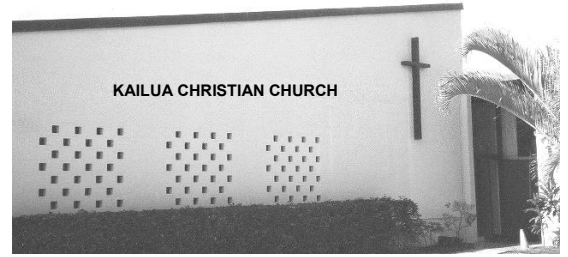


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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)

Happy New Year! 2018 has arrived. A new year brings excitement and hope for new things in our lives and at KCC.

At KCC, the new year welcomes new officers and leaders. We will have our installation of these individuals on Sunday, January 7. We are thankful for their calling to serve KCC in the coming year. Each individual brings his or her own unique set of gifts. Please plan on attending this worship service for this special day. We will also be sending off leaders whose terms are ending. What a blessing it is that these individuals gave of their time, talent and energy to KCC this past year.

As most of you are aware, we have six open Deacon positions. Myrtle Terada and Debbie Fong will continue serving as Deacons. We appreciate their stepping up to continue this important role. Please continue to pray for these other Deacon slots to be filled. If you have a servant's heart or would like to develop that part of you, please consider this position and please contact one of your church leaders.

One area that Council will be looking at for the new year is that of a hospitality committee. As the Deacons have a lot of responsibilities, we are encouraging others to fill in this role so we

can have the Deacons focus on their duties as described in their job description which are

Together with the Pastor, to be responsible for the spiritual welfare of the total congregation including members and friends. As Under-shepherds, they shall insure that the entire congregation maintains consistent spiritual health.

We are looking for volunteers that have the gift of hospitality and want to joyfully serve in this ministry which entails set up, clean-up and organization of the refreshment time following worship.

Council will be looking for people to serve on the new pastoral search committee. Please let one of your church leaders know if you are interested in serving on this committee. Council will also be looking for an interim pastor to work with us in the coming year as we begin the new pastoral search.

2018 will be an exciting year with a lot of work ahead for KCC's leaders and members. Let us remember to always trust in God, and allow the Holy Spirit to overflow with hope in all things.

Please be in constant prayer for God's direction for KCC and how we can honor Him in this new year.

Love in Christ!

Dean, your Moderator



DEACONS MESSAGE

I think that it is fairly accurate to say that we are currently a congregation divided. Some of the divisive issues that I have observed are: inerrancy of the bible, gay marriage, and an acceptance (or not) of those who believe (or don't) exactly as we do. It was good to review the foundational statement of faith which was printed in the newsletter last month and I think that in order to move forward, it is also necessary to acknowledge that the bylaws have been amended at least twice, the latest in 2006.



This is how Article IV currently reads:

This Church has the following statement of faith:

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
And to your deeds we testify:**

**You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life
and death.**

**You seek in holy love to save all people
from aimlessness and sin.**

**You judge people and nations by your
righteous will declared through
prophets and apostles.**

**In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our
crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.**

**You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of
Jesus Christ binding in covenant faith-
ful people of all ages, tongues and
races.**

**You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discip-
ship,
to be your servants in the service of
others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at
his table,**

**to join him in his passion and victory.
You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of
grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and
peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which
has no end.**

**Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto
you. Amen.**

I am certain that both versions of Article IV were written by our church leaders only after many prayers, thoughtful discussions, sharing, and contributions by countless others. We owe them our thanks and gratitude for caring so deeply and providing structure that still leads us today.

The deacons want to wish you a happy new year! We want to remind you that we need each other to do God's work effectively. Let us start off this year by letting go of any behavior that is not pleasing to God. Be aware of how we treat each other and how our actions affect each other. Yes, we have differences. That is not a bad thing. Our diversity allows us to learn from each other by sharing different points of views. Let us enter 2018 with hearts of love and joy, and allow God to guide us in all we do and say.

Peace,
Debbie Fong

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Ellen Chew
Jean Kanazawa
Lucy Khem
Miley Khem
Judy Yoshioka
Hideko Mumaw
Akito Sagawa
Janet Okumura
Hazel Masuda
Nathan Nemoto
Curtis Lau
Jo-Ann Komori



Mary Watanabe
Thomas Gomes
Nathan Ching
Sadie Hayes
Malia Strohlin
Brian Nakashima
Liloa Hagmann

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Joan & Terry Gerber
John & Huiyin Haloran

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers

- ~ Ruth Uyechi
- ~ Diane Lee Pilla's brother
- ~ Dora Kim
- ~ Sats Nemoto
- ~ Mildred Sakamoto
- ~ Ongoing Search for Our Settled Pastor



Deepest Sympathy to Debbie Glenn and family on the loss of her stepfather, Don. Private services were held in early Dec.

Sincere Condolences to the Imai family on the loss of Viola, affectionately known as Vi here at KCC. Vi and Harry have been members here since 1989 and faithfully served God at KCC in numerous capacities. Heartfelt prayers go out to Harry at this time.

Deepest Sympathies to Arlene and daughter, Jennifer Slaton and Sandra Arashiro and family on the loss of their brother/uncle Daniel. Arlene and Sandra are KCC members and their mother, Aiko was a charter member. Daniel and his sisters attended Sunday School in the early days of KCC.

Sincere Condolences goes out to the family of Ethel Mitsuye Akimoto Davis, 94 who passed away on October 9. Ethel was a long-time friend of KCC. She served on our Meals on Wheels team, prayed for KCC and it's ohana, and donated proceeds from oil paintings she would paint. She was born in Koolaupoko, Hawaii. Private Services were held.

Deepest Sympathies to the Grable family on the loss of Margaret Grable, loving wife to Richard Grable of 67 years. "Margie" affectionately known to her friends and family died peacefully at home after complications from Pneumonia. She was mother of Paul and Kammy Grable and Grandma to Cassie and Dusty Grable (KCC members) and loved KCC and the Wed. Morning Bible Study Group--her sisters in Christ even when they were no longer attending KCC as members. A celebration of life service will be held on Sunday, Jan. 21st at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Maunawili, 12:00 p.m. visitation and service at 12:30 p.m.



We Are BLESSED



JESUS, HOPE IS BORN!



Special thanks to April Jessee, Mia Anne Watanabe and John Sakamoto for sharing their testimonies

TRUSTEES NEWS

"From the fullness of his grace we have received one blessing after another." John 1:16



Happy New Year as we look forward to doing God's work willingly and joyfully.

The trustees says thank you to Lowell Terada for serving many years as our trustee and han-

dling most of our repairs. We welcome Dennis Fong, Patti Myers, John Sakamoto and Maureen Wakuzawa who graciously volunteered to serve as trustees. Welcome Aboard to a year of service.

Having a full slate will certainly help us to be more productive and responsible in fulfilling our responsibilities. Whatever comes, we know God will be with us as we begin afresh for the coming year.

Bless our leaders, Lord. Give them the grace to be warm and wise with everyone and everything.

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



Na Anela I ka hana a ke Akua



Na Anela Support Group invites members and friends to our first bi-monthly support group meeting, Jan 27, 2018.

0930-1015: Support Group Meeting
1030-1130: Support Group Speaker

Guest speaker is Ms. Naoko Page, Ornish Care Specialist, Ekahi Health System.

Join us for an introduction to the 'Ekahi Ornish Lifestyle Medicine program and a relaxing presentation on stress management techniques for everyone! Stress is part of all our lives, but we can learn how to change the way we respond to stress to help us live happier, healthier lives.

After a brief introduction to the 'Ekahi Ornish program, Naoko will lead the audience through an actual stress management session focused on the five stress management techniques utilized in the program. These techniques include light stretches or poses, breathing techniques, imagery, meditation, and everyone's favorite, deep relaxation. Come join us to learn how to better

manage stress and take time for yourself to relax and focus on a happier, healthier lifestyle.

We plan to meet in the sanctuary since Naoko has a video to show. Light refreshments to follow in Room 3/4.

Mahalo and Blessings of Good Health throughout 2018!

Myra

WORSHIP NEWS



Mahalo to our Advent Wreath Candle-lighters!

THANKS A BUNCH!



Susan and Dale Tamashiro sincerely would like to thank the Church and all those who faithfully ordered flowers from Blossoming Hope for the past few years.

Susan regrets that she is not able to continue to provide these floral arrangements as the plants on her farm have been affected by something that is destroying them. Unfortunately, it has brought them to the decision to retire with no plans set for the future.

The Tamashiro family sends their wishes for all of God's Blessings for Peace, Love and Joy throughout the New Year.

KCC has been so fortunate to have had the pleasure of working with Blossoming Hope and am so grateful to Susan and Dale. God bless them in their future endeavors in this new year!

KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
12/03	52	02	00
12/10	63	10	00
12/17	65	13	04
12/24	77	10	03
12/31	56	04	03

Christmas Nativity Play 2017

Thank you to all who participated in our Christmas Nativity play on Dec. 17. Thank you Diane Lee Pilla for narrating the script. Your voice carried the message and conveyed it so well. Thank you Barney Pilla for doing the sound so we could all hear what was being said and the lights to set the mood, especially the dark night for the shepherds. Thank you to Grace and Logan Myers for playing the important part of Mary and Joseph with feeling. Thank you to Jonathan Martinez for playing the dutiful donkey. Thank you to Shane Soma, Maia Payne, and Katie and Thomas Gomes for playing the key innkeeper roles. Thank you to Paul Grable and Stone Jessee for being the shepherds and controlling your wild sheep played by Grant Jessee and Teyvyn Higashi. Thank you to all the beautiful angels played by Mia and Ava Watanabe, Monicalyn Martinez, Alianna Ramos, Keelyn and Milla Higashi. You were all so angelic! Thank you to the Wise Men played by Dennis Fong, Vernon Pang and Bryan Gomes and for the way you honored the baby Jesus. Thank you to Dan for being the stage hand that kept busy with the many scene changes to keep the story flowing. And a special thanks to Scott Baehrens for providing the music that held everything together and made the play truly memorable.

June Tom, Worship Chair



SPECIAL NOTE: Sincere thanks goes out to Alice Esaki for her kind assistance with our Altar Flowers Ministry during the year. We are grateful for her and our numerous other unsung heroes who quietly work in the background to get things done. Mahalo volunteers!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This month we celebrate Rev. Martin Luther King’s vision for America. Dr. King recognized that the cure for white supremacy is not black supremacy, but a country where all of God’s children “walk together as brothers and sisters”. Just as there are many kinds of Americans, there are many kinds of Christians. Like Dr. King, the UCC envisions a church where all can worship under a single roof.

The division at KCC was quite evident at the morning meet and greet with our pastor candidate, who fielded an insistent line of questioning regarding his personal beliefs on hot topics in our church. These questions lay bare a genuine fear: would a progressive pastor be able to minister to parishioners who hold a literal devotion to the Bible?

The answer to that question lies within some of our own members. Would Dan Jessee, for example, risk his life for a platoon mate from a different denomination? Would June Tom nurse an atheist patient? Would the many teachers in our congregation care for a child who is Hindu or Buddhist?

I believe the answer is yes. I also believe that some ministers could answer yes because they place love above ideology, and compassion above the need to be right.

As a teacher myself, I’ve occasionally helped students argue for a position I disagreed with. I did so, I hope, without demeaning their values or coercing them to think and feel the way I do. Teaching is love, and love asks us to give others the dignity of their beliefs.

I grew up at KCC, and this church has shaped who I am. The past 13 years at KCC has also been a time when my spiritual understanding has grown tremendously. It isn’t possible for me to undo that growth, just as it isn’t possible for KCC to be the same church that it was two decades ago. We can appreciate the past, but let’s not wax nostalgic for the rights of one group to oppress another.

Peace and Blessings,
Susan Lee St John
KCC Member

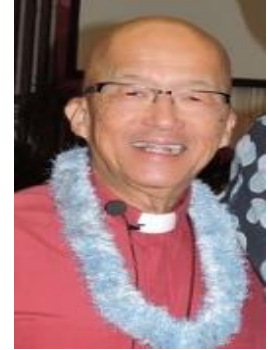
MAHALO PASTORS

Thank you for the Blessings.

Rev. Don Asman
12/03



Rev. Ronald Ching
12/10



Rev. Dr. Tom Fujita
12/24



Pastor Russ Kirby
12/31



mission

NEWS

Sincere thanks for your generous donations to the Thanksgiving Offering. We were able to bless the UCC Transition House with \$550, the Hale Ola Abuse Shelter with \$550 and provide gifts to our KCC Transitional Housing ministry guests with Thanksgiving and Christmas gift certificates to bring some cheer to them for the holidays. Total amount received was \$1200.00. Your support to care for those having some tough challenges is an answer to their prayers. A big mahalo to you all!

2018 SLATE OF OFFICERS

Together in Christ's Service

- Moderator Dean Wakuzawa*
- Clerk Michelle Martinez-Ramos
- Treasurer Joan Sakaba*
- Christian Ed April Jessee
- Missions Kammy Grable*
- Worship June Tom*

- Deacons: Myrtle Terada
 Debbie Fong*

- Trustees Susan Morita*
 Myra Yamada*
 Dennis Fong
 Patti Myers
 John Sakamoto
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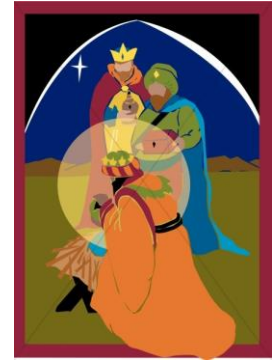
*Returning to fulfill two-year term.

Please keep all our leaders in your prayers daily. Find ways to encourage them with your time, talents and kind words.

Members of KCC are being asked to prayerfully consider how you can be of service to God as a leader in one of the open positions still vacant. Please see any Council Member to get more details on what the duties and commitment of these positions are. Leaders will be installed on Sunday, January 7, 2018 in service.

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.” Colossians 3:23-24

EPIPHANY



The word Epiphany means to make known or to reveal. Epiphany is a season of light, celebrating the revelation of Jesus, the promised Savior. By his death and resurrection, Jesus overcame for us the darkness of sin and the shadow of death. During Epiphany we remember the visit of the Wise Men, who—led by starlight and enlightened by Scripture—found and worshiped the Son of God, the Light of the world. Epiphany begins on Jan. 6 through Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent.

HAWAIIAN ISLAND MINISTRIES

HIM Conference 2018

JUST JESUS

March 15-17, 2018

Hawaii Convention Center

DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

HIM is the largest annual gathering of Christians in Hawaii, celebrating 35 years of ministry in 2018. We encourage you to join us as we worship, pray, learn, love, grow together across denominations, cultures, generations and differences as the beloved Body of Christ.

40+ speakers. 80+ seminars.

One amazing experience.

Valued for more than 30 years by Christian leaders, pastors and equippers, the conference is prime training for church staff and teachers, ministry workers, volunteers, outreach and community advocates.

*Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ **Jesus our Lord.** Romans 8:39*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2018						
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			

JANUARY

- 01 – Mon. Happy New Year. Office closed.
Four C Church using facilities for worship.
- 06 – Sat. Epiphany observed.
- 07 – Sun. Pastor Kenneth Makuakane will be our special guest pastor. Communion Sun. Installation of Officers and Release of Exiting Officers.
- 10 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9 a.m. “101 Amazing Things God Thinks About You.” All are welcomed.
- 14 – Sun. Rev. Howard Yoshida will be our guest pastor.
- 15 – Mon. Martin Luther King Holiday. Church Office will be closed.
- 17 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- 20 – Sat. February Newsletter Deadline.
- 21 – Sun. Rev. Wally Kuroiwa has once again graciously accepted the invitation to come to speak.
The Celebration of Life Service of Margaret Grable will be held at Trinity Church in Maunawili.
12:30 p.m. visitation 1 p.m. Service
- 23 – Tues. EPIC Hawaii using Room 3 for Family Conference 8 to 12 noon.
- 24 – Wed. Wed. Morning Study, 9 a.m.
Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 27 – Sat. Na Anela Support Group 9:30 a.m.
Special guest speaker, 10:30 a.m. (Gather in Sanctuary).
- 28 – Sun. Testimonies to be shared.
Annual Reports due for 2017.
All Committees are encouraged to turn in reports via email.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

WORSHIP LEADER

Diane Lee Pilla

AUDIO

Barney Pilla

GREETER/ USHERS

Volunteers sought

VISUAL

Debbie Fong

LIGHTS & SCREEN

Barney Pilla

PIANO

Scott Baehrens

KING’S COMPANY

Not available

FLOWERS

- 07 – Michelle Martinez-Ramos
- 14 – Joan Sakaba
- 21 – Joan Sakaba
- 28 – Joan Sakaba

AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS:

As we develop our New Hospitality Ministry we will count on your assistance to continue the refreshments for January. We welcome any help from volunteers who would like to help with providing snacks and the set-up and clean up of refreshments each week.

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.



NURSERY UPDATE



As we evaluate our Nursery needs for the new year we first want to wholeheartedly send out a BIG BIG Thank you to Carol Soma and Jennifer Pang for coordinating the Nursery schedule for the many years past. Because of the lack of children needing care and volunteers to help, we will be opening Nursery on a as needed basis each Sunday. To date we have had two volunteers sign up to help for 2018. Please see Carol if you are able to assist.

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Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.



MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018

~ Church office will be closed.
~ Four C Church will use facilities for worship

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018



Special guest pastor,
Pastor Ken Makuakane
~ Communion Sunday
~ Installation of Officers and Release of
Exiting Officers.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

9:00 a.m. - starting January 10, 2018
'Amazing Things God thinks About You'
All are welcome to attend.
Every Wednesday throughout the month.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018

Special guest Pastor, Rev. Howard Yoshida
~ Transitional Housing Meeting following
worship. Meet in Library.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Observed.
Church office will be closed.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018

~ Rev. Wally Kuroiwa will be our special
guest speaker in worship.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017

~ Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018

Na Anela Support Group
9:30 a.m. Support team
10:30 a.m. Guest speaker, Naoko Page from
Ekahi Health System will share some helpful
pointers to stress management.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018

Sharing of Testimonies

Please consider sharing your testimony of faith
as an encouragement for others in our KCC
ohana. We welcome your 3-5 minute message
on How Great is Our God Testimonies.
Contact the church office if you would like to
take part in this event.

Pulpit Supply for January



Jan. 7 - Pastor Ken Makuakane
Jan. 14 - Rev. Howard Yoshida
Jan. 21 - Rev. Wally Kuroiwa
Jan. 28 - Testimonies