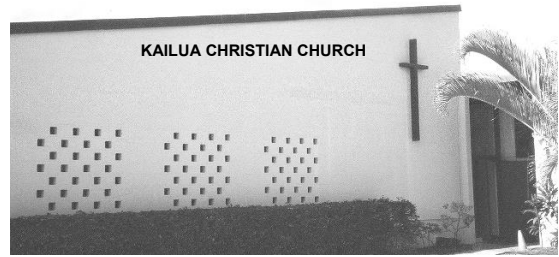


Waves of Faith

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“Jesus said, ‘Let us go across to the other side’” - Mark 4:35

I preached at Kailua Christian Church UCC on Sunday, January 1, 1978! The memory of that day has returned. The Rev. Howard Yoshida, Senior Pastor, invited me, a recent seminary graduate to fill in as he would be taking the day off in celebration of New Years Day. I remember preaching from Mark’s gospel. In just a few days, I would be departing for Los Angeles to pick up my 1971 Ford Pinto to drive to Seattle, Washington as Japanese Baptist Church had called me to be their Associate Minister in Christian Education. I would be literally “*flying across the Pacific Ocean and then driving across 3 states!*” A friend who had accompanied me to church that day had invited me to her home to enjoy ozoni (mochi soup), kuromame (sweet black bean), kamaboko (fish cake), kazunoko (herring roe) and other tasty dishes eaten for the Japanese New Year.

As we begin the month of February 2020, Jesus’ words to his disciples 2,000 years ago apply to us, the members and friends of Kailua Christian Church UCC. My sense is that this interim time looks ahead to “*the other side*” when a new pastor is called and arrives to begin a new ministry. For the disciples, they would leave the crowds and get into a boat with Jesus (there were other boats) but “*a great gale arose and the waves beat into the boat that was already being swamped.*” Most of us know the story: the disciples had to wake Jesus and tell him, “*Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?*” Jesus rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “*Peace, be still.*” Then he said, “*Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?*”

During the nearly 4 years I spent in Seattle, the sermon I gave at KCC that first day of 1978 would return to remind me that my journey with Jesus included times of great challenge to my faith. This applies to all of us. We need to allow the words of Jesus and the presence of the Holy Spirit to guide us in good times, terrible times and in-between times. As we read the *Annual Report for 2019*, we give God thanks for the many blessings we received. There have been times of difficulty and this was necessary for our spiritual growth. May each of us live with faith, “*the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*” (Hebrews 11:1)

Shalom, (Peace)

Pastor Chris

**Lent begins on
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020**



“Remember that you are dust and into dust you shall return.”

**We hope that you will join us for worship at
10:00 a.m. on this day.**

LIVE IN GOD'S LOVE

When we are afraid, "Love casts out fear."

1 John 4:18

When we make mistakes, "Love covers a multitude of sins."

1 Peter 4:8

When we are broken, "Love binds everything together in perfect harmony".

Colossians 3:14

"Love Heals the Hurt."

Proverbs 10:12

"Love does not harm."

Romans 13:10

Why are these things true? "Because Love comes from God. And God is Love."

1 John 4:7-8

When we show Love, Others see a glimpse of him."

John 13:35

So, let us live in God's love, because when we can't, Love can.

**DEACONS MESSAGE**

Myrtle Terada has been serving as a Councilperson and Deacon for many years and has also served in many other capacities as a church leader at KCC. This year Myrtle is stepping down as the Chairperson for the KCC Deacons and will not be serving as a deacon in 2020. The KCC Deacon Chairperson not only leads the deacons' meetings, but also serves as the deacon representative on the KCC Council. As many of us recall, she also used to organize our community outreach fairs and many if not most of our pot luck get togethers. Myrtle has recently been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and has concerns about how that will be affecting her. Please keep her close in your thoughts and prayers as she deals with this affliction.



Nancy Arakaki, Lily Lee, Vernon Pang and Paul Grable will continue to serve this year as the remaining KCC Deacons. Those of you who were in Myrtle's Undershepherd Group will be assigned one of the deacons serving this year and we will be contacting you. We will let you know soon how our Undershepherd Groups will change.

The following deacons will have the positions and responsibilities indicated below for 2020:

Chairperson: Vernon Pang

Vice Chair: Paul Grable

Clerk: Paul Grable

Communion: Nancy Arakaki

Benevolence Fund: Lily Lee, Vernon Pang & Nancy Arakaki

Prayer & Visitation: All Deacons

We are also scheduling the Meet Your Deacon Lunch for Sunday, March 15, 2020 after our service. So, mark your calendars.

We look forward to serving in 2020 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 2020 KCC Deacons

**PRAYERS & PRAISES**

Please keep in your prayers

~ Corrine & Tony Sarabia

~ Pauline Vilorio (Miki Teruya)

~ Valerie (Tom) Aquino

~ Darren Navarre

~ Alan Ishikane

~ Howard Pang, Hazel Chow, Myrtle Terada, Walter Yeda, Alice Esaki, Sue & Brian Nakashima, Mitsi Higashida, Harry Imai, Ada Kaneoka, Natsuko Matsushima, Hideko Mumaw, Winnie Nakamura, Lillian Sakaguchi, Akito & Annie Sagawa, and Ruth Lum.

~ Pastor Chris Eng and our Pastoral Search Team



Sincere Condolences to Alan Yoneshige and family on the passing of Alan's father, Hiroshi and deepest sympathy to Aaron Tanaka who just recently lost his mom, Kay Tanaka. Our heartfelt condolences to these families and our prayers of comfort and peace are with them.

Once again KCC grieves the loss of another beloved charter member, Ruth Masuno. Ruth was a faithful and generous member who served as the church organist from its beginning in the 1950s. I am told she also taught her skill to another faithful member, Faith Pang (whose parents (Kurosaki's) were also charter members before she transferred her membership here from Makiki, retired, and became our beloved organist here in the mid-2000s). Ruth's joyful spirit and constant support in all aspects of ministry was a great encouragement to all of us. She will be sorely missed.

A celebration of life service will be held at KCC on Monday, March 16 – 10:00 a.m. visitation, 10:30 a.m. service. Pastor Chris will facilitate the service.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Keelyn & Milla Higashi
Mildred T Sakamoto
Reggie Yamada
Jonathan Fong
Andrew Wakuzawa
Mark Kanazawa
Kupa'a Harrison
Susan Shiroma
Dot Suzuki
Barney Pilla
Randall Imai

Debbie Fong
Jacob & Esau Kelly
Eliot St. John
John Tamashiro
Kamalu Miller
Marisa Yamada



Liloa & Molly Hagmann
Glenn & Debbie Ogasawara
Norm & Ann Noguchi

KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
01/05	41	04	00
01/12	49	05	00
01/19	54	04	00
01/26	49	04	00

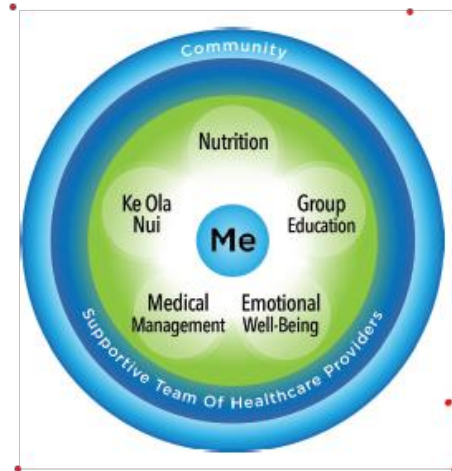


NA ANELA I KA HANA A KE AKUA SUPPORT GROUP

(Angels in the Works for God)

Na Anela support group focused on our Wellness Journey on Saturday, Jan 25! Mr. Robert Walker, Director of Ekahi Wellness, gave us an outstanding presentation of their Diabetes program. His background in biochemistry and ability to communicate technical terms, translating to laymen terms through analogies, helped us to understand the seriousness of diabetes and why we need to control our intake of high-glycemic foods, choose our foods wisely, manage our stress and exercise!

“Ekahi Wellness provides a supportive team of healthcare providers who works to create an individualized care plan in conjunction with their group education classes. Their on-going education and support empowers individuals to make better lifestyle habits for overall health improvement.”



We celebrated our cancer and heart survivors by recognizing/appreciating their years of healthy living.

We also celebrated our 18th year since Na Anela i ka hana a ke Akua group's first meeting in Jan 26, 2002.

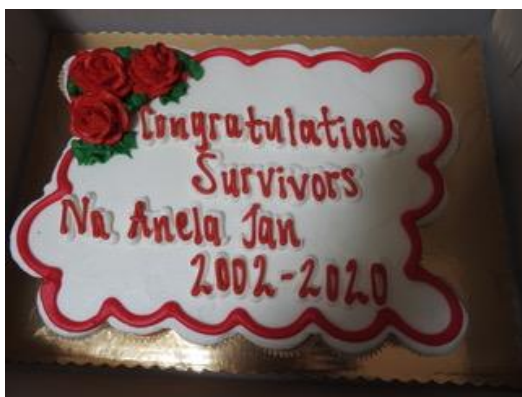
Let us continue on our Wellness Journey by living right, in God's eyes, learning together, sharing our knowledge and praying for each other!

Next Meeting: Sat. Mar 28, 10:30-11:30 a.m. AED Institute of Hawaii, CPR/AED Refresher training.

(The following pictures were taken by John Sakamoto at our Na Anela event on Jan. 26th)



FAMILY PROMISE WEEK will be hosted by KCC from Feb. 23 through Mar. 1. We welcome your support as greeters who are needed between 5 to 7 p.m. We also need meals for two more nights. If you would like to help to provide the entire meal or just able to supplement the main meal with a side dish or dessert, we welcome your participation. Please see Kammy for more details.



HONOR HENRY 'ŌPUKAHA'IA

Each year on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of Henry 'Ōpūkaha'ia's death, churches are encouraged to honor the legacy of the young Hawaiian credited with inspiring the Sandwich Islands mission that brought Christianity to Hawai'i. This year, on February 16, churches are invited to receive an offering to support the Henry 'Ōpūkaha'ia Scholarship Fund, which provides financial aid to candidates for ministry attending an accredited seminary and clergy pursuing continuing education. If you would like to send a donation to support local candidates interested in going into ministry, please send it to the Hawaii conference office directly.



Mahalo and God Bless You in 2020!
Myra Yamada

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS ARE AVAILABLE

UCC Resources offers two new Lenten devotionals to guide you through the season of Lent:

- ***Deliver Us***, the 2020 Lenten Devotional from the Stillspeaking Writers Group, includes a biblical text, reflection, and prayer for each day.
- ***The Transformation: From Darkness to Light*** is written by youth and young adults in the UCC and includes a 46-day devotion and an additional message from General Minister and President, John Dorhauer.

Lent and Easter resources, as well as a listing of Lenten and Holy Week events, can be found on the Hawai'i Conference [website](#).

Other Lenten devotionals will be available in the sanctuary from mid-February in time for you to use for the Lenten season.

MISSIONS UPDATE

Samoan Relief Update from UCC Conference

A huge thank you for the congregations and individuals who contributed to the Samoan Relief Appeal in response to the recent measles outbreak. The Conference raised \$15,641 to support the communities of Samoa in this time of need. The outbreak began in September 2019 and as of January 6, 2020, there were 5,697 confirmed cases of measles and 83 deaths, most of them children. Over two percent of the population was infected during this time frame. The outpouring of love and aloha is a sign of the big hearts within the Hawai'i Conference. The funds will be delivered to the Prime Minister of Samoa.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2020						
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

February

- 02 – Sun. Communion Sunday.
- 03 – Mon. Memorial Service for Ruth Uyechi.
- 05 - Wed. WMBS Service project, 9 a.m.
- 06 – Thurs. Tai Chi Class, 10 a.m.
- 07 – Fri. Project on Grounds
- 09 – Sun. Deacons Meeting following worship
Introduction to the Bible Class
- 12 – Wed. WMBS Service Project, 9 a.m.
- 13 – Thurs. Tai Chi Class, 10:00 a.m.
- 14 – Fri. Happy Valentine’s Day!
- 16 – Sun. Prayer Study following worship.
King’s Company/Jr. Church will start up on a regular basis during worship.
- 17 – Mon. President’s Day Holiday, Office closed
- 19– Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9 a.m.
Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 – Thurs. Tai Chi Class, 10:00 a.m. Newsletter deadline.
- 22 – Sat. UCC Leadership Conference
- 23 – Sun. Annual Reports distributed for review
Study on Romans
Family Promise Week hosted at KCC
- 26 – Wed. Ash Wednesday Service, 10 a.m.
- 27 – Thurs. Tai Chi Class, 10 a.m.
- 29 – Sat. KCC Leadership Retreat

Studies and Support Groups for February:

Join us in Room 1 at 11:45 a.m. for these gatherings. Enjoy some refreshments following worship then join us for these classes with Pastor Chris.

1st Sun., Feb. 2, 2020: Grief Support Group is for anyone who has experienced grief personally or knows someone who is experiencing sadness because of some loss in their lives.

2nd Sun., Feb. 9: Introduction to the Bible
This is for the person who wants to learn about the Bible, how to study it, and how to apply it to their lives. It is ideal for a Seeker (someone still searching) as well as for someone who is new to the Christian faith.

3rd Sun., Feb. 16: Prayer: Forty Days of Practice: An Invitation to Intimacy with God
We will be using excerpts from the book, PRAYER by Justin McRoberts & Scott Erickson. Here's a short statement on the back cover: Prayer, invites you to pray in more authentic and untethered ways. These prayers and images, along with contemplative reflections and suggested practices, are designed to stir and clarify what God is doing in you, which is the heart of prayer.

4th Sun. Feb. 23: Study on the Book of Romans.
We continue the study of this Letter of the Apostle Paul to God's beloved in Rome. This study is for those who have studied the Bible before and will learn how to deepen their faith by allowing the Spirit to open up the meaning of a particular verse or passage so that it transforms or changes one's life!



WORSHIP LEADER
June Tom

AUDIO
Barney Pilla

GREETER/USHERS
Jennie Lee, Pat Chinn
Walter Yeda, Paul Grable

VISUAL
Debbie Fong

LIGHTS & SCREEN
June Tom

PIANO/ORGAN
Scott Baehrens

KING’S COMPANY
Leaders sought



Altar Flowers
02 – Mel & June Tom
09 – John Sakamoto
16 – Dot Suzuki
23 – Reggie & Myra Yamada

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

THURSDAY MORNINGS

Feb. 6, 13, 20, and 27

Tai Chi Classes

In Nursery

10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

(Bring a bottle of water to stay hydrated.)

SUNDAY, FEB. 2, 2020

~ Communion Sunday
~ Grief Support Group following
worship. 11:45 a.m.



SUNDAY, FEB. 9, 2020 - 11:45 a.m.

~ Introduction To The Bible class with Pastor
Chris. Great for Seekers and believers new to the
faith. All are welcome to join us in Room 1.

~ Deacons meeting the library at 11:30 a.m.



FRIDAY, FEB. 14, 2020
Happy Valentine's Day!

SUNDAY, FEB. 16, 2020

~ Prayer Class with Pastor Chris
11:45 a.m. in Room 1.
All are welcome.

MONDAY, FEB. 17, 2020

President's Day - Holiday
Church Office will be closed.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19, 2020

~ Wed. Morning Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Count it Joy DVD presentation
w/ Dr. David Jeremiah

~ Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 22, 2020

UCC Leadership Conference
at Nuuanu Congregation Church

SUNDAY, FEB. 23, 2020

~ Study on Romans after worship, 11:45 a.m.

The 2019 Annual Reports will be distributed.
Please review in preparation for Annual Meeting to
be held on Sun. March 8th to accept report.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wed. Feb. 26, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.
All are welcome!

KCC LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020
Schedule to be announced.