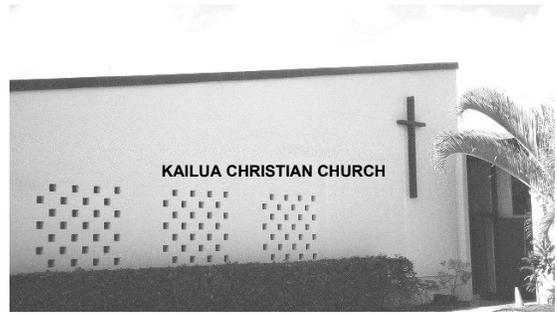


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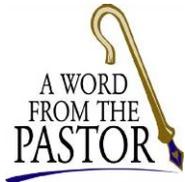
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**“New Bible Study Class Begins  
Sunday, September 8, 2019  
from 11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.”**  
by Pastor Chris Eng

The taste of bitter melon, chung choi and pressed noodles was incredible. We had gathered at the New Mui Kwai Chop Suey Restaurant on 132 Oneawa Street in Kailua after studying the first chapter of Mark’s Gospel at the church. As dishes were ordered and delicious fragrances drifted in our direction, we ate ‘family style’ although a few ate individual entrees and occasionally one or two would offer a bite of their lunch to any takers. I was game and tasted a variety of dishes that afternoon on Wednesday, July 17, 2019. Someone had paid for my initial order of oxtail soup which was carefully wrapped to go. Mahalo for treating me!

Studying God’s Word can be compared to arriving at your favorite restaurant so you can order what you know will be pleasing to your palate. Jesus said *“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled”* (Matthew 5:6). We often say that we hunger and thirst for God and that when we study the Bible, both our hunger and thirst are assuaged.

I led an inductive Bible study of the beginning of Mark’s Gospel before some of us ended up at that Chinese restaurant for lunch. There was such a wonderful sense of expectation that was matched with a high level of energy from those wanting to study God’s Word. We looked at concordances, dictionaries and commentaries that help us understand each book of the Bible, the Old Testament and the New. There was a discussion of the many

different translations of the Bible as well as what would be a “paraphrase” of Scripture. Some shared when they first began to study God’s word.

Because of this interest, a new Bible study class will begin on Sunday, September 8, 2019 in the church library. Bring whatever version of the Bible you have as we will be studying the Isaiah 40 : 1 – 31, N.R.S.V. An introduction to the inductive bible study method will be repeated for those who missed the 7.17.19 study. Questions asked will be answered. Invite those who also wish to learn about the Bible and how to study it.

This came about because the Sunday Tai-Chi class is ending and this Bible study will replace the same time slot. The Thursday Tai-Chi class that meets from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon will continue. When we wish to make a change in our lives, there is always something in the time slot of what we hope to do. We must *“let go”* of whatever it is that is occupying that time and space and replace it with something new!

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with You!

Pastor Chris



**MODERATOR'S MESSAGE**

*"Therefore prepare your minds for action, discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed." 1 Peter 1:3*

This is a very exciting time in our church. Much is going on with the Pastoral Search Committee as they update the church profile and work with the HCUCC to prepare us for the pastor that God already has in mind for us.

As we continue the process may we ask your support to continue to be in prayer and consider how God wants to use you in this new chapter of our life together as the family of Kailua Christian Church.

Together in His Service, Dean

**DEACONS MESSAGE****Finding the Sweet Spot in the Spirit by Living Your Life with Joy.**

In our August Waves of Faith Newsletter Paul Grable (KCC Deacon) wrote about the "The Fruit of the Holy Spirit". He summed up the nine attributes of living the Holy Spirit "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" per Galatians chapter 5:22-23.

Joy is experiencing the sweet spot of the Holy Spirit.

Webster's defines joy as "the emotion evoked by well-being, success, or good fortune or by the prospect of possessing what one desires." That definition leaves something lacking, however.

John Piper writes, "Christian joy is a good feeling in the soul, produced by the Holy Spirit, as he causes us to see the beauty of Christ in the word and in the world." Rick Warren adds his own definition: "Joy is the settled assurance that God is in control of all the details of my life, the quiet confidence that ultimately everything is going to be alright, and the determined choice to praise God in every situation."

Joy and happiness are wonderful feelings to experience, but are very different. Joy comes when you make peace with who you are, why you are

and how you are, whereas happiness tends to be externally triggered and is based on other people, things, places, thoughts and events.

One of the most important things in the Christian life is joy. However, it seems as if far too many believers are living without joy. To these believers it may seem as if they're just getting by or living a routine even though they know life is so much more.

The word joy appears over and over again in the Scriptures. Psalms are filled with references to joy. "Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O Lord, in the light of Your countenance."—Psalm 89:15

In his letter to the Philippians, the Apostle Paul speaks about joy and about the Christian's duty to rejoice over and over again. He writes, "Rejoice in the Lord always". This is one of those biblical imperatives, and it leaves no room for not rejoicing, for Paul says Christians are to rejoice always—not just sometimes, periodically, or occasionally, but always.

Our joy will not be perfect in this life; we will always strain and struggle. We will have our angsts and anxieties. We will have our ups and downs. Yet even in trying times we can experience the sweet taste of joy knowing that not only is indomitable joy coming when we enter the kingdom of God, but that we can experience the sweetness of joy here on earth now, especially in suffering. "Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory" (1 Peter 1:8).

For some people having joy in the midst of their trials seems like an impossibility. However, for a believer an onerous situation can always become tolerable when we fix our eyes on Christ and not our circumstances. Having joy in our troubled times is easier when we trust in God's sovereignty and His great love for us. We can endure all situations knowing that the Lord is sovereign, trusting in Him to accomplish His will in our lives.

The Lord gives us perpetual joy when we walk in obedience to him. Abiding in Christ entails various different things such as depending on His grace, abiding in His love, walking by faith, trusting Him, cherishing His Word, and being obedient to His Word. There is joy in obedience be-

cause of the great price that was paid for us on the cross.

Vernon Pang – KCC Deacon

**PRAYERS & PRAISES**

Please keep in your prayers

- ~ Sharon Nishihira
- ~ Derrick Teruya
- ~ Sue Nakashima
- ~ Lily Lee
- ~ Ruth Uyechi, Mitsi Higashida, Hazel Chow
- Natsuko Matsushima, Ada Kaneoka, Winnie Nakamura, Hideko Mumaw, Lillian Sakaguchi, Akito & Annie Sagawa, and Harry Imai
- ~ Our Interim Pastor, Pastor Chris Eng
- ~ Our Pastoral Search Team



Sincere condolences to the family of Janet Okumura who passed away at home on August 17. We are saddened by the loss of our dear friend and faithful member of KCC who served for many years on the worship team. She was also so generous in making and sharing her delicious energy bars with everyone. Her service will be held at 6:00 p.m. at Hosoi Mortuary on Tues. Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. (visitation at 5 p.m.).



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



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|--------------------|-----------------|
| Loretta Lee        | Robert Minamoto |
| Bianca Tamura      | Cary Kano       |
| Katelyn Wakuzawa   | Irene Kano      |
| Saeko Yoshida      | Mitsi Higashida |
| Carmen Kelly       | Sandra Arashiro |
| Deidre Harrison    | Grace Myers     |
| Richelle Nemoto    | Samuel St. John |
| Logan Myers        | Lance Ling      |
| Jean Sakata        |                 |
| Natsuko Matsushima |                 |
| Stella Wakamatsu   |                 |
| Kiley Reese Kano   |                 |



- Reggie & Myra Yamada
- Dennis & Debbie Fong
- Stan & Akiko Nakamura



**UPDATE**

Aloha KCC Ohana:

This is Diane, coming to you as chair of the Pastoral Search Committee (PSC). Inspired by the devotion given by our Committee Chaplain, Nancy Arakaki, the PSC is forging ahead in the Settled Pastor Search process. Who are ‘we’? Members who love KCC-UCC, its people and ministries. We will take up the work of the previous Search Committee – we will continue to seek God’s will for KCC. We will continue to work like Martha and Mary in the scriptures - in the hearing and the doing – being faithful listeners.

We want to listen to God and to you – so please share your concerns and comments with one of the following members: Dennis Fong, Paul Grable, Pam Morikawa, Nancy Arakaki, John Sakamoto, June Tom and Reggie Yamada, as well as Pastor Chris Eng, Moderator, Dean Wakuzawa, and myself.

We have had 2 meetings where we organized ourselves by naming a chair, secretary, and chaplain and parceled out tasks relating to the Church Profile. On September 1, we will be meeting with Rev Richard Kamanu from the Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ to go thru a Search Process Orientation and answer any questions committee members might have regarding the Church Profile, our covenantal relationship to UCC, Hawaii Conference, Oahu Association, candidates competencies and affiliations, Call vs hiring or employment of a minister.

Moving forward the Pastoral Search Committee which is an arm of the Council, will report to the congregation during worship, to Council, and in the church newsletter.

We thank you for your prayers and support.

Diane Lee Pilla  
Chair- Pastoral Search Committee



**KCC TRUSTEES NEWS**

What a blessing Hurricanes Erick and Flosse did not result in greater damage. But it takes just one..... An old saying.... A pound of prevention is worth a ton of cure. So how well are we reading our facilities, our congregation, and ourselves for the changes and storms that are expected but have not yet arrived?

We will need your continuing help to ready our facilities as we search for a settled pastor. Thank you for supporting our workday on August 9<sup>th</sup>. A small but committed team deserves our appreciation for braving the hot humid weather to clean the sanctuary, classrooms 3 and 4, kitchen and the library for everyone else to enjoy. Barney generously repaired the spalling concrete on the window sills. Stephanie and Keith sacrificed their precious free Saturday to help. Vernon commanded a small pressure washer and removed a lot of accumulated dust and grime on windows, walls and stairs. Sharon dusted the classrooms and cleared decaying vegetation and fallen bird nests in the back. Nani, Hazel, Sharon, Jenny, Susan, Kammy and Dean scrubbed and cleaned. The focused two hour event in the morning appears to be more favorable than the previous all day event. One member from the Chuukese Congregational Church of Christ came by bus but arrived about noon after work was completed.

Save the date! The next workday is tentatively scheduled for 8:00 – 10:00 am Saturday, October 12, 2019. Focus will be on cleaning and organizing the Sanctuary front door and security screens, storage rooms on the first floor, bathroom screens, the Kitchen backside and the transitional housing.

But you do not need to wait until October. Together, each of us, just doing just a little each day with what you have, when you are able, will greatly help.

Cleaning and renovation of the library started. A vision of a library fostering Christian Education is getting clearer. Imagine our children and ourselves wanting to grow our understanding and faith, learning with each other in a clean air conditioned learning center equipped with a modern

electronic media learning center and visual displays. As we continue, we will need your help to clean, organize and reduce the number of books overflowing the bookshelves. We are inviting members to come by and see if you may be interested in giving a new home and a new life to a book.

Security. Continuing surprises prompting new locks and searching facilities after finding doors open or unlocked indicate complacency. We need your vigilant awareness and mindfulness to ensure safety and security for our premises and for each other. Security is everybody’s responsibility in a volunteer organization. See some thing say some thing do some thing before some thing gets to be some thing. Let’s not think it is somebody else’s job.... Really... Who did we hire 24/7?

A Local Church Profile is needed prior to recruiting candidates for the pastor position. The trustees are providing financial information to the Pastoral Search Committee to support completion of the profile.

A request from the Chuukese Congregational Church of Christ for approximately 70 persons to use the classrooms and grounds from 4:30 to 8:30 pm Friday 13 September and 1200 noon to 800 pm Saturday 14 September was discussed during the recent council meeting but was not approved.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Derrick our custodian who is working to recover from a decline in his health. In the interim we have contracted custodial services to Harvey Lee who provided custodial services in the past.



**KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
08/04	45	05	00
08/11*	35/32	3/8	01
08/18	51	01	03
08/25	44	04	00

\*Joint Worship Service with Chuukese CCC.





**NA ANELA I KA HANA A KE AKUA**  
**SUPPORT GROUP**

(Angels in the Works for God)

Dear Members and Friends,

Please join us on Sep 28 (4<sup>th</sup> Sat) for HMSA Steve McCall's last presentation as he will retire end of 2019. Many of you may recall the many informative and lively presentations that Steve (vegetarian) educated and entertained us for years.

Topics included: Heart Disease or Heart at ease, Blood Pressure – Keep it Down, Understanding Diabetes, What the Heck is Cholesterol, Successful Aging Begins with You, Healthy Eating Island Style, Meatless Alternatives, Music and Health, Meditation, Take a Look at Stress, etc.

We'll start with our 9:30-10:30 Meeting (prayer requests, health Journey sharing, sharing information on health presentations), followed by Steve and RE|THINK, 10:30-11:30's presentation:

Positive psychology is the scientific study of what goes right in life. This new workshop helps us remember to take time each day in our busy lives for a moment to rethink our perceptions and attitudes, allowing us to tap into that inner source of well-being.

**INTENDED WELL-BEING GOAL(S):**

Discover the scientific underpinnings of reframing the negative in order to foster enhanced well-being.

Experience "flow" as an attribute of authentic happiness.

Bring a relative(s) or friend(s) to learn more about coping with DEPRESSION by changing one's attitude/thinking.

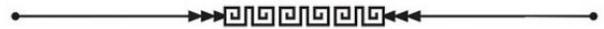
Please bring a healthy vegetarian dish for lunch and join us in wishing Steve a Happy, Healthy Retirement!

Mahalo and God Bless!

Myra

**FRIENDLY REMINDER THAT**  
**SEPTEMBER IS OUR**  
**GIVE ALOHA PROGRAM MONTH.**

We hope that you will help support KCC with your financial donations. Through this generous program sponsored by Foodland and Western Union -- funds given to support the ministries at KCC will be added to with more funds. At the end of September, Give Aloha sponsors will add a percentage of their own funds and give all these donations collected to KCC as a way of supporting our community and its non-profit services. Your tithing commitment up to \$249 can be processed through Foodland to which they will add a percentage above that to benefit the total funds collected. Don't forget to get a receipt so we can record your donations for your giving statement for 2019. Mahalo for your kind consideration.



**MISSIONS UPDATE**

**RIVER OF LIFE OUTREACH**

**Thursday, September 5, 2019**

*"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matt. 25:40*

We welcome your support to preparing and providing a nice meal that will be served to our friends at the River of Life Mission located in Chinatown on Puahi St. An estimated 200 meals will be served to the homeless and less fortunate guests of the shelter. Please consider attending this event and we encourage you to bring a friend or family member to share the experience of helping our community. A sign-up sheet is now available for help to shred chicken, pick up supplies, deliver the meal in late afternoon, bake brownies at home and drop off at the church by noon, join us at the mission to serve the meal and share in worship. To help with preparation of the meal, be at the church by 11:30 a.m. To help at the mission, rides may be arranged to leave at 5:20 p.m. with a return around 8:30 p.m. Mahalo for your consideration.

**JOINT WORSHIP WITH THE CHUUKESE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHRIST  
August 11, 2019**



Kailua Christian Church (UCC) and the Chuukese Congregational Church of Christ worshipped together and thanked God for the blessings he has provided for both churches.

**Gospel Prayer**

*In Christ, there is nothing we can do that would make You love us more, and nothing we have done that makes You love us less.*

*Your presence and approval are all we need for everlasting joy.*

*As You have been to us, so we will be to others.*

*As we pray, we'll measure Your compassion by the cross, and Your power by the resurrection.*



Congratulations to Dr. Gary & Mrs. Susan Morita who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary! photo also includes Mark & Lori Joy (son-in-law and daughter) and Mia Anne & Ava (granddaughters). Photo taken after Sunday worship on Aug. 18, 2019 at KCC. Note double pikake lei!



**UCC TRANSITION HOUSE**

Annual Fundraiser  
Thursday, Oct. 17, 2019

*Beside Still Waters*, UCC Transition House annual fundraising dinner on Thursday, October 17 at Central Union Church with Hawaiian Food. We welcome your support for this special fundraiser. Let's assist this ministry in providing a home for women with children who have left abusive spouses and are building a new life for their families. Silent auction donations are being sought along with quilts, baked goods, homemade preserves, jellies, etc. Tickets are now available - \$45 per person. Deadline for tickets will be October 1. See June Tom for more details.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

September 2019						
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 – Sun. Communion Sunday.  
Pastoral Search Committee Mtg. with Rev. Richard Kamanu from HCUCC.  
Tai Chi Class 11:45 a.m. in Nursery
- 02 – Mon. Labor Day Holiday. Office closed.
- 05 – Thurs. Tai Chi Class, 10:00 a.m. in Nursery  
River of Life Outreach, 11:30 a.m.  
Head for Mission at 5:20 p.m.
- 08 – Sun. Bible Study class 11:45 a.m. in the Library. Deacon’s Monthly Meeting, in pastor’s office.
- 11 – Wed. Wed. Morning Fellowship, 9 a.m.
- 15 – Sun. No Bible Study after worship.  
Pastoral Search Committee Meeting
- 17 – Tues. Janet Okumura’s Memorial Service, 5 p.m. visitation/6 p.m. service at Hosoi Garden Mortuary.
- 18 – Wed. Wed. Morning Fellowship, 9 a.m.
- 19 – Thurs. Tai Chi Class, 10:00 a.m.
- 22 – Sun. Bible Study Class, 11:45 a.m. Library.
- 25 – Wed. Wed. Morning Movie, 9:00 a.m.  
“A Question of Faith”.  
Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 26 – Thurs. Tai Chi Class, 10:00 a.m.
- 28 – Sat. Na Anela Support Group w/ guest speaker, Steve McCall.
- 29 – Sun. Bible Study Class, 11:45 a.m.



**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. On Wed. morning starting September 11. We are looking forward to starting a study on Slaying the Giants in Your Life with Dr. David Jeremiah. God has an answer and a word for every giant that you will possibly face. In this study you will be equipped with scripture specific to defeating each giant so that you can walk in victory as a follower of Christ. All are welcome.

Movie Fellowship is offered on the last Wed. of the month. September 25, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. will feature the movie: “A Question of Faith”. Divided by loss. United by faith. Families discover God’s love, grace and mercy. All are welcome to attend.



**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**  
Joan Sakaba, Roy Yamauchi, and June Tom

**AUDIO**  
Barney Pilla  
Jonathan Martinez

**GREETER/ USHERS**  
Jennie Lee / Walter Yeda  
Pat Chinn / Bruce Kugiya  
Lani Bartholomew  
Aaron Tanaka, Paul Grable

**VISUAL**  
Debbie Fong

**LIGHTS & SCREEN**  
June Tom

**PIANO/ORGAN**  
Scott Baehrens

**KING’S COMPANY**  
Leaders sought

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**  
Lara Higashi, June Cunningham, Debbie Fong

**ALTAR FLOWERS**



- 01 – Jean Kanazawa
- 08– Myra & Reggie Yamada
- 15 – Stella Wakamatsu
- 22 – Alice & Richard Esaki
- 29– Diane Lee- & Barney Pilla

*Special thanks to Pam Morikawa for her kind support and efforts to help those who signs up on the flower calendar.*

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WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Starting on September 11 - 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Slaying the Giants in Your Life Bible Study with
Dr. David Jeremiah.
Movie Fellowship "Question of Faith" will be
shared on last Wed. of the month.
We welcome all to attend!

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THURSDAY MORNINGS

September 5, 19, 26
Tai Chi Class
In the Nursery
10:00 a.m. to 12 noon
(Bring a bottle of water to stay hydrated.)

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

~ Communion Sunday
~ Final Tai Chi Class
11:45 a.m. in the Nursery



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THURSDAY SEPT. 5, 2019

River Of Life Outreach
Prep of meal - 11:30 a.m.
Serving at the mission - leave KCC at 5:20 p.m.
We welcome volunteers who would like to help
serve at this event or to bake Brownies. Please
call the church office at 261-0125 for details.
Your help is much appreciated!

High School students can earn service credit when
participating.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Ongoing Bible study class will be facilitated by
Pastor Chris from 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. each
Sunday morning. Note: No class on the 15th.
Class will resume on the 22nd. All are welcome.
Read Isaiah 40:1-31. Join us in the Library.

~ The Deacons Monthly Meeting will be held in
Pastor's office following worship.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

~ Pastoral Search Committee will be meeting
after worship. Please continue to keep them in your
prayers especially when they meet.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

Memorial Service for Janet Okumura
Visitation 5 p.m. / Service 6 p.m.
Hosoi Garden Mortuary

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

Na Anela Support Group
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Prayers and Sharing
Special Guest Speaker: Steve Mc Call
RE/THINK Workshop
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.