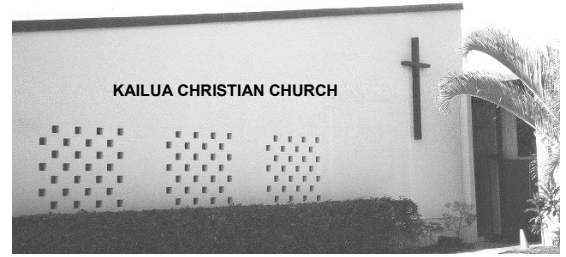


# Waves of Faith

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*Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
And lean not on your own understanding;  
In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He will make your paths straight.*  
(Proverbs 3:5-6)

Thank you all for your continued prayers and faith that the Lord will lead us to a place where we will once again have a permanent pastor. One of the steps to accomplishing this ultimate goal is to find an interim pastor that will assist us in coming together and deriving a vision statement that will represent who we are at KCC and what we believe.

Some positive news was presented to us at the June Council meeting. Three names of potential interim-pastors were presented. We will be speaking with these individuals in the coming weeks and we hope that one of these individuals will feel called to work with us at KCC. We ask for your continued prayers regarding this process.

Of course finding an interim-pastor is just the beginning. We need all of your help in determining our vision for KCC. Some will say that this has already been done and why would we want to repeat the whole process. As a reminder, a vision was never adopted by our congregation. We need to create a vision that the congregation as a whole will adopt as to who we are and what we believe. We will also want to make sure every effort is made to reach out to all of our members to provide them an opportunity to be involved in this most important process.

At some point, a pastoral search committee will need to be formed. We do not have the specific date on when this committee will be formed. However, we ask for your continued prayers to determine if this is a committee that you feel called to serve on. If you do feel called to serve, please let one of the Council members know and we will keep you on a list of potential candidates to serve on this committee.

As we await our exciting future, please consider how you can be involved in the happenings at church. We continue to look for people to assist with our after church snacks including set-up and clean-up. Thank you to all who have been assisting with this over the past months...and in some cases, years.

Happy Fourth of July to all! Thank you for your continued support as we move forward in our future together at KCC!

Love in Christ!

Dean, your moderator  
Love in Christ!  
Dean

## **Pulpit Supply for JULY:**



July 01 - Rev. Joshua Hayashi  
July 08 - Pastor Bob Marchant  
July 15 - Rev. Don Asman  
July 22 - Rev. Howard Yoshida  
July 29 - Rev. Clarence Liu

**DEACONS MESSAGE**



This past Sunday as we waited for worship to begin, the sanctuary was filled with sounds of people greeting each other with hugs, handshakes, smiles and laughter. There were old timers, new comers, charter members, visitors and members who haven't worshiped with us in a while and two rows of youth and their leaders from First Congregational Church in Salem Oregon. Seven year old twin girls were passing out programs and leis for the youth. The pianist played beautifully. A tall haole guy lit the altar candles and worship began. How wonderful it was to feel the warmth and love in the sanctuary! May God continue to bless us with moments like this as we welcome all who come to worship with us.

*BINGO FELLOWSHIP* is happening after morning worship on July 15. Please check your closets for prizes you can donate. Something old or little used would be great for prizes or something new would be nice, too. You could bring something you made like a jar of guava jelly or a small potted plant or vegetables from your garden!

Fellowship activities are great for getting to know each other and for introducing a friend to KCC. If you are interested in a particular activity let us know and we will do our best to arrange it. Don't forget the Garage Sale on Sept. 8.

In Jesus Name,  
Debbie Fong, Paul Grable, Vernon Pang,  
Myrtle Terada



**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

The 2018-2028 Strategic Plan for the Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ was worked out at the recent 195<sup>th</sup> Aha Pae `aina. A copy is available to review in the back of the sanctuary or you can review online @ [www.hcucc.org](http://www.hcucc.org) website under Conference Strategic Planning.

**PRAYERS & PRAISES**



Please keep in your prayers  
~ Ruth Uyechi  
~ Dora Kim  
~ Mildred S. Sakamoto  
~ Jane Look  
~ Winnie Nakamura as she adjusts to Hilo  
~ Ongoing Search for an Interim Pastor and a Settled Pastor

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Sarah Weible	Malia Hagmann
Aaron Tanaka	Jane Tengan
Ann Noguchi	Maddy St. John
Devryn Mon	Bruce Lee
Marlene Garcia-King	Noelani Strohlin
Fred Masuda	David Yoneshige
Jiggs Tamashiro	Harry Imai
Justin Lau	Lori-Joy Watanabe
June Tom	Rebecca Weible
Dennis Fong	
Patti Myers	
Larry Siu	
Kale Peters	
Jenai Umetsu	
Alianna Ramos	
Lillian Ishihara	
Karen Miyahara	
Sats Nemoto	

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**



Alan & Gail Yoneshige  
Dan & April Jessee



**KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
06/03	49	07	02
06/10	42	00	00
06/17	61	01	02
06/24	51	09	18



### **Former Clerk's Corner**

I have just finished my thirtieth year of teaching at Honolulu Community College. I teach in the Computing, Electronics & Networking Technologies program, which puts our program, dead square in the middle of the exploding field of cybersecurity. I cannot help but see the similarities between the virtual battles we fight in cyberspace and our spiritual battle of faith. Both battles are fought in arenas which are normally not seen by the naked eye.

The primary method an attacker initiates a cyber attack is thru a phishing e-mail or with a malicious website. Upon clicking on the link of a phishing email or visiting a malicious website, malware (malicious software) is loaded and executed on the victim's computer system. This malware will then either; harvest information, encrypt information, or perform some sort of malicious activity on the victim's system. In most cases the malware will also create a backdoor which the attacker can use to perform more malicious activity on the victim's system and move laterally in the remote network and attack more systems in the remote network.

I cannot help but see the issues facing our church today as malware being dropped into our church by the enemy. One of the truisms of warfare is to divide and conquer. In 2 Chronicles 20, the Israelites are doing battle against the fierce armies of Ammon, Moab and their allies from Mount Seir. Greatly outnumbered and facing likely defeat. God instructs the Israelites to "Give thanks and sing praises to the Lord". At the moment they began to sing and praise the Lord, the enemies began fighting among themselves. By the time the Israelites reach the lookout to meet their enemies in battle, their enemy all lay dead. Not a single one of them had survived.

I remember being at a KCC council meeting about 40 years ago. We were discussing something (I don't remember what it was) and Jiggs Tamashiro (one of the original founding members of the church) chimed in. He said "You know I had a tough week. When I come to

church on Sunday, I am looking for that one piece of hope from Reverend Howard to carry me thru the week". The room went silent.

We live in an unprecedented time in history. Nowhere in history have we been exposed to so much going on in our world. We are made aware of much injustice and mistreatment of individuals. How can a child of God not be moved into action. How can God not be calling us to rise up and take action to mitigate and relieve some of the pain and suffering facing our world today?

As there are similarities between our spiritual battle and the battle in cyberspace, there is one big difference between the two battles. Our country currently fends off thousands of cyber attacks per day by nation states such as China, Russia and yes North Korea. Our country has ramped up our cyber defenses and we are doing a better job, but the end victor of this cyber battle is yet to be determined.

However, in our spiritual battle, the end result has already been determined. In a moment of pure love, the only person without sin to walk the face of our planet (Jesus Christ) was hung on a cross and died a brutal and humiliating death. He died as part of God's perfect plan to serve as an atonement (payment) for our sins so that we can be reconciled back with God. Three days later, Jesus would rise from the dead, thus defeating death and providing a pathway for us to gain eternal life. This is what we call the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This "Good News" is that while we were still sinners, Jesus died on the cross as a payment for our sins. It is Jesus Christ on whom we derive our name "Christians", as we are followers of Jesus Christ.

Herein lies what I believe is the true challenge for us believers. How do we live as "Victors in Christ" in a fallen world? In a world which tells us that we need a faster car, fancier clothes, have more "likes" on Facebook, or even witness to a certain amount of people in order to be "successful" in life. How do we live out one of the resounding themes of the Bible, "We are complete in Christ"?

I cannot help but think back to Jiggs. It is nice to come to church. Here we receive warm greetings from our members, worship and pray together. We also receive the reassurance that God is still in control and that our hope for life, is not in what you or I can do, but in what Jesus has already done. I believe the message of the Gospel to be quite simple. Believing, accepting and living out this message in today's world is the difficult challenge.

Moving forward I really believe we need to look backwards. We need to go back to focusing on the fundamental truths of our faith (such as the Gospel of Jesus Christ) and on the foundational truths of what Kailua Christian Church was built upon. These foundational truths which are defined within the Bylaws of Kailua Christian Church provide the framework from which we can move forward. I leave you with a scripture which has provided comfort to me. *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.*

Hebrews 13:8

Aloha,  
Aaron Tanaka



### **NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP**

Saturday, July 28, 2018

Come join us for our bi-monthly support group meeting on Saturday, July 28, 2018! 9:30-10:00 We will have a short time to catch up with each other (share our health journey, share health tips and provide feedback and advice on medical practioners, long-term care and Medicare concerns. If you cannot attend, but, have a prayer request, please let me know.

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

We are very fortunate to have a couple of friends of KCC, Keith Schultz and Stephenie Moderow, provide a short demonstration workshop on making your own bonsai, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### **Bonsai**

Getting in touch with nature yields a host of benefits such as peace and tranquility of mind and spirit.

Styling your own "little tree" will bring you closer to experiencing the calmness, and certainly a delight, of creating your own masterpiece.

KCC invites you to join Bonsai Master Keith Schultz in sculpting a tree while learning a little bit of the Art of Bonsai.

Please inform the church office if you will be attending so we can be sure to have adequate supplies available. Your creations are yours to keep free of charge.

Hoping to see you on July 28 and please join us for some refreshments following the presentation.

Mahalo, VR, Myra



### **SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP**

The Wednesday Morning fellowship is going strong and 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. Invite a friend to come with you to this fun time when they can meet others and just enjoy the fellowship.

The last Wed. of each month will still feature a Movie Fellowship that starts at 9:00 a.m. July's featured movie will be *I Can Only Imagine*. This movie follows the true story of Bart Millard, lead singer of the Christian Band, Mercy Me, and how he wrote the beloved song which is now one the most played radio singles.



# mission Update

## RIVER OF LIFE OUTREACH

Special Thanks go out to everyone who supported our River of Life Outreach Ministry. Our last event held on Thurs. June 7<sup>th</sup> provided a meal that served 162 guests and Diane Lee Pilla offered a message of hope during their worship service. It is always a privilege to bring encouragement to our friends at the Mission.

Our next event is scheduled for Thurs. Sept. 6 and we hope to provide another blessed event with your help. For now, we offer a big thanks to the people who picked up supplies, delivered the food, baked the brownies, shredded the chicken, prepared a message and the music, and serviced all the guest with a delicious meal. As we adjust to who will coordinate this ministry effort from this month on, we sincerely want to thank Dan Jessee for his long and faithful efforts to coordinating this ministry for a number of years now. We welcome and encourage more helpers to join us in providing a message and a meal for this worthy ministry.

We want to acknowledge the great job that this ministry is doing with Pastor Bob Marchant back as Executive Director and the Chocolate with a Mission ministry providing work and training for the staff of this business, in addition to making some really good chocolate treats that are available for purchase for your special events.

A special plea has been made by this ministry for donations of gently used clothes for men and for new packaged underwear for men (sm. and med. in most demand) that will be distributed to our friends on the streets of Chinatown. Distributions are made every Mon. and Thurs. and all through the week days donations can be dropped off at KCC or ROL mission during office hours.

***MAHALO FOR YOUR  
KIND CONSIDERATION!***

## NEXT FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

August 5 – 12, 2018

KCC will host our guest families through the week with overnight accommodations and meals while here on the property.

We send out a big mahalo and aloha to Program Director, Christel Magallanes who is leaving the program in the capable hands of Josh Gaoteote. Josh recently received his Master's of Social Work at UH, but he also has over 14 years of experience in working with children and families. Josh will coordinate the intake process for all families entering the program as well as set weekly goals with families to help them with employment, savings, housing, and access to benefits. Josh is responsible for all program development, implementation, and evaluation.

Special thanks to all who can lend a hand for this ministry outreach for our houseless families. Donations of supplies and making meals are greatly appreciated.

Since Jan. 2018, Family Promise has assisted 19 families, housed 16 of these families, and is currently serving 7 families.

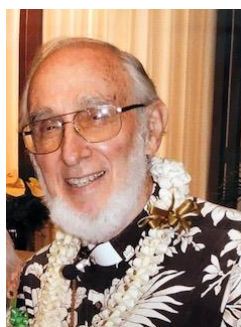
## MAHALO!!!! GUEST PASTORS:



Rev. Sharon Inake.



Rev. Phil Reller



Dr. Paul Brennan



Rev. Bunny Oliver

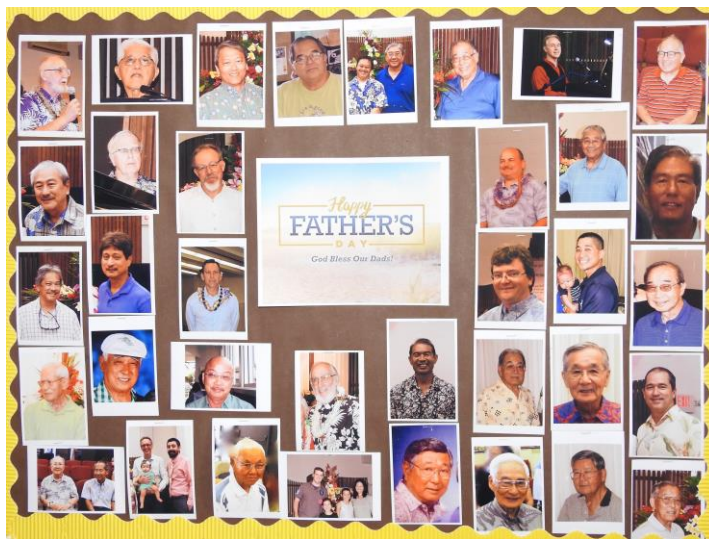


**SPECIAL TIMES – SPECIAL PEOPLE!**



**Celebrating and honoring our ohana!  
for Mother's and Father's Days**

Enjoying worship with our new friends from First Congregational Church UCC in Salem, Oregon. KCC welcomed them as guests before and after they attended the Western Regional Youth Event at the University of Hawaii at Manoa along with 400+ youth. The event was hosted by the HCUCC. We were all blessed by this time and special mention was made of what a wonderful tree we have to enjoy and meditate under! It comes highly recommended!



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

July 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				

- 01 – Sun. Communion Sun.  
DVD Highlights from HIM, 8:45 am  
Guest Pastor, Rev. Joshua Hayashi
- 04– Wed. Happy Birthday America! Holiday observed. Church office will be closed.
- 08 – Sun. HIM DVD Highlights 8:45 a.m.  
Guest Pastor: Bob Marchant from River of Life Mission in Chinatown
- 10 – Tues. Four C & KCC Mtg. 1:00 p.m. in Prep for joint worship service.
- 11 – Wed. Wed. Morning Fellowship
- 15 – Sun. HIM DVD Highlights 8:45 a.m.  
Guest Pastor: Rev. Don Asman  
BINGO Fellowship after worship
- 18 – Wed. Wed. Morning Fellowship
- 22 – Sun. HIM DVD Highlights 8:45 a.m.  
Guest Pastor: Rev. Howard Yoshida
- 25 – Wed. Wed. Morning Fellowship Movie – I Can Only Imagine, 9:00 a.m.  
Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 28 – Sat. Na Anela Support Group, 9:30 a.m.  
Bonsai Presentation, 10:00 a.m.
- 29 – Sun. HIM DVD Highlights 8:45 a.m.  
Guest Pastor: Pastor Clarence Liu



**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**WORSHIP LEADER**  
Paul Grable

**AUDIO**  
Barney Pilla

**GREETER/ USHERS**  
Shane Soma

**VISUAL**  
n/a

**LIGHTS & SCREEN**  
Barney Pilla

**PIANO/ORGAN**  
Scott Baehrens

**KING’S COMPANY**  
On break for Summer

**Flowers**



- 01 – Arcadio & Michelle Martinez Ramos
- 08 - Paul & Kammy Grable
- 15 – Jean Kanazawa
- 22 – Brian & Sue Nakashima
- 29 - Ruth Uyechi



**HIM CONFERENCE 2018 HIGHLIGHTS**

**JUST JESUS**



**HIM 2018**

DVDs of speakers who shared at the conference this year will continue to be featured on Sunday mornings in July between 8:45 a.m. and 9:45a.m. in the church library. We hope you will join us.



**WELCOMING YOUR DONATIONS for our Saturday, September 8 GARAGE SALE**



Small items are now being accepted for the garage sale. Call the church office for possible pick up of eligible donations.



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SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018

Communion



Special Guest Pastor,
Rev. Joshua Hayashi

HIM Conference DVD Highlights, 8:45 a.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018

Four C & KCC Meeting
1:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Join us as we plan the joint service for August.

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018

Special Guest Pastor, Rev. Don Asman
HIM Conference DVD Highlights, 8:45 a.m.
BINGO FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP
All are welcome!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!



Fourth of July -
Church office will be closed.
Holiday Observed!

WEDNESDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIPS

9:00 a.m. Exercise class
9:30 a.m. crafts and sewing ministry
through the month

Last Wed. of Month, July 25, 2018
Movie Fellowship: "I Can Only Imagine"

SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2018

Special Guest Pastor: Pastor Bob Marchant
Executive Director of River of Life Mission

HIM Conference DVD Highlights, 8:45 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2018

Special Guest Pastor: Rev. Howard Yoshida
HIM Conference DVD Highlights, 8:45 a.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2018

Na Anela Support Group
9:30 a.m. Prayer/Update Support
10:30 a.m. Bonsai presentation.

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2018

Special Guest Pastor: Rev. Clarence Liu
HIM Conference DVD Highlights, 8:45 a.m.