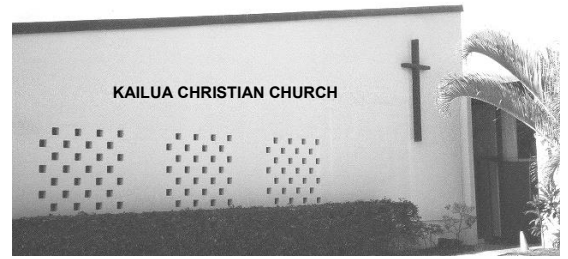


Waves of Faith

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Dear Members and Friends of
Kailua Christian Church, UCC,

Greetings in the name of Jesus
the Christ!

I'm honored to be called as your intentional interim pastor which is a part-time position. The church's Board of Trustees met with me last Tuesday, October 23 to go over the contract which spells out the agreement between myself and Kailua Christian Church UCC. Moderator Dean Wakuzawa mentioned "loving-kindness" as an important attribute of the relationships members have with each other within the Body of Christ. How did he know that my sermon for Sunday, November 4, 2018, taken from the Book of Ruth would be titled, "**Hesed: God's Loving-Kindness?**" He didn't. But God's Spirit is at work and often we will be amazed when a synchronicity like this occurs. *Hesed* is a Hebrew word that describes God's loving-kindness and this is revealed in the relationship between Ruth and Naomi. Now I am thinking that this would be a wonderful part of the focus of this church that will be working on a New Vision statement. As we go through life, there may be people who will touch us with 'loving-kindness.'

We, too, having been touched by God, will pass this along to others. It has been a blessing to have met many of you in my previous visits as a pulpit supply pastor. I now look forward to meeting others of you who are part of this community of faith within the Kailua community.

Aloha, Chris



MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of him (1 John 5:14-15)

Thank you, members and friends for continuing to pray to our Lord and Savior for KCC, its members and leaders. Our prayers have been heard with respect to calling a part-time interim pastor...Pastor Chris Eng. The trustees and Pastor Chris have been hard at work developing a contract that would be agreeable to both parties. We signed the contract on October 28th to have Pastor Chris begin his service with KCC beginning November 2018. What an exciting time for us.

Pastor Chris will provide us with pulpit supply on a regular basis. In the coming weeks and months, he will be reaching out to members to meet and get to know at a personal level. Please

take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to connect with Pastor Chris. This is a new beginning as we move forward together to develop both a vision statement and mission statement that will be agreeable to most, if not all KCC members. We will eventually be looking to form a pastoral search committee.

November will be a busy month. On November 4th, we will be handing out our annual stewardship letter, 2019 pledge cards, time and talent form as well as our proposed 2019 budget. If you are unable to attend service on the 4th, we will be mailing out the unclaimed envelopes on Monday, November 5th. Please be on the lookout for these important documents. Prayerfully consider where you might serve or how you might give to God's kingdom at KCC.

We will have one more church clean-up day on Saturday, November 10th. This is a great time to fellowship with other members and friends as we clean our church before Thanksgiving and the Advent season.

There will be an informational meeting regarding the proposed 2019 budget in the sanctuary after service on November 11th. Please plan on attending this important meeting where leaders of KCC will discuss their proposed 2019 budget. It is a time to share questions and concerns about the coming new year. On Thanksgiving Sunday, Nov. 18 we will bring our commitments of Tithes, Time and Talent and offer them back to God in our worship service. We will have a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 9th to approve the proposed budget as well as the slate officers for 2019.

In summary, please continue to pray for all of us at KCC as we move forward in this exciting time with Pastor Chris shepherding us in the coming months. This is a new beginning and we welcome all members to come out and be involved with our KCC.

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Love in Christ,
Dean



DEACONS MESSAGE



I was always amazed to hear stories of people who heard God's call by a voice, a vision or an encounter and I wished I could experience that, too. Over the years I have come to realize that God speaks to us in many less dramatic ways.

A minister friend of my parents told me, "God's call to me was a feeling, a sensing, in my heart and in my mind and my will". This was not a direct voice or vision but he responded by serving God as a pastor for over 40 years!

How is God calling you? Perhaps it's a feeling, a nudge, a sense that God is trying to get your attention. Think about the different ways you can serve at KCC. Maybe you feel that you lack the skills or the time commitment is too much. Remember that everything we have, large or small, many or few, are gifts from God. Let us use these gifts to do God's work at KCC!

PRAYER: "Here I am, O God, send me." Amen.

Myrtle Terada, Deacon



PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers

- ~ Ruth Uyechi
- ~ Dora Kim
- ~ John Sakamoto's son in law, Tony S.
- ~ Bev & Dale Vallejo-Sanderson and family
- ~ Emily Peters and family on the loss of her sister, Herberta Kalae
- ~ Florence Miyashiro's family on the loss of her daughter, Cheryl in Oct.
- ~ The family of Clyde Sugiura, Sadie's son who passed away after a recent stroke.
- ~ Rev. Salle's entire family on the loss of his nephew, Macfit Komman
- ~ All who grieve the loss of loved ones.
- ~ Our New Interim Pastor, Pastor Chris Eng



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Susan St. John | |
| Kayla Halloran | |
| Karla Cummings | Debbie Martinson |
| Heidi Cummings | Kristen Nemoto |
| Katie Gomes | Rev. Beth Plumbo |
| Terri Lipps | Rev. David Turner |
| Daniel Masuno | Sharlene Yamauchi |
| Diane Lee Pilla | Emily Peters |
| Carl Nemoto | Bryan Gomes |
| Henry Halloran | |
| John Lipps | |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



- Harvey & Sheri Oga
 Winchell & Lily Lee
 Vernon & Jennifer Pang
 James & Pua Todd

KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
10/07	42	03	00
10/14	51	07	00
10/21	43	04	00
10/28	42	06	00

**The Pidgin Ten Commandments
 Hawaiian Style
 by Pohai and Friends**

1. God is numbah one.
2. No make da kine statues.
3. Watch yo' mout. No swea wit God's name.
4. On Sunday, no can do notting.
5. Leesen to yo' muddah and yo' faddah,
6. No kill nobody.
7. No go moemoe with yo' braddah's wahine.
8. No cockaroach notting.
9. No lie, brah!
- 10.No be jealous of one noddah person's stuffs.

Oh, an one noddah ting.....no talk stink about nobody, bumbye you get bachi.



NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP

Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018

Please join us for Na Anela's last 2018 bi-monthly meeting on the 3rd Sat, Nov 17, in the sanctuary.

9:30-10:30 a.m.: This is the time to catch up with each other's health journey, share medical and doctor tips and ask for prayers for ourselves, family and friends.

10:30-11:30: HMSA's Steve McCall will be back at KCC, with his workshop on "Meditation", that will boost your emotional health!

"In this quiet and restorative workshop, Steve will invite you to explore five techniques of meditation through *Visualization, Affirmation, Mindfulness, Sound and Fragrance*. Modeled on the work of Harvard cardiologist, Dr. Herbert Benson, this workshop helps you to find techniques of relaxation most suitable to your abilities and demeanor."

Isn't this "Perfect Timing" for a relaxing workshop – just before the busy holiday season.

COMMUNITY SERVICE NEEDS

IHS Needs Volunteers for the Holidays

The Institute for Human Services (IHS) is in need of volunteers for the upcoming holiday season:

- **Thanksgiving:** IHS is looking for volunteers to be present at Thanksgiving meals at the Tutu Berts Recovery Houses. These houses are for veterans, or persons transitioning out of The Queens Medical Center in need of immediate assisted nursing, or persons needing acute drug and alcohol treatment. Specifically, IHS is looking for six volunteer groups to bring a Thanksgiving meal (unprepared or prepared) and/or to spend time with the residents at the Recovery Houses on Thanksgiving Day. IHS staff can take

care of the bulk of the meal preparation, if needed.

- **Advent:** IHS is in need of Christmas trees and decorations for the Recovery Houses and Kahuiki Village, a housing community of 30 families that was established last year. They are also looking for musicians who are willing to go Christmas caroling at the Tree Lighting Ceremonies the first week in December for IHS' major shelters (Women & Family, Men's and Hale Mauiola) and Kahuiki Village.

For questions or to coordinate a volunteer opportunity, call 808-447-2842 or email Irene Willis at irenew@ihshawaii.org.

A BIG MAHALO TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL GUEST SPEAKERS!



Rev. Tom Fujita
10/14



Rev. Alpha Goto
10/7, 21, & 28

**Well Done Good and
Faithful Servants!**

WHAT SHALL WE BRING?



**Gifts of Good News - UCC Resources
A thought on Stewardship Acts 17:16-31**

In a time of intentional focus on stewardship, the story of Paul in Athens may strike us an odd biblical story for today. Isn't this the time when we normally hear the parable of the talents; or about the foolish barn-builder; or the rich man who was shocked to hear Jesus' answer that to see the Realm of God you have to sell it all and give the proceeds to the poor?

Stewardship is about money; but not only about money. Its many facets include, among other things, the sharing of our faith. This is precisely what Paul is engaged in with the Athenians. Noting their many idols as he toured their great city, he calls attention to the one particular worship space dedicated to the unknown god. The Athenians are scrupulous in not wanting to offend the deities by leaving any divinity unacknowledged. Paul seizes the opportunity to introduce them to the God made known in Jesus Christ. The One True God. This God once unknown, has now been revealed!

In 1 Corinthians, Paul writes that we are "stewards of the mysteries of God." As people who know the nature of our God and the love that God has for all of creation, a love that is more powerful even than death itself, we are called to share this story. We are stewards of the Gospel and as such we do not hoard this good news, but we offer it to others.

Paul was radically devoted to God and the mission to tell the world of God's loving intentions toward creation. His priority was to love and serve the God who could not be contained in any idol of wood, stone, silver, or gold. When you know this to be true, it puts everything else in its proper place.

As we reflect on what it means to be a steward, we are invited to think both about our priorities and how well we have shared with others the real treasure we have in the story of our faith. How are you practicing this kind of stewardship? Who can you tell about God's unconditional love!

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a hear old? - Micah 6:6

The invitation is to come in response to the faithfulness and goodness of God. To give gifts not as a bribe or atonement, but out of a singular love for one who has made us and loved us first. And such a love will lead to action that reflects real relationships with God and with the

whole of creation. The question of what to bring is answered when hearts are committed to a life of generosity that spans from our actions and gestures to our very personality and life-style.

KCC ALL-CHURCH WORKDAY

Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



All are welcome to prepare our place of worship for the holidays! Lunch will be provided.

mission Update



Feeding the Community

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

“For I was hungry and you gave me food” (Matthew 25: 35 NRSV). The blessing of food is something that most of us take for granted. As we anticipate the approaching feast of Thanksgiving, KCC again invites everyone to bring nonperishable food items to church for collection on the Sundays of November 4, 11, and 18. The food will be displayed on a table in front of the organ in the sanctuary. On Sunday, November 18 we will bless and dedicate the food items during worship and the following day they will be taken to the St. Anthony Foodbank. Thank you already for your kindness and generosity as we remember others in need at this special time of the year.



Christ Church Uniting presents...
Handel’s Messiah Singalong
Sunday, December 2 @ 4-6pm
Singer & listeners both welcome. Scores provided.



Those interested to join the chorus, rehearsals have begun. Thursday’s 7-7:30pm at Christ Church Uniting.



2018 THANKSGIVING OFFERING

It has been the custom at KCC that the Special Thanksgiving Offering we collect on Thanksgiving Sunday be distributed to the needy in our community. The Missions Committee has always been given the honor of disbursing these funds as best as they are able with the information they have. Through the years, Hale Ola Abuse Shelter (located in Kailua) has been a steady recipient and they will continue to be again this year. In light of all the support we have asked for through the year, we felt we would recommend Hale Ola receiving 1/3 of the total funds collected and the rest would go to the UCC Disaster Relief Fund to help with the needs of victims of the floods and volcano disasters statewide. As fortunate as we are not to be one in hardship as all these victims...May we ask you to give generously for them to feel some comfort and be reminded that someone cares. A special envelope will be made available for this special offering and we will receive it on Sunday, Nov. 18 during worship. A big mahalo to all!



Special People having special moments.



Mahalo to Kahu Alpha for sharing our Children’s Message each Sunday he was here.



Mahalo to these unsung heroes from the Four C Church who provided their kind help to move tables and chairs in Room 3 and set up the sanctuary for the funeral we were having at KCC.

Special thanks to Mel Tom and Barney Pilla for braving the tall ladder to fix the spotlights and Bruce Kugiya who obtained the special bulbs for the project. Special note of thanks also to Keith Schultz and Paul Grable with the assembling of the new picnic tables (donated in celebration and thanksgiving for granddaughters, Rhone and Paisley Bay) and for the disposal of the old tables.



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Room 3. All are welcome! For Nov. classes will be held on the 7th and 14th with a

break on the 21st for Thanksgiving. The Movie fellowship is penciled in on the calendar for the 28th. Watch for details in the weekly bulletin.



Deepest sympathies to the family of Irene Kanetake who passed away at home on Sept. 17. Services will be held at KCC on Sat. Nov. 3, 2018 - 9:30 a.m. Visitation and 10:30 a.m. Service.



Special thanks to all who made this year's efforts another great success! We received in total: \$10,110 from KCC family and friends plus Foodland and Western Union added another \$2,214.03 to support our ministry efforts. MAHALO all!



RIVER OF LIFE OUTREACH LAST ROUND FOR 2018 is set for Thursday, Dec. 6th, 2018



We welcome your participation in the outreach at the mission for our friends on the streets of Chinatown. Opportunities for service in the prep of the meal at KCC at 11 and/or serving at the mission at 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. See Shane Soma for more.



FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

Nov. 25 – Dec. 1

We hope that we can count on your kind support again for our last round of hosting the families of Family Promise Ministry for 2018. As this will be at the start of the holidays, we know it means a lot to the families to have a safe and friendly place to stay to lift their spirits. We are beginning to pass around the sign-up sheet for supplies needed for the week. As you thank God for the abundance that you have, might you consider how you can share that blessing with our guest families during this week? Mahalo.



SEEKING PARTICIPANTS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PLAY

We hope you are excited about Christmas and the message we can share of its true meaning. June Tom with assistance of Scott Baehrens our music director, will coordinate the play for this year. We hope you will seek June out and volunteer to be a part of this Christmas story presentation. This presentation will be shared on Sun. Dec. 16th during worship.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 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	

- 01 – Thurs. All Saints Day
- 02 – Fri. Last BIH class on Women in the Bible facilitated by Dr. Stinton
- 03– Sat. Funeral for Irene Kanetake
- 04 – Sun. Communion. Stewardship pkt. distributed. Interim Pastor begins. KCC Food Drive begins.
- 06– Tues. Election Day. Remember to Vote!
- 07 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- 09 – Fri. Peter’s Family Funeral, v. 9 a.m.
- 10 – Sat. All-church Workday, 8:30 a.m.
- 11 – Sun. Food Drive continues. Informational Budget Meeting. Deacons Meeting,
- 12 – Mon. Veteran’s Day Holiday, Office closed.
- 17 – Sat. Na Anela Support Group, 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Meditation Workshop UCC Polity Class, 9 a.m.
- 18– Sun. Thanksgiving Sunday, Dedication Service receiving our commitments of tithes, time and talents for 2019. Receive the Thanksgiving Offering. Blessing of Food Drive Donations.
- 20 – Tues. Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 22 – Thurs. Happy Thanksgiving, office closed.
- 23 – Fri. Office closed.
- 25 – Sun. Welcome potluck for Pastor Chris Family Promise Week hosted at KCC through Dec. 1
- 28 – Wed. Wed. Morning Fellowship Movie – tentatively scheduled, 9:00 a.m.
- Dec. 01 Hanging of the Greens fellowship.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

AUDIO

Barney Pilla

VISUAL

Debbie Fong

PIANO/ORGAN

Scott Baehrens

Altar Flowers



WORSHIP LEADER

June Tom

GREETER/ USHERS

Paul Grable Jennie Lee
Pat Chinn Walter Yeda
Bruce Kugiya

LIGHTS & SCREEN

Barney Pilla

KING’S COMPANY

Leaders sought

- 04 – Mel & June Tom
- 11 – Ruth Masuno
- 18 – Joan Sakaba
- 25 – John Sakamoto

2019 Floral Calendar now posted. We welcome your help to provide flowers for Sunday worship. A big Mahalo to our Altar flower providers.

SHARING A SERVANT’S HEART

We continue to seek for a Hospitality team to set up and clean up during Sunday morning fellowship time with refreshments. Please see any Council member to offer up your services. Mahalo!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Budget Informational Mtg. – Sun. Nov. 11
- Dedication of your 2019 commitments received on Thanksgiving Sunday. Nov. 18 during worship.
- Thanksgiving Offering received Nov. 18
- Congregational Meeting, Sun. Dec. 9 to vote on 2019 Final Budget and slate of Officers.
- Installation of Officers for 2019 on Sun. Dec. 30,

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Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.
Interim Pastor: Rev. Christopher Eng

SATURDAY, NOV. 3, 2018

Celebration of Life Service for Irene Kanetake
here at KCC
9:30 a.m. Visitation
10:30 a.m. Service

SUNDAY, NOV. 4, 2018

- ~ Communion Sunday
~ All-Saints Day Observed
~ Food Drive begins
~ Stewardship Packet distributed
~ Pastor Chris begins his Interim Pastoralship.



TUESDAY. NOVEMBER 6, 2018
Election Day – VOTE

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLESTUDY

9:00 a.m. Wed. mornings Nov. 7 & 14

Last Wed. of Month, Nov. 28
Movie Fellowship at 9:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 10, 2018

ALL-CHURCH WORKDAY
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Lunch will be provided.



SUNDAY, NOV. 11, 2018

2019 Proposed Budget Informational Meeting
following worship service. We encourage you to
attend to share your questions and comments with
our ministry leaders so you can make informed deci-
sions in serving God at KCC for the new year.
~ Food Drive continues.

MONDAY, NOV. 12, 2018

- ~ Veteran’s Day, Holiday Observed.
Honor those who serve our country.
~ Deacons Meeting following worship

SATURDAY, NOV. 17, 2018

Na Anela Support Group
9:30 a.m. – Prayers and updates for group
Meditation Workshop – All are welcome!
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Potluck lunch to follow.
~ UCC Polity Class in the Library, Register with
UCC Office. 9 to 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 18, 2018

- ~ Thanksgiving Sunday
~ Dedication Service for 2019 commitments of
Tithes, Time and Talents.
~ Blessing of Food Drive Donations
~ Thanksgiving Offering Received

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Office closed. Nov. 22 & 23, 2018