

# Waves of Faith

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## MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

*“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”*

-Philippians 4:19

Aloha fellow members and friends of KCC!  
I have great news to share with you. At our August Council meeting, your leaders interviewed a candidate for the interim pastor position. The interview lasted for over an hour and half with good dialogue regarding his past experiences and studies in interim ministry.

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that your Council unanimously voted to recommend Pastor Chris Eng as our interim minister. We will be having a congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> to vote on hiring Pastor Chris as our interim minister. Many of you are familiar with Pastor Chris as he has graciously provided pulpit supply on several occasions over the last two years.

The interim pastor will be assisting us in bringing our church together. He will also be looked at to assist us in deriving a vision statement that we can adopt to represent our beloved KCC. He will also be looking at having meetings with as many members as possible to understand what they each consider important at KCC. Council decided that this will be a part-time position based on our finances and it also happens to be what Pastor Chris is able to commit to.

Pastor Chris was educated at UH Manoa where he earned a BA and a MA degree. He went on

to Fuller Theological seminary where he received his Masters of Divinity and further studied at San Francisco Theological Seminary where he received his Doctorate of Ministry. Pastor Chris has served in several churches over his career. He retired from Waiiokeola Congregation Church in 2015 where he served as senior pastor for 10 years. Prior to that, he was the full-time pastor at Waipahu United Church of Christ where he served from 1985 to 2005. Pastor Chris also is certified in interim ministry as he completed a 60 hour course with the Hawaii Conference. Pastor Chris works as an on-call chaplain for Hospice Hawaii.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend and participate in this important congregational meeting. This is a beginning step as we move forward with our process of finding a permanent full-time pastor to lead KCC in the future. Please continue to pray for KCC and your leaders as we continue on our journey!

Love in Christ!

Dean Wakuzawa, Moderator

## Pulpit Supply for September:



Sept. 2	Rev. Alpha Goto
Sept, 9	Pastor Sean Okomoto
Sept. 16	Still Pending
Sept. 23	Pastor James Kwong
Sept. 30	Joint Worship with

our Chuukese brothers and sisters of the Chuukese Congregational Church of Christ

**DEACONS MESSAGE**

## Loss of a Loved One



As I grow older I'm starting to realize what a short time we have here on earth. It seems like I have been attending quite a bit of funereal services lately of friends and relatives including people from our own KCC ohana. I often ask myself how we can find comfort and peace when we have lost a loved one through death. In doing some research here is what I found and would like to share with you.

If you have lost a loved one through death, you know that it is a painful experience. Jesus understood the pain of losing someone close to His heart. In the Book of John (11:1-44), we learn that Jesus lost a loved one named Lazarus. Jesus was deeply moved and wept at the loss of His friend. This story, however, doesn't end in tears. Jesus knew He possessed the power needed to raise Lazarus from the dead. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:25). Jesus overcame death through His resurrection. It is comforting to know that death is not the end for those who believe. Those who know Jesus as Savior will have eternal life (John 10:28). God has prepared a new home for us where there will be no more death, tears or pain (Revelation 21:1-4).

Even if we are assured that our loved one is in a better place, we still experience the pain of their absence on earth. It is okay to grieve the loss of your loved one. Jesus wept over the death of Lazarus, even knowing He would bring Lazarus back to life. God is not afraid of our emotions or our questions. We can pour out our burdens on Him and trust in His love to provide us reassurance and comfort (1 Peter 5:7). We can remember the many good things about our lost loved ones and rejoice in the fact that we were able to share in their lives. We can share stories about the impact our lost loved ones have had on our lives. We might find it comforting to do some of the things our lost loved ones particularly en-

joyed or to spend time reminiscing about our lost loved ones with other close relatives and friends. We can also honor their memory by living our lives in a way that brings honor and glory to God.

It is important to remember that God is ultimately the source of our comfort (2 Corinthians 7:6). While it is good to remember our lost loved ones and to honor their influence in our lives, the Bible is clear that we are not to pray to lost loved ones or worship them in any way. Instead, we bring our prayers to God and ask Him for comfort and healing. The Bible tells us that God is the father of mercies and that He will comfort us in all our tribulations (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). Be assured that God loves you and that He understands how much you are hurting. Run to the shelter of the Most High where you will find sweet rest (Psalm 91:1-2).

Vernon Pang  
Deacon

**PRAYERS & PRAISES**

Please keep in your prayers

- ~ Ruth Uyechi
- ~ Dora Kim
- ~ John Sakamoto's son in law,  
Tony S. and granddaughter, Sephera M.
- ~ Bev & Dale Vallejo-Sanderson and family
- ~ All who grieve the loss of loved ones.
- ~ All the leaders of KCC who are serving the needs of our KCC Ohana.



Praise God for his grace in providing

- ~ Helpers who step up to fill the needs and support the ongoing ministries of KCC.
- ~ Ongoing Search for an Interim Pastor and a Settled Pastor
- ~ Programs like Give Aloha by Foodland and Western Union that encourage service to community efforts.
- ~ Guest speakers who bless us with messages that honor God and brings us closer to him.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



- Loretta Lee
- Gary Nham
- Katelyn Wakuzawa
- Saeko Yoshida
- Deidre Harrison
- Richelle Nemoto
- Logan Myers
- Jean Sakata
- Natsuko Matsushima
- Stella Wakamatsu
- Kauai Miller
- Kiley-Reese Kano
- Maika`i Miller
- David Yoneshige
- Bob Minamoto
- Mitsi Higashida
- Grace Myers
- Sam St. John
- Lance Ling

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- Reggie & Myra Yamada
- Dennis & Debbie Fong
- Stan & Akiko Nakamura
- Carl & Sats Nemoto



**KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
08/05	61	04	07
08/12	49	03	06
08/19	53	10	04
08/26	44	05	00



**THE CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE**

We have a core group of young children that regularly attend our worship service. There is a need to continue with the Children’s Message as well as King’s Company during worship to help them understand what the Bible is about as well as what it means to be a Christian. If you feel called to help in this area or would like to participate with your input, let us get together to help put together a program.

**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**

**Grieving, A Healthy Process**

**Dr. Ruby Ovitt**

**Sat. September 22, 2018**

**9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

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 to join us for this special time of encouragement for anyone who grieve emotionally because of the loss of their loved ones.

Dr. Ruby Ovitt, a dear friend of KCC have shared these workshops at other churches and through BIH classes and provided great support and insight to help those who are grieving. Bring your Bible, notebook and pen and even a friend who you know could use comfort from their losses....

Because we want to take advantage of all we can Learn at this time, we will begin at 9:30 a.m. promptly without the earlier gathering that we normally hold.

We have asked Dr. Ovitt to bring her two books in case someone would like to purchase them – My Journey of Healing from Cancer and Reaching Out to the Broken-hearted. She sells them at a discount and donates some of her proceeds to HBA to assist families who have gone through challenges and financial hardships.

We will have a potluck lunch following the presentation and invite all to stay for more fellowship time. Hope to see you there.



**A BIG MAHALO TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL GUEST SPEAKERS!**



Rev. JP Sabbithi Dr. Martha Stinton Nelson Kwon



**Well Done Good and Faithful Servants!**



**UCC TRANSITION HOUSE**

UCC Transition House will have it's annual fundraiser on Oct. 18 at Central Union Church. This transition house is a safe house for women and their children who are survivors of domestic violence. The time is 5:30-8:30pm. Tickets are \$45 a person and checks should be made to UCC Transition House. Donations for Silent Auction, baked goods and quality craft items or household items for the Country Store are welcomed. Please support this worthy cause. A flyer is located in the breezeway bulletin board, See June Tom for more information or tickets.



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8  
 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

(Proceeds will go to the Building Fund)

Join us and invite your friends for this fun day complete with bargains and yummy treats. June Tom and Joan Sakaba have been working hard to coordinate this event and Myrtle Terada has taken on the kitchen to offer some delicious treats for you to enjoy while you shop!

We are grateful for all the wonderful donations provided by family and friends of KCC and hope everyone can benefit through this event.

Call the church office this week to help with set up and volunteering on day of event. The kitchen welcomes your treats to sell. See Myrtle.



**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Returns on Wednesday, September 5, 2018  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Room 3.

After a fun summer of fellowship, sewing and craft activities, we will again focus on Bible Study beginning the first week in September. The group will be doing a short study under the lead of Stephenie Moderow who has offered her support for the group during and after the loss of Karel Ling who helped facilitate the Study when the pastor was not available. With approval and appreciation from within the group, we too are grateful for Steff and her continued assistance while we await the availability of an Interim Pastor. We will continue to offer an inspiring movie on the last Wed. of each month that will provide a invitation to new friends to attend... and if they wish, come to the Bible study with the new friends they have made here.

**mission Update**

**FAMILY PROMISE WEEK**

August 5 – 12, 2018

A big mahalo goes out to all the wonderful helpers we had for this event. Our last round for 2018 will be the week of Nov. 25 through Dec, 1. Four grateful families were blessed by your kind support along with the helpers who saw what a difference it makes for these families.

**Global ministries – Child Sponsorship of Jayasudha P. in India is continuing.** Please see the Missions Board in the sanctuary for a letter and picture from Jayasudha. She is now 17 years old and in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Please continue to keep her in your prayers. Mahalo!

**BIBLE INSTITUTE OF HAWAII** is starting their Fall classes with a great selection of topics

and continues to offer the Bring a Friend free to the classes. BIH 's mission is to partner with churches to provide Christ-centered, life-changing biblical teaching. Their vision, Communities and individuals loving, learning, and leading in response to Christ. Please contact Kammy with any questions you may have regarding this Missions Partner of KCC.

**SPECIAL PEOPLE - SPECIAL TIMES!**



(Wed. morning exercise class)



**FOODLAND'S GIVE ALOHA PROGRAM IS HAPPENNG NOW!**

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 all of that to KCC along with an additional donation at the end of the month.

We have participated in this program for a number of years already and received in 2014 \$25,5978 in private donations to KCC and additional \$4,737 from Foodland and Western Union, in 2015, \$19,597 in private donations and an additional \$3,535, in 2016, \$12,148 was received in private donations with an additional \$2,692 added and in 2017, \$14,026 in private donations given by KCC family and friends to which an additional \$2,803 donation was generously given for participating from Foodland and Western Union.

We hope with your kind and generous support we can again be blessed to continue the work of KCC to serving the Lord and his people. Mahalo for your kind consideration.



*Worshipping with good friends, encouraging each other and working together to honor God!*

**SENIOR MOMENTS WITH A SMILE**

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly.' The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?' The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What's the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know, the one that's red and has thorns.' 'Do you mean a rose?' 'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

September 2018						
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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- 02 – Sun. Communion Sun.  
Guest Pastor, Rev. Alpha Goto  
Garage Sale Set Up after worship.
- 03 – Mon. Labor Day Holiday. Office closed.
- 05 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- 06 – Thurs. River of Life Outreach
- 08 – Sat. KCC Garage Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 09 – Sun. Guest Pastor: Sean Okamoto
- 12 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- 15 – Sat. Four C Church Celebration, 10 a.m.
- 16 – Sun. Guest Speaker pending, Congregational Meeting following worship.
- 18 – Tues. Joint Worship Planning Mtg. 1 p.m.  
Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 19 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- 22 – Sat. Na Anela Special workshop on Grief. Dr. Ruby Ovitt facilitating.
- 23 – Sun. Guest Pastor: James Kwong
- 26 – Wed. Wed. Morning Fellowship Movie – “Paul Apostle of Christ”, 9:00 a.m.
- 30 – Sun. KCC/Four C Church Joint worship  
With potluck lunch to follow.



**WORSHIP LEADER**  
Patti Myers

**AUDIO**  
Barney Pilla

**GREETER/ USHERS**  
Paul Grable

**VISUAL**  
Debbie Fong

**LIGHTS & SCREEN**  
Barney Pilla

**PIANO/ORGAN**  
Scott Baehrens

**KING’S COMPANY**  
Leaders sought

**Altar Flowers**



- 02 - Stella Wakamatsu
- 09 - Myra & Reggie Yamada
- 16 - Jean Miyaji
- 23 - Dot Suzuki
- 30 - Joan Sakaba

A big Mahalo to our Altar flower providers.



**A POSITIVE WAY  
TO GROW IN YOUR FAITH!**

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. Registration Fee - 2 for the price of one. Bring a friend. Go to [www.biblehawaii.org/courses](http://www.biblehawaii.org/courses) to register and for other classes being offered. We also have posted more BIH information on the Breezeway Bulletin Board for your convenience. Hope to see you there!



**RIVER OF LIFE  
OUTREACH**

Message and a Meal  
Thursday, September 6, 2018

Be a part of this service opportunity to provide a time of worship, fellowship and a meal for our friends at the mission in downtown chinatown. Help is needed to baked brownies (at your home) and bring them to the church on Thurs. morning, or you can help shred chicken for the meal that morning, or you can serve the meal at the mission that evening. Extra help is always welcomed. Bring a friend! Mahalo!

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Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT, 2, 2018

Communion
Special Guest Pastor,
Kahu Alpha Goto



MONDAY, SEPT. 3, 2018

Labor Day holiday observed.
Church office will be closed.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLESTUDY

9:00 a.m. Wed. mornings through month

Last Wed. of Month, Sept.26, 2018
Movie Fellowship: "Paul, Apostle of Christ"
Instead of Bible class.

HOLAKEIKI SPANISH SCHOOL

Now in session on Tues. and Thurs.
Please plan accordingly when
visiting the church and scheduling events.

RIVER OF LIFE OUTREACH

Shred chicken - 10:30 a.m.
Serve at Mission - 5:30 p.m. leave Kailua
Bakers needed to bake brownies.



KCC GARAGE SALE

Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lots of bargains and delicious snacks.
Bring a friend and join us!

\*Special note: Volunteers can help through the week
leading up to the sale. Please call office for times.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9, 2018

~ Special Guest Pastor, Sean Okamoto
~ Deacons Meeting following worship

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16, 2018

Special Guest Pastor still pending
Congregational Mtg to vote on Interim Candidate

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22, 2018

Na Anela Support Group
Grieving workshop - All are welcome!
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 23, 2018

Special Guest Pastor, James Kwong

SUNDAY, SEPT. 30, 2018

KCC/4C Joint Worship Service and Potluck