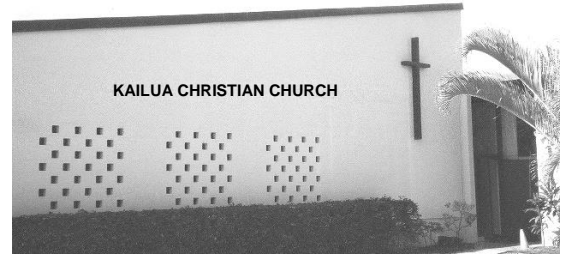


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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

(Colossians 3:15-17)

As I sit writing this month's Moderator's Notes, Thanksgiving has just passed. What a time to reflect on life and all the blessings given to us by our Father. Kailua Christian Church is one such blessing. We have a beautiful place to worship together as members of the body of Christ.

Another blessing is our own church secretary, Kammy Grable. Kammy works tirelessly for all of us and has been instrumental in holding KCC together during this time of our search for a pastor. She serves with true love and compassion for all. Thank you Kammy!

I am thankful to all of our friends and members. Rev. Christopher Eng preached to us on November 5th and encouraged us to reach out to all those members who have not attended KCC in a while. There are reasons that these individuals desire to keep their memberships with KCC. We should reach out to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ and see if this may be a time where they feel compelled to return to worship with us regularly at KCC.

During our most recent Council meeting, several motions were unanimously passed. They are as follows:

1. Disbanding the pastoral search committee that most recently presented a candidate in October 2017
2. Create a new pastoral search committee that is to include two members from the previous pastoral search committee to ensure some continuity
3. Search for another interim pastor with training in mediation

Please mark your calendars for our congregational meeting on December 10th. This meeting is being held to vote on our 2018 budget and elect our 2018 officers and committee members. I encourage all members to attend this very important meeting to help KCC start 2018 on a good note, working together as the body of Christ.

I wish all of you a joyful Christmas and Happy New Year!

Love in Christ!

Dean, your Moderator



TRUSTEES NEWS



“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit”. Romans 15:13

We have so much to be thankful for! Thank-giving has now past, along with all the challenges we have encountered in 2017. The trustees would like to thank you for supporting us in all decisions that were necessary to upkeep our church and grounds.

Our budget for next year is again a faith budget and therefore, the trustees are looking for innovative ways to generate additional income for KCC. We welcome you to share any ideas or leads you may have that can help us in this area.

We welcome Myra Yamada as a trustee this year and thank her for spending many hours learning the job and trying to be creative in helping us to be more organized. We were saddened with the sudden passing of fellow trustee Karel Ling who served with a joyful heart and enjoyed sharing the devotions at each meeting. We will miss our sister in Christ as a trustee and friend.

We couldn't end the year without thanking Kammy who has supported us in all that we did. She welcomed all vendors who came for estimates and to return to do the job. She always planned work days compiling a list of all necessary tasks. We are most grateful for her help and dedication to KCC.

May love and peace be with you this holiday season.

Your Trustees,
 Vernon Pang, Lowell Terada, Myra Yamada,
 and Susan Morita



DEACON NEWS



One of the primary responsibilities of the Deacons includes the spiritual health of the members of KCC. Because of the divisions that have emerged during the pastoral selection process, it appears that we, at KCC, may be at a low point in our spiritual health right now.

It may be helpful to review KCC's foundational statements to refresh our memories about the covenant that we have with God and with each other. Our KCC Clerk, Aaron Tanaka, seldom said very much at the council meetings, but when he did talk he often reminded us about the foundation of Christianity and KCC, and pointed us to our Covenant and Purpose at Article 2 of our Bylaws. He would say that when we are clear about the foundation of our faith, we should be able to handle any differences and issues that we at KCC may have with each other.

Another foundational statement is in the KCC Charter. It is our statement of faith at Article IV which reads:

This church acknowledges as its sole Head, Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Savior of man. It acknowledges as brothers in Christ all who share this confession. It looks to the Word of God in the Scriptures, and to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, to prosper its creative and redemptive work in the world. It claims as its own the faith of the historic Church expressed in the ancient creeds and reclaimed in the basic insights of the Protestant Reformers. It affirms the responsibility of the Church in each generation to make this faith its own. In accordance with the teaching of our Lord and the practices prevailing among evangelical Christians, it recognizes two Sacraments: Baptism and the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion.

We believe in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as inspired Word of God, and inerrant in the original writings, and as supreme and final authority in matters of faith and practice.

Hopefully these words will help ground us and help give us a firm footing in these unsettled and uncertain times.

Aloha: Your Deacons

PRAYERS & PRAISES



Please keep in your prayers

- ~ Diane Lee Pilla's brother
- ~ Debbie Glenn's father
- ~ Sats Nemoto
- ~ Mildred Sakamoto
- ~ Ruth Uyechi
- ~ Val's foot being healed
- ~ Ongoing Search for Our Settled Pastor
- ~ Dora Kim
- ~ Esaki Family
- ~ Paul's brother, Brad
- ~ Lani Bartholomew
- ~ Fred Eberlein

Deepest sympathy to the Imai family on the loss of our dear sister in Christ, Vi Imai. Vi went home to the Lord on Sun. Nov. 5. Private services will be held in mid Dec. Please keep Harry, Randy and the family in your prayers.

Sincere condolences to Sharon Mon and family at the loss of Melvyn's oldest son, Darren passing on Nov. 3. Services to be held on Dec. 1.

WORSHIP NEWS

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We will have a traditional nativity program on Dec. 17, followed by a heavy pupu refreshment hour. Please see June or Patti if you can provide support with props, costumes, etc. Mahalo.

CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY

Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year. We will celebrate Christmas at our 10:00 a.m. morning worship time. However, Council has decided that **we will not have a Candlelight Service in the evening.** Windward UCC will have a Candlelight Service starting at 7pm.

You are welcome to join their service or perhaps might want to visit another church instead.

KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
11/05	60	06	02
11/12	57	08	32
11/19	53	09	03
11/26	46	09	01



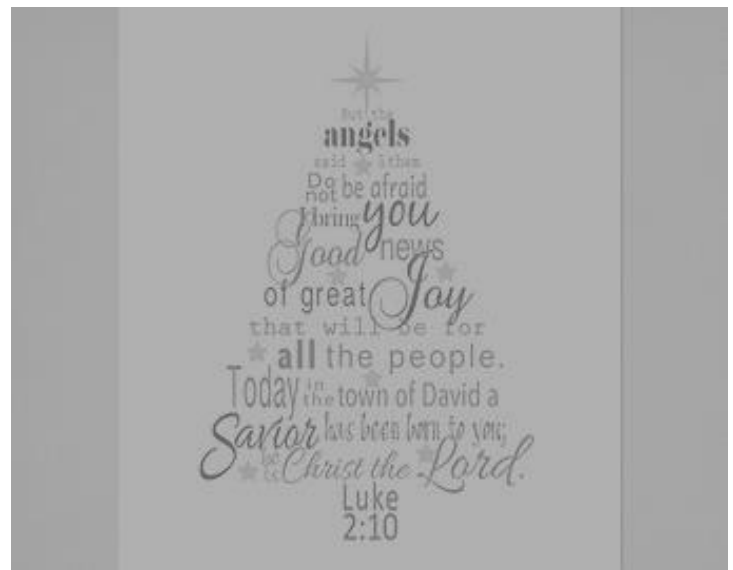
HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- Myra Yamada
- Royce Kojiro
- Jean Miyaji
- Shawn Eberlein
- Paul Grable
- Brandon Gerber
- Norman Noguchi
- Molly Hagmann
- Sandra Siu
- Carol Soma
- Grant Jessee
- Jackie Ostiles
- Jenn Yoshimura
- Pat Oyama
- Lauren Shiroma
- Michelle Martinez- Ramos
- Kiyooko Sproat
- Alaka'i Todd

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- John & Mildred Sakamoto
- Dean & Maureen Wakuzawa
- Howard & Saeko Yoshida



**MAHALO PASTORS, AND
BROTHERS AND SISTERS
IN CHRIST**

Thank you for the Blessings.

Rev. Chris Eng



Dr. Rebecca "Ruby" Ovitt



Francis Daguio, Pastor Jun Lagon & the Filipino UCC Worship Team



mission
NEWS



KCC FOOD DRIVE

What a joy it is to report to you that our KCC Food Drive was able to provide 308 pounds of food for the St. Anthony's Food Bank. The plea for staples of canned meats, beans, and soup did not go unheard. Much to the delight of the helpers at the assembly line on the Monday before Thanksgiving - we helped provide the goods that helped balance and complete the baskets being made for those in need. Thank you folks for your generous donations... you make us proud!

FAMILY PROMISE
MINISTRY



November was a good month for activities around KCC. For our last week hosting of Family Promise families for 2017, we did very well in serving to their needs. Delicious meals, clean bedding and a safe place to lay their heads, these take a lot of resources, people, and sacrifices. We thank all of you who had some hand in this effort. Because of loving support like this Family Promise reported helping 33 families secure permanent housing in 2016 and it continues.

FP also reported that their recent 5th Annual Fun Run raised over \$14,000 and had 434 participants running. Every year we are invited to participate so let's get started to prepare so we don't miss out on next year's fun run!

RIVER OF LIFE OUTREACH

We welcome your support to help with the quarterly message and a meal event at the mission in Chinatown. Sign up to help prep the meal at 11:30 a.m. at KCC or join us at 5:30 p.m. to serve the meal to approximately 200 guests at the River of Life mission.



KCC TRANSITIONAL HOUSING MINISTRY

Our guest family presently staying in our shelter has found more long-term type housing but cannot move in until Mid-January due to setbacks on electrical hookups. IHS will be able to house numerous families into this project identified as Kahauiki Village. This first phase will include 18 two-bedroom units and 23 one-bedroom units. There will be a total of 6 phases. We celebrate with IHS in this welcomed program.

BIBLE INSTITUTE OF HAWAII UPDATE

BIH shares the good news that at the end of the Fiscal year July 2016 to June 2017 they had 28 classes, an increase of 8 classes over the previous year; enrollment was 487 students, an increase of 164; 8 new faculty were recruited, and 2 students were certified in the Certificate in Bible Studies Program; and they financially ended the fiscal year about \$700 below budget. Praise God for their faithful stewardship!



NA ANELA I KA HANA A KE AKUA

Na Anela Support Group invites members and friends to our bi-monthly support group meetings for 2018.

9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.: Support Group Meeting

10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: Support Group Speaker

Thank you for joining us this 2017 year, which was our 15th year anniversary! We started in Jan 2002 with Mary Ann Ishikane and myself as facilitators, providing for monthly meetings, except for December.

Since 2017, bi-monthly meetings were held with excellent speakers who provided us with "Lifelong Learning" topics. Our last speaker, Kevin Lockette, P.T. from Ohana Pacific Rehab, LLC shared a wonderful presentation on "How to Live Well with Parkinson's Disease", educating us on this challenging disease. Although there is no known cure, Kevin gave us some encouraging strategies to deal with it.



Please keep the 2018 meeting dates open on your calendar. Five of the meeting dates are held on the 4th Saturday, last meeting on the 3rd Saturday:

Jan 27, Mar 24, May 26, July 28, Sep 22 and Nov 17 (3rd Sat)

Note: Jan 27, 2018: 10:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m. we are excited to host Ms. Naoko Page, Ekahi Ornish Health Program.

Hope to see all of you at our 2018 bi-monthly meetings!

Mahalo and Blessings of Good Health throughout the year!

Myra

SAVE THE DATE



Sunday, Dec. 10 immediately following worship, we will have our **Congregational Meeting**. We encourage all to attend this important gathering when members will vote on the Budget for 2018, pick our Officers for the new year, and be given an update of our plans of getting an interim pastor as we create our new Pastoral Search Team.

Please prayerfully consider how God wants to use you in service this coming year. We hope that you will respond faithfully to being an active part for the hope-filled future of KCC.

SPECIAL MOMENTS IN NOV.

All Saints Day



Filipino UCC Worship Team



KCC WORKDAY



MAHALO FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 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						

DECEMBER

- 01 – Fri. Memorial Service for Karel Ling
Memorial Service for Darren Mon.
- 02 – Sat. Hanging of the Greens Fellowship
- 03 – Sun. Pastor Don Asman, guest pastor.
First Sun. in Advent. Candle of Hope
Communion in worship. Nominating
Committee Mtg. in Library after wor-
ship.
- 06 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- 07 – Thurs. River of Life Outreach Event
- 10 – Sun. Rev. Ron Ching, guest pastor
Second Sun. in Advent. Candle of
Peace. Congregational Meeting.
- 17 – Sun. Third Sunday in Advent. Candle of
Love. KCC Christmas Program
- 18 – Mon. Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 20 – Wed. T/H & IHS Mtg. 9:30 a.m.
Newsletter Deadline for Jan. edition.
- 24 – Sun. Rev. Tom Fujita will be our guest pas-
tor. Fourth Sun. in Advent. Candle of
Joy. Christmas Sunday Worship, 10
a.m. No evening Candlelight Service.
You're invited to join the Candlelight
Service at Windward UCC, 7:00 p.m.
- 25 – Mon. MERRY CHRISTMAS! Four C
Church worship at KCC. Church of-
fice will be closed.
- 31 – Sun. Russell Kirby, guest pastor

JANUARY

07 – Sun. Installation of Officers in Service

Please note: we are still receiving pledges, and Time & Talent commitments for 2018. Forms can be found in the sanctuary on the side table.

Friendly Reminder: Please turn in your 2017 financial request for reimbursement ASAP.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

WORSHIP LEADER

Dean Wakuzawa, Diane Lee Pilla, and June Tom

AUDIO

Barney Pilla

GREETER/ USHERS

Paul Grable

VISUAL

Debbie Fong

LIGHTS & SCREEN

Barney Pilla

PIANO

Scott Baehren

KNG'S COMPANY

Not available

CHILD CARE Carol Soma, Coordinator

- 03 – Carol Soma / Jennifer Pang
- 10 – Lara Higashi / Carol Soma
- 17 – Christmas Program – No Nursery
- 24 – Susan Morita / Carol Soma
- 31 – Jennifer Pang / Carol Soma

FLOWERS

- 03 – Myra Yamada
- 10 – Paul & Kammy Grable
- 17 – Ruth Masuno
- 24 – Poinsettias
- 31 – Poinsettias

AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS:

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

NEW 2018 FLORAL CALENDAR

We welcome your participation in our Altar Floral Calendar sign-up for the coming year. Our new calendar is now posted in the back of the sanctuary. Mahalo for your support of this ministry.



Pulpit Supply for December



- Dec. 3 – Rev. Don Asman
- Dec. 10 – Rev. Ronald Ching
- Dec. 17 – Christmas Program
- Dec. 24 – Rev. Tom Fujita
- Dec. 31 – Pastor Russell Kirby

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Return service requested

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 2, 2017

Hanging of the Greens
10:00 a.m.



All are welcome to come decorate
our place of worship for the holidays.

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Guest Pastor:

Rev. Donald Asman

- ~ First Sunday in Advent. Hope Candle
~ Nominating Committee Mtg. after worship



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

9:00 a.m. - Dec. 6, 2017

Final study for 2017.

We invite you to join us again in January.

THURSDAY, DEC. 7, 2017

River of Life Outreach

Message and a Meal

11:30 a.m. prep at KCC

5:20 p.m. leave for Mission in Chinatown

SUNDAY, DEC. 10, 2017

- ~ Guest Pastor: Rev. Ronald Ching
~ Second Sunday in Advent. Peace Candle
~ Congregational Meeting after worship
Vote will be taken by members on 2018
Budget and Slate of Officers.

SUNDAY, DEC. 17, 2017



A Nativity Skit

- ~ Third Sunday in Advent. Candle of Love.
Heavy Pupu Refreshments after worship.

MONDAY, DEC. 18, 2017

~ Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20, 2017

- ~ Transitional Housing Committee meet with
IHS and guest family, 9:30 a.m.
~ Absolute deadline for January Newsletter
articles.

SUNDAY, DEC. 24, 2017

- ~ Guest Pastor: Rev. Tom Fujita
~ Fourth Sunday in Advent. Candle of Joy.
& Christ Candle will be lit in morning worship.
~ You are invited to worship at Windward UCC
for Candlelight Service, 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 31, 2017

Guest Pastor: Pastor Russell Kirby

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE HAPPIEST
OF NEW YEARS TO YOU AND YOURS!

