. HIM Conference begins 6:30 p.m.
- 17 – Fri. Office Closed.
- 19 – Sun. Third Sunday in Lent.
- 21 – Tues. Lenten Study, 7:00 p.m.
- 22 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
- 24 – Fri. NEW BIH Class begins.
- 25 – Sat. Na Anela Support Group,
Guest speaker, Lisa from Lyon Associates, Inc. Preparing for Disasters.
- 26 – Sun. Fourth Sun. in Lent.
OGHS Offering will be received.
- 27 – Mon. Kuhio Day Holiday Observed.
Church Office will be closed.
- 28 – Tues. Lenten Study, 7:00 p.m.
- 29 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
- 31 – Fri. BIH class, 9:00 a.m.



WORSHIP LEADER
Diane Lee Pilla

AUDIO

Barney Pilla

VISUAL

Debbie Fong

PIANO

Jenna Han

GREETER/ USHERS

Paul Grable & Dan Jessee

LIGHTS & SCREEN

June Tom

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, Nancy Arakaki** will host refreshments for the month of March. A special thank you goes out to their entire group.



THE LAST WEEK

All are welcome to join our Wednesday Morning Bible Study for a study in Mark focusing on Jesus' life during Holy week. We will begin our study on Mar. 15 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 3. Hope to see you there.



Holy Week

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Focusing on the last week of Jesus' life.

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Return service requested

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

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - 10:00 a.m.

Wed. March 1, 2017 at KCC



WUCC will offer a 7:00 p.m. service if you miss our morning service.

RIVER OF LIFE OUTREACH

Thursday, March 2, 2017

Message and a Meal

Food Prep - 11:30 a.m. KCC

Leave for Mission - 5:30 p.m.

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Saturday, March 4, 2017

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

All are welcome to attend.

Please RSVP for lunch and resource count.

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, March 5, 2017

~ Deacons Meeting following worship

~ Missions Meeting following worship.

LENTEN STUDY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017

Wednesday Morning Bible study will begin a study from Mark on the last week of Jesus' life.

ALL-CHURCH WORKDAY

Saturday, March 11, 2017

8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided. Hope to see you there.

MEET YOUR DEACON LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 12, 2017

Immediately following worship.

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 13, 2017

Please keep our leaders in your prayers.

HIM CONFERENCE

March 16, 17, 18, 2017

Friday, March 17, 2017 Office will be closed.

NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP

Saturday, March 25, 2017

9:30 a.m. support group meeting

10:30 a.m. speaker on Disaster preparedness



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

OFFERING

Sunday, March 26, 2017