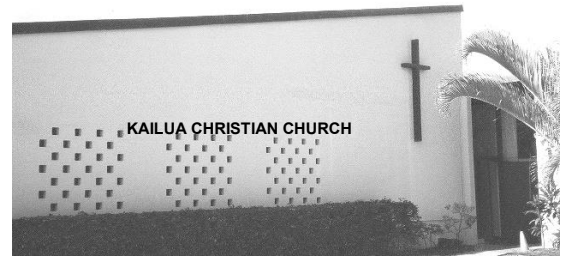


Waves of Faith

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In the Interim

This will be my last article for *Waves of Faith*. I will have shared your journey of faith for 19 months, and my ministry and faith have been enriched. I am glad that the congregation extended the contract so that we could share the journey through Holy Week. My last Sunday in worship will be April 23. The Chuukese Congregation will join us for that celebration.

Palm Sunday will be another celebration with palms. Once more we will invite those who are willing to join us outside the sanctuary (weather permitting) and then enter with a familiar Palm Sunday hymn and the waving of Palms. I am convinced, by my reading of the Gospels, that Jesus entered offering a different kind of rule. Instead the Imperial Procession of the Roman Governor accompanied by military troops, Jesus chose to enter on a humble donkey. Instead of the fear-filled welcome of the Roman Governor and his army, the procession was a celebration that God's kingdom was breaking into the world and bringing hope for the poor and the oppressed.

The Maundy Thursday Service will be similar and a bit different this year. We will begin with a simple meal in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. We will share that meal with Family Promise families who care to join us for the supper. Of course they will be welcome to stay for the rest of the service. In addition,

Windward UCC will join us for the meal and the service as they did last year. The service will use Psalm 23 to relate to the last week of Jesus' life. We will celebrate holy communion as a part of that service.

Easter will begin for the early risers and hikers with a hike to the Makapu'u Lighthouse in time for the sunrise. Dan Jessee is checking on the projected time for the sunrise, and that will be announced. Breakfast will be from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in rooms 3 and 4. The Festival of the Resurrection will be at 10:00 a.m. While every Sunday is a "Little Easter," Easter Sunday is always special.

On a totally different note, the Hawa'i Conference United Church of Christ will enter into an interim period in its ministry beginning June 4. The Rev. Dr. Charles Buck has resigned and will be moving to Northern California so that his wife can accept a job offer that will advance her career. In addition, the Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones, Associate Conference Minister, has resigned effective June 1 to accept a call to become the Chaplain at Wilcox Hospital on Kaua'i. She has worked with the Tri-Isle Association and done a lot of work with youth ministry for the Conference. This is a time of change filled with opportunity.

The interim will give churches, Associations and the Conference time to reflect on the assessment of the ministry of the Conference completed in January. Associations can meet

and discuss that assessment as well as begin a process of discerning what God is calling the church (local churches, Associations and Conference) to be and do as it moves into the future. This is a crucial time for KCC to be informed, to participate in those deliberations and to reconnect with fellow congregations. Now is the time to shape the ministry of the church in Hawai'i.

I will continue to hold this church and all of you in my prayers as you search for both a faithful direction for KCC and the appropriate pastoral leader. That is a challenging task, and you have an excellent Pastoral Search Committee that will continue to keep you updated as it finds and presents a candidate to the Council and then the Congregation. Remember two things. First, discernment belongs to the whole congregation, and, second, we make the best and most faithful decisions when we all bring our gifts to that process.

May God continue to bless you in your ministry.

Yours in Christ's service,

Jack E. Belsom, Interim Pastor

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MODERATOR'S NOTES

On Saturday, March 4th, we held a leadership meeting at KCC. As previously announced, all were invited to attend, not just leaders. We had a total of twelve people attend including general members. It was a good time to review our founding (i.e., Charter of Incorporation) and governing documents (i.e., By-laws of Kailua Christian Church). There was much discussion regarding people's faith and beliefs and what church is and what it means for KCC. It became apparent that there are quite a variety of views.

The conversation of our views was also discussed at the March Council meeting. With the pastoral search currently in process, it has become apparent that we need to address the issue of what our core beliefs are as they relate to our founding and governing documents. I encourage you to review the founding and governing documents mentioned above. We will leave copies at the back of the sanctuary for general review. If you would like a copy to take home, please see one of your church leaders and we will gladly obtain this for you.

We plan to have small group meetings with KCC members to discuss these documents. However, this process is still being planned and finalized. The purpose is to hear your views and ideas as together we are the body of KCC. Each and every member has a voice that is important to help us move forward with the search for a pastor and the future of who we are and what we believe as the church of Jesus Christ at KCC. Please come forward when you receive a call to attend a small group meeting.

Love in Christ!

Dean

PRAYERS & PRAISES



Please keep in your prayers
 ~ Myrtle and her sister, Joanne
 ~ Brian McNally
 ~ Fred Eberlein
 ~ Brian Nakashima ~ Hazel Chow
 ~ Lillian Ishihara ~ E. Davis
 ~ Carl and Sats Nemoto ~ Nancy Arakaki
 ~ Mitsi Higashida ~ Daniel Masuno
 ~ The Krisper Family ~ Jane Shiroma
 ~ Akiko & Stanley Nakamura
 ~ John & Mildred Sakamoto
 ~ Please keep the Turner family in your prayers as they deal with the loss of Pastor David's father who died on March 19.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Matsy Naito	Hazel Chow
John Halloran	Derrick Teruya
Micah Turner	Jared Higashi
Pauline Vilorio	Jennie Lee
Winnie Nakamura	Fred Eberlein
Vernon Pang	Emily Pang
Larry Takumi	April Jessee
James Todd	Dan Jessee
Michael Sakaba	Wilma Chung
Cleo Nham	
Carl Takahashi	
Kammy Grable	



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Myrtle & Lowell Terada
 Alan & Linda Umetsu
 Dr. Cary & Karen Miyahara
 Richard & Jane Tengan

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
02/26	68	06	00
03/05	60	17	00
03/12	64	08	03
03/19	50	10	03
03/26	54	07	01

DEACON NEWS



Our Meet Your Deacon Lunch was held after church on March 12, 2017. It was very well attended and we had way too much food. Somebody got carried away with the sandwich meat at Costco. Many people brought extra food too including salads, desserts and soup. It was delicious.

Our chairperson, Myrtle, was not able to lead her group because of a family emergency that required her to be with her sister on the mainland. Bryan Gomes filled in capably on her behalf.

The groups enjoyed meeting each other and getting to know a little bit about what we as Deacons do and how we are trying to serve you and God. We also got to know some interesting information about each other through the game we played. We were all encouraged by the number and variety of people who came to the lunch and participated. It was delightful. Some of the groups are talking about doing get-togethers later in the year.

The Deacons encourage all of you to communicate your prayer requests to us and we will pass them on to each other. We have had a lot to pray for lately. Keep them coming.

See to it that no one misses the grace of God.
 Hebrews 12:15.

Aloha,
 Your Deacons are: Myrtle Terada (Chair), Paul Grable (Vice Chair), Debbie Fong (Clerk), Sharon Mon (Communion), and Nancy Arakaki (Membership).

Mahalo to John Sakamoto for coming to worship and the Deacon's luncheon to take pictures so we will have these fun moments to remember.





Gathering the diversely gifted children of God as “many yet one in Christ”.

HIM Conference 2017 – Mercy was a blessing for the almost 4000 participants that attended this year. Since its founding, Him has gathered believers from across denominations, generations and cultures around Jesus to be the Body of Christ. Him equips, embraces, emboldens, and encourages men, women, and youth toward Christian transformation, unity, and lives that make a difference now and for eternity. HIM nurtures unity amid diversity, trusting in God who is Greater than our hearts.

We delight that they will be celebrating their 35th Anniversary next year at HIM 2018.

KCC will once again offer some speakers on DVD from the highlighted talks on Mercy sometime during the Sunday School hour. Watch for more information in the bulletins on dates and times when you can join us.



Mahalo to Bill Cunningham for sharing the children’s message during worship. The children and adults enjoyed his special presentation of Moses. We look forward to more of these fun opportunities.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Matt. 5:7

MAHALO WORKDAY SUPPORT TEAM!



Sincere thanks go out to all who made it to work day last month. It was great to see the approximately 30+ people of all ages ready and willing to make a difference. The Transitional Housing Ministry sends out a special thanks to Dot Suzuki's family: Laurel, Reid, Ren, Jared, and Kira Miyatake for coming out to join Dot to help with workday and on top of that putting some extra effort to make the shelter welcoming for our next homeless family. As our support team was limited, we were so happy to have our younger friends who could rearrange, carry heavy things, and climb ladders and clean and fix things that we weren't able to accomplish when we sought help in February. They were truly answer to prayer! It was also wonderful seeing our Four C ohana being our first arrivals and working so hard to clean up around the church. Lots was done and together with our faithful regulars and a delicious lunch provided by our Trustees, at the end of the day I am sure many were pleased and proud of what we had accomplished together. Hope to share this blessing with you again next workday!



BIH Six Week Class:

Reading the Bible for All It's Worth with Dr. Martha Stinton

continues each Friday at 9 a.m. in Room 3. We are happy to offer this class focused on Bible Study methods for our Windward ohana and hopefully will offer others in the future so that we can all enjoy some great opportunities normally available only in Honolulu.



NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP

A big mahalo to Lisa Shozuya from LYON Associates, Inc. for the excellent presentation she gave on Sat. March 25, 2017. Lisa shared some important facts relating to Hawaii's preparedness as to responding to natural disasters and what we can do as a community to be in the know not If but When disaster comes.

Lisa shared how together with the U Hawaii's Natural Disaster Preparedness Training center they offer Free FEMA certified disaster trainings to all who are interested.



We hope that maybe we as a church might consider and discuss how we can be a part of this effort to support our wider community in this endeavor.



We look forward to our next Na Anela Support Group event scheduled for Sat. May 27, 2017 when our guest speakers will come from Ho'okele Health Navigators. More information will be made available in the weekly bulletin.

Mahalo and God bless!
Myra Yamada



While we cannot say with any certainty how Easter Egg Hunts came to be, we can say that children of all ages absolutely love participating. Once again the youth will do the important work of hiding the eggs so that children through 6th grade can hunt and find them. That means those younger children will be in worship while the youth are making preparations. Different areas will be designated for different age groups so everyone can "find" and enjoy safely.

Join us for the 10:00 a.m. celebration of the resurrection, and bring the children to hear the central story of our faith and to experience the joy of discovering the hidden treasures just as those women discovered Christ was risen that first Easter morning.



Joint Worship & Potluck April 23

April 23rd will be the last Sunday that Pastor Jack Belsom will be with us as our Interim Pastor. There will be a special part of the service to say farewell and to end the nineteen-month relationship we have shared. When Pastor Jonathan Salle learned that, he asked if the Chuukese Congregational Church of Christ could join us for worship and the potluck that will follow. Of course, we said they were welcome.

Some people worry about potlucks. Will there be enough food? Can we get a balanced meal? Pastor Jack said, "I have never been to a potluck where we didn't have great food and a good time." Potlucks give us a chance to bring our favorites, to share our cultural dishes, and to eat too much. We are confident this one will not vary from that norm.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 23. Bring whatever you like to share at the potluck. And join us for shared worship that is always uplifting and filled with singing.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 02 – Sun. Communion Sun. Fifth Sun. in Lent Missions Meeting.
- 04 – Tues. Terminix Inspection /Treatment Last Week Devotional, 7:00 p.m.
- 05 – Wed. Last Week Study, 9:00 a.m.
- 07 – Fri. Bible Institute of Hawaii, 9:00 a.m.
- 09 – Sun. Palm Sunday. Holy Week begins. Deacons Meeting. Family Promise Week hosted at KCC.
- 11 – Tues. Last Week Devotional, 7:00 p.m. Family Promise Week continues.
- 12 – Wed. Last Week Study, 9:00 a.m. Family Promise Week continues.
- 13 – Thurs. Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00 p.m. simple meal, Worship at 7:00 p.m. Family Promise Week continues.
- 14 – Fri. Good Friday, Holiday. Office closed. Four C Church sharing in worship. Family Promise Week continues.
- 15 – Sat. Family Promise Week continues until Easter morning.
- 16 – Sun. Happy Easter! Sunrise Hike, Easter Breakfast 8:30 a.m. at KCC, Easter Worship 10:00 a.m. and Egg Hunt to follow worship service. No Nursery or King’s Company during worship.
- 19 – Wed. Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 – Fri. Bible Institute of Hawaii, 9:00 a.m.
- 23 – Sun. Pastor Jack’s last day at KCC. Joint worship with 4C Church and aloha potluck.
- 28 – Fri. Bible Institute of Hawaii, 9:00 a.m.
- 30 – Sun. Special Guest Speaker, Pastor Don Asman.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

WORSHIP LEADER

Bryan Gomes

AUDIO

Barney Pilla

GREETER/ USHERS

Paul Grable & Dan Jessee

VISUAL

Debbie Fong
Diane Lee Pilla

LIGHTS & SCREEN

June Tom

PIANO

Jenna Han

KING’S COMPANY

Youth

CHILD CARE Carol Soma, Coordinator

- 02 – Carol & Shane Soma
- 09 – Susan St. John & April Jessee
- 16 – No Nursery
- 23 – Lara Higashi & Jennifer Pang
- 26 – Carol Soma & Alice Esaki

FLOWERS

- 02 – Barney & Diane Lee Pilla
- 09 – Jean Kanazawa
- 16 – Easter Lilies
- 23 – Mel & June Tom
- 30 – Mel & June Tom



AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS:

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

Special note: Sun. April 23 will be a joint worship and all-church aloha celebration potluck for Pastor Jack. We welcome your participation in sharing your favorite dishes for this special occasion.



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COMMUNION SUNDAY

April 2, 2017

Fifth Sunday in Lent



LAST WEEK DEVOTIONAL

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

LAST WEEK STUDY

From the Book of Mark

Wednesday, April 5 & 12, 2017

9:00 a.m. in Room 3

HOLY WEEK AT KCC

April 9, 2017 – Palm Sunday



April 13, 2017 – Maundy Thursday Service

We will begin with a light supper at 6:00 p.m.

April 16, 2017 – HAPPY EASTER!



Sunrise Hike and worship
Makapuu Lighthouse. Time
TBA

Easter Breakfast at KCC 8 a.m.

Easter Worship, 10 a.m.

Children's Egg Hunt following
the worship service.

FAMILY PROMISE WEEK
HOSTED AT KCC

Sunday, April 9 through Saturday, April 15
Support this special time of service to those in
need as we celebrate this Easter season.

DEACONS MEETING

Sunday, April 9, 2017



GOOD FRIDAY

April 14, 2017

Church office will be closed.

Four C Church will worship at KCC

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Please keep our leaders in your prayers.

ALOHA SUNDAY

Sunday, April 23, 2017

Joint worship of KCC and Four C Church
followed by a Mahalo Potluck Lunch in honor of
Pastor Jack as he concludes his service as
interim pastor at KCC.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." Matt. 25:33

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017

Special Guest Pastor, Rev. Don Asman
will share the morning message.