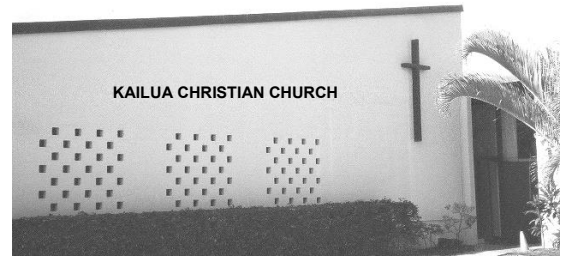


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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

**“Trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.**

**Delight yourself in the Lord
and he will give you the desires of
your heart.**

**Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him and he will do this:**

**He will make your righteousness
shine like the dawn,
the justice of your cause like the
noonday sun.**

**Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently for him.”**

-Psalm 37:3-7

This scripture is a great reminder to always trust in the Lord in all things and reminds us to also be still and wait patiently. In this technology driven world, it has become the norm to expect things to be done quickly with immediate results. God has a plan for each one of us and for His KCC.

I have recently reached out to Rev. Richard Kamanu of the Hawaii Conference regarding the interim and search process. Council will be discussing this information in our February meeting. I ask for your continued patience and prayers for your leaders and all of us at KCC.

Your new Council met for the first time on January 25th. We welcomed our new clerk, Michelle Martinez-Ramos, and new education chair, April Jessee. It is a true blessing to have these two new faces serving our congregation.

During our meeting, a motion passed to allow a

UCC youth group from Oregon to use our facilities for housing before and after their Rocky Mountain UCC Western Regional Youth Event being held in late June 2018. They will be using our classrooms to sleep in their sleeping bags and use our kitchen to store their milk for breakfast. We were all happy to allow the use of our facilities to fellow Christians from Oregon. Council also spent time discussing our 2018 calendar. The leaders will be having a half-day session to review important KCC documents including our charter, bylaws and safe-church policy.

Some leaders will be attending the Hawaii Conference UCC seminar entitled “Leading in a Time of Change” on Saturday, February 24th at Church of the Crossroads. This is an all-day seminar which will allow church leaders from different congregations across the state to network, learn and share ideas about how congregations can respond to changes in society and culture. We hope to learn new ideas to share with KCC.

We also continue to look for people willing to serve on a hospitality committee. The purpose is to organize our refreshment time after service on Sundays, including set-up and clean-up of this time. The trustees and I will be supplying simple coffee, water and doughnuts/lite snacks for the month of February. Please see one of your leaders if you feel called to this ministry.

In closing, please continue to pray for all of us and our beloved KCC.

Love in Christ!
Dean Wakuzawa

DEACONS MESSAGE



Before I share the Deacons news, I want to clear up an error in last month's (January) newsletter. The December newsletter printed Article IV of the foundational statement of faith, and the January newsletter printed Article IV of the by laws. Since then, I have been enlightened that these are two separate documents and were created for two different purposes. I apologize for my mistake and hope this clears up any confusion.

And now for the Deacons news –

We want to acknowledge and thank Nancy Arakaki and Sharon Mon for their many years of service to the congregation. Both as members of the congregation and as deacons, they blessed us all with their prayers, hard work, and contributions over the years.

This year we are very thankful that Paul Grable has volunteered to continue to be a deacon in 2018. This brings our number of deacons to 3 – Myrtle Terada, Paul Grable, and myself. Due to our small number, we found it necessary to make some changes.

1. Four deacons will serve communion. We will rely on former deacons from previous years to assist us.
2. Two undershepherd groups (Nancy's and Sharon's) were divided up and assimilated into the other three groups. An updated list of the three groups will be posted on the hallway bulletin board.
3. The assignments are as follows: Myrtle chairperson, Paul vice chairperson, and Debbie clerk. The benevolence fund will be administered by Myrtle and Debbie.
4. As of February, the Sunday refreshments set up and clean up will no longer be the responsibility of the deacons. Council will create a hospitality committee to handle this task.

Currently we are planning two events – a fellowship movie matinee and our annual meet your deacon lunch. Details will be shared at a later date so keep your eyes and ears open.

We remind you to contact any of us if you have any concerns or prayer needs.

Peace,
Debbie Fong

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Keelyn & Milla Higashi
- Kyle Nakamoto
- Mildred T. Sakamoto
- Reggie Yamada
- Jonathan Fong
- Mark Kanazawa
- Andrew Wakuzawa
- Mildred S. Sakamoto
- Susan Shiroma
- Kupa`a Harrison
- Dot Suzuki
- Barney Pilla



- Debbie Fong
- Jacob Kelly
- Esau Kelly
- Eliot St. John
- John Tamashiro
- Kamalu Miller
- Betti Oi
- Sean Khem
- Kara Khem

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 13 – Liloa & Molly Hagmann
- 21 – Norm & Ann Noguchi

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers

- ~ Ruth Uyechi
- ~ Florence Miyashiro
- ~ Pat Chinn
- ~ Dora Kim
- ~ Sats Nemoto
- ~ Mildred S. Sakamoto
- ~ Richard Young from UCC Judd
- ~ Ongoing Search for Our Settled Pastor
- ~ Kiyooko Sproat
- ~ Debbie H. (job)



Sincere Condolences to Lowell Terada and family on the loss of his sister, Emogene Scheid in January.

Sincere condolences also to Myra Yamada's family and the Ishii family on the loss of her brother, Wayne Ishii. Wayne passed away unexpectedly in January.

TRUSTEES NEWS

*Faith is the evidence of things we cannot yet see.
Hebrews 11:1*



A trustee is the steward and caretaker of resources acting in trust on behalf of the whole congregation.

We are responsible for maintaining the buildings and grounds as well as the finances of the church.

We are grateful for pledges received in 2018. Twenty-four pledges from members and friends totaled \$86,893.00. Our expenses will again exceed our income and so we call it a faith budget.

Faith is depending on God to keep all of His promises because He always does.

The trustees will be monitoring expenses not approved by our budget but always assuring that decisions support the mission of our church.

If there is a project that would enhance the facilities and will bring you “Joy” please see the trustees. It would be awesome to think big; to think of what God’s plans are for us.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

In your service,

John, Myra, Vernon, Dennis, Maureen, Patti, and Susan

**mission** Update

The Great Commission

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28: 19-20

Jesus wants us to finish what He began. He came to the disciples, taught them, and worked with them. He then died on the cross and rose from the dead. But, before He ascended into heaven, He gave them, and us, the commission to convert the world. He wanted us to share His good news for all.

You need to know that your efforts to honor Christ by obeying His call to make disciples of all nations is something that you can do. Do it where you are, with those whom you meet, with those you work with, with those you go to school with, etc. Be a witness for Jesus in your lives and when necessary, talk about Him, too.

When we seek to accomplish God's will, He will bless our efforts because we're seeking to obey Him.

Here at KCC we have committed to support some specific ministries through our budget and with our time and talents. We hope you will join us in this endeavor. We provide numerous opportunities to be of service for His purposes; Family Promise, River of Life, IHS, Bible Institute of Hawaii, Child Sponsorship, Transitional Housing Ministry, Windward Coalition of Churches, and others who may reach out to us in need ... We pray as we begin this new year together that you rise up to the call to serve and support these efforts in whatever way God leads you to.

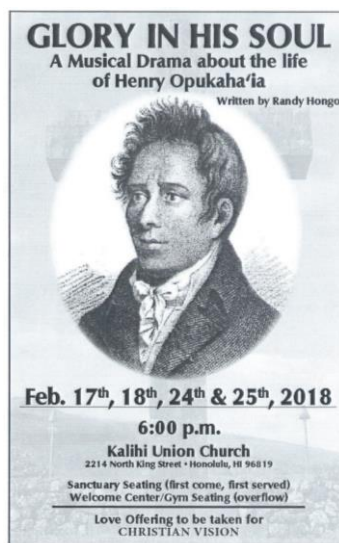
For your consideration and planning purposes we have compiled dates for you to mark your calendars with – we encourage you to make yourself available to serve Jesus.

Family Promise will be hosted at KCC for a week's time on Feb. 18-24, Apr. 1-8, Aug. 5-12, and the final round would happen Nov. 25-Dec. 2.

River of Life Outreach is also set for March 1, June 7, Sept. 6 and Dec. 6. These are the first Thurs. of those months and we encourage you to bring a friend to help at this outreach. See Dan or Shane for more details.

We thank you in advance as we plan our drives to support the 5 for 5 offerings through the UCC – already we have received your generous donations for the Veterans of the Cross Christmas Fund Offering, and in March we join the efforts of the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. More information will be provided in the weekly bulletin about these and other offerings that we have generously supported each year.

We would also like to encourage you to take part in these great learning opportunities.



Let us celebrate the life of Henry Opukaha'ia for his love of the Hawaiian people and their salvation through Jesus Christ. Attend these events celebrating his life and how God used him to bring Christianity to Hawaii.

Your KCC Missions Team hope you will be more involved in the events and services in this new year... We welcome you to be a member on the committee and look forward to serving God together throughout this new year. See Kammy, Dan, Jennie or Lily Lee if you would like to be a part of the team.






**WEDNESDAY MORNING
MOVIE TIMES**

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study group is excited to begin showing a (faith based) Movie on the last Wed. of each month, starting in February. This would be a great chance for you to come by and invite a friend to join you to watch the movie that we hope will be enjoyable, encouraging and helpful in your faith journey. We hope that this may be a great opportunity for you to get to know the Study group without any obligation to attend study each week. Please check the Sunday bulletins for more details on the featured movie planned for the month. Some of the movies planned are The Young Messiah, The Shack, God Is **Not** Dead, The Case for Christ, just to name a few. We hope to see you there in Room 3 at 9:00 a.m. at our first showing on Feb. 28th.

HAWAIIAN MISSION HOUSES HISTORIC SITE AND ARCHIVES PRESENTS

Commemoration of the Life of
Henry 'Ōpūkaha'ia
FEBRUARY 17, 2018

Hawaiian Mission Houses Historic Site and Archives will celebrate the life of Henry 'Ōpūkaha'ia marking the day he died two hundred years ago. This important celebration honors the man who inspired the Sandwich Island Mission and is the first event in the bicentennial of the arrival of the American Protestant mission to Hawai'i in 2020.

<p>10 A.M. KAWAIAHA'O CHURCH will conduct a special commemorative service and be joined by Royal Societies, Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and other organizations.</p> <p>10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. HAWAIIAN MISSION HOUSES OPEN HOUSE Free tours every half hour first tour at 11 a.m., last tour at 3 p.m.</p> <p>AFTER LUNCH HISTORY THEATRE PROGRAM Introduction by 'Ōpūkaha'ia biographer Christopher Cook.</p> <p>'ŌPŪKAHA'IA, will tell his own story, as a historic theatre character portrayed by ACTOR MOSES GOODS. "Talk back" with the audience will follow.</p>	<p>1820  2020</p>  <p>Sponsored in part by  CHA OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS</p>	<p>SPECIAL VISITORS at both Kawaiaha'o Church and at the luncheon afterward at HMH will be a chorale comprised of Hawai'i high school students</p> <p>HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES Quill Pen Writing Create your Own Impression on a Minipress Ramassage Press Demonstration and Interpretation and an exercise to show the distance between Hawai'i and the Eastern U.S.</p> <p>LUNCH Beginning at 11:30 a.m., a Hawaiian food lunch is available for \$15 by pre-order only through February 5 at website missionhouses.org or by calling 447-3926. Lunch includes: Pig, Lomi Imiti salmon, Spiced Ika, Rice, Chicken leg, rice, Poi, Pineapple, Sweet potato, Shredded (a combination of Kalolo and Haupia), Poha, and Densaks. Attendees may also bring their own lunch.</p> <p>THE EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Attend any or all of the events.</p>
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Letter from our Interim Conference Minister

Dear Partners in Ministry in the Hawaii Conference of the UCC. I am writing to you in the comfort and strength of our faith in Jesus Christ because at a time when we have just been shockingly reminded of our vulnerability to nuclear war, we need each other and the world needs our witness.

For 38 minutes last Sat. morning, we were confronted with the distinct possibility of our imminent death and the destruction of life around us.

What was your response? I know from the stories of the Oahu clergy who met that week and from discussions among our staff, that there were many faithful responses, both immediately and on Sunday morning. I worshiped with the Samoan Church of Hawaii in Nanakuli where Pastor Iese Tuuao threw out his previously planned remarks and selected Psalm 46 and Mark 4:35-41. Where Jesus stills the storm, to address what people experienced. He shared how on Sat. when the alert came, his wife Iaeli opened the church and gathered the people nearby to spend those 38 minutes together in prayer.

I would like to share with you the biblical and theological strength which our Oahu pastors offered their congregations for your nurture and reflections:

- “I am the Alpha and the Omega”. Rev. 22:13
- “Perfect love casts out fear.” 1 John 4:18
- “Be not anxious about tomorrow.” Matt. 6:34
Be present for the moment God gives now.
- “Fear not” stated 365 times in our scriptures.
- “Be prepared” as in Jesus’ story of the 10 wise and foolish ones.
- Current lectionary readings about Jesus cleansing the temple and the call to discipleship as occasions to talk about our ultimate values—are we moving towards or away from God?”
- “That they all may be one.” Christ’s prayer from John 17:21 and our UCC motto.

At the recent gathering of Oahu clergy, we uplifted the value of prayer and knowing we are part of a wider world who held us in prayer. We heard a prophetic challenge to at last find a way to peace, turning our anger at the situation into courage to change politically. We were charged to address our children and youth’s loss of innocence and fear of the future upon hearing of imminent nuclear threat.

As people of faith we know that, “whether we live or die, we belong to Christ who is Lord of the living and the dead.” Assured by that, our elders may face death with serenity and our young ones can hope for lives that make a difference. We can all go on, wiser and move loving under any circumstance, knowing that “Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.” This is very good news that we may proclaim and offer to our unbelieving friends.

Whatever else we might say about these disrupting 38 minutes, God has given our church ohana the great gift of a teaching moment where we can speak our faith to hungry ears, questing minds, and fearful hearts cracked open by this event.

You and I are in ministry together “for such a time as this.”

In faith, hope and love,

Gabrielle Chavez

Interim Conference Ministry at the HCUCC





Na Anela I ka hana a ke Akua

A sincere Mahalo goes out to Ms. Naoko Page, Ornish Care Specialist from Ekahi Health System who shared a great introduction to the 'Ekahi Ornish Lifestyle Medicine program. She also offered a wonderful 30 minute relaxing presentation on stress management techniques for everyone! We were delighted to have our very own Dean W. share his experience as a alumni of this program.

with his wife, Laura and their son, Ronald Jr. throughout their entire 4 week vacation. Pastor Ron even was gracious enough to assist with Communion during this time.

Pastor Ken Makuakane Pastor Howard Yoshida



Pastor Wally Ryan-Kuroiwa Pastor Ron Sturgis



Sharing of Testimonies: Alice Esaki, Vernon Pang, and Pamela Morikawa



Pastor Ron serves Communion at KCC with assistance of Pastor Ken and our Deacons. A special feeling of Laulima was felt in the partaking of Communion on this joyous occasion.



This event was a great way to begin the year. Watch for details for our next gathering on March 24th. Mahalo Myra for providing these awesome gatherings. Special thanks go out to John Sakamoto for always showing up to take some photos to help us share and enjoy these times with others who couldn't attend.

WORSHIP NEWS

We has some wonderful guest speakers at the pulpit in January. Special thanks goes out to Pastor Ken Makuakane, Rev. Howard Yoshida, Rev. Dr. Wally Ryan-Kuroiwa for sharing and to our very own members, Alice Esaki, Vernon Pang, and Pam Morikawa who shared their testimonies. In addition we were blessed with the participation of Pastor Ron Sturgis, a retired UCC pastor who joined us for worship along

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 04 – Sun. Communion Sunday. Dr. Paul Brennan will be our guest Pastor.
- 07 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- 10 – Sat. Leadership Retreat, 8:30 a.m. to Noon
- 11 – Sun. Guest Pastor, James Kwong
- 14 – Wed. Ash Wed. Beginning of Lenten Season.
- 18 – Sun. Guest Pastor, Rev. Larry Roller
Family Promise Week begins at KCC through Feb. 24.
- 19 – Mon. President’s Day. Holiday. Office will be closed.
- 21 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study.
- 24 – Sat. UCC Leadership Event, 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Church of the Crossroads.
- 25 – Sun. Guest Pastor, Rev. Randall Furushima
Meet Your Deacon’s Luncheon
- 28 – Wed. Wed. Morning Movie, 9:00 a.m.
Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

MARCH

- 01 – Thurs. River Of Life Outreach
- 04 – Sun. Guest Pastor, Rev. Richard Kamanu
Communion Sunday
Congregational Mtg. to receive our KCC 2017 Annual Report.



WORSHIP LEADER
June Tom

AUDIO
Barney Pilla

GREETER/ USHERS
Volunteers sought

VISUAL
Debbie Fong

LIGHTS & SCREEN
Barney Pilla

PIANO/ORGAN
Scott Baehrens

KING’S COMPANY
April Jessee



Service of Installation of Officers for 2018 07 – Su



Special times shared with special people!

KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors ¹⁵⁻
01/07	52	04	04
01/14	58	08	00
01/21	47	04	01
01/28	50	13	02



The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018. (Also Valentine’s Day). It is a time when many Christians will observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial, and spiritual discipline. We hope you will use this time for wisely to reflect on Jesus Christ—his suffering and sacrifice, his life, death, and resurrection for our sake.

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Special Guest Pastor,
Rev. Dr. Paul Brennan
~ Communion Sunday



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

9:00 a.m. – every Wed. Morning.
Room 3.

“Amazing Things God thinks About You”
All are welcome to attend.
Last Wed. of Month, Feb. 28
Special Movie: The Young Messiah

KCC LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

All leaders are strongly encouraged to attend.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Special Guest Pastor, James Kwong

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018



Ash Wednesday
Lenten Season begins
Valentine’s Day



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018

~ Special Guest Pastor, Rev. Larry Roller
~ Family Promise Week begins at KCC

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018

~ President’s Day Holiday, Office will be closed.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

~ UCC Leadership Event at Church of the Cross-roads, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018

~ Special Guest Pastor, Dr. Randall Furushima
~ Meet Your Deacons Fellowship Luncheon

PULPIT SUPPLY FOR FEBRUARY



Feb. 04 – Dr. Paul Brennan
Feb. 11 – Pastor James Kwong
Feb. 18 – Rev. Larry Roller
Feb. 25 – Rev. Randy Furushima

ALTAR FLOWERS PROVIDED BY:

Feb. 04 – June Tom
Feb. 11 – John & Mildred Sakamoto
Feb. 18 – Shane & Carol Soma
Feb. 25 – Myra & Reggie Yamada
Mahalo Nui Loa!

