

Waves of Faith

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“THIS IS US” THE KCC OHANA

Recently I invited you to participate with providing something special that you could share through our monthly newsletter. Special thoughts, memories, events, poems, recipes, etc. are always welcomed additions.

This month I am delighted to share an article provided by our Clerk, Aaron.

Clerk’s Corner

It has been a blessing to be back home at Kailua Christian Church. No matter where our travels have taken us, we have always been comforted knowing we have a home at KCC. How can someone not feel special after being greeted warmly by Nancy Arakaki or having Nani grab my arm and not let me go until I promise to return the following week. I can blink my eye and see Terance (Nancy’s son) and I horsing around the church, or saying my wedding vows with Colette in this sanctuary 35 years ago.

Since I returned to KCC, I have noticed uneasiness because of differing viewpoints. I believe it is vital for a church to be unified under a single mission. The Christian journey is analogous to a spiritual battle. For a church to survive this “spiritual battle” the church must be unified. Not a unity where everyone sits around a campfire singing Kumbaya (although that is a cool thought), but a unity which is built upon a unified purpose.

I was able to locate the Bylaws of Kailua Christian Church and within that, locate the Covenant and Purpose of Kailua Christian Church. I was pleasantly surprised to find a very robust document. This is the document which defines the purpose of Kailua Christian Church. I will go over the first two lines of the covenant.

BYLAWS of Kailua Christian Church Article II Covenant and Purpose

“We agree to be united in seeking to know the will of God from the Holy Scriptures and the life and example of Jesus Christ”

One of the things I believe every Christian needs to do at least once in their spiritual journey is to read through the entire Bible. I know some churches have their members do this every year (of which I normally end up reading the Bible quickly to just finish my scriptures for the day). I believe it is important for us to get an entire view of the bible.

“We resolve to walk in the ways of the Lord as made known and be made know to us.”

One thing which helps me to refocus my Christian walk is to spend one month reading through one of the Gospels. The book of Matthew is great for this as it contains 28 chapters. Chapter 5 is pretty long and one could spend three days in it. That would equate to 30 days. During the month, I try to image how it would have felt to be a disciple of Christ walking with him as he went around the Sea of Galilee or on the Mount of Olives.

Under this unified mission, God will speak to us and call us to act in different ways and in different ministries. Let us make sure we do not judge one another because God has placed a different burden in our hearts and a different call to our actions. As Pastor James taught us, "having the character of a disciple of Christ", leads "doing the work of Christ".

Finally, I would like to leave you with one of my favorite scriptures which I turn to whenever I feel like I am in a conflict. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12)

Aloha,
Aaron

TRUSTEES CORNER

God loves the way you work.

Have you noticed that we have a new gate in our back parking lot? Thanks to trustee Lowell Terada who made us a new gate. Over the years Lowell has repaired and replaced so many fixtures, pipes, toilets, electricals and whatever necessary that he could repair with his God given talent. We are fortunate that we have trustees like him and Vernon that so willingly give of their time and talents. We also give thanks to all of you who work quietly and unrecognized knowing that we all serve God with a loving heart. Thanks to those of you who volunteered to help with the removal of our drapery. We are still in the process of finalizing dates.

TNT tinting has been contracted and will be tinting our high windows.

We also want to acknowledge Cornerstone Air Conditioning-- mainly Glenn Ogasawara (owner), Brice (technician), Nick Shiroma (manager) who repaired our air conditioning in the library as a courtesy to the church. We are deeply grateful that they are always available upon call to our needs. Thank you!

We would like to remind you of our church clean up set for Saturday November 4th, 2017. We welcome you to join us so we can clean and fellowship together. There will be lunch provided, and there's no football game that night!! Let us prepare our sanctuary and grounds for the upcoming season!

Finally, the trustees will be working on our budget for 2018. Please keep us in your prayers as we work on this challenging task!

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord...It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

- Colossians 3:23-24

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries(JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering.

We invite you to join us on Sunday, October 1, 2017 when we receive this special offering during worship. Thank you for your kind consideration to this fund.

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DEACON NEWS

The Deacons responsibilities include the spiritual health of the members of KCC; the administration of the benevolence fund; prayers, notes and visitation to the sick; creation and fostering of Undershepherd Groups; after service refreshments; updating and maintaining KCC membership; greeting newcomers; preparing and administering the sacraments of the church; and notifying the membership of prayer requests, deaths, memorial services, congregational meetings and other significant events at KCC. If you have needs or concerns in any of the areas listed above, contact your deacon. If you are interested in serving as a Deacon, please let any Deacon or anyone on Council know. We are in need of new and additional Deacons for 2018.



The Deacons are also responsible for filling the pulpit when our retained pastor is unavailable. This has become a significant job lately and Kammy has been doing most of the work and doing a great job. Thanks to all who are working very hard to do all of the things necessary to keep KCC functioning while we are without a full-time pastor.

Please continue to pray for the pastoral search process. If you know of people who are sick or who needs prayers or visitation, please let us know. Please also provide your Deacon with any new personal information that has changed so that we can keep our files updated and so that we can share with each other if it is appropriate to do so. If you know of people who could benefit from the benevolence fund, let us know that as well.

Thanks to all who are bringing refreshments for after church fellowship in Rooms 3 & 4. We appreciate your generosity.

Deacons sponsored Bingo fellowship –



Aloha,

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

Special mahalo to all the Deacons and volunteers for their efforts to make this a really fun fellowship event!

KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
08/06	52	05	00
08/13	61	05	02
08/20	52	12	10
08/27	59	05	01

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers

- ~ Dean's Aunt Toshiko's family on her passing
- ~ Ruth Uyechi
- ~ Nancy Arakaki
- ~ Luca, Grace's friend
- ~ Debbie Nakaji, Alice's sister-in-law.
- ~ Myrtle, her sister and sister's husband, her cousin Jennifer and Lowell's sister
- ~ Jolene Chang's mother, Betty
- ~ Hurricane and Flood Victims

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bianca Tamura
Loretta Lee
Gary Nham
Katelyn Wakuzawa
Caitlin Vioria
Saeko Yoshida
Viola Imai
Carmen Kelly
Deidre Harrison
Richelle Nemoto
Logan Myers
Jean Sakata
Natsuko Matsushima
Stella Wakamatsu
Kauila Miller
Kiley-Reese Kano



Maika`i Miller
David Yoneshige
Robert Minamoto
Cary Kano
Irene Kano
Mitsi Higashida
Sandra Arashiro
Grace Myers
Sam St. John
Lance Ling

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

Rev. David and Kirsten Baumgart-Turner
Reggie & Myra Yamada
Revs. Tim & Diane Weible
Dennis & Debbie Fong
Stan & Akiko Nakamura
Carl & Sats Nemoto

MISSIONS NEWS**KCC TRANSITIONAL HOUSING UNIT**

We are delighted to welcome our new family, Tabitha, and her two sons (ages 2 and 4) into our transitional housing shelter. The family was so excited and grateful to have this place to call home as they ease share your aloha with them if you see them on property. Mahalo.

BIBLE INSTITUTE OF HAWAII OFFERS CLASS ON PSALMS here at KCC

Dr. Martha Stinton will facilitate a 8 week class on Experiencing God in the Psalms starting on Thurs. evenings 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. from September 14 through Nov. 2. Register now @ www.biblehawaii.org. "Bring a friend" offer: sign up together and you and your friend each get 50% off your registration fee.

Check out the breezeway bulletin board for more BIH classes offered around the island.

GIVE ALOHA PROGRAM

Give Aloha program sponsored by Foodland and Western Union is happening 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 of recipients because of your generous support. We hope that we can achieve that again this year. A sincere mahalo to you all.

**MAHALO PASTORS
FOR A JOB WELL DONE!**



Rev. Dr. Wally Kuroiwa



Rev. Dr. Bong Ro



Rev. JP Sabbithi

Pastor James Kwong



We appreciate the blessing of your messages.



NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP

Join us on Saturday, Sept. 23 for our 9:30 a.m. Update & Prayer Support Group 10:30 a.m. Special Guest Speaker: Lisa Letoto-Ohata, Kupuna Wellness Center Manager

Title: Lanakila Meals on Wheels and more...

Our Kupuna have spent their lives helping us grow, making sacrifices, and shaping the world we live in today. The epidemic of senior hunger is a growing issue, and one that we can't deny. Did you know that by the year 2020, one out of four people living in Hawaii will be 60 years or older? Providing meals to seniors allows them to stay in their homes, remain independent, and avoid costly institutionalization.

Lanakila Meals on Wheels is Hawaii's largest and only island-wide meal service for seniors. Learn about our programs and different services that are offered, as well as, volunteer opportunities for every age.

Na Anela remaining schedule for 2017

Oct. – no meeting Nov. 18 – last meeting

MOMENTS TO CELEBRATE

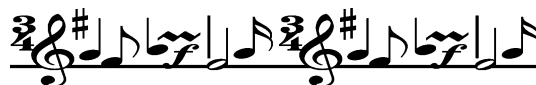
The Oahu Association of the UCC invites your prayers and presence at the Service of Installation for Rev. David Turner as Pastor of Church of the Crossroads UCC on Sun. Sept. 3, 2017 4:00 p.m. A reception will immediately follow the service.

Pastor David has personally invited our KCC ohana to come share in this special time with him.

The Installation Service will be held at 1212 University Avenue, Honolulu. RSVP at 949-2220 for reception.



Aloha and Mahalo Jenna. Best wishes as an EMT! Thank you for sharing your piano talents with us for the past year and a half.



WELCOME BACK SCOTT!

Scott Baehrens has returned as our church pianist. His strong musical background and overall talent combined with his love of music and energy that he brings will certainly enhance our worship service as demonstrated this past Sunday. We are so fortunate to have him back.

To sing to the Lord
a new song, for he has
done marvelous things.

Music Ministry

Psalm 98:1

Churches Joining Forces For Homeless on the Windward Side



The numbers of homeless are growing, and it is hard to know how to help. That is why the Institute for Human Services (IHS) is meeting with churches on the Windward side to see what we can do to help when we unite our efforts!

**Please join St. John Lutheran on Sunday,
September 10, 2017**

9:00am

Worship and a temple talk by **Connie Mitchell & Kimo Carvalho** from IHS

10:15am

"Thrifty Potluck" - use your most frugal recipe, bring the dish and **donate to IHS** the difference from what you would have otherwise spent on a pricier recipe.

11:00am

Discussion with IHS on how the churches can assist in a constructive way (A continuation of the discussion started in the fall of 2016).

Contact St. John at **808.261.5787** or sjohnhi@hawaii.rr.com for more information. St. John is located at 1004 Kailua Rd, Kailua.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Divorce Care 2017

St. John Lutheran will be starting a new ministry this fall called Divorce Care.

Divorce Care is a support group that meets weekly and is led by people who have been through divorce and successfully rebuilt their lives. Anyone is welcome to join whether you are going through a divorce, just got a divorce or have been divorced for 20 years.

Please see direct your attention to the flyer in the back of the sanctuary at KCC for more information.

The group will meet every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Grace Hall at St. John Lutheran church starting September 7th through November 30th.

Please contact the office at St. John Lutheran if you would like to sign up, call 808-261-5787.

Free Unlimited eWaste Recycling Event

Central Union Church is partnering with Sims Recycling Solutions to protect our environment by recycling outdated electronics waste (ewaste) and keeping it out of the landfill.

On Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the parking lot along Punahou St. They will be collecting Home/Office Computer & Peripheral Equipment and other Electronic devices which includes desktop pcs, laptops, servers, routers/switches, monitors, printers & multi-function devices, copiers, plotters, scanners, fax machines, UPS backups, hard drives, storage media (cds/dvds/usb/sd cards), circuit boards/cards. Media speakers, PBX Systems, computer power supplies, computer peripherals, IT accessories (keyboards/mice/cables & cords), phones, tablets, PDA, MP3 players, cameras (digital/video), stereo equipment, cable boxes. Gaming devices and consoles, VHS/DVD players. Sorry no TVs, Toner, Microwaves, Alkaline Batteries, Appliances, or tools. Mahalo for being good stewards of our Aina.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2017						
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

SEPTEMBER

- 03 – Sun. Communion Sunday. Special guest pastor, Rev. Dr. Gary Augustin
- 04 – Mon. Labor Day Holiday. Office closed.
- 06 – Wed. Sewing & Craft Fellowship, 9:00 a.m.
- 07- Thurs. River of Life Outreach, noon/5:30 p.m.
- 09 – Sat. KCC Garage and Crafts Sale, 9 to 1.
- 10– Sun. Special guest pastor, Clive Cowell
Deacons Meeting. T/H Meeting.
- 14 – Thurs. BIH class on Psalms, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 – Sun. Rev. Dale Vallejo-Sanderson will be our special guest speaker.
- 18 – Mon. Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 – Wed. Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 – Thurs. BIH class on Psalms, 6:30 p.m.
- 23 – Sat. Na Anela Support Group, 9:30 a.m.
Special guest speaker from Lanakila-
Meals on Wheels and More
- 24 – Sun. Rev. Bong Ro returns as guest pastor.

MAHALO NUI LOA

A big mahalo for the blessing shared by our new friends from the Chinese Congregational Church in San Francisco. Katie and Mike Taylor, friends of Diane and Barney treated us with some beautiful music on the ukulele before and during the worship service recently.

Katie is very active with the Chinese Congregational Church Council as well as the Espirit Fellowship group that Diane Lee Pilla also belongs to.

Katie started an Ukelele Club at their church and plays regular guitar for worship, as well as sings in the choir. In addition both Katie & Mike contribute to the church's enewsletter.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

WORSHIP LEADER

June Tom

AUDIO

Barney Pilla

GREETER/ USHERS

Paul Grable & Gary Nham

VISUAL

Debbie Fong
Diane Lee Pilla

LIGHTS & SCREEN

Barney Pilla

PIANO

Scott Baehren

KING'S COMPANY

Youth

CHILD CARE Jennifer Pang, Coordinator

- 03 – Jennifer Pang and Carol Soma
- 10 – Carol Soma and Shane Soma
- 17 – Lara Higashi and Jennifer Pang
- 24 – Carol Soma and Susan Morita

FLOWERS

- 03 – Brian & Sue Nakashima
- 10 – Mel & June Tom
- 17 – Stella Wakamatsu
- 24 – Gary & Cleo Nham



AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS:

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



“Giving Thanks for your gift of music”

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Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

Return service requested

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, September 3, 2017
Guest Pastor:
Rev. Dr. Gary Augustin



LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, September 4, 2017
Church Office will be closed.

RIVER OF LIFE OUTREACH

Thursday, September 7, 2017
Prep - 12 noon
Service at Mission - 5:30 p.m.
Your help is needed. Sign up today!

KCC

Saturday, September 9, 2017
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

~ Guest Pastor: Clive Cowell
Previous Bible Institute of Hawaii Faculty
~ Deacons Meeting in Office.
~ Transitional Housing Meeting in Library

BIH Class on Experiencing God in the Psalms

Thursday Evenings starting September 14, 2017
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Dr, Martha Stinton

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

~ Guest Pastor: Rev. Dale Vallejo-Sanderson

TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, September 18, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP

Saturday, September 23, 2017
9:30 a.m. Prayers and Updates
10:30 a.m. Special guest speaker

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

~ Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Bong Ro

Pulpit Supply for September



9/03 - Rev. Dr. Gary Augustin
9/10 - Pastor Clive Cowell
9/17 - Rev. Dale Vallejo-Sanderson
9/24 - Rev. Dr. Bong Ro

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

To be received on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017