

Waves of Faith

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PENTECOST



Pentecost is an occasion when Christians are thankful for the Holy Spirit's moving in God's work. To recall, after Jesus' resurrection and ascension to heaven, the apostles were left behind not knowing what to do. They were a small number of believers without a leader and were alone and afraid.

This changed when the Holy Ghost descended upon them. Being baptized with the Spirit emboldened them to preach the Gospel even if it cost their lives. This kind of courage, passion and commitment can only be manifested with the Holy Spirit's anointing. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8).

Pentecost is considered as the birth of Christianity for it is the day when Jesus' followers began the Great Commission of

making disciples of all nations (Matthew 18:19-20).

The occasion is named as such as it is marked on the seventh Sunday after Easter or 50 days from Easter Sunday (from the Greek word "pentekoste" or "fiftieth". This year Pentecost falls on Sunday, June 4.

CONTINUING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

195th 'Aha Pae`aina Annual Meeting of Hawaii Conference UCC Churches will be held on Maui, June 16-17, 2017. Please keep this event in your prayers.

This year's theme of "United in Spirit and inspired by God's grace, we welcome all, love all and seek justice for all" will help put us in perspective as we gather to worship, to fellowship, to share and listen to each other as we make good decisions for our common ministry in the life of the Hawaii Conference. That spirit is expressed in Psalm 133: 1, "How good and pleasant it is when brothers (and sisters) live together in unity."

Special thanks to our four missional teams (Administrative, Formation, Justice & Witness, Stewardship) for the hard work in coordinating the mission of the Hawaii Conference. Sincere thanks to our Conference Minister, Rev. Charles Buck who served our conference for 13 years and is now leaving.

May we continue to seek God's will for our future together as the family of God, making disciples of all nations. To God be the glory!

MODERATOR'S NOTES

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 15:5-6)

By the time you read this newsletter, we will have had our two gatherings with members to pray for KCC, praise God and share our hopes and dreams for KCC. The purpose of the gatherings was to generate positive discussion among members and gather information on what they felt was important for the future of our beloved KCC. As mentioned in the meetings, the ideas shared will be presented to the Council and may be used as an additional resource to the pastoral search committee as they screen potential pastoral candidates.

Thirty members attended our first gathering after worship on Sunday, May 7th. We broke up into small groups of 3 to 5 people to share our memories of KCC and dreams for KCC. It was great to see people openly sharing their thoughts and having positive discussions. After some time spent in small groups, we reconvened and shared each groups' points of discussion. The following is a listing of what people thought was important to the future of KCC:

Enjoy singing, would like to have a choir
 Start Sunday school
 Enjoy prayer requests and the openness of people sharing
 Focus on the Bible
 Pastor who incorporates personal stories with scripture lesson

Sermons with life applications that are relatable and understandable
 Storytelling pastor
 A pastor who is a good speaker, inspiring
 A pastor who can reach out to youth, as they are the future
 An active youth group
 Involvement in wider church activities
 Stronger Christian education program
 Awareness of senior needs
 Music is an important part of worship
 Setting a positive tone for worship
 Reaching out to other members
 Inviting more people to church
 Sharing the love of Jesus

Thank you to all who were able to attend these gatherings. With God's help, open discussion and fellowship will help us pull together as a united church body as we look forward to the future of KCC.

Also, I asked Joan Sakaba if we could include her prayer that she wrote for presentation at our gatherings. It was beautifully written and is included in this month's newsletter.

Love in Christ!
 Dean

Prayer for Member Gatherings by Joan Sakaba

Loving God...we gather today because we love you and we love our church. We try to keep our minds and hearts open to your influence each day, by the reading and contemplation of the Bible, by the deeds that we do, and by the way we relate to one another.

In this time, we seek to hire a settled minister who fits well with who we are. We know surely that we are a loving community. Yet, in this community, there are differences in thinking.

We ask Lord that you help us acknowledge the gifts that each of us brings to Kailua Christian Church and that despite differences, we can do the work you so clearly encourage us to do. We ask that we find ways to be in real conversation about these differences and that we do it in loving ways. Allow this to be one of the strengths of this church; as, it is clear that this is what our world needs.

Our world is diverse now, as it was in Jesus' time. We ask you to allow us to proceed as Jesus did – caring, healing, providing, loving those he came into contact with. We know that Jesus was not a status quo influence, but that he was bold, and challenged the common beliefs of the time. Allow us to be bold and allow us to make those kinds of sacrifices for the church and for those in our community and wider world. Focusing on deed, minimizes differences. Jesus was a doer and allow us to do the same. Help us to understand that we need to assess our strengths and our physical and human resources to move forward and that focusing on differences can only be counter-productive.

We thank you for the work of Reverend Jack Belsom who was a demonstration of this kind of ministering; and please now, bring a pastor who can work with all of us. As we discern what we are and can be.

We ask your blessings on all of us at KCC, in Kailua, on Oahu, in our state, our nation and world.

Amen

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PRAYERS & PRAISES



Please keep in your prayers

- ~ Ruth Uyechi
- ~ Myrtle, her sister and her Aunt
- ~ Muriel Teruya
- ~ Ruth Masuno
- ~ Richelle Nemoto
- ~ Family of John Sakamoto as his ex-son-in-law died in Oregon this past week. His two grandchildren and his daughter went to be with Randy in his last days.
- ~ Family of Pastor Wendell Chang, Jolene Chang's brother in law. Pastor Wendell passed away on May 11. Services were held on Sat. May 27 at First Presbyterian Church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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| Ruth Lum | Kimi Ogata |
| John Sakamoto | Monicalyn Martinez |
| Nai`a Turner | Aileen Arashiro |
| Sharon Mon | Bryson Nakamoto |
| Deanne Ogasawara | John Villoria |
| Kauai Todd | Allan Ishikane |
| Travis Gerber | Harvey Oga |
| Elyse Grable | Teyvn Higashi |
| Kristen Miyahara | Stone Jesse |
| Dusty Grable | Paisley Bay Grable |
| Matthew Imai | Edda Mai Johnson |
| Shane Soma | Jenna Gerber |
| Ron Myers | Roy Yamauchi |
| Brenton Tom | Colin Vilorias |
| David Nemoto | |
| Kirsten Baumgart Turner | |
| Jody Sakaba | |

KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date: Adults Children (under 12) Visitors



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dennis & Marjorie Morishige
 Brian & Sue Nakashima
 Larry & Sandra Siu
 Fred & Hazel Masuda
 Daniel & Jane Masuno
 Paul & Kammy Grable

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

DEACON NEWS



If you have a need for pastoral visitation due to illness or otherwise, the Deacons will be filling that role while we are without a retained pastor. If the situation is serious enough, we will seek to retain a pastor to provide pastoral care on a case by case basis and try to determine who might be available and the best pastor for the particular situation. Should the need arise; we will try to retain a pastor who knows our congregation and has a relationship with us.

Our chairperson, Myrtle, continues to visit and care for her sister on the mainland and will be going back in early June for another month.

The Deacons encourage all of you to communicate your prayer requests to us and we will pass them on to each other.

During our recent Council meetings, as we attempt to make plans for KCC going forward, we are referring to and are reminded of KCC's Covenant and Purpose. It is set forth in our Bylaws at Article II. It states:

We agree to be united in seeking to know the will of God from the Holy Scriptures and the life of Jesus Christ. We resolve to walk in the ways of the Lord as made known and to be made known to us. The purpose of this Church is to be the body through which personal and collective Christian living can be experienced, nurtured and shared with others, for we are a family of loving, caring, praying

people of God of different backgrounds and ages. We hold it to be the mission of this Church to proclaim the gospel to all people; ministering to the needs of our church family; reaching out to the community and the world; exalting the worship of the one true God; and, working for the promotion of justice, the realization of peace and the fellowship of all humanity. Relying upon the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the kingdom of God, and we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness and the life everlasting.

This is the foundation of our church and we should refer to it and be reminded of it often as we traverse these uncertain times.

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

The women of KCC will be providing a potluck lunch on Father's Day in honor of our awesome men. Please join us on Sunday, June 21 for a special time of fellowship following the worship service

Nancy Arakaki (Membership).



We invite you to enjoy a letter received from our sponsored child, P. Jayasutha in India. It is a delightful expression of her appreciation and of what is going on in her life. Her correspondence is posted on the Missions Board in the sanctuary. We also welcome anyone who likes to write to consider writing to her on

behalf of the church. See Kammy if you are interested. Mahalo.

ANGELS IN OUR MIDST

It is a pleasant surprise to share with you these fun articles shared by Ruth Uyechi who even with broken ribs and a cast on her arm wanted to share moments that expresses how grateful our friends are who have been part of our Transitional Housing Ministry.

Standing on a busy street corner in downtown Honolulu, he is suddenly aware of being hailed from across the street, "Lowell! Lowell!" Looking up, he sees a tall, rather large, well-tanned woman waiving her hands wildly above her head to attract his undivided attention. "Lowell!" In a momentary lull in traffic flow, she thrusts one leg boldly into traffic and zig-sags wildly to reach his curbside to plant a H-U-G-E bear hug, shouting for all to hear, "Thank you, Lowell and Pastor Tim!" (who had helped transport all of her household belongings to a recently designated "affordable rental center" in Waimanalo).

To have witnessed this moment of spontaneous expression of glorious exultation of gratitude accompanied by warm aloha in friendship, is to savor, to treasure, and to be shared with the entire team.

Second story: Our early guest family that occupied our Transitional Housing Apt. was comprised of a Micronesian woman with two toddler aged children and a husband with a steady job at an automotive parts store. As the time approached the end of a 60-day (2 months) time allotted for their use of the apartment, the women shared their need of a double bed. When this need was shared with the congregation, the Yoshioka's (you may recall Uncle Bert and Aunt Judi as our 3rd grade Sunday School teachers for a number of years) offered a sofa bed furniture.

When the husband arrived in a borrowed van to accept the furniture, it became evident that the van was not large enough to accommodate the furniture. At which point, Bert offered the use of

his pick-up truck and most fortunately our always helpful KCC neighbor, Dan Jessee, agreed to help with the transport. Bert and Dan drove through the late afternoon traffic to a designated address in Honolulu which the resourceful caseworker had secured an affordable rental unit.

Upon arrival at their destination, Bert and Dan carried the furniture up two flights of stairs to the couple's home. The woman called to thank KCC for its help. She called again 2 days later, to convey their thanks. She said, "I could hardly believe how the men could help us, 'perfect strangers' to do so much to help us." As if in answer to her own bewilderment, in a voice thick with emotion, "because ??... They??...(are) Christians, yeah?". Wow, a chicken-skin inspirational moment to give praise and offer thanks for angels in our midst, for how-to lessons in.. "Living in a Community of like-minded believers."

RIVER OF LIFE OUTREACH MINISTRY

For the many faithful regulars who have adopted this ministry, a heartfelt Mahalo. For newbies who want to join in on the blessing, here is some helpful information. Each quarter of the year, KCC has served our friends at the mission (located in downtown Honolulu), with a message and a meal. From the pickup, preparation, and delivery of food, to the praise and worship shared before the meal, and for the grateful hearts that express their thanks for the food that is served them, much satisfaction is felt all around. We have committed to the first Thursday of the month, every 4 months for around 10 years...and I hope we can continue being a blessing and being blessed with your kind support.

Our next event is Thurs. June 1. The Sign-up sheet is circulated in worship a few weeks before the event, we'd love to have you participate.

For those who want to share even more support, ROL invites you to consider purchasing their delicious chocolates for gift giving. **Chocolate on a Mission** trains and employs men and women from the River of Life Mission's recovery and

reintegration programs in the delectable art of sweet treats.

The chocolate factory, three floors up, provides job-training and supports the mission’s residential programs which offer free recovery treatment for former substance abusers.

During its first year of business in 2011, the chocolate venture won the United Cerebral Palsy Association’s Dessert Fantasy competition. Local customers include R. Field Wine Co., Foodland, Roy’s Restaurants, the Halekulani, Royal Hawaiian and Turtle Bay Resorts as well as neighbor-island hotel boutiques. Mahalo for your support!

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



Great Job!

Katie Gomes, daughter of Brian and Barb Gomes who graduated from Kamehameha Schools and will be going to University of Portland and pursue a political Science Degree.

Jenna Gerber, daughter of Terry and Joan Gerber, and granddaughter of Lowell and Myrtle Terada who graduated from Castle and will be going to St. Martin University in Lacey, Washington to pursue a Degree in Business.

Congratulations also to Jennie Lee’s grandson, Christopher Sakuma who graduated from Castle and will attend the UH Engineering Program.

Congratulations to Luke Imai, son of Randy and Cindy Imai, grandson to Harry and Vi Imai, who graduated from Iolani School.



NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP

A BIG MAHALO to Bonnie Castonguay RN and President/Clinical Officer and RN, Cathy Anderson of Ho`okele Health Innovations, LLC for presenting an excellent presentation informing us how wellness and social engagement enriches lives and the ability to remain independent. Their hour and a half talk provided valuable resources that was beneficial to so much of the concerns we share when dealing with the future plans for our senior

loved ones and in preplanning for our own selves. Some helpful resource information is available in the church office for those who missed the talk. Contact Kammy for details. The next Na Anela Gathering will be held on Sat. July 22. Watch for details to come.



SINCEREST THANKS TO OUR EXCELLENT GUEST PASTORS!



Rev. Don Asman



Rev. Dr. Paul Brennan



Rev. Lauren Buck Paik Medeiros



Rev. Mary Paik

As the Search Committee continues the process in finding us a settled pastor, we have been privileged to hear some of the most wonderful messages from these faith-filled pastors who have been gracious enough to come to our aid and share with us messages so encouraging and

inspirational. On behalf of KCC I share the sentiments of many to say, "it was an honor".



We look forward to hearing from our coming speakers

Rev. Dr. Tom Fujita – June 4

Rev. Dwight Morita – June 11

Dr. Ruby Ovitt, BIH Faculty – June 25

Father’s Day, June 18 will offer testimonies from our youth about their fathers.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2017						
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JUNE

01 – Thurs. River of Life Outreach Ministry

04 – Sun. Rev. Dr. Tom Fujita, special guest pastor. Communion and Pentecost. STC Special

Offering received.

07 – Wed. Sewing & Craft Fellowship, 9:00 a.m.

11– Sun. Rev. Dwight Morita, special guest pastor. Blessing & Recognition of our Graduates. Deacons Monthly Mtg.

12 – Mon. Kamehameha Day Holiday. Church Office will be closed.

14 – Wed. Sewing & Craft Fellowship, 9:00 a.m.

16 – Fri. Aha PaeAina on Maui. Ends 6/17/17.

18 – Sun. HAPPY FATHER’S DAY. Potluck lunch in honor of the men.

19 – Mon. Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

21 – Wed. Sewing & Craft Fellowship, 9:00 a.m. Council Mtg., 7:00 p.m.

25– Sun. Dr. Rebecca (Ruby) Ovitt, Adjunct Faculty of BIH, Special guest speaker.

28 – Wed. Sewing & Craft Fellowship, 9:00 a.m.

30 – Fri. General Synod in Baltimore, MD.

KCC office will be closed.

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY!

“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God!” (1 John 3:1)

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

WORSHIP LEADER

Joan Sakaba & June Tom

AUDIO

GREETER/ USHERS

Barney Pilla

Paul Grable & Gary Nham

VISUAL

Debbie Fong
Diane Lee Pilla

LIGHTS & SCREEN

June Tom

PIANO

Jenna Han & Nani Oda

KING’S COMPANY

Youth

CHILD CARE Carol Soma, Coordinator

- 04 – Carol and Shane Soma
- 11 – Jennifer and Emily Pang
- 18 – Lara Higashi and Carol Soma
- 25 – Carol and Cera Soma

FLOWERS

- 04 – Ruth Uyechi
- 11 – Stella Wakamatsu
- 18 – Jean Miyaji
- 25 – Ruth Uyechi

A big mahalo to Mrs. Natsuko Oda for filling in at the piano while Jenna was on the mainland. Aunty Nani has graciously served our music ministry since 1961 as noted in our Annual Report.



AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS:

Our Undershepherd group led by **Deacon, Debbie Fong** will host refreshments for the month of June. A special thank you goes out to their entire group. We welcome refreshments from anyone else who would like to participate.

Special note: On Sunday, June 18 we will celebrate Father's Day with the men of KCC by having a potluck lunch following worship. We invite the women to show off their favorite recipes to honor these special men in our lives.

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June 4, 2017
Pentecost Sunday
Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Tom Fujita
Strengthen the Church Special Offering

SEWING AND CRAFT FELLOWSHIP

Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Join us for a time of fellowship and fun as we sew items for care providers and create crafts for our KCC Garage & Craft Sale in Sept. We meet every on Wed. through August.



SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017

Guest Pastor, Rev. Dwight Morita

Congratulations Graduates!!!

Join us as we celebrate with our graduates this special time in their lives. We will have a time of blessing and recognition during our service.



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RIVER OF LIFE OUTREACH

Thursday, June 1, 2017
Food Prep – 11:30 a.m.
Leave for Mission – 5:30 p.m.



COMMUNION SUNDAY



DEACONS MEETING

Sunday, June 11, 2017
Immediately after worship.

KAMEHAMEHA DAY

Holiday Recognized – Church Office is closed.
Monday, June 12, 2017

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AHA PAE' AINA

June 16-17, 2017

Aha Makua - UCC Statewide Gathering on Maui.

Please keep this event in your prayers.

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 18

Potluck Lunch in honor of our men.

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TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, June 19, 2017

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COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Please keep our leaders in your prayers.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017

Guest Speaker, Dr. Rebecca (Ruby) Ovitt