

# Waves of Faith

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*Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to one hope when you were called -- one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. (Ephesians4:2-6)*

These words are a reminder of how we should strive to be in life, and especially in the Body of Christ at KCC. As many of you are aware, there exists a split in our congregation relating to different views of KCC and what its vision should be. People have different theological views on the Bible and its teachings. There are different views on what we should be looking at for in a new pastor. There are different views on how we conduct church and the role of a pastor.

I bring this difficult subject up not ask you to take my side or any other one's for that matter, but rather to inform you that your Council is considering several options to address this situation. I mentioned in the March newsletter that Council would be receiving a list of interim candidates with mediator skills from the Hawaii conference. However, there are no local candidates available at this time. There may be some on the mainland, but we need to first submit a job description with the Hawaii conference. Council will be reviewing and submitting this job description in the coming weeks. Council has also decided to consider looking into contracting with a local mediator to assist us with our differences. We are also considering a local

pastor that currently has his own church, who might be willing to help and has experience in mediation. This local pastor has an associate that is a lawyer who has done mediation for the courts who also has a masters degree in marriage and family therapy and in addition is an facilitator with the Bible Institute of Hawaii. Council will also be considering a mainland pastor that visited KCC last year with his family who was interested in applying for the interim position once he updated his resume and submits it to the Hawaii Conference.

As you can see, there is quite a bit going on with respect to moving forward with the goal of finding a permanent pastor.

During this time we encourage you to keep your Council members in your prayers as you continue to pray for God's leading of KCC's future. We value your place in this family of God and hope you will make yourself available as we make some challenging choices -- together.

As Luke 1:37 states, "*For nothing is impossible with God.*"

Love in Christ.

Dean, your Moderator



## **Pulpit Supply for MAY:**



May 06 – Rev. Chris Eng  
May 13 - Rev. Gloria Imamura  
May 20 – Testimonies  
May 27 – Rev. Clarence Liu

**DEACONS MESSAGE**

At the last deacons meeting we joyfully welcomed Vernon Pang. As we now have four deacons, a fourth undershepherd group was created and a list of the four groups is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. At the meeting we also held discussions regarding the benevolence fund, communion, prayers and visitations, the movie matinee held in March, and shared concerns regarding the hiring of both the interim and the settled pastor.

Some questions/concerns that were brought up were: What should be our next step if no local interim pastor is available? Where are we in the process of searching for both an interim and a settled pastor? Is it possible and would it be acceptable to hire an interim pastor of another denomination? We need someone with mediation skills who is able to provide pastoral care and preach on Sundays. It's been a year since Pastor Jack left, time is of the essence.

We encourage you to please share your thoughts with the council members so they are made aware of your concerns.

We also want to remind you to contact your deacon if you have any prayer requests or concerns. There is no doubt that prayer is a powerful thing indeed, and we wish to share with you the following devotion about prayer written by Greg Laurie:

*"Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere."*

—Ephesians 6:18

*I heard the story of three ministers debating the best posture for prayer.*

*One minister shared that he felt that the key was in the hands. He always held his hands together and pointed them upward as a symbolic form of worship.*

*Another minister suggested that real prayer was conducted on one's knees. That was the only way to really pray.*

*The third said that they were both wrong. The only position in which to pray was to lie on the floor, flat on your face.*

*As they were talking, a telephone repairman had been working in the background, listening. Finally, he couldn't take it any longer. He blurted out, "For me, the most powerful prayer I ever prayed was while I was dangling upside down by my heels from a power pole, 40 feet above the ground!"*

*Listen: the posture of prayer is not the most important thing.*

*The main thing is to pray!*

- *You can pray in any position, at anytime, anywhere.*
- *You can pray publically, privately, verbally, silently.*
- *You can be kneeling, standing, sitting, lying down, or even driving.*
- *You can pray with your eyes open or closed! (Ever make eye contact with someone while praying?)*

*Sometimes we think that perhaps the Lord will hear our prayers more readily if they are prayed in a church building. But that is not necessarily true.*

- *Daniel prayed in a lion's den.*
- *David prayed in a field.*
- *Peter prayed on and under the water.*
- *Jonah's prayer was heard from the belly of a whale!*

*It doesn't matter where you are . . . Just pray!*

*Share this today:*

*The posture of prayer is not the most important thing. Just pray!*

**PRAYERS & PRAISES**

Please keep in your prayers

~ Ruth Uyechi

~ Dora Kim

~ Mildred S. Sakamoto

~ Ongoing Search for an Interim Pastor and a Settled Pastor

~ The Abe and Chang families on the loss of Jolene's father, Mitsuji Abe, a dear and long-time friend of KCC.



Our sincere condolences go out to the family of Sadie Hayes. Sadie passed away from a heart attack in March. A memorial service will be held at Mililani Mauka Chapel, Mililani Memorial Park Road at Ka Uka Blvd. on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Visitation at 9 a.m. and Service at 10:30 a.m. Tel: 677-5631 ext. 1

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Linda Umetsu  
Bert Yoshioka  
Cera Soma  
Betty Ota  
Stan Nakamura  
Lia Lau  
Walter Yeda  
Lily Lee  
Pua Todd  
Matthew Chang

Kim Terada  
Lara Higashi  
Sherie Oga  
Ken Nakamatsu  
Winchell Lee  
Dan Tamashiro

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**



Gary & Cleo Nham  
Bert & Judy Yoshioka  
Larry Takumi & Jo-Ann Komori  
Randy & Cindy Imai

**MEMBERS & FRIENDS UPDATES**

As we try to update our records to best serve you, we ask for your kokua in filling out the form provided which has been revised to include a contact emergency number and a section you might help us be aware of any allergies or concerns that might assist you better in an emergency. MAHALO.

**KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
04/01	84	11	02
04/08	52	05	02
04/15	52	09	00
04/22	52	03	00
04/29	54	08	01

**HONORING OUR MOTHERS**



This year on Mother's Day we would like to invite you to give special tribute to your own mother and share with us her best attribute(s) or possibly your favorite memory about her. We want

to post these on the breezeway bulletin board for everyone to enjoy for the rest of the month of May. We will provide 4 by 6 cards for you to use as a guideline for your submittal. You are welcome to decorate it any way you would like. Pictures can be copied and returned if you submit them earlier in to the office. We are also excited that the men will be hosting a Mother's Day potluck lunch that Paul Grable has agreed to coordinate. All questions/comments can be directed to him. Hope that you will take this opportunity to honor your mom with the rest of your KCC family.



**Seeking Your Help to Recognize Our 2018 Graduates**



Please help us identify our 2018 grads so we can share a blessing with them and invite them to a celebration of their achievement. If you know of these grads, please let the church office know so we can contact them. Mahalo!

**SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP-**

Starting in June, the Wednesday Morning Study Group will be switching to their summer schedule. The group welcomes all to attend the planned craft making/sewing events with a fun addition of starting the morning off with a 30 minute exercise portion. The last Wed. of each month will still be featuring a Movie Fellowship that starts at 9:00 a.m. Please see Nancy, Stella, Alice, Dot, Nani, Pam, Jennie, or Stephenie for more details. **We welcome any donations of fabrics and craft supplies for these summer projects.** Mahalo.

**TRUSTEES NEWS**

Greetings from the KCC Trustees,

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



The Trustees continue to seek your input on suggestions or any needs you see for our building and campus, please talk with anyone of us.

We will continue with projects to maintain all the great work that was accomplished during the March 10th Work Day. Your time and dedication to assist is always appreciated.

KCC has been approached by a local small business interested in the possibility of renting a room for a few hours a week. With this inquiry, the KCC Trustees and Council would like any church members interested in participating & forming an outreach ministry team, the goal would be to look at use of facility and community service needs. This is a potential way to provide additional income for KCC and fill needs in the local Kailua community. If interested please contact Patti.

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

Blessings,  
Patti Myers

**HELP FOR OUR NEIGHBORS ON KAUAI**

Council has approved a freewill offering to be taken through May in response to the inquiries made as to how we may be of support to our friends on Kauai, who were hit hard by the devastating storm. A box located in the back of the sanctuary will be marked for your donations. Checks can be made to the HCUCC with a notation – *Hawaii Disaster Relief Fund*. Cash donations can also be made but you would need to identify the donation to be able to credit your giving statement for 2018. Mahalo for your kind consideration.

**mission Update**

One of our 5 special offering requests by the UCC is the **Strengthen the Church offering** which will be received on Pentecost Sunday. Your past support of the STCO was greatly appreciated. Through this offering, our congregation contributed to the continued expansion and revitalization of the UCC. First, half of your offering supports ministry in our local conference (HCUCC) while the second half goes towards supporting the strengthening of the church nationally. Please join us in common missions, vision, and purpose by supporting the Strengthen the Church offering. We will collect this offering on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> this year. Special envelopes will be provided in the bulletin the week before and will be available in the chair pockets the day we will receive the offering. Mahalo for your kind consideration.

**NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP**

Come join us on Saturday, May 26, 2018!

This will be a quiet time to catch up with each other - share our health journey with each other, share a tip with others, provide feedback and advice on medical practitioners and Medicare concerns. It has been a while since we have had time to simply talk story.

It will also be a good time to invite others outside of our church who are facing cancer issues and concerns.

We are also fortunate to have AED Institute of America, Inc. coming at 10:30 a.m. to share some helpful information and training regarding  
Heart Attack vs. Cardiac Arrest  
When and how to perform CPR  
How to use an AED

All are welcome to attend the guest speaker presentation even if they cannot make the first hour of the Support Group fellowship.



Meeting/Prayer Time: 9:30- 10:30 a.m.  
Guest Speaker: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
light refreshments to follow

If you cannot attend, but, have a prayer request,  
please let me know.

If you are interested in bringing in a speaker,  
please also let me know.  
We can work together to make arrangements.

Mahalo and God Bless!  
Myra Yamada  
Facilitator for Na Anela Support Group

The Joy of the Lord is our Strength!



**YOU'RE INVITED TO SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY – Sunday, May 20, 2018.**

We are seeking two or three people of any age to come forward and share their testimony, a personal story of their coming to know the Lord and deciding to become a follower of Christ. We do have some helpful hints to assist you in accomplishing this 3 to 5 minute presentation. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 261-0125 or see Kammy at your earliest convenience. Mahalo for your consideration.

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



Rev. Dr. Gabrielle Chavez



Rev. Phillip Reller



Rev. Bill Cunningham



Rev. Christopher Eng



**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
Sunday, May 20, 2018

In the Christian liturgical year, Pentecost is a feast celebrating the Holy Spirit's descent upon the twelve Apostles. For the Eastern Church, Pentecost also refers to the entire fifty day period in between Easter Sunday and Pentecost.

The word Pentecost means "the 50th day" because the Pentecost celebration occurs seven weeks, or fifty days, after [Easter Sunday](#). Some Christians refer to Pentecost as the "Birthday of the Church."



Rev. JP Sabbithi



Special Times / Special People



**GOD HAS PLACED  
YOU WHERE  
YOU'RE AT IN THIS  
VERY MOMENT  
FOR A REASON,  
REMEMBER THAT  
AND TRUST HE IS  
WORKING  
EVERYTHING OUT!**



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

May 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		

**MAY**

- 01 – Tues. HolaKeiki Spanish School 2-5 p.m.
- 02 – Wed. Wed. Morning Study, 9:00 a.m.
- 05 – Sat. OAUCC Mokupuni, 8 to 1 p.m.
- 06 – Sun. Guest Pastor: Rev. Chris Eng  
Communion Sunday.
- 08 – Tues. HolaKeiki School
- 09 – Wed. Wed. Morning Study, 9:00 a.m.
- 13 – Sun. Guest Pastor: Rev. Gloria Imamura  
Mother’s Day Potluck by the men.
- 15 – Tues. HolaKeiki School
- 16 – Wed. Wed. Morning Study, 9:00 a.m.  
Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 – Fri. Memorial Service for Sadie Hayes  
@ Mililani Mauka Chapel, 10:30 a.m. off of Ka Uka Blvd.
- 20 – Sun. Pentecost Sunday.  
Testimonies in worship.  
Strengthen the Church Offering received.  
HIM DVD – Dan Chun/ David Choi  
8:30 a.m. *The President’s Address*  
and *The Great Provision*
- 22- Tues. HolaKeiki School
- 23– Wed. Wed. Morning Study, 9:00 a.m.
- 26 – Sat. Na Anela Support Group with guest  
speaker regarding CPR and AED  
usage
- 27 – Sun. HIM DVD – Francis Chan, 8:30  
a.m. *Making Church Sacred Again*  
Guest Pastor: Rev. Clarence Liu
- 28 – Sun. Memorial Day Holiday Observed.
- 29 – Tues. HolaKeiki
- 30 – Wed. Wed. Morning Movie Fellowship,  
9:00 a.m. King David (Part 2)

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**WORSHIP LEADER**

June Tom

**AUDIO**

Barney Pilla

**GREETER/ USHERS**

Paul Grable

**VISUAL**

Diane Lee Pilla  
& Debbie Fong

**LIGHTS & SCREEN**

June Tom &  
Barney Pilla

**PIANO/ORGAN**

Scott Baehrens

**KING’S COMPANY**

April Jessee

**Flowers**



- 06 – Pam Morikawa
- 13 – Dot Suzuki
- 20 - Richard & Alice Esaki
- 27 – Stella Wakamatsu

**HIM CONFERENCE 2018 HIGHLIGHTS**

**JUST JESUS**



**HIM 2018**

**Starting on Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost Sunday, we will offer** DVDs of speakers who shared at the conference this year. We will offer them on Sunday mornings beginning at 8:30 a.m. for anyone interested. Because these speakers share messages that are approx. 45 minutes long we want to give you time to take a short break to stretch before worship begins. We hope you will join us in the library during this time.



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SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018

Communion
Special Guest Pastor,
Rev. Chris Eng



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, May 30, 2018
Movie Fellowship

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018

Special Guest Pastor,
Rev. Gloria Imamura, English Ministry
Associate Pastor of Makiki Christian

Happy Mother’s Day!
Potluck Lunch hosted by the men of KCC

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018

Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Please keep your leaders in prayer
especially during this time.

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018

Pentecost Sunday
HIM DVD @ 8:30 a.m.in the library
Testimonies from KCC Ohana
Strengthen the Church – Special Offering
to be received.
June Newsletter Deadline.

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018



Na Anela Support Group – 9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. Guest Speaker will share about
Heart Attack vs. Cardiac Arrest
When and how to perform CPR
How to use an AED
Refreshments to follow. All are welcome.

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018

Special Guest Pastor: Rev. Clarence Liu
Retired Chaplain at Hospice Hawaii and at the
State Hospital

MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018

Memorial Day Holiday Observed.



Remembering those who gave their lives.