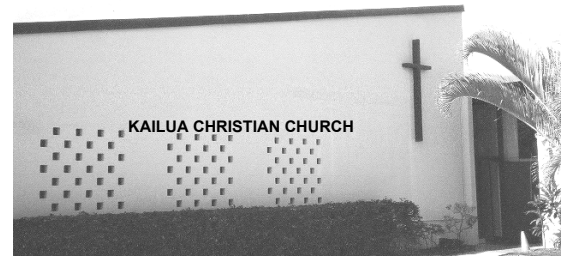


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SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The past 22 months have been trying for many as we prepare and wait to hire a new settled pastor. We are grateful to Pastor Jack Belsom for the skills he demonstrated in constructing and completing the transitional process. During that time, we sought to develop a vision for Kailua Christian Church and to begin the work of discerning what God's call is for KCC. This was important in developing KCC's profile which would assist prospective pastors to determine who and what KCC is. That work helped us to inform applicants what characteristics in a pastor are important to the church.

We are now in the formal search process. The Pastoral Selection Committee, comprised of June Tom, Myrtle Terada, Robert St. John, Debbie Glenn, Debbie Fong, Joan Sakaba and Roy Yamauchi (facilitator) have received and reviewed more than 20 pastoral profiles. From this group, six were chosen to be interviewed. The team looked mainly at how the candidates matched those characteristics important to KCC, gleaned also from recent conversations held by the Moderator. Three of the six turned us down immediately. They had access to the KCC Church Profile, which contained a realistic view of our church, our history, our neighborhood, our financials and other pertinent details. (Many hours of research, reflection, writing and editing was conducted by the search team, which now uses their pre-interview work to reflect upon as it attempts to select the best candidate for KCC.) One candidate did not feel he was a good fit; one did not feel our compen-

sation package would support her needs and the third was hired by another church before we could interview him.

We are hopeful that from the remaining three, one stands out as the person we would like to recommend for call to KCC. This requires first, reference checks, negotiations with that individual regarding compensation, more conversation about KCC and what it would take for that person to move to Hawaii, if that is the situation and perhaps even hearing that person preach. Once the team is confident in its recommendation, it will make a recommendation to the Council for their review and consideration. Should the Council affirm the search committee's recommendation, a Congregational meeting will be called for approval. That process may include inviting the candidate to preach before vote is taken.

Should none of the three remaining candidates become viable for hire by KCC, the Pastoral Search Committee will return to requesting more profiles from the Hawaii Conference Office, reviewing the profiles, selecting prospective candidates, interviewing them and so on.

The team is prayerfully hopeful that God sends the right person to us. Pastor Jack's words are clear in our minds too, that we will select the person who will best help us discern God's call for KCC. In the interim, the selection team and the Council request your prayers and support as we move through this arduous task of finding a minister for Kailua Christian Church.

Respectfully submitted, Your Search Team

MODERATOR’S NOTES

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.”(Matthew 7:7-8)

Thank you to all members and friends of Kailua Christian Church for continuing to pray for our church to call a new pastor. Since last month’s newsletter, the Pastoral Search Committee has been busy screening potential candidates. They have reviewed and screened in excess of 20 applicants. The committee has worked diligently and managed to whittle the list down to a handful of candidates whom they have begun the interview process. There is still much work to be done before a candidate is recommended to the congregation.

During this time between finding a permanent pastor, I have found it very interesting, inspiring, and spiritually refreshing to have the privilege of hearing sermons from many different guest pastors and speakers over the past few months. Each person has presented a message in their own unique way providing different thoughts and ideas that we can all learn from. What a gift and blessing for KCC and its members and friends. Let’s continue to welcome these guests during this interim time. If you feel moved to present your personal testimony, I encourage you to speak with the Worship Leader.

I urge us all to continue to pray for patience, love and guidance as the pastoral search process continues. Especially pray for the Pastoral Search Committee members who are dedicating much time and energy to select a candidate for presentation to the congregation. Remember: God answers prayers and, in time, will provide us with a new pastor that will lead us on our ongoing faith journey together as a community of Believers.

Love in Christ!
Your Moderator, Dean Wakuzawa

KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
07/02	51	03	00
07/09	55	04	04
07/16	53	03	02
07/23	58	02	02
07/30	51	09	02

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Please keep in your prayers
- ~ Ruth Uyechi
- ~ Brad Grable
- ~ Luca, Grace’s friend
- ~ Debbie Nakaji, Alice’s sister- in-law.
- ~ Myrtle, her sister and sister’s husband.
- ~ Rev. Phil Reller and family
- ~ Jolene Chang’s mother



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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|---------------------|-------------------|
| Melvyn Tom | |
| Howard O Yoshida | Ken & Chris |
| Grace Glenn | Nakamatsu |
| Mary Ann Nemoto | Eric & Mary Ann |
| Ruth Masuno | Nemoto |
| Gail Yoneshige | Mel & June Tom |
| Cassie Grable | Cary & Irene Kano |
| Meahealani Oleole | Vernon & Jennifer |
| Muriel Teruya | Pang |
| David Yoneshige | George & Ada |
| Lois Yoshioka | Kaneoka |
| Michelle Pangilinan | Aaron & Collette |
| Kanani Todd | Tanaka |
| Jordan Chang | |
| Jenai Umetsu | |
| Rayn Jessee | |

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DEACON NEWS

As we are currently a “pastorless” church, let us get the most out of this time of uncertainty to appreciate the many different guest speakers who have blessed us with their messages these past weeks. Just as we are unique individuals within Kailua Christian Church, our guest speakers are unique individuals within the broader Christian Community. We have right now the opportunity to hear from a variety of people who are part of the body of Christ, who are unique and differ from each other in their life experiences, opinions, interpretations, and perspectives. Let us learn from them so that we ourselves may be broadened in our own understanding.



And coming up . . .

Hold on to your hats!

Or better yet, hold on to your bingo cards! Yes, BINGO cards! Be sure you are here for the BINGO Fun Fellowship on the last Sunday in August, right after church service. Yes, you read correctly . . . the games will begin right after church service. Bring a finger food snack to share and a couple of (wrapped) white elephant items for prizes. Any questions? Ask one of the Deacons.



So mark your calendar for August 27 and look forward to an afternoon of fun.

What: BINGO Games

When: Sunday, August 27, right after church

Where: KCC, Room 3/4

Who: YOU

Bring: finger food snack to share, white elephant prizes

With Love,

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

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**TRUSTEES**

Dear Members and friends

Thank you for attending our congregational meeting where we voted on roller shades for our sanctuary.

Four companies were contacted of which Three quotes were given by 3 different vendors. The trustees made a recommendation of the quote from Abbey Carpet. It will be Hunter Douglas at a price quoted at \$5608.37 all-inclusive, but removal of curtains and hardware are our responsibility. John Sakamoto (photographer), June Tom (worship chairman) and Susan Morita (Trustee) visited the show room where samples were shown and questions were answered to our satisfaction. The trustees are grateful for the interest shown by 2 non-trustees to help confirm our recommendation for the shades. Changing the shades comes at a crucial time as we are concerned of the budget but we are also responsible for the upkeep of our church. As of this date, we have been blessed with 2 donations totaling \$1500.00 which will reduce our cost to \$4108.37.

We were happy with the support given by the people who came to hear the details and give approval and support. We will keep you posted to the time frame details as they progress. We hope that we can count on some helpers to physically remove the current fixtures as this helped keep the costs down.

Thank you again for taking part in our congregational process and showing support for those who are serving our needs. Keeping our sanctuary and facilities cared for shows our love for God as we truly do things that honor him and reflects our thankfulness as we receive His blessings.

Serving the Lord

-Your Trustees



**SINCEREST THANKS  
TO OUR WONDERFUL GUEST PASTORS!**



Rev. Dean Fujii



Rev. Howard Yoshida



Rev. Nathan Kohashi



Pastor Frances Wong

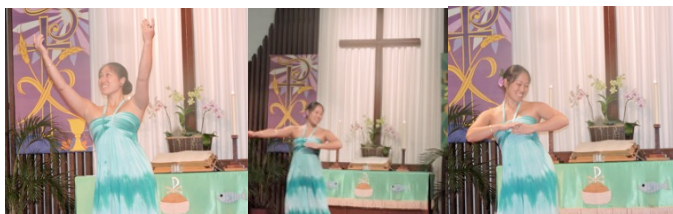
Again this month, we were blessed in the fellowship and shared worship experiences with some fine pastors whose words brought encouragement and inspiration. They spoke from their hearts to help us be reminded that God is faithful, and loves us and wants to use us in mighty ways.



Rev. Bill Cunningham

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***TO GOD BE THE GLORY***



give aloha  
Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

**IT'S THAT TIME  
AGAIN!**

Give Aloha program sponsored by Foodland and Western Union will begin in September from Sept. 1-30. You can make donations of up to a cumulative total of \$249 per person. Foodland and Western Union will match a portion of each donation.

At the checkout, present your Maikai Card or apply for a free card and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to Kailua Christian Church (78524). A second receipt can be obtained for you to turn into KCC with your name on it to get credit for your yearly giving summary and taxes.

Your support of this program has been a tremendous help to KCC. From the beginning of this program, we have always been in the top percentage recipients because of your kuliana. A sincere mahalo to you all.



**NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP**

Mahalo to Jennifer Borja-Johnson



from Kupuna Monitoring Systems for her informative presentation and for the two drawing offering two free certificates for two months

free service for any of the products. Walter and Myra were our lucky winners.



**Na Anela remaining meeting dates for 2017**

Aug. – no meeting

Sept. 23 – meeting and Lanakila Health Services

Oct. – no meeting

Nov. 18 – last meeting and speaker TBA

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

| August 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 |    |    |

**AUGUST**

- 02 – Wed. Sewing & Craft Fellowship, 9:00 a.m.
- 06 – Sun. Communion Sunday. Special guest pastor, Rev. Wally Ryan Kuroiwa.
- 09 – Wed. Sewing & Craft Fellowship, 9:00 a.m.
- 13 – Sun. Special guest pastor, Rev. Bong Ro Deacons Meeting.
- 16 – Wed. Sewing & Craft Fellowship, 9:00 a.m.
- 18 – Fri. Admissions Day, Holiday. Office will be closed.
- 20 – Sun. Special guest pastor, Rev. JP Sabbithi
- 21 – Mon Trustees Meeting
- 23 – Wed. Sewing & Craft Fellowship, 9:00 a.m.
- 27 – Sun. Special guest pastor, James Kwong
- 30 – Wed. Sewing & Craft Fellowship, 9:00 a.m. Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Pulpit Supply for August:**

- 8/06 – **Rev. Wally Ryan Kuroiwa**
- 8/13 – **Rev. Bong Ro**
- 8/20 – **Rev. JP Sabbithi**
- 8/27 – **Pastor James Kwong**



**THANK YOU JENNA**

*Thank You*  
 A much appreciated thank you to Jenna Han for faithfully serving as our church pianist for the past year and half. Her beautiful piano playing truly enhanced our worship experience. May she be blessed as she pursues her Emergency Medical Technician career and make a difference in people's lives. June, Worship Chairperson

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**WORSHIP LEADER**

June Tom & Joan Sakaba

**AUDIO**

Barney Pilla

**GREETER/ USHERS**

Paul Grable & Gary Nham

**VISUAL**

Debbie Fong  
 Diane Lee Pilla

**LIGHTS & SCREEN**

Barney Pilla

**PIANO**

Natsuko Oda

**KING'S COMPANY**

Youth

**CHILD CARE**

Carol Soma, Coordinator

- 06 – Lara Higashi and Jennifer Pang
- 13 – Shane Soma and Carol Soma
- 20 – Jennifer Pang and Susan Morita
- 27 – Carol Soma and Susan St. John

**FLOWERS**

- 06 – Reggie & Myra Yamada
- 13 – Ruth Masuno
- 20 – Joan Sakaba
- 27 – Paul & Kammy Grable



**AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS:**

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



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**COMMUNION SUNDAY**

Sunday, August 6, 2017

Guest Pastor:

Rev. Wally Ryan Kuroiwa



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**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 on Sept. 9, 2017.



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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017**

~ Guest Pastor: Rev. Bong Ro

Bible Institute of Hawaii Faculty

~ Deacons Meeting following worship.

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**FRIDAY, AUGUST 18**

Admissions Day Holiday

Church Office will be closed.

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20**

~ Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. JP Sabbithi

Director of Counseling Services of

Hospice Hawaii

**TRUSTEES MEETING**

Monday, August 21, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017**

~ Guest Pastor: James Kwong

Bible Institute of Hawaii Faculty

~ Deacons Fellowship: Bingo  
(see article on page 3)

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**COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, August 30, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

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**GARAGE SALE DONATIONS**

**NOW BEING ACCEPTED**

You are welcome to drop off donations for our September 9, 2017 Garage Sale. If you would like to bring them during the week, please call the office first to be sure someone can assist you as to where to leave it. If you need assistance for items to be picked up, please call the church office so we can make appropriate arrangements. Mahalo for your support!

