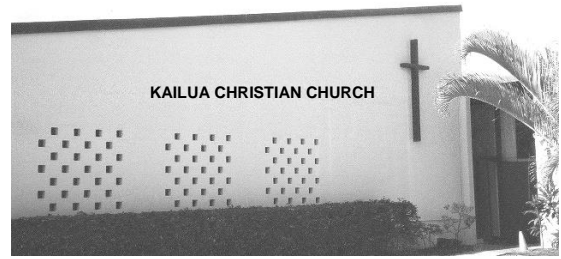


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“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

--- John 15: 12, N.R.S.V.

“The best thing about Kailua Christian Church” was asked during a Children’s Story one Sunday. I also turned to the congregation to ask several youth besides the one child who had come forward to hear a message. What I heard was what I had already known: the people, the food and fellowship after worship, the care the church reaches out to the community, the prayers we offer to God, and perhaps the most memorable response, “**God’s everlasting love!**” In my interactions with members and friends, at board and committee meetings, and just my intuitive sense, is that Kailua Christian Church is a place where there is love as Jesus spoke of in John’s Gospel.

I can say it was wonderful to be a pulpit supply pastor at KCC for several Sundays before being called to be your intentional interim pastor. On Sunday, November 4, I preached on “**Hesed: God’s Loving Kindness**” from the book of Ruth. I, too, have felt and experienced what you who are part of the body of Christ share with each other. This gift which began when the church was first organized, continues today and is to be treasured! You who are leaders have taken the torch. Those who carry on the ministry of Christ will one day hear the words, “**Well done, good and faithful servant!**”

The challenge that this church faces is the diversity of theological beliefs that exist. Discussion arise about how to interpret the Bible, what the church’s vision should be, and how the congregation should go about its mission (to name a few). Interim ministry identifies the critical issues and moves in the direction of resolution. The church will know when it has come together as one (the UCC motto from Jesus is “**that they may all be one**”) when a new, called pastor arrives!

Meanwhile, we continue to worship and fellowship on Sundays as committees, boards and the council meet to carry out the business of the church. The trustees realize the importance of stewardship in fulfilling their responsibilities. The deacons are restructuring the undershepherd groups. The council is reviewing the way the church has done things in an attempt to find better ways to accomplish God’s will for KCC. And all of us are finding ways where we can be involved in the life of our church.

Thank you for calling me as your pastor. I enjoy being a part-time intentional interim because I prioritize my time each week and select the most important tasks to accomplish. Yes, our Sunday worship is so often very special and so are the members, friends and visitors! To all of this, let us “**Praise the Lord!**”

Aloha,

Chris Eng



MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. I Corinthians 13: 4-8

This scripture is a wonderful reminder of what love is all about. Fifteen characteristics are described in this passage. These words seem so simple, yet can be hard to follow in our daily lives at times...especially when we are in the moment relying on ourselves and not seeking Our Lord's help. It provides clarity and hope for all of us. Love is eternal and divine.

I had the privilege to worship and fellowship with many people at KCC over the years. Fred Masuda and Sats Nemoto were two such individuals. I bring these two names up as I was able to attend their celebration of life funeral services this past January. The services were beautiful and we heard eulogies and words of remembrance that were truly special. Pastor Chris officiated these services and did a fine job with leading and providing reflections. Both of these KCC members gave so much to people they encountered. They lived their lives full of love as it is described above in I Corinthians. I am thankful and blessed to have known them. I know they are both looking down at KCC continuing to send love our way.

Please note that there will be a congregational meeting held after service on Sunday, February 10th, to approve the 2018 Annual Report. The Annual Report contains written reports from your church officers, committees, and boards. This meeting is required to be held per our By-laws. If you are able, please plan on attending so we may have quorum to accept the Annual Report.

Your church leaders will be attending a leadership retreat on Saturday, February 16th. The

purpose of this gathering is to discuss plans for 2019 and beyond. We will also be discussing our governing documents and duties for each officer or leader. We will work on plans for developing a new vision statement as well as mission statement for KCC. This is an important process that needs to be completed to enable us to move forward with establishing a pastoral search committee. The plans for this retreat are still a work in progress. I will have an update on this retreat in next month's Moderator's Notes.

Please continue to pray for our KCC, your leaders and fellow members and friends. Take some quiet time to see what plans God has in store for you at KCC as well as all of us at KCC. And remember to love always.

Love in Christ!
Dean



PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Please keep in your prayers
- ~ Minoru Teruya in Hospice
 - ~ Sharon Nishihira
 - ~ John Sakamoto's family for praises and prayers.
 - ~ Bev & Dale Vallejo-Sanderson and family
 - ~ Ruth Uyechi, Dora Kim, Mitsi Higashida, Kiyooko Sproat, Natsuko Matsushima, Hazel Chow, Lillian Ishihara, Ada Kaneoka, Winnie Nakamura, Hideko Mumaw, and Harry Imai.
 - ~ Rev. Carrie Bail and family for the loss of her brother who died suddenly.
 - ~ Mrs. Evelyn Ball on the loss of her granddaughter.
 - ~ All who grieve the loss of loved ones
 - ~ Our Interim Pastor, Pastor Chris Eng



Sincere condolences to the family of Betty Oi who passed away on January 9. A celebration of life service will be held at Hosoi Garden Mortuary on Sunday, Feb. 10. Visitation at 9:00 a.m., Service at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Tim Weible will be officiating the service.

DEACONS MESSAGE



Debbie Fong has been a Deacon for several terms and has this year decided not to re-up for another term. She has worked tirelessly behind the scenes as the Deacons' Committee Clerk taking minutes and keeping us organized. She has kept in good order all of the paperwork we need to do our jobs, including drafting the annual report and keeping our membership list well documented. She was also one of the Deacons serving on the committee that administered the Benevolence Fund and met with people who were requesting help. All of these are tough jobs that do not get a lot of recognition. She did a terrific job and her service on the Deacons' Committee will be missed.

Nancy Arakaki and Lily Lee have joined the Deacons this year which brings our total number of Deacons to five. They are joining Myrtle Terada, Vernon Pang and Paul Grable who are all in the middles of their two-year terms. Lily and Nancy have served as Deacons in the past and their experience and willingness to serve will be very welcome. Nancy will be taking over Debbie's Undershepherd Group and we will be creating a new Undershepherd Group for Lily. We will let you know soon how our Undershepherd Groups will change.

The following Deacons will have the positions and responsibilities indicated below for 2019:

- Chairperson: Myrtle Terada
- Vice Chair: Vernon Pang
- Clerk: Paul Grable
- Communion: Nancy Arakaki
- Benevolence Fund: Lily Lee, Vernon Pang & Myrtle Terada
- Prayer & Visitation: All Deacons

We are also scheduling the Meet Your Deacon Lunch for Sunday, March 3, 2019 after our service. So, mark your calendars.

We look forward to serving in 2019 and we welcome your input and information regarding the physical and mental and spiritual health of our congregation. Please keep us informed and

we will try to do the same by providing you notifications of church events and prayer requests.

Aloha, Your 2019 KCC Deacons



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- Keelyn Higashi
- Milla Higashi
- Kyle Nakamoto
- Mildred T. Sakamoto
- Reggie Yamada
- Jonathan Fong
- Andrew Wakuzawa
- Mark Kanazawa
- Andy Teruya
- Kua'a Harrison
- Susan Shiroma
- Dot Suzuki
- Barney Pilla

- Debbie Fong
- Jacob Kelly
- Esau Kelly
- Eliot St. John
- John Tamashiro
- Kamalu Miller
- Sean Khem
- Marissa Yamada
- Stuart Yoshida

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Liloa & Molly Hagmann
- Norman & Ann Noguchi

KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
01/06	38	04	00
01/13	44	02	03
01/20	48	05	05
01/27	49	10	10



NOTE on WORSHIP by Worship Chairperson

Thoughts From Baltimore

As I sit here in solitude, my thoughts turn to God. Tomorrow in the wee morning hours, I will be headed back to Hawaii. It has been such a joy to spend time together with my granddaughter, son and daughter in law.

However, my heart is ready to head back for home. Home is where all my stuff is. Home is where I can sleep in my own bed. Home is where I can go and do the things I want to do. Home is where I have plants to nurture. Home is where I don't have to worry about intruding. Home is where I can leave my stuff and not worry that it will be in the way.

Strangely for me, being away from home makes me feel closer to God. Maybe because my life is slower and not full of interruptions. Maybe being away from home makes me need God more.

Away from home, I always find a need to attend church to feel grounded. There's a UCC church here that I've been attending. They've gotten used to seeing me now, and I've felt very comfortable worshipping with them. One lady has made me feel especially welcome from day one, sitting next to me and being very friendly and easy to talk to. You know, it only takes one to make someone feel welcome.

I am saddened to have to leave this church. I am only one person, but I'm sure I've made a difference to them just to feel my presence. Just like back home when there's a new face, it is uplifting to the whole church. They are a small church just like us.

It was sad to break the news to them that I would not be returning any more. Brenton and his family are preparing to move to California.

I clearly felt God's hand guiding my plans here. Being that my plane tickets were bought 5 months ago, I had no idea exactly when to ar-

rive and leave, but just kind of guessed. As it turned out, the timing was just right. We arrived a few days before Lara and family were to arrive and left after they all left and also left after we were able to help Ortencia and Aileen at the airport checking in with all their excess baggage for their big move to California. (Brenton is staying back for 2 weeks to clean up the apartment and wait for the movers). I could not have planned it better without the help of the Holy Spirit guiding my plans, though I didn't realize it back then. I just put all my faith in God and he allows my life to fall into place, time and time again. Although, I am not faithful in doing daily devotions, I am faithful in going to church and serving my church. I feel guilty that I only do mini prayers throughout the week, but I think God appreciates what I do for him and sees through my heart. I am so grateful and happy that God shows his love for me by making my life "easy".

"For the Word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The Lord loves righteousness and justice, the earth is full of his unfailing love." Psalm 33:4-5

June

NOTE FROM
FAMILY PROMISE MINISTRY

Mahalo for making 2018 our best year yet!

Your donations and support made 2018 a landmark year of growth for Family Promise of Hawaii! Thanks to you, more than 380 parents and children experiencing homelessness were provided with a safe place to sleep at night, meals, support services, and help securing long-term housing.

Here are just a few things your donations made possible in 2018:

- 61 families were able to escape homelessness and move into permanent housing of their very own.

After securing housing with the help of Family Promise, 98% of families enrolled in the After Care program maintained their own permanent housing long-term!

- Through the Emergency Shelter program, 172 people (including 85 children) were provided with overnight shelter, meals and other daily necessities.
- The new Diversion program, launched in 2018, provided housing support and case management for more than 200 people who were on the brink of becoming homeless. With that help, 31 families were able to secure permanent housing, keeping them from needing emergency shelter.

We're so proud that our community helped provide housing for so many families in need last year. Let's keep it up in 2019! *Mahalo nui loa!*



NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP

Na Anela i ka hana a ke Akua members and friends were blessed with Chefs Daniel and Alice Swift's excellent preparation and demonstration - Healthy Cooking.

It was an amazing 2+ hours, where we witnessed how to prepare:

tomato soup shooters with cheese toast, mixed grain and tofu salads, somen noodle nests, braised brussel sprouts, ginger steamed fish, cucumber sandwiches and trail mix.

We also learned five helpful tips:

1. Choose your ingredients wisely.
2. Fresh vs Frozen is not a battle.
3. Use cooking methods properly.
4. Select the food you enjoy.
5. Monitor your portion sizes

Seventeen of us enjoyed "talking story" with Dan and Alice, while eating our delicious meal.

It was a wonderful reunion with Chef Dan (Kapi'olani Community College instructor) who conducted a Healthy Cooking session in our kitchen, 15 years ago.

Chef Dan will be developing a culinary program at Windward Community College. We can look forward to excellent community outreach, non-credit cooking classes!

Our next bi-monthly meeting will be on March 30, the 5th Sat. We invite all who are interested in learning how to use the Automated External Defibrillator (AED), a gift from John Sakamoto, which will be installed at our church.

More information will be provided in the March newsletter.

Mahalo and God Bless!

Myra Yamada



UCC Conference News

Charles Buck named president and CEO of United Church Funds

January 21, 2019 Written by Staff Reports

The Rev. Charles Buck, former church pastor and Conference Minister in the United Church of Christ, has been elected as the new president and CEO of the United Church Funds (UCF), the institutional investment ministry of the denomination.



Buck's leadership in the UCC spans 30 years at the local church, conference and national levels. He served as pastor of churches in Northern California and Hawaii for over 15 years, then as conference minister for Hawaii and New Hampshire for a total of 14 years.

MISSION UPDATES

The Missions ministry of KCC has tried to be faithful to fulfilling the commitments that KCC has made for the past year and will continue to do for this new year. We hope to encourage followers of Jesus to see their everyday life from God's perspective and have His heart for people. We hope for all believers to live out their lives and share the good news of what God has done through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus. We hope that together we will take this loving message to a hurting world.

Through the Windward Coalition of Churches, OCWM, Bible Institute of Hawaii, partnership of IHS and our own Transitional Housing Ministry, Family Promise Ministry, River of Life Outreach, and child sponsorship of Jayasuda in India, and our Food Drive, we remind people that God is with them. When we support our ministries of Epic Hawaii who use our facilities to help broken families back into wholeness, or give hope and encouragement through our Na Anela Support Group, and when you give your donated goods of material that are sewn into bibs and lap blankets, or shampoos and soaps and towels that are given to the care homes, homeless shelters and abuse shelters or sign up for a Meal Train (Food Calendar) to support a family dealing with some challenging issues -- all come together to be the mission of God through his faithful people.

We hope that you might consider being a part of the official Missions Committee this year. We hope you will find joy in serving in this way with the gifts that God has blessed you with.

See Kammy for more details about the committee. Mahalo for your support!

**Hawai'i Conference
United Church of Christ's
Church Leaders Event**

***Practical and
Effective Outreach***

Saturday, February 23, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Nu'uuanu Congregational Church

Minister for Church Vitality Tracy Barnowe will be our keynote speaker. The author of *Grow Your Church*, Tracy will lead evidence-based, hands-on, interactive workshops on how to do the most effective forms of outreach.

- ❖ Join church leaders for a day of networking, learning, and talking story.
- ❖ Effective forms of outreach in three areas:
 - Inviting people to church
 - Reaching out to youth
 - Connecting the church with the community
- ❖ The goal is for every attendee to leave with:
 - Solid skills
 - A clear understanding of next steps to take back to their church
 - A solid follow-up support plan for maintaining the momentum after the event

Cost:
 \$45 for O'ahu participants
 \$100 for Neighbor Island participants (includes airfare)
 \$25 late fee for registrations received after 4:00 p.m. on February 12, 2019

Deadline for registration is February 5, 2019. Please contact the church office if you are interested in attending. Mahalo.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2019						
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		



Tuesday afternoons – 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.
 Hola Keiki Spanish School uses Nursery and Room 3 for classes.
 Wednesday mornings – 9:00 a.m. to noon
 Women’s Bible Study
 Last Wed. of each month – Movie Fellowship hosted by Women’s Bible Study group.

- 01 – Fri. Family Promise Week continues here at KCC until Sunday morning.
- 02 – Sat. Gung Hee Fat Choy! Happy Chinese New Year!
- 03 – Sun. Communion Sun. Deacon’s Meeting Four C Meeting, 12:00 noon.
- 06 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- 09 – Sat. Parking area used by neighbors
- 10 – Sun. Congregational Meeting will be held To review and vote on accepting the Annual Report for 2018.
- 14 – Thurs. Happy Valentine’s Day
- 16 – Sat. KCC Leadership Retreat, 8:30 a.m.
- 18 – Mon. President’s Day, office closed.
- 19 – Tues. Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 23 – Sat. UCC Church Leadership Event
- 27 – Wed. Wed. Movie Fellowship with WMBS group, 9:00 a.m. in Room 3.

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

- 03 Deacons Fellowship Luncheon
- 06 – Ash Wednesday
- 07 – River of Life Outreach
- 10 – Lent begins
- 21 – HIM conference – Kingdom Come

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

WORSHIP LEADER

June Tom

AUDIO

Barney Pilla

GREETER/ USHERS

Paul Grable / Jennie Lee
 Pat Chinn / Walter Yeda

VISUAL

Debbie Fong

LIGHTS & SCREEN

Barney Pilla

PIANO/ORGAN

Scott Baehrens

KING’S COMPANY

Leaders sought



Altar Flowers

- 03 – Ruth Masuno
- 10 – John Sakamoto
- 17 – Reggie & Myra Yamada
- 24 – Dot Suzuki

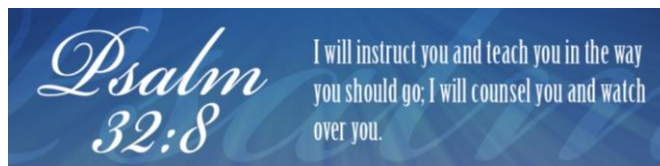
WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Room 3. All are welcome!
 1 – Gospel from Lectionary for the coming week.

- 2 – A chapter on “What on Earth Am I Here For?”
- 3 – “Taming Your Tongue” Why people speak the way they do. (Check weekly bulletins for upcoming chapters).

Mark your calendars for Wed. Feb. 27 for the movie fellowship which will feature the newest Ben Hur movie, starting at 9:00 a.m. An epic tale of betrayal, forgiveness, and redemption. Judah Ben -Hur , a jewish prince, a Roman officer (Messala, are friends—until Messala accuses Judah of treason. After spending years as a galley slave, Ben Hur returns and plots to take revenge against Messala in the chariot races. But will his encounter with Jesus show him a better way? All are welcome.



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019

- ~ Communion Sunday
- ~ Deacons Meeting
- ~ Four C and Trustee Mtg.



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WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

9:00 a.m. Wed. mornings
“What On Earth Am I Here For?”
Room 3. All are welcome.

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Sunday, February 10, 2019

Congregational Meeting following Worship.
Review and acceptance of the 2018 Annual Report.

Memorial Service of Betty Oi @ Hosoi Mortuary
9 a.m. visitation / 10 a.m. service.

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**HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY!
Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019**

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
John 3:16

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2019

KCC Leadership Retreat
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2019

Presidents’ Day
Holiday – Office will be closed.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019

Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019

UCC Church Leaders Event
at Nuuanu Congregational Church
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Register at KCC Office by Feb. 5th.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019

Movie Fellowship, 9:00 a.m.
“BEN HUR”
All are welcome to attend.