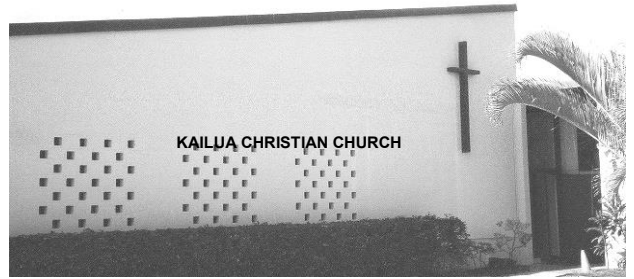


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SHALOM

The parting last word of our dear interim pastor, Rev. Jack Belsom on his last Sunday with us -- Shalom, a Hebrew word meaning peace, harmony, wholeness, completeness, prosperity, welfare and tranquility and has similarities to our use of the word Aloha. The word has many facets to its meaning and when embraced -- will bring us to being the people God intended us to be. This was the blessing he left with us and it was his hope for our future together as the family of KCC. We thank God for the opportunity to be the family of God together with Pastor Jack and wish for him and his family, Shalom also.



*Let's don't say it's goodbye,
Why not make it "Shalom?"
"May God's peace be with
you 'til the end."
For the things we have done,
and the love we have shared,
I am glad to have called you
my friend.*

(Part of a song that Pastor Jack wrote and sang at his last worship service as our Interim Pastor.)

Happy Mother's Day Ladies!

Join us on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, 2017 when the men of KCC will provide a special potluck lunch in honor of all the ladies.



A MOTHER'S LOVE

Whose is the heart that bursts with pride each time she sees your face.
Whose are the eyes that dart about, to check your world is safe.
Whose are the arms that wrap you up and hold you tight and close.
Whose is the love that's always there whenever you need it the most.
Whose is the smile that lights the room when you are smiling too
Whose shoulder is the place to be, when only a cuddle will do.
Whose chest is warm and comforting when you're a weary soul.
Whose motivation only has your happiness as her goal.
Whose are the tears that cry for you as you grow old and free.
Whose is the heart that aches so much, in the space where you should be.
Whose is the head that knows that you must find your path alone
Whose is the voice who welcome you each time you go back home.
Who could have so many facets that make her oh so great
Who has you on her mind each day, and today we celebrate.
Whose hands hold and guide you, in a way unlike another
All these are part and parcel of the joys of being a mother.

MODERATOR'S NOTES

Aloha KCC members and friends! Time sure does go by quickly. We are already in the month of May. As we continue our search for a permanent pastor, I would like to invite you to attend one of two gatherings after church. They will be held after the worship service on Sunday, May 7th and May 28th.

The purpose of the gatherings is to come together in a positive light to pray for KCC, praise God for all He has given us, and share your hopes and dreams for our future together at KCC. This time of fellowship will help us to share our hopes and dreams for KCC and will be brought to the pastoral search committee to assist them in selecting a pastoral candidate.

I hope you will be able to attend one of these gatherings and take this opportunity to share what's on your heart.

Have a Blessed May!

Dean

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Please keep in your prayers
- ~ Myrtle, her sister and her sister's husband.
- ~ Brian McNally
- ~ Hazel Chow
- ~ Fred Eberlein
- ~ Carl and Sats Nemoto
- ~ Mitsi Higashida
- ~ Jane Shiroma
- ~ Akiko & Stan Nakamura
- ~ John & Mildred Sakamoto



- ~ E. Davis
- ~ Nancy Arakaki
- ~ Daniel Masuno
- ~ Betty Abe
- ~ WC, KCC friend

Please keep the Ishikawa family in your prayers as they celebrated the life of Eddie Ishikawa, husband of beloved deceased member, Takeyo Ishikawa. A private service was recently held at KCC.

Sincere condolences to the Tamashiro family on the loss of Jigg's brother, Jitsuo. Jitsuo died at home on March 19. Services were held on April 28 at Hawaiian Memorial Park..

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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|--------------------|---------------|
| Carmen Scott | Pua Todd |
| Linda Umetsu | Allen Shiroma |
| Mae Takahashi | Matt Chang |
| Bert Yoshioka | Kim Terada |
| Marjorie Morishige | Gary Morita |
| Cera Soma | Lara Higashi |
| Betty Ota | Sherie Oga |
| Stanley Nakamura | Ken Nakamatsu |
| Lia Lau | Winchell Lee |
| Walter Yeda | Dan Tamashiro |
| Lily Lee | Logan Gerber |
| Reid Umetsu | |



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Gary & Cleo Nham
- Bert & Judy Yoshioka
- Larry Takumi & Jo-Ann Komori
- Randy & Cindy Imai
- Harry & Vi Imai

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



We are seeking information regarding our graduates for our June newsletter. We hope you are able to inform us on who our graduates are and information of what plans they may have for their immediate futures. If you are aware of our graduates from high school and college, please contact the church office with any details you may have. We would like to celebrate this special time in their lives. Mahalo.

CONGRATULATIONS JENNA HAN! Our wonderful pianist has been hired by the City and County as an **Emergency Medical Technician**. Yeah Jenna!

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DEACON NEWS

Praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for His ultimate sacrifice on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. May we live in His light and love of His resurrection.



The Maundy Thursday evening service meal of soup was graciously provided by Joan Sakaba and Sharlene Yamauchi and coordinated by Myrtle Terada.

We are grateful for Pastor Jack’s ministry in the interim period and wish him well as he returns home to be with family. A potluck lunch with the 4C’s church was held on Sunday, April 23, his last Sunday with us.

Our thanks to our Administrative Assistant, Kammy Grable who is in contact with the scheduled visiting pastors who will be coming during the next couple of months. We do appreciate her help in all areas of the deacon responsibilities.

The month of May is upon us and we wish all mothers a “Happy Mother’s Day”. This article appeared in our bulletin insert called, “Have a Good Day” on May 2001 and we would like to share this story with you.

“A Motivated Mother”

This true story begins in the tiny kitchen of a seacoast home in the British Isles. The father was a rough sailor spending months of each year on the open seas. As with others of that era, he had his share of liquor and brawls. When his son, John, turned 14, he began taking him along to learn the art of maneuvering tall ships through heavy winds and rough waters of the north Atlantic Ocean. Months became years and young John himself became captain of a ship. All too soon he was lured into a specialized slave trading business. It was a brutal business, yet all the time he was involved in this hard-hearted activity, his aging mother, hundreds of miles north, constantly lifted his name to God in prayer. Distance was no problem for God. From heaven he saw the many tears that splashed on the washboard while that

tenderhearted mother prayed for her son as she did the family wash. It wasn’t long before God took hold of that old wooden ship and let John have a bitter taste of slavery himself. That caught his attention. Soon after, he became deathly sick. Now God could deal with him in earnest, for John fully expected to die. This brought matters into focus, and it was enough to make a complete turnaround. He repented of his corrupt living and invited Jesus Christ to be Lord of his life. Immediately he was filled with love for God and all those around him. What a remarkable difference it made. No wonder he was grateful that God would save a wretch like him. He eventually became a preacher of the gospel, longing to turn others to Jesus. During these months he began writing songs such as “Amazing Grace”... The real story goes back to that praying mother in a tiny kitchen. Is there another such mother in prayer today? I wonder if she is praying for you? Do what John did. Turn your life over to Jesus. Something good is sure to come of it. You’ll see. (By Dwight Hall).

Faithfully in Christ,
Your Deacons



KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
04/02	66	06	00
04/09	60	10	00
04/16	83	16	10
04/23	93	18	00

GUEST PASTORS COMING IN MAY

- 05/07 Dr. Paul Brennan
- 05/14 Dr. Paul Brennan (Mother’s Day)
- 05/21 Rev. Lauren Buck Medeiros
- 05/28 Rev. Mary Paik

Let us come together to worship God as the family of KCC and share our gift of presence for the encouragement of each other.



Mahalo KCC for your generous support of the One Great Hour of Sharing, UCC Special Lenten Offering. We received a total of \$668 that will be sent to support disaster, refugee, and development actions through Global Ministries and Church World Services.

FAMILY PROMISE MINISTRY UPDATE

The staff of Family Promise Hawaii was very grateful for the help we provided by hosting the families during Holy Week. Normally our schedule is for mid-May but in this time of need we rose helped when there was a special need. With your kind response and support we have just confirmed KCC's commitment of serving as hosts for the weeks, July 9-16 and November 5 – 12. Please watch for more details on how you can help during these events.

A special prayer is being sent out as we seek overnight hosts during the periods stated. Sign up for one night during the week as the facilitator of KCC. More details are available from Bryan or Dan. Mahalo for your consideration.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING MINISTRY

Recently we met with a family (single mom with a 15 month old daughter) who was seeking help from IHS and asking for the chance to be our guests at KCC's Transitional Housing shelter. We accepted them as guests but unfortunately a more permanent opportunity arose and they did not move in.

We thank the kind people who stepped up to help prepare the unit for our new guests... Esp. Walter Yeda who worked hard to install two safety gates which are semi-permanent fixtures in the unit now. We are also grateful for the thoughtful donations of goods (new and used) given to this ministry throughout the year.

Please pray for the ministry and the next family we will be interviewing very soon. May God use us to his glory through this awesome ministry.



NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP

Our regular support group meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. (announcements, prayer requests, health updates).

10:30-11:30 a.m.: Bonnie Castonguay, RN and President/Clinical Officer of Ho'okele Health Innovations, LLC will present on May 27, 4th Saturday, KCC, Rooms 3/4:

"It Takes A Village"

All of us will face the challenges of aging and have heard stories from a family member or friends about their journey. Most of us want to remain independent in our homes and like many no one thinks about long-term care needs until there is a crisis. It takes family, friends, community resources, church affiliations or a village to support someone in the community to remain independent and age safely and thrive at home.

Learn how Wellness and Social Engagement enriches lives and the ability to remain independent. When more help is needed learn about Senior resources available in the community and what Ho'okele senior services can offer. Early planning helps seniors and their families to establish long-term care goals or to help to have their goals realized.

Please bring a friend or relative to learn more! Light, healthy refreshments to follow.

Mahalo and God Bless!
Myra Yamada

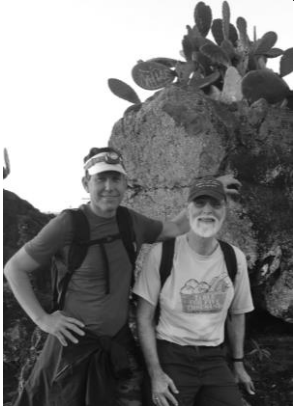


SAVE THE DATE AND YOUR KIND DONATIONS FOR THE KCC GARAGE SALE AND CRAFT FAIR.

Mahalo to June Tom for offering to be the coordinator of our event this year scheduled for **Saturday, September 9**. Your donations and support will be greatly appreciated. More details will be posted in the bulletin and newsletter as the day gets closer. Again, a sincere mahalo for all your support!

MOMENTS TO REMEMBER

Easter 2017



New friends made.



ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!



A LESSON CAN BE LEARNED

The Lord's Prayer is not allowed in most U.S. Public schools any more. A 15 year old student in Minnesota, wrote the following and got an A+ for this entry

Now I sit me down in school
Where praying is against the rule
For this great nation under God
Finds mention of Him very odd.

If scripture now the class recites,
It violates the Bill of Rights.
And anytime my head I bow
Becomes a Federal matter now.

Our hair can be purple, orange or green,
That's no offense; it's a freedom scene..
The law is specific, the law is precise.
Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.

For praying in a public hall
Might offend someone with no faith at all..
In silence alone we must meditate,
God's name is prohibited by the State.

We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks,
And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks...
They've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible.
To quote the Good Book makes me liable.

We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen,
And the 'unwed daddy,' our Senior King.
It's 'inappropriate' to teach right from wrong,
We're taught that such 'judgments' do not be-
long..

We can get our condoms and birth controls,
Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles...
But the Ten Commandments are not allowed,
No word of God must reach this crowd.

It's scary here I must confess,
When chaos reigns the school's a mess.
So, Lord, this silent plea I make:
Should I be shot; My soul please take!

Amen!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 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	29	30	31			

Every week:

Tuesdays: Holakeiki Spanish school, 2 to 5 p.m. (Nursery use).

Wednesdays: Wed. Morning Study, 9:00 a.m. (Room 3 DVD series from HIM '17).

MAY

02 – Tues. Holakeiki in session 2:30 p.m. to 5.

04 – Thurs. IHS interview for Transitional Housing Ministry guest family, 9:30 a.m.

05 – Fri. BIH concludes 6 week Bible Class.

06 – Sat. Pray for Aha Mokupuni @ Judd St. UCC from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

07 – Sun. Communion Sun. Guest Pastor, Dr. Paul Brennan sharing message. Prayer and Praise gathering immediately following worship.

14 – Sun. Dr. Paul Brennan, guest pastor Happy Mother's Day. Potluck lunch provided by the men of KCC.

15 – Mon. Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

17 – Wed. Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

21 – Sun. Rev. Lauren Buck Medeiros, guest pastor. Deacons Mtg. after worship.

27 – Sat. Na Anela Support Group, 9:30 a.m. Guest speaker, 10:30 a.m. Potluck lunch to follow.

28 – Sun. Special Guest Speaker, Pastor Mary Paik. Prayer and Praise gathering immediately following worship.

AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS:

Our Undershepherd group led by **Deacon, Sharon Mon** will host refreshments for the month of May. A special thank you goes out to their entire group. We also welcome refreshments from individuals that would like to offer something for the table.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

WORSHIP LEADER

June Tom

AUDIO

Barney Pilla

GREETER/ USHERS

Dan Jessee & Gary Nham

VISUAL

Debbie Fong
Diane Lee Pilla

LIGHTS & SCREEN

June Tom

PIANO

Jenna Han

KING'S COMPANY

Youth

CHILD CARE

Jennifer Pang, Coordinator

07 – Susan Morita and Jennifer Pang

14 – Carol Soma and Debbie Glenn

21 – Shane Soma and April Jessee

28 – Susan St. John and Jennifer Pang

FLOWERS

07 – Mary Watanabe

14 – June & Mel Tom

21 – Nani Oda

28 – Dot Suzuki



COMMUNION SUNDAY

May 7, 2017

Guest Speaker:

Rev. Paul Brennan

Prayer & Praise Gathering following worship.



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES

9:00 a.m. in Room 3

During the month of May the class will enjoy a DVD presentation each week with highlighted speakers from the HIM Conference 2017.

All are welcome.

SUNDAY MORNING HIM DVDs OFFERED

HIM 2017 DVD Highlighted speakers will also be offered in the library at 8:45 a.m. through the month.

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MAHALO AND ALOHA FOR THE
MANY BLESSINGS OVER THE
PAST 19 MONTHS.**

