

Waves of Faith

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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Luke 11:9

Thank you to all members and friends of KCC for continuing to pray for our church. Thank you for your continued patience as we continue to search for an interim pastor to assist us with deriving a vision for KCC and guiding us to find a permanent pastor. There is some great news to share!

Your church leaders will be interviewing 2 potential interim pastor candidates in the latter part of August. We are excited that these candidates are willing to meet with us to possibly serve in this calling. I have had the privilege of speaking with these candidates on a couple of occasions and they are both extremely well qualified with years of training and serving different churches as interim pastors. Both of these candidates have provided pulpit supply to KCC and each of their sermons were informative as well as inspiring. These two candidates are truly gifted with the Word of God. Please pray for your church leaders and these interim pastoral candidates as we embark on the beginning of a new journey in the life of KCC.

As an informational note, your Council is tasked with choosing the interim pastor as has been done in the past. I ask you to continue to pray for KCC, members, friends, and its leaders that we can always remember to be patient and have faith that God has a plan for all of us. This

is an exciting time, and we should embrace God's words and promises that if we ask, it will be given to us.

Please also prayerfully consider how you might use your gifts to serve at KCC. We are having a church clean-up day on Saturday, August 18th where we will be able to clean our place of worship where we are able to honor God. Perhaps you will be able to assist with this. It is always a great time of fellowship working with other members and friends of KCC. Please let any of your leaders know if you have ideas on how you might help out at KCC. We always welcome hearing new ideas.

Peace in Christ!

Dean, your moderator



Pulpit Supply for AUGUST:



August 05 - Rev. JP Sabbithi
August 12 – Rev. Nelson Kwon
August 19 - Dr. Martha Stinton
August 26 – Rev. JP Sabbithi

DEACONS MESSAGE

Power v Love



A Christian leader recently suggested that unconditional love is the opposite of the exercise of power. I have thought a lot about this lately as it applies to the Church and I think this concept is worth examining.

The primary things that Jesus told us to do with respect to each other (including our enemies) are to: **care** for each other, **serve** each other, **forgive** each other, **love** each other, **submit** to each other, and **not worry** about anything. He also told us to love, serve and submit to God. These are all forms of expressions of love which he commanded us to do.

Jesus did not call us to exercise power. Nowhere did Jesus tell us to fight for or advocate for anything. In fact, the only people that Jesus appears to be critical of are those who were exercising power, especially the religious leaders. He didn't tell us to fight for social justice, or advocate for the rights of the poor, or condemn sinners, or fight against the powers that be, or advocate against paying taxes. He said to render to Caesar that which is Caesar's and render to God that which is God's.

The established American churches have become very politically active over the past few decades both on the left and on the right. In the name of Christianity, both sides are fighting for political power against each other to support their particular political point of view. This appears to be the exact opposite of what Jesus taught us to do and possibly a primary cause of the decline of the Christian Church in America. The Christian Church may be in decline in the West because it has abandoned the teachings of Jesus that we love each other and has instead focused on exercising power over each other.

Our church leaders in the UCC and at KCC have been telling us that there is nothing we can do about the decline of the Christian Church and that we ought to focus on the income producing potential of our real estate as the way to survive and promote social justice. Another alternative is to return to the teachings of Jesus and loving-

ly submit to Him and to each other and He will do what He wants with His Church.

Respectfully Submitted, Paul Grable, Deacon



PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Please keep in your prayers
- ~ Ruth Uyechi
 - ~ Dora Kim
 - ~ John Sakamoto on the loss of his wife, Mildred in July.
 - ~ Sharon Mon's son, Brian and daughter-in-law, Adele as she goes through a kidney transplant. Also to Adele's sister who is sharing her kidney.
 - ~ The 4C Church on the death of 3 members
 - ~ Reggie & Myra Yamada and family on their loss of Reggie's mom, Yoshino Yamada. Private services will be held in late August.
 - ~ The family of Jane Look, (Kammy's mom) A Memorial Service will be held on Mon. August 20 at Hawaiian Memorial Park in Kaneohe. 10 a.m. visitation, 11 a.m. Service.
 - ~ Ongoing Search for an Interim Pastor and a Settled Pastor



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Melvyn Tom
- Howard O. Yoshida
- Grace Glenn
- Mary Ann Nemoto
- Ruth Masuno
- Gail Yoneshige
- Jasmine Teruya

- Cassie Grable
- Muriel Teruya
- David Yoneshige
- Lois Yoshioka
- Dr. Michelle Pangilinan
- Kanani Todd
- Jordan Chang
- Rayn Jessee



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Ken & Chris Nakamatsu
- Eric & Mary Ann Nemoto
- Mel & June Tom
- Cary & Irene Kano
- Vernon & Jennifer Pang
- George & Ada Kaneoka
- Aaron & Collete Tanaka

KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

| Date: | Adults | Children (under 12) | Visitors |
|-------|--------|---------------------|----------|
| 07/01 | 53 | 06 | - |
| 07/08 | 41 | 06 | 01 |
| 07/15 | 56 | 04 | 03 |
| 07/22 | 57 | 05 | 02 |
| 07/29 | 36 | - | 02 |



BUILDING FUND OFFERING

Will be received on Sunday, August 19, 2018

Thankful—

Have you ever thought of how blessed we are to be able to worship every Sunday in air conditioning, comfortable seats and with Power-Point? I give thanks every Sunday thinking of other churches that requires set up and breaking down every Sunday; they have no sanctuary, no classrooms and no property. We are so fortunate and comfortable to be here at KCC. However, at this time our church is needing restoration and preservation, and therefore we ask that you prayerfully consider giving generously to the building fund that will be collected on August 19, 2018.

Our church has been blessed by serving in many ways. Over the years we had a playground, pre-school, language school and music school, held weddings, funerals and housed other organizations who benefited from our church grounds.

As you give your donation, “remember” how generous you are in giving so others can benefit from you. The time is now to preserve and restore what we have been blessed with.

From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked. Luke 12:48

Susan Morita
Trustee



(The following was offered for inclusion into our Newsletter from a past member of KCC, Harvey Lee who want to share his thoughts.)

Challenge Is Opportunity

I have been reading the church newsletters and I keep running into Kailua Christian Church (KCC) old and new members. The current challenge (division of KCC) is not new to the existence of the small church surrounded around a residential area. God built the church (KCC) for a special reason - ministry to the membership and ministry to others in our community.

God built the church without completing the people’s dream of a chapel. God wanted the social hall that doubles as a church chapel to be the focus of the church. God wanted the KCC members to have bible studies and prayer meeting in the homes across the island. I remember as a child passing out soda to the men and women building the social hall walls and the people in the kitchen preparing lunches.

317 Manono Street started with an Issei congregation (Japanese Language Membership) that wanted a Japanese-speaking minister although the numbers of members were declining. However, the Nisei congregation was growing (2nd Generation) and they wanted an English-speaking minister to draw a broader group thus growing the church.

Fifty years later, half the (older) members of the church wants a minister that focuses on the bible teaching and home prayer meetings. The other half of the members want the same but want to focus on growing the church membership by providing social services similar to human service agencies.

The lack of a minister and the split in the church created a new leadership. It created a lay leadership in people like David Kerr, Walter Miller and David Murata. These men led bible studies, developed prayer groups in people homes, and spoke from the pulpit with the guidance of Makiki Christian Church. It seems like years that KCC did not have a minister.

The OPPORTUNITY was the small church grew listening to God’s word and praying for each other. The legacy of the Issei congregation continues to this day in the church with the focus of bible study and spending time listening to God speak through prayer. The Nisei congregation lives in the church staying open to small changes and they are not focused on the pledges.

Is God speaking to everyone heart? Is God asking the congregation to step up and guide with lay leadership? Should we all study the history of KCC and spend more time listening to God? The solution for the Issei and Nisei was joint PRAYER meeting listening to God. It was not organizing to get more people on the search committee.



A BIG MAHALO TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL GUEST PASTORS!



Well Done Good and Faithful Servants!



JOINT WORSHIP WITH CHUUKESE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Kailua Christian Church will be sharing worship with the Chuukese Congregational Church of Christ on Sunday, September 30, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. A potluck lunch will follow. KCC will be providing one large main dish and congregants are invited to provide side dishes such as other main dishes, salads and desserts.

The United Church of Christ has a vision of a just world for all. In this world all are welcomed, everyone is loved and justice is inherent. The 3 Great Loves is the denomination’s opportunity to express how our **Love of Neighbor, Love of Children, and Love of Creation** work together to address the inequities in our current world. Our joint worship service is adapted from a “Love of Neighbor” initiative.

After many years of sharing our space with the 4C’s, we at KCC know little about our Micronesian “neighbors”, nor do they know much about us as individuals. This worship service will be a small way to bridge that gap. Individuals from both churches will be doing readings. There will be a time of sharing of who we are during the customary sermon time.

In past years, we have collected our offering the Chuukese way and we will continue to do so. The 4C’s explained that giving should be joyous, supported by the happiness of song and dance in a circle. Often seven circles are completed matching the seven days of the week. This method is used to encourage “a joyful giver.” They did however remark that it is not disrespectful for people to not participate in the “circle” or if they chose to remain seated after one round; or just choose to “dance.” It is noted that all cash donations will be equally shared between the 4C’s and KCC.

Please come share this special Sunday with our “neighbors.”



NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP

Saturday, July 28, 2018 was a great day of fellowship and satisfaction for the 15 KCC members and friends who joined in with the Bonsai club led by Master Sensei, Keith Schultz and dear friend of KCC, Stephenie Moderow. They brought along 7 new friends to assist us in learning the art of bonsai. Their generosity provided us with a deeper appreciation of this art and this fun time extended even through the delicious potluck lunch that followed. Wish you were there for this blessing! Everyone left with a smile on their face and a new plant to take home to nurture.



Don't miss our next gathering in September
Grieving, A Healthy Process
 Facilitated by KCC's dear friend,
Dr. Ruby Ovitt
Sat. September 22

Focused around the verses of ~ Matthew 11:28-30
"Come to me, all ye who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."
 ~ Psalm 34:18 *"The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."*

All are welcome! 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

The Wednesday Morning fellowship continues and welcomes all to attend the planned craft making/sewing events with the 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 the month will feature a Movie Fellowship that starts at 9:00 a.m. August’s featured movie will be “Do You Believe?” *When a priest is shaken to the core by the visible belief of a street-corner preacher, he and a lot of other people come together and start to question their religious beliefs and what they really mean.* All are welcome to attend. Invite a friend!

mission Update

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.

Special thanks to all who signed up to lend a hand for this ministry outreach for our houseless families. Donations of supplies are still still being received and are greatly appreciated.

Kudos to First Hawaiian Bank for their generous \$10,000 grant which was utilized to renovate the family computer lab at the FP Honolulu Day Center. They now have a functional, computer lab that families can utilize to search for employment and housing. The space is utilized by staff to teach financial literacy lessons and keiki also have access to the room to complete school assignments.

2018 So Far... Family promise has housed 35 families so far this year, compared to 23 families this time last year. That’s a 52% increase in the number of families who have exited into

permanent housing! Mahalo for your part in helping to change lives!

SPECIAL TIMES – SPECIAL PEOPLE!

KUDOS!



for helping by sharing your gifts and talents for the good of others!

Special thanks to Nathan Nemoto for helping to carry up all the garage sale donations left downstairs in the hallway earlier this month.

Special thanks to Joe Macupa for sharing the children’s message on the first Sunday of the month. And special thanks to Stella Wakamatsu for sharing her beautiful puakinikini leis for our special guests throughout the summer....

FOODLAND’S GIVE ALOHA PROGRAM IS GEARING UP FOR SEPTEMBER

Foodland’s Annual Community Matching Gifts Program, was created in 1999 to continue “Sully” Sullivan’s legacy of giving back to the community. Foodland directs its charitable giving to organizations that are important to it’s customers. We sincerely appreciated the support that we have received in the past. We humbly request your donations once again to support the ongoing ministry efforts of KCC.

You can donate up to a total of \$249 throughout the month of Sept. with your Maika’i Card. Foodland will give that to KCC along with an additional donation at the end of the month. More details to come.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| August 2018 | | | | | | |
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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

- 05 – Sun. Communion Sun.
Guest Pastor, Rev. JP Sabbithi
Logan Myers will have a Video presentation on Israel following the Worship Service.
Family Promise Week at KCC
- 08 – Wed. Wed. Morning Fellowship, 9 a.m.
- 12 – Sun. Guest Pastor: Rev. Nelson Kwon
- 15 – Wed. Wed. Morning Fellowship, 9 a.m.
- 17 – Fri. Admissions Day Holiday, office is closed.
- 18 – Sat. All-church Workday, 8:30 a.m.
- 19 – Sun. Building Fund Offering received.
Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Martha Stinton.
- 20 – Mon. Church Office will be closed.
- 21 – Tues. Special Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 22 – Wed. Wed. Morning Fellowship, 9 a.m.
- 25 – Sat. Tentative Special Council Meeting
- 26 – Sun. Guest Pastor: Rev. JP Sabbithi
- 29 – Wed. Wed. Morning Fellowship Movie – “Do You Believe?”, 9:00 a.m.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

WORSHIP LEADER

Joan Sakaba

AUDIO

Barney Pilla

GREETER/ USHERS

Paul Grable

VISUAL

n/a

LIGHTS & SCREEN

n/a

PIANO/ORGAN

Scott Baehrens
Nani Oda

KING’S COMPANY

On break for Summer



Flowers



- 05 - Barney & Diane Lee Pilla
- 12 - Ruth Masuno
- 19 - Richard & Alice Esaki
- 26 - Reggie & Myra Yamada

Mahalo to our Altar flower providers.



WELCOMING YOUR DONATIONS
for our Saturday, September 8 event

We continue to accept donations for our Garage Sale set for Sat. Sept. 8. A big Mahalo for your generosity to this fun event. We always look forward to this neighborhood gathering where we see familiar faces and welcome new faces--hopefully that we see again in worship. Funds raised will assist in replacing our expired projector and audio/visual needs. We encourage your participation in this project. A sign-up sheet will be available in August to fill in the schedule to volunteer on that day.



PLANNING AHEAD!

Consider attending Bible Institute of Hawaii’s Fall class that will be offered here at KCC,

Women of the New Testament and Early Church. Sept. 21 - Oct. 26, 2018. This 6 week class will be held in Room 3 on Fri. mornings from 9 to 11a.m. Join Dr. Martha Stinton and meet the many women whom God used to influence and help build the early church. In a world where women lacked equal status with men, you will be inspired by how Christian women represented Christ in their culture. Reg. Fee - 2 for the price of one. Bring a friend.

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Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2018

Communion

Special Guest Pastor,
Rev. JP Sabbithi



Special video presentation by Logan Myers on his
trip to Israel. All are welcome to attend.

Family Promise week hosted at KCC begins and
runs throughout the week.

WEDNESDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIPS

9:00 a.m. Exercise class

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

Last Wed. of Month, August 29, 2018
Movie Fellowship: "Do You Believe?"

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018

Special Guest Pastor: Rev. Nelson Kwon

Sincere thanks to Nani Oda for being available to
lead music today.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2018

Admissions Day Holiday - Office will be closed.
Please call your deacon in case of an emergency.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018

ALL-CHURCH WORKDAY!
8:30 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
Lunch will be provided!

Come enjoy the fellowship and serve the Lord!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018

Special Guest Pastor, Rev. Dr. Martha Stinton
KCC Building Fund Offering to be received.
Your support of this special fund is greatly
appreciated to assist in the large expenses, not
always budgeted for.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS
WILL BE SCHEDULED.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018

Special Guest Pastor: Rev. JP Sabbithi