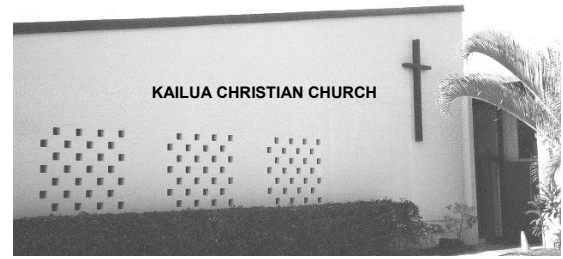


Waves of Faith

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Dear Kailua Christian Church Ohana,

On Good Friday, our church watched a film depicting Jesus' betrayal and crucifixion. Then on Easter Sunday, I was in a play that depicted the Biblical story of Christ's resurrection. This was the extent of my experience attending a Pentecostal church. As a United Church of Christ congregation, some of the following from Marti Gras through Easter may be familiar. Others which are not are simply explained.

Marti Gras or Fat Tuesday (March 5, 2019) includes the events of the Carnival Celebration that begins with the Christian Feast of Epiphany and concludes the day before Ash Wednesday. In 1988, my wife and I arrived in Seattle to experience a raucous party atmosphere on the streets surrounding Pike Market. In Hawaii, one of the tasty traditions is to bite into a freshly made malasada! At the church I served previously, we celebrated with a program in the sanctuary where many members and friends shared their gifts and talents of music, drama, speech, art, and dance. This was followed by a time of sharing desserts.

Ash Wednesday is the start of the Season of Lent. Ashes are made of palm or olive branches and burned to create a paste with water and olive oil. Congregants at the worship service here on **March 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.** will experience the '*Imposition of Ashes*' so that a cross will appear on their foreheads. The words, "*Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return*" are heard. Those attending will be able

to write down something they are dealing with in their lives. Then these slips of paper will be gathered up and burned with the palm branches.

The First Sunday of Lent will be celebrated on March 10, 2019. Lent is traditionally a time to meditate on the passion or sufferings of Jesus. Christians often use this time to '*give up something for Lent*' but others decide to '*do something for God.*' In the Ancient Church, Lent was a time to prepare individuals for baptism on Easter. There will be Inquirer's Classes for those interested in being baptized (or being confirmed, for those who were baptized as an infant or child) or who have questions about the faith (see below).

Palm and Passion Sunday, April 14, 2019 is the start of Holy Week as there may be a reenactment of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. Usually palm branches are given to parishioners to wave during the worship where Scriptures of Jesus' passion or suffering are read.

Maundy Thursday, April 18, 2019 lifts up Jesus' Commandment to "*Love one another as I have loved you.*" Servanthood is understood by reflecting on Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated followed by the Tenebrae (Shadows) as scriptures are read and 12 candles extinguished until there is complete darkness. Kailua Christian Church has celebrated Maundy Thursday in the past but we will not this year.

Good Friday, April 19, 2019 will be an opportunity for Kailua Christian Church members and friends to experience the culmination

of the Passion of Christ as Jesus' Last 7 Words on the Cross are read and reflected upon as Jesus is crucified on the cross. For possibly the first time, a Good Friday Worship will be held in our sanctuary at 5:00 p.m. (Time may be adjusted)

The Great Vigil of Easter, April 21, 2019 is usually celebrated any time after sunset on Holy Saturday (April 20) and before sunrise on Easter Sunday. Different churches celebrate Easter, some with a Sunrise Service outdoors followed by the traditional worship at the church. We will have the traditional Easter Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the KCC sanctuary.

Inquirer's Class: Sundays, March 10, 17, 24, and 31 from 11:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. in the pastor's study. Here is an opportunity to ask questions and learn About the Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation, the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the history of Kailua Christian Church, the United Church of Christ and what it means to be a member of the Church. Interested persons are welcome to speak to Pastor Chris for more details about this.

You are invited to participate in as many of these experiences as you wish. For some, the season of Lent can be a transformational time. For many, Easter is the highlight of the Christian faith as Jesus is raised from the dead and becomes our Messiah, the Christ! Alleluia! I look forward to each of the services that are planned for our church.

The Peace of Christ Be With You,
Chris Eng, Pastor



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Special Offering to be received
on Sunday, March 31, 2019

OGHS is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Mahalo for your kind consideration and support.

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.” Romans 12:2 - 6

As I write the Moderator's Notes article each month, I pray, meditate and search for scripture to share with you – members and friends of KCC. I ask for help from God through our Lord and Savior, Jesus, to help provide scripture that will enable me to convey positive, hopeful messages in this interim time at KCC. So here it is...almost March 2019. I have been looking at various scripture and Romans 12:2-6 gains my attention. I know I have used this passage in past discussions and in past articles. At this point, I already know some of the details that I will be bringing up in my March 2019 article. Hmm...I look back at my past Moderator's Notes and find that this exact scripture was used in the March 2017 Moderator's Notes article...exactly two years ago.

At first, I started to think that this cannot be the right scripture to use for this month's as it has already been used before. Then I realize a couple of things...the Bible is meant to be read and heard over and over throughout our lives and God may just want us to hear this passage again as a reminder as we move forward with Pastor Chris.

Please pray and ask for guidance as to how God may want you to serve at KCC in the coming months. This interim period will be a time to get involved when asked. Please feel free to also step forward and ask how you can be involved in areas of interest. Your leaders will be glad to speak with you.

We will be having two leadership meetings in March (March 17th after church service and on the evening of March 19th). Please note that these leadership meetings are only for the elected leaders of KCC to attend. We will let the

congregation know of what transpires at these meetings. We plan to start work on sharing what we each leader feels is important to KCC's future. We will be looking for commonality among the leaders and look to embrace these and also recognize our differences. This will be the start to developing a vision statement for KCC. The next step will be to meet with members in small gatherings to do the same. The hope is that we will develop a vision statement that all members will embrace.

As you may have guessed, we are having the leadership meeting in March as we did not have the February leadership meeting as originally planned and mentioned in last month's Moderator's Notes. I apologize for this delay. I know there are some members who have been anxious to find out what happened at our leadership meeting. Thank you for your continued patience.

Please plan on attending our re-scheduled congregational meeting to approve the 2018 Annual Report. We were unable to conduct the congregational meeting on February 10th as we did not have quorum. This meeting will allow you the opportunity to ask questions of your KCC leaders regarding their respective reports. The meeting should be relatively short.

In summary, please pray and contemplate what gifts did God bless you with? How can you utilize your gifts at KCC? A simple gift all members can bring to KCC is to attend the congregational meeting to formally accept the 2018 Annual Report. If you have not been attending Sunday services at KCC in a while, please come back...we want to see you again. We also want to have you involved in the process of moving forward with a vision statement and if you feel called to consider serving on a new pastoral search committee when the time arrives. Be on the lookout for notices of events and be ready to get involved when asked. You are important to the KCC body of Christ!

Love in Christ,
Dean

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers

- ~ Lowell & Myrtle's family on the loss of their two brother-in-laws.
- ~ Sharon Nishihira
- ~ John Sakamoto's nephew, Mike, and John's daughter and son-in-law on Kauai.
- ~ Nancy's daughter, Carol.
- ~ 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.
- ~ John & Diane Mendenhall on the loss of their home in a fire on New Year's Eve.
- ~ Susan's granddaughter, Mia Anne Watanabe
- ~ All who grieve the loss of loved ones
- ~ Our Interim Pastor, Pastor Chris Eng



Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of Minoru Teruya, beloved charter member of Kailua Christian Church who passed away in hospice in early February. Services are being scheduled for mid-April at Hosoi Garden Mortuary. Final date will be confirmed in April newsletter.

FREE LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Please help yourself to one of these special resources offered to encourage you during the Lenten season.

Resources for adults

The Saving Passion, Inspiration from Henri Nouwen

Sermon on the Mount, Devotions for Lent.

Resources for children

Jerusalem Journey, Devotions and stickers for the children.

Lost and Found, The Parables of The Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin, and the Lost Son.

These resources are now available on the side tables in the sanctuary for your use.

DEACONS MESSAGE**Does Helping Others Make Your Life More Meaningful?**

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’... Matthew 25:35-40

Today many of us seem to be struggling to find meaning in our lives by gathering up achievements and being caught up with worldly things that we have become oblivious about helping others.

It’s easy to make lots of excuses about why we don’t want to help others: it’s inconvenient, it’s messy, it pushes us out of our comfort zone, we don’t feel like we can spare the time or energy, or we’re just plain indifferent or apathetic when we encounter other people’s needs.

Are we headed down the wrong path?

Medical researchers have found that helping others triggers the brain to release chemicals called endorphins that cause feelings of satisfaction and happiness. Helping others can reduce stress, combat depression, keep you mentally stimulated, and provide a sense of purpose. All of this contributes to the “giver’s glow” that makes us feel fulfilled when helping other people in need.

Helping people means telling them that there is someone who does care for them and has respect for their needs without any selfishness. It is like standing beside a person for encouragement and facing the problems together. The person who is helped will know that we do care and have a heart.

When we help other people, we help ourselves, too.

The more we incorporate generosity into our daily lives, the more we’ll notice of what we ourselves can thank God for, and the more of God’s joy we’ll feel regardless of our circumstances.

Keep in mind that we can’t do everything, but we should do something, and God will help us figure out which opportunities are best for us and set appropriate boundaries so we’re able to help in effective ways without overwhelming ourselves.

A passage of Scripture to consider in this discussion is Jesus’ parable, the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). The story is well known. A man is set upon by thieves, beaten to within an inch of his life, and left dying by the side of the road. Two fellow Jews – one a priest, the other a Levite – ignore the man, while a Samaritan, despised by the Jews, not only lends some assistance, but does so at great personal cost. The moral of the story: be like the Good Samaritan and God will look favorably upon us.

Doing things for others, whether small unplanned acts, or regular volunteering, is a powerful way to boost our own happiness as well of those around us. The people we help may be strangers, family, friends, colleagues or neighbors. They can be old or young, nearby or far away.

Giving isn’t just about money, so you don’t need to be rich. Giving to others can be as simple as a single kind word, a smile, or a thoughtful gesture. It can include giving time, care, skills, thought or attention. Sometimes these mean as much, if not more, than financial gifts.

Kindness and caring also seem to be contagious. When we see someone do something kind or thoughtful, or we are on the receiving end of kindness, it inspires us to be kinder ourselves. In this way, kindness spreads from one person to the next, influencing the behavior of people who never saw the original act. Kindness really is the key to creating a happier, more trusting community.

Pray for the strength to avoid making excuses, and ask God to give you the compassion you need to truly care about other people’s suffering and the motivation you need to help them. Decide that you’re going to help other people regularly, because you want to become the kind of person who loves the way God wants you to love.

Prayer:

Father,
Allow us to serve others with a joyful heart, never keeping score, always giving, and never expecting to receive.
Allow us to give of ourselves, to give of our talents and of our goods, to give of our time and of our energy, to give of our heart and of our soul.
Help us understand the needs of others, never criticizing, never demeaning, never scolding, never condemning.
You have been so gracious to us, always loving, always forgiving, always restoring.
Allow us to serve others as You serve, with gentleness, compassion, and tenderness.
In your son’s Jesus’s name we pray all this.
Amen.

Vernon Pang – KCC Deacon



FRIENDLY REMINDER:
MEET YOUR DEACON’S LUNCHEON
Sunday, March 3, 2019

All are welcome!

KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
02/03	55	02	00
02/10	42	03	00
02/17	36	01	00
02/24	47	04	01

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Keagan Terada
Lance Yoneshige
Jolene Chang
Alan Yoneshige
Cindy Imai
Jason Lau
Nathan Chang
Heather Bernal
Sam Kojiro
Cyndi Kesler
Joshua Weible
Maureen Wakuzawa

Dean Wakuzawa
Dora Kim
Pastor Tim Weible
Lowell Terada
Winchell Lee
Linda Yoshimura
Ian Oga
Camille Oga

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Richard & Alice Esaki
Bruce and Colleen Kugiya



NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP

(Angels in the Works for God)

Looking forward to our AED Institute of America, Inc. training on Mar 30 (5th and last Sat), from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Rooms 3 and 4. Dress comfortably.

Kailua Christian Church is very grateful for John Sakamoto's generous donation, in memory of beloved wife, Mildred, which allowed the Trustees to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

On Wed, Feb 13, John and Kammy met with AED's Morgan Hawley, who brought in our AED kit and through her recommendation, will be installing our AED in the safest location, with the kind assistance of Keith Schultz.

AED Institute will send one or two of their instructors to train us on Mar 30. We are hoping for a large group of 20+ volunteers, to train under the direction of these AED certified instructors. RSVP w/ Myra or Kammy.

Last May 26, 2018 our guest speaker was Pam Foster, who shared with us: Heart Attack vs. Cardiac Arrest, When and How to perform

CPR, and How to use an AED, it was an introductory, informational session.

This March 30, we will be more focused on the "How To" work the chest compressions and AED.

9:30 a.m. -10:15 a.m. Na Anela Support Group will gather. This is a time for those of you who would like to share information and updates on your health journey or ask for prayers in a small group venue. It is a good time to bring a friend or relative who has been recently diagnosed or undergoing treatments for their life-threatening diseases.

11:30 a.m.: Light refreshments will be provided; come and join us for delicious treats and fellowship! Mahalo and God Bless,

Mahalo and God Bless,

Myra Yamada

**KAILUA CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND
CHUUKESSE CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF CHRIST JOINT MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019**

Present: Dennis Fong, Jennie Lee, June Tom, Stephanie Moderow, Keith Schultz, Pastor Salle, Byrine Karen, Stella Salle, Victoria Salle, Titi Serious

Meeting began at 12:15p.m. in the sanctuary.

Dennis began the conversation with Pastor Salle who explained the growing needs of his church. On Monday evenings he attends Bible Study, Tuesdays the youth meet, Wednesdays the leaders meet, Fridays the women meet. On Saturday Pastor Salle meets with 4 other Chuukese pastors. One of the other pastors is UCC affiliated, other 3 are not. Except for the Monday night Bible Study, which is a UCC sponsored and held at Makiki Christian Church, these other meetings are all held at the Salt Lake Recreation Center.

Their Sunday worship average attendance is anywhere from 60-100 people. They do not use the sanctuary. They only use rooms 3-4. They

also stay out of the kitchen after the Keurig breakage incident. They have been remembering to keep all doors closed since our last joint meeting.

Titi raised the question of why they were no longer asked to do the yard work. The Issue of a previous injury explained to them and that the church was not happy to have to pay the medical bills as the person was not covered by medical insurance. Since then, they explained to us that they have gotten more experience in doing yard work as they were responsible for clearing the UCC Campsite land in Hauula in order to grow food. However, that did not work out as the homeless there were inhabiting the area and taking all their food, mostly breadfruit and selling them.

The issue of the Chuukese church being able to donate or tithe more to the church was raised. Our deteriorating church facilities requiring a large amount of repairs and cost factor was explained to them. Also, our Sunday attendance is very small now, while they have a much larger number of people attending and using our facilities on Sundays.

They made a request again to use the church every other Friday for their Women's group. Projected need for this to start in April. Victoria stated this would involve 6-8 ladies. Previously, it was mentioned that 60-100 ladies would attend. Victoria mentioned that this large group would not be on a regular basis, but just on special occasions and they would ask our permission for this large group. We requested that this request for the women's group to be put in writing to clear up any misunderstandings.

Victoria stated strongly that they want to help our church by providing labor. They are willing to do all the yard work and janitorial work. Her brother worked as a janitor for a while and so has much experience to share. Due to the Hauula camp clearing experience, many of them now have experience handling different yard clearing/mowing equipment and have their own equipment they can bring to use. She will make sure to send young men who have medical insurance through their jobs. She volunteered

herself as available every Saturday morning to sweep and mop the whole church.

Pastor Salle gave us his word that he will approach all the working people in his church to donate on a regular basis and should they should be able to come up with at least \$200 a month total to donate to us.

Pastor Salle closed with prayer at 1:20 p.m.

Minutes taken by June Tom



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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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						

Tuesday afternoons – 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.
 Hola Keiki Spanish School Nursery and Room 3
 Wednesday mornings Bible Study – 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Last Wed. of each month – Movie Fellowship hosted by Women’s Bible Study group.

- 03 – Sun. Communion Sun. Deacon’s Lunch
- 06 – Wed. Ash Wednesday Worship, 10 a.m.
- 07 – Thurs. River of Life Outreach, 11:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. leave for Mission.
- 10 – Sun. Congregational Meeting will be held to review and vote on accepting the Annual Report for 2018 and updates
- 17 – Sun. Leaders Retreat, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Part one of two.
- 19 – Tues. Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Leaders Retreat continues, Part two of two.
- 22 – Fri. HIM Conference, Office closed.
- 26 – Tues. Kuhio Day Holiday. Office is closed
- 27 – Wed. Wed. Movie Fellowship with WMBS group, 9:00 a.m. in Library.
- 30 – Sat. Na Anela Support Group with AED Training. 9:30 a.m. Prayer support. 10:30 a.m. AED Training offered.
- 31 – Sun. One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

WORSHIP LEADER
 Roy Yamauchi

AUDIO
 Barney Pilla
 Jonathan Martinez

GREETER/ USHERS
 Paul Grable / Jennie Lee
 Pat Chinn / Walter Yeda
 Bruce Kugiya

VISUAL
 Debbie Fong

LIGHTS & SCREEN
 Barney Pilla

PIANO/ORGAN
 Scott Baehrens

KING’S COMPANY
 Leaders sought



Altar Flowers

- 03 – Ruth Masuno
- 10 – Nani Oda
- 17 – Barney & Diane Lee Pilla
- 24 – Jean Miyaji
- 31 – Joan Sakaba

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).

On Wed. March 27, our movie fellowship will feature the Passion of the Christ, starting at 9:00 a.m. This 2004 drama directed by Mel Gibson primarily covers the final twelve hours of Jesus’ life, beginning with the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, the insomnia and grievance of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the brutal scourge and crucifixion, ending with a brief depiction of his resurrection.

It depicts the Passion of Jesus largely according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. It also draws on pious accounts such as the Friday of Sorrows along with other devotional writings.

All are welcome to view this Biblical drama during the Lenten season in preparation for the good news of Easter.

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Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, March 3, 2019

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



SUNDAY, March 17, 2019

Second Sunday of Lent

- ~ Inquirer's Class #2 of 4. 11:30 a.m.
~ Leadership Retreat 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.
Part 1 of Leadership Meeting

WEDNESDAY, March 6, 2019

Ash Wednesday Service
10:00 a.m.
Lent begins.

TUESDAY, March 19, 2019

~ Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Part 2 of Leadership Meeting

THURSDAY, March 7, 2019

River of Life Outreach – Message and a Meal
11:30 a.m. Prep of meal at KCC
5:30 p.m. Leave for Mission in Chinatown
(covered shoes, no sleeveless shirts, and
eat before coming)

FRIDAY, March 22, 2019

Hawaiian Island Ministries (HIM Conference)
Church Office will be closed.

SUNDAY, March 24, 2019

Third Sunday of Lent

- ~ Inquirer's Class #3 of 4, 11:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, March 10, 2019

- ~ Congregational Meeting following Worship.
Review and acceptance of the 2018 Annual
Report and important updates.
~ Inquirer's Class Begins #1 of 4. 11:30 a.m.
~ Deacons Monthly Meeting

TUESDAY, March 26, 2019

Kuhio Day Holiday. Office will be closed.

WEDNESDAY, March 27, 2019

Movie Fellowship, 9:00 a.m.
"The Passion Of Christ)

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

9:00 a.m. Wed. mornings 3/13 & 3/20
"What On Earth Am I Here For?"
Room 3. All are welcome.

SATURDAY, March 30, 2019

Na Anela Support Group 9:30 a.m.
AED Training – 10:30 a.m.