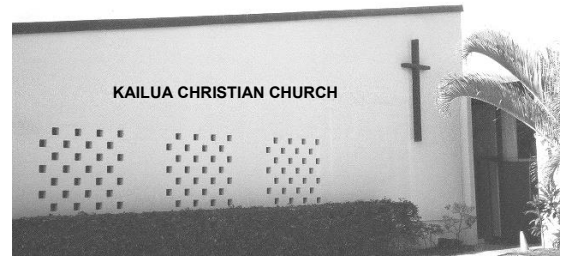


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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

*Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ,
His Son
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"*

We sang "Give Thanks" by Don Moen, at our leadership retreat on Saturday, February 10th. It was an interesting choice of song that was made right before we came back from a break. I had printed out various praise songs as potential choices to sing at this retreat, but I couldn't decide on which song to sing as I prepared this session. As I passed out the lyrics, John Sakamoto, trustee, mentioned to me that he listens to this song every morning when he does his daily devotion. It was a special moment of shared thankfulness for all God has done in our lives and at KCC.

During this retreat, we reviewed our governing documents including KCC's charter of incorporation and bylaws. We looked at the different leadership positions and what the duties are for each. We also attempted to review our safe church policy. It was determined that we will need to review and update this policy as the current one seems very cumbersome. This will be brought up with Council. We also shared in a snack break where we could fellowship with one another.

At our recent Council meeting, it was agreed that we will seek out an interim minister with mediator experience. A formal motion to move forward with this was done at our November 2017 council meeting. Some may wonder why it took so long to move forward with this process. It was decided to allow time to enjoy the holidays and wait for KCC's new 2018 leadership group to move forward with this process. Associate Conference Minister, Richard Kamanu indicated that he would provide KCC a listing of pastors that have this type of experience. Your Council will be receiving and reviewing these candidates resumes in the coming months. We will be having a congregational meeting to vote on a recommended interim pastor.

Upon the acceptance of the interim, we will begin the process of creating a new pastoral search committee. Please continue to pray for your church leaders and KCC as we move forward to this next chapter. Please also continue to pray and see if you feel called to serve on the pastoral search committee when the time comes. I would like to put out a request once again to see if there is anyone who wishes to serve on a hospitality committee to assist with organizing our post church snacks in rooms 3 and 4. For now, we will plan on having simple donuts/cookies and water and coffee after church. We are considering a potluck once a month, but this has not been decided upon yet. Thanks be to God!

Love in Christ!

Dean

DEACONS MESSAGE



This Lenten Season is a time of self-examination and reflection, a time to focus on your personal relationship with God. I would like to share with you a devotion from The Sanctuary for Lent 2016:

“Read 1 Thessalonians 5:13-18.

Pray continually. 1Thessalonians 5:17

How can anyone pray continually? Our first thought is that this must be an exaggeration. Surely Paul just meant that we should pray a lot. The commands that frame the call to pray continually also seem impossible. How can one be always joyful and give thanks in all things? Life is hard and hurtful at times. This seems to be a highly unrealistic, sugarcoated view of Christian life.

But prayer is a state of mind when you are connected to your Creator and within God’s will. It means praising God and looking and listening to God, not just actively telling God what you want or are thinking. To pray continually means to go through the day aware of God’s presence and listening to God’s guidance in all things. When God infuses every moment of life, every moment is worship. In that case, thanks is an inevitable result of living. When we live connected to our Creator, we live in a deeper, more profound place than where minor annoyances or even difficult circumstances of life can command us. It does not mean that life’s tragedies will not touch us. It does mean that even stronger than any pain that life can deal us is the assurance and joy of God’s love and salvation, the assurance we get from continuously opening our hearts to God.

Prayer: Lord, may my life be infused with your presence at all times. Amen.”

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On March 25 (Palm Sunday) the Deacons will host a movie matinee right after worship service.

*“Based on the New York Times best-selling novel, “The Shack” takes us on a father’s uplifting spiritual journey. After suffering a family tragedy, Mack Phillips [Sam Worthington] spirals into a deep depression causing him to question his innermost beliefs. Facing a crisis of faith, he receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Despite his doubts, Mack journeys to the shack and encounters an enigmatic trio of strangers led by a woman named Papa [Octavia Spencer]. Through this meeting, Mack finds important truths that will transform his understanding of his tragedy and change his life forever.”*

We look forward to this gathering and encourage all of you to stay and enjoy this movie. We hope to start at 11:30 and end by 1:00. Hotdogs and chips will be provided for lunch.

Peace,  
Debbie Fong



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 01 – Minoru Teruya   | 23 – Maureen Wakuzawa |
| – Kegan Terada       | 24 – Dean Wakuzawa    |
| 02 – Lance Yoneshige | 25 – Dora Kim         |
| 05 – Jolene Chang    | Pastor Tim Weible     |
| Alan Yoneshige       | 27 – Lowell Terada    |
| Cindy Imai           | Winchell Lee          |
| 12 – Jason Lau       | 28 – Linda Yoshimura  |
| 15 – Nathan Chang    | 30 – Ian Oga          |
| Heather Bernal       | Camille Oga           |
| 16 – Sam Kojiro      |                       |
| 17 – Cyndi Kesler    |                       |
| Joshua Weible        |                       |

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- 27 – Richard & Alice Esaki  
29 – Bruce & Coleen Kugiya



**PRAYERS & PRAISES**

Please keep in your prayers

~ Ruth Uyechi

~ Kiyooko Sproat

~ Pat Chinn

~ Dora Kim

~ Sats Nemoto

~ Mildred S. Sakamoto

~ Ongoing Search for Our Settled Pastor



~ Myrtle's Aunt

~ Billy Ouye

## mission Update

Family Promise first rotation for 2018 has just ended at KCC. We thank all of you who supported this ministry with food donations, Meal preparation for an evening meal, or being an overnight host for our church. There were 2 children, 2 teens, and 4 adults that were grateful for the opportunity to be here. It was great to have the help of new church, Kailua Community Church coming to serve in this outreach. These friendly faces were welcome additions to our service team. We look forward to working with them again along with reliable team helpers from Windward UCC, Unity Church, St. Ann's, St. Anthony's and the 4C's Church helping with meals or overnite hosting.

We are doing our second rotation the week of April 1 through 7. We would appreciate your gracious support again to make it happen. Mahalo!

The River of Life Outreach was set for Thurs. March 1 this month. The slate of helpers were pretty full at less check so I hope that we can offer the inhouse meal rather than a take out this time. It is disappointing that we do not have someone who can share a message during the worship time of singing but please continue to pray for God to provide leaders who can share a message of hope for our friends on the streets.

Our Transitional Housing Ministry is taking a break as the Homeless Situation brings new opportunities for housing being available... So, given those who would be positive candidates for our program are the first that would be eligi-

ble to moving into the new Transitional Housing Units by Sand Island, we are on call while and we are good with that. We are excited though for the next family that God will bring our way. Keep the ministry in your prayers please.

Our **One Great Hour of Sharing** special offering will be received on Sunday, March 11. Please consider a generous donation that will help provide nourishment and income for those who engage in mission through OGHS. You can: become a disaster volunteer, make a financial contribution, connect through Social Media, or become an OGHS Ambassador. Your participation helps places lacking health and educational resources and/or where disaster has struck. Mahalo for your kind consideration. A special envelope will be available in your bulletin the first Sunday of March and back up envelopes will be in the chair pockets on the second Sunday when we will be receiving the offering.



### WEDNESDAY MORNING MOVIE TIME

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study group had a great start with its first showing of THE YOUNG MESSIAH movie. Thanks to Stephenie Moderow and Keith Schultz, friends of KCC, the room was decorated with eye catching touches of movie mania along with them bringing in a larger screen television that was user friendly to our seasoned eyes. It was a fun time had by all—seniors and a toddler, old friends and new ones, just enjoying a fun time together. We're already talking about next month's movie, "God is Not Dead" to be held on the last Wed. at 9:00 a.m. Remember guests are more than welcome!





**TRUSTEES NEWS**

Greetings from the KCC Trustees,

Your Trustees for 2018 are Dennis Fong, Susan Morita, Vernon Pang, John Sakamoto, Myra Yamada, Maureen Wakuzawa and Patti Myers, Chairperson.

We all are appreciative of your trust and excited to help guide the church, as we take care of the property and finances of KCC.

Thank you for passing the budget in December 2017 as we move into 2018, the Trustees are open to suggestions or needs you see to our building and campus, please talk with anyone of us. The upcoming "WORK DAY" is fast approaching on Saturday, March 10, 2018 your time and dedication to assist is always appreciated, this is a great way to share your talents and have time with church friends.

Behind the scenes in January, a wonderful donation to the sanctuary was received, in the form of a new computer to run the projector for our worship services.

We continue to run the rolling magnet over the front yard for those pesky nails, so for now we still discourage any parking in the front, until the nails diminish.

We look forward to serving the congregation throughout this year, as your brothers and sister in Christ,

Blessings,  
Patti Myers

**JOIN US FOR KCC WORKDAY**

*Sat. March 10, 2018 – 8:30 a.m.*

*Let's prepare our place of worship  
for the Easter season.*

*Lunch will be provided.*

**WORSHIP NEWS**

St. Matthew's United Church of Christ

While in Baltimore during my recent visit there, I searched for a church to worship in on a particular Sunday. I finally came across a UCC church that was not too far away. It was a beautiful church building with lots of stained glass. The people there were warm and friendly and hoped I would be back to worship with them again. It was a fairly large sanctuary, but just 20 people worshipping. They told me they could no longer afford the building and so had to sell it and the Baltimore Children's Choir now owns the building. They're not sure how much longer they will be able to continue as a church. The sermon that day was very good. The minister's message is what I want to share with all of you. He said that we should not focus on what we believe to be true about Jesus, such as "Born of the virgin Mary". Instead we should focus on what we can do to follow Jesus and his teachings. What Jesus taught people to do and say and act towards others is what we should strive to do and that is what is truly important in our believing in and following Jesus.

June

**Psalm 16:1-2. Keep Me Safe O God**

"Keep me safe O God, for in you I take refuge."  
I said to the Lord, "You are my Lord".

This Psalm, along with Psalm 91:14, I believe saved my sister in law's life.

During my recent trip to Baltimore, I learned how close to dying my sister-in-law came. Mel's brother Ron and all of his family live in Virginia near the Washington D.C area. Now that our son Brenton and his family live in Baltimore, Maryland, we've had opportunities to visit with Ron and his family. On a recent trip to Asia, Ron's wife, May, began experiencing chest pains for the first time in her life. She suspected it was cardiac related, but being on a busy, exciting and fun tour with friends and classmates, denial set in, especially know-

ing she had a recent physical just prior to embarking on this trip. The pains would come and go, initially very brief, and occasional ones lasting a bit longer. Upon returning home, 10 days later, visits the doctor began along with ensuing tests and testing. It wasn't until the angiogram, when they were told she had a 99% blockage of a coronary artery that they realized that she could have easily had a fatal heart attack at any time. My brother-in-law Ron is a very devout Catholic, never missing mass ever since converting to the Catholic faith in high school. I am convinced that his prayers and faith in God all these years helped to protect May while they were overseas on their trip. We may not see God, but there will be times when he will make his presence known to us and cover us with his love.

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Psalm 91:14. Those who love me, I will deliver. I will protect those who know my name.

**KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

| Date: | Adults | Children (under 12) | Visitors |
|-------|--------|---------------------|----------|
| 02/04 | 49     | 04                  | 02       |
| 02/11 | 40     | 08                  | 02       |
| 02/18 | 44     | 07                  | 02       |
| 02/25 | 59     | 02                  | 02       |

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

| March 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 |

**MARCH**

- 01 – Thurs. River Of Life Outreach
- 04 – Sun. Guest Pastor, Rev. Richard Kamanu  
Communion. Congregational Mtg.

- 7 – Wed. Wed. Morning Study, 9:00 a.m.
- 10 – Sat. KCC All-church Workday, 8:30 a.m.
- 11 – Sun. Guest Pastor: Rev. Lauren Buck Medeiros. OGHs Offering taken. Deacons Mtg. and Trustees Mtg.
- 14 – Wed. Wed. Morning Study, 9:00 a.m.
- 15 – Thurs. HIM Conference, 5:30 p.m.
- 16 – Fri. Office closed.
- 18 – Sun. Guest Pastor: Rev. Lauren Buck-Medeiros, Missions Mtg.
- 21 – Wed. Wed. Study, 9:00 a.m.
- 25 – Sun. Palm Sunday. Holy week begins. Guest Pastor: Rev. Chris Eng  
Movie Fellowship, *The Shack*.
- 28 – Wed. Wed. Morning Movie: *God Is Not Dead*.
- 29 – Thurs. Maundy Thurs. Service, 6:30 p.m. @Windward UCC. Communal Service only, no supper.
- 30 - Fri. Good Friday holiday observed. Office is closed.



**WORSHIP LEADER**

Paul Grable

**AUDIO**

Barney Pilla

**GREETER/ USHERS**

Dan Jessee

**VISUAL**

Debbie Fong

**LIGHTS & SCREEN**

Barney Pilla

**PIANO/ORGAN**

Scott Baehrens

**KING'S COMPANY**

April Jessee

**Flowers:**



- March 04 – Ruth Uyechi
- March 11 – Nani Oda
- March 18 – Jean Miyaji
- March 25 – Ruth Uyechi

**PULPIT SUPPLY FOR MARCH & APRIL**



- Mar. 04 – Rev. Richard Kamanu
- March 11 & 18 – Rev. Lauren Buck-Medeiros
- Mar. 25 – Rev. Chris Eng

**THE LAMB OF GOD**

Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God,  
Who takes away our sin,  
He came the sinless Son of God  
To cleanse our hearts within

He hung upon the blood-stained cross  
Thinking of you and me,  
Dying like some hardened criminal,  
His body in agony

His blood flowed down from the cross;  
His body tormented with pain  
He cried out to His Heavenly Father,  
But it seemed no answer came

People stood and jeered at Him,  
Mocking to the end  
Who Jesus was and why He came,  
They couldn't comprehend

Their hearts were indifferent to the Lord;  
Their consciences grew ever cold  
His mother watched on - unable to bear it  
As the sword pierced through her soul

As you try to grasp this picture,  
The pain that Christ went through,  
Remember that day you were on His mind,  
He endured it all for you

Just so you could know His love  
And forgiveness for your sins,  
To know His resurrection power  
And to have His life within

He cares that much about your life,  
He endured the cross for you  
Like those who jeered, or those who loved,  
With Jesus - what will *you* do?

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**HOLY WEEK AT KCC**

This month we continue to receive the blessings of wonderful messages during the Lenten season. This will take us through to Easter Sunday where we will by then have had Rev. Richard Kamanu, Rev. Lauren Buck Medeiros, and Rev. Chris Eng prepare us for Easter Sunday when the Rev. Gabrielle Chavez, HCUCU Intentional Interim Conference Minister honored us by accepting our invitation to worship with us on this extra special day.

Maundy Thursday Service (Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>) will be held at Windward UCC this year. Pastor Jane was kind enough to invite us to join their communal service that begins at 6:30 p.m. Please see June Tom for possible participation in the service.

Good Friday can be shared at St. Christopher's with a Stations of the Cross independent walk through anytime between 12 noon to 3 p.m. and a service to begin at 7:00 p.m.

On Easter Sunday, April 1, we plan to have a simple breakfast at KCC for all who can make it from 8 to 9 a.m. (Please see June Tom on how you can be of help).

We are still not sure of the confirmation of Easter sunrise at Makapuu Lighthouse so stay tuned as we continue to research this. Reserve 5:30 a.m. for this possibility.

We look forward to Rev. Chavez celebrating this special time of worship with us and look forward to the Good News that she will share.

Immediately following the service, April Jessee, CE Chairperson will facilitate a Egg Hunt for the children. (Please see her if you would like to extend your support with treats And/or an extra hand).

**We welcome all to come celebrate Jesus together with the family at KCC.**





**SPECIAL TIMES – SPECIAL PEOPLE!**



KCC (River of Life) Kitchen crew too busy to stop and take a group picture. (Humility 101)

**Pics of our Deacons Undershepherd Groups**



Paul's group – with John taking pic.



Debbie's Group.



Myrtle's Group



**MAHALO!!!! GUEST PASTORS:**



Rev. Dr. Paul Brennan Rev. Lawrence Roller



Pastor James Kwong Dr. Randy Furushima

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THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018

River of Life Outreach
downtown Chinatown
5:20 p.m. leave for mission.

SUNDAY, March 4, 2018

Special Guest Pastor,
Rev. Richard Kamanu
~ Communion Sunday
~ Congregational Meeting: Annual Report



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

9:00 a.m. – every Wed. Morning.
“Amazing Things God thinks About You”
All are welcome to attend.

Last Wed. of Month, March 28
Special Movie: “God Is NOT Dead”

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018

KCC All-church Workday
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Come join us in preparing our house of
worship for Easter! Lunch will be provided by the
Trustees. Hope to see you there!

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018

~ Guest Pastor: Rev. Lauren Buck Medeiros
~ OGHS Offering received.
~ Deacons Meeting and Trustees Meeting

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS MINISTRIES
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
“JUST JESUS”
MARCH 15-17, 2018
HAWAII CONVENTION CENTER

HIM is the largest annual gathering of
Christians in Hawaii, celebrating 35 years
of ministry in 2018. Join us as we worship,
pray, learn, love, grow together across de-
nominations, cultures, generations and dif-
ferences as the beloved Body of Christ.

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

See Kammy regarding scholarship opportunity.

NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP IS
Cancelled for March.



Next Scheduled meeting will be
on May 19, 2018

Due to guest speaker’s scheduling conflicts and
some health issues, we will not have gathering.
Please call the office with prayer or support needs.

HOLY WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

PALM SUNDAY

Special Guest Pastor, Rev. Chris Eng

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE at
Windward UCC 6:30 p.m. No meal will be
served. Communal Service only.