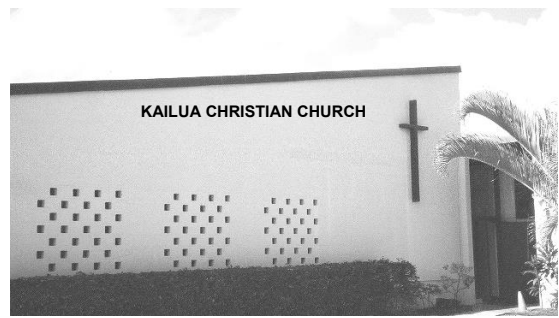


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“Peaceful Habitation, Secure Dwelling, Quiet Resting Place” — Isaiah 32: 18

The music of a new radio station my wife had selected while she was baby-sitting our two granddaughters woke me up. The new Hi 93 (formerly KQMQ FM) plays contemporary Hawaiian genre music. When the co-hosts Rella & Steezy played what sounded like “*Country Road, Take Me Home*,” it made me think “*West Virginia*” but I’ve never been there. To my surprise, it was the Hawaiian version which replaced words with those here in Hawaii!

Later, I sat down to fold the laundry and turned on the TV to Channel 8 from last evening. Singing his original song, “*Long Way Home*,” we watched Todd Tilghman win the 18th Season of THE VOICE. We were rooting (cheering) for Haleiwa native Thunderstorm Artis, whose song, “*Sedona*” reflected his love of the mountains of Hawaii even though it’s located in Arizona.

Carefully folding our granddaughter’s clothes, the NBC “*The Today*” show came on with host Craig Melvin visiting South Carolina since the focus was “*Hometown Glory*.” Southern food, a walk through a park, visiting stores he knew and his high school, and even the Baptist church he attended as a 7 year old almost moved me to tears as I thought of growing up in Hawaii.

Knowing that I needed to write an article for the June 2020 *Waves of Faith* newsletter for Kailua Christian Church UCC, I sensed God speaking to me. Each of the above pointed me towards home.

Last year, I gave a Children’s Story during worship and introduced an InterVarsity Christian Fellowship tract, “*My Heart, Christ’s Home*” by one of my seminary professors, Robert Munger. He was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, CA and this was one of his first sermons. I ordered a few for children and adults (2 versions) for KCC.

Home conjures up different images, emotions, and feelings, depending on our own experiences. For over two months, most of us have “sheltered in place” (SIP) at home. A few still go to work but most stay at home, working online. Some have been furloughed as businesses closed and many lost their jobs. Staying at home has raised red flags for those who live in a situation of domestic violence. Families with children who live below the poverty line lost the free breakfast and lunches at school. Now we see long lines forming as the Hawaii Food Bank and other non-profits pass out free food on certain days, many at the stadium.

For others, staying at home has brought more free time because of not having to drive to and from work. Unless one has the resources to pick up lunch and dinner at open restaurants, it’s more visits to the grocery store in anticipation of preparing appetizers, entrees and desserts for the family. Lucky for those households where cooking favorites or trying new recipes is par for the course. There are also those who are vegetarian or vegan to consider.

Isaiah 32 speaks of a time when there will be justice and righteousness. Verse 18 defines home as where one finds a state of “*peaceful habitation, in a secure dwelling and in quiet resting-places.*” This is what each of us should be striving to do:

creating this kind of space within our day and night. Sometimes the opposite occurs, when we are not living in peace, when our home is not secure and when our environment is noisy; then we should go for a walk in the park, drive to the ocean for a swim or take a drive in the country.

Now we can add our Sunday ZOOM service at 10 a.m. to the list of things to do to off-set the challenges brought on by COVID-19, besides reading our Bible, praying, meditating and reaching out to someone who can listen, support and encourage us. But for others, peace, security and quiet evade us despite our efforts to the contrary. May God help us!

Shalom (peace), Pastor Chris, interim minister



MODERATOR'S NOTES

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

I hope this newsletter finds you well. I want to let you know that Kailua Christian Church is alive. We may not be worshiping in the sanctuary on Sundays, but we have Pastor Chris preparing written sermons that are either emailed or mailed by Kammy to members and friends. This allows us to be blessed by Pastor Chris' inspired messages.

We have also started hosting Zoom worship services on Sundays. Our first Zoom service was held on May 17th. Zoom is an online platform that allows groups of people to gather online. These worship services start at 10am. I want to thank Aaron Tanaka who has taken the lead on starting up and running these Zoom worship services. June Tom, Scott Baehrens and Pastor Chris have done a wonderful job with preparing the worship service. If you haven't joined a Zoom worship service, please consider doing so. Please contact one of your leaders if you need assistance with this. In order to attend these online worship services, you will need a smart phone or computer. Please contact the

church office so we can provide you with the code to access the site.

A Council meeting was held via Zoom on Monday, May 25th. We discussed when KCC would open its doors to in-person worship services on Sundays. After much discussion, it was determined that it is in the best interest of our members and friends that we continue to keep the facilities closed through the month of June. Prior to the meeting we received copies of the Hawaii Conference UCC's recommendations for reopening church facilities. This document provides guidance on how to prepare to reopen our church. It became apparent that there is much planning that needs to take place before we open our doors. We will need to find someone to be a covid-19 coordinator that will assist the Council with developing plans to ensure the health and safety of members are addressed in this covid-19 world. Please let one of your church leaders or the office know if you would be interested in serving the church in this position.

We need to obtain masks, gloves, sanitizers and other cleaning supplies to ensure that we properly maintain safety and appropriate levels of cleanliness in this time. We have found it difficult to find Clorox wipes and hand sanitizer, and our supplies ordered in March are on backorder because all ordered items were needed by Medical care providers - thus they were directed to them as a priority need by distributors. Therefore, we welcome your assistance in purchasing/donating some of these hard to get items for KCC when you see them available at the store -- esp. when there are only limited supplies. Please let the office know and we can ensure that we are acquiring the proper quantity and type of products.

I miss seeing all of you in person where hand shakes and hugs are given. However, when we do get back to gathering at KCC, we will all have to be mindful of the new world in which we live. This means that social distancing must occur in order to minimize the potential for a fellow member or friend to pass on this unseen virus. We will have to have “air hugs” and “shakas” with no physical contact. A big concern for KCC is that so many of our congregants fall into the over 70 age group

which is a group that is very susceptible to fatalities should this covid-19 virus infect them. Therefore, we will be mindful in all our efforts to start worshipping again at the church. We hope you will be supportive and patient in our endeavors to provide a safe and caring environment for all.

On a separate note, we recently received money from the federal government under the paycheck protection program. Thanks go to June Tom for bringing it to our attention and Susan Morita for taking care of the details of completing the paperwork for the loan and taking it to the bank for processing. What a blessing that we received funds that will enable KCC to keep all of its employees employed and paid during the months of May and June.

Thank you to all of you who have mailed in your tithes and offerings during this time where we haven't had in-person worship services. Some people have also utilized the online Paypal link to send their contributions to KCC. This link can be accessed at our church website.

Please continue to pray for each and everyone of our leaders, members and friends of our KCC ohana while we must worship from home whether reading Pastor Chris' sermons or joining the Zoom worship services. I miss you all and want you to remember that God is alive at KCC and HE has plans for our future together. Please continue to be safe and healthy. Also know that you can call or email me or any of your church leaders if you have any concerns or just want to catch up.

Take care and God Bless!

Dean



DEACONS MESSAGE



“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

By David Jeremiah (Daily in His Presence)
In life, sometimes we are anxious about the future because we aren't certain of what it holds. And we too often wait anxiously; our heart grows weak with uncertainty and fear. But God knows the future, indeed, His knowledge is unlimited. We may not know the future, but we know Who does. Therefore, we have every reason to wait with courage, certainty and confidence. God promises to give courage and strength to those who wait upon Him.

In the midst of COVID-19 and the stay-at-home orders, members and friends supported one another with many acts of kindness for which we are thankful. We were blessed and comforted by the weekly sermons provided by Pastor Chris and Kammy's updates of current events of the church and community.

As we once again gather for Sunday morning worship, communion sacraments will be altered slightly for health and safety reasons. The Deacons will plan with Pastor Chris on how it will be offered to the congregation.

Let us be thankful as we remember and reflect on God's goodness to have kept us safe though COVID-19. May Christ's peace be with you all.

Your 2020 Deacons
Submitted by Nancy



PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayer

~ Joan Sakaba

~ Coreen & Tony Sarabia

~ Pauline Vilorio (Miki Teruya)

~ Larry & Sandra Siu

~ Lia Lau

~ Diane & John Mendenhall

~ Beverly & Pastor Dale Vallejo-Sanderson

~ Howard Pang, Hazel Chow, Lowell & Myrtle Terada, Walter Yeda, Alice Esaki, Sue & Brian Nakashima, Mitsi Higashida, Harry Imai, Ada & George Kaneoka, Natsuko Matsushima, Hideko Mumaw, Akito & Annie Sagawa, and Ruth Lum's family.

~ Pastor Chris Eng and our Pastoral Search Team

~ All Medical, Healthcare, Emergency Need and Caregiving providers.

~ Family, neighbors and friends who care for each other as the needs arise.

~ All businesses and restaurants trying to reopen and keep people safe during this challenging time.



**Deepest Sympathies to the Family
of Winnie Nakamura**

Winifred Nakamura was a dear charter member of KCC along with her husband, George. According to her daughter, Holly Winnie went to be with the Lord on April 1, 2020. She died of natural causes. We send our sincere condolences to her family



We celebrate the life of **Mr. Ravi Zacharias**, Evangelist, Christian apologist, broadcaster, and prolific author. Ravi Zacharias, 74, died May 19, 2020 from a rare cancer that cause much pain in his back. MR. Zacharias was world known for his sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ and through RZIM Ministries that he founded. Please keep his family in your prayers as we join them in mourning the loss of this respected and beloved man of God. We invite you to honor his efforts to lift up our faith by reading one of his many books or watching him on You Tube.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ruth Lum

John Sakamoto

Sharon Mon

Kaui Todd

Travis Gerber

Elyse Grable

Kristen Miyahira

Dusty Grable

Ron Myers

Shane Soma

Brenton Tom

David Nemoto

Jodi Sakaba

Kimi Ogata



Monicalyn Martinez

Scott Baehren

Aileen Arashiro

Bryson Nakamoto

Teyvyn Higashi

Stone Jessee

Jenna Gerber

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Brian & Sue Nakashima

Larry and Sandra Siu

Daniel & Jane Masuno

Paul & Kammy Grable

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

Dear friends, Hope everyone is staying in as much as possible, keeping the social distancing, washing hands frequently, using masks, and using sanitizers to prevent getting the COVID-19 Sure miss our bi-monthly meetings and seeing all of you.

We will need to reschedule the March AED-CPR refresher training and the May 23, Pharmacy presentation to future months of July, September or November.

Will keep you informed by email or newsletter for rescheduled dates.

If you have ideas on future speakers or topics, please feel free to communicate your thoughts to Kammy or me. Meanwhile, please stay safe and be well!

Mahalo and May God Bless You and Family!
Myra Yamada



Some say from every crisis there is a blessing. God has blessed us ever so abundantly in his time. On May 11, we were one of the fortunate recipients of the PPP loan granted by the government. The amount calculated by Dean for the needs of the church was \$17,000. This amount can only be used for payroll and utilities. If it is not done accurately, the grant becomes a loan and we truly won't want that to happen. The blessings of having Dean and Maureen as accountants along with Stacy our efficient bookkeeper, will be doing the spreadsheet. Another blessing is Renn Akamine, CPB Manager, who helped us obtain the loan. We were fortunate for his acquaintance with Katelyn Wakuzawa. Some say it is who you know to get things done quickly. We are truly grateful for this help. We also thank June Tom for mentioning this loan to us. What an awesome adventure it was from the onset of obtaining the loan to depositing the check.

If you recall, we received a generous donation of a car last month. The donor was Jean Miyaji, who wanted no recognition and no burden to the church. We were so grateful that Manuwai Peters purchased the car. He was as excited and grateful as we were to sell the car. Thanks to Kammy, who helped in selling the car and completing the necessary transactions required for transfer to ownership. These two deals were a real challenge to the trustees but we knew that God would not give us more than we could handle.

We also want to thank you for remembering your offerings. Checks received were not only from those who worship with us but also from friends who worshiped with us before. A check even came from someone who worshiped with us 21 years ago. We truly thank everyone for honoring God through their generosity in remembering KCC. The newsletter that Kammy sends out has truly impacted so many people.

We thank God for his grace and for keeping us well. It is "He" who gives us hope and perseverance. The hope that sustains us and the perseverance to hold on to during this pandemic. Church will open soon! Till then, know that we care and miss you all!
Your Trustees

REASONS TO CELEBRATE

Congratulations to:

MIA ANNE REIKO WATANABE



Mia has been attending KCC from 3 Years of age. She attended Nursery, King's Company, and Sunday School faithfully and thankful for all the teachers who dedicated their time. Pastor Tim baptized her in 2011 along with her sister Ava and cousin, Kiryn Morita. In sixth grade she was confirmed with Reyn

Jessee and Grace Myers. In 2018 she was privileged to give her testimony of faith with April Jessee and John Sakamoto. Mia will graduate from Iolani School and attend Stanford University on a soccer scholarship. She covets your prayers as she attends college in such a challenging time. Mia's parents are Mark and Lori Joy Watanabe and grandparents, Gary and Susan Morita. She hopes to pursue economics, politics or gastro enterology.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philipians 4:13 NKJV.

Congratulations to **EMILY PANG**

and parents, Jennifer and Vernon Pang.



Emily is a 2020 University of Hawaii graduate with a B.S. degree in computer science. Emily will be working for the Navy on Oahu in their Young Professional Program.

Congratulations **JENNA GERBER**

Jenna is now a graduated from St. Martins University in Stacey, Washington. She came home in March, completed her classes online and graduated in 3 years! She has a Bachelor of Arts degree with emphasis in business administration and finance.

She was hired by a local small business close to home and in the health care field-(Ohana Pacific Management Company in Kaneohe.) She's happy and so are grandparents Lowell and Myrtle Terada and proud parents, Joan & Terry Gerber.



Congratulations to **RAYN C. JESSEE**

graduated from Kaleheo High School with Honors. She plans on moving to Colorado and attending Aims Community College. Right now her major is undecided.

She is very excited she will be near family and ready to start her new adventure in life. Congratulations proud

parents, Dan & April.



Congratulations to **CERA SOMA** who graduated from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts on May 20, 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Cinema Studies. Cera came home for a short vacation during her school's spring break in March but due



to the Covid19 pandemic she has been a prisoner in paradise ever since. Like college students everywhere, she celebrated her graduation with a live-streamed salute which she viewed with her family at 5am! She returned to NYC at the end of May to find her way in the world. Cera wants to extend her heartfelt thanks to her KCC ohana for all the love and support given to her these many years and an invitation to visit with her whenever you're next in New York City! Congratulations to proud parents, Shane and Carol.

TREASURED MOMENTS

Florence Miyashiro wrote:

Here's a happy time for my family: my granddaughter, Bailey Miyashiro, graduated from Kalani High School with honors (valedictorian). She will attend UH Manoa majoring in Nursing. She wanted to attend college in the mainland but with this corona virus uncertainty she has decided to stay here close to home. Wishing her congrats and celebrate later with family and friends!



Aloha Friends and Family of KCC,

Do you recall receiving a post card from someone on vacation? Or, perhaps you sent one yourself to folks back home and almost always read or wrote the words: "Wish you were here." Well, this is my take on those proverbial words.

"Wish you were here—because I'm lonely;"
 "Wish you were here—because I miss you;"
 "Wish you were here—so I can greet you with hugs Or a pat on your shoulder;"
 "Wish you were here—to break bread together;"
 "Wish you were here—to praise the Lord together;"
 "Wish you were here—to give thanks for His creations and giving us you as family and friend;"
 "Wish you were here—to feel blessed that we can even write these notes to each other;"
 "Wish you were here—to honor His presence in a group or in solitude;"
 "Wish you were here—to feel His love together;"
 "Wish you were here—because I am lonely."

Love—Steff Moderow



FINDING SOME HUMOR IN ALL OF THIS!

A Hawaiian Pandemic by Aaron Tanaka

You know you are in the middle of a Hawaiian Pandemic when:

- You are waiting in the line outside of Costco to get into Costco and you realize that you completely forgot your sunscreen.
- You finally get into Costco only to find out that they are completely out of the food you came into the store to purchase (canned vegetables), except for the 1gallon size of Green Giant corn.
- You buy and eat a portion of the 1 gallon size of Green Giant corn and then use up your zip lock bags (another trip to Costco) and fill up your refrigerator with enough leftover corn to last you until the next pandemic.
- After calling for a week (3 hundred times), you finally get through to the State Unemployment office only to be placed into position 210,531 in the calling line.
- You however are given the opportunity to receive a call back from the State Unemployment office in 210,531 minutes (3,508 hours or 142 days)
- You finally understand why there was such a frantic buying spree on toilet paper when because you are home so much now, your toilet paper seems to run out by the box and not by the roll. (On the bright side, you now realize how lucky you are that your workplace didn't charge you for all the toilet paper you used when you worked there)
- You try to be socially prudent when interacting with the people of the opposite sex, but with their faces covered what else is there to look at.
- When jogging on Wanaao Road, you almost get hit by a BMW i8 Coupe going 60 mph, when you moved on to the road to be six feet apart from an oncoming jogger, only to be almost hit again by a Tesla Model 3 going 80 mph, trying to catch up with the BMW who cut him off.

- You aggressively try to run thru Kailua beach to get to the ocean when you trip and fall on a tourist's Target bag. When you turn around and look up, you see a policeman writing a \$500 ticket for loitering.

However you know you are blessed to live in a Hawaiian Pandemic when:

- You are waiting in line at Safeway to purchase that bottle of Barefoot Merlot to carry you thru another pandemic day and the young lady in front of you with a baby in hand and two young ones tugging at her wagon offers to let you go first.
- You realize that some of the workers at the Kapalama Valley food giveaway actually got laid off just like you.
- When you get out of the water after swimming at your newly discovered favorite beach (I will not disclose), you are left in awe by the mountains, shorelines and islands surrounding you.
- You look into the history of the early foreigners to the islands and read about the plagues and illnesses which was brought to the islands, which resulted in about 175,000 deaths (half of the native Hawaiian population). Yet in spite of all this, the local Hawaiian people have displayed and lived the Aloha spirit throughout all these years and has anchored one of the cornerstone United Church of Christ churches in the world, Kawaiaha'o church.



Mahalo to Vernon Pang for his service cleaning the flower bed at KCC during the Pandemic.

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SPECIAL TIMES SPECIAL PEOPLE!



Jean Kanazawa



Nani Oda



The Grable Girls



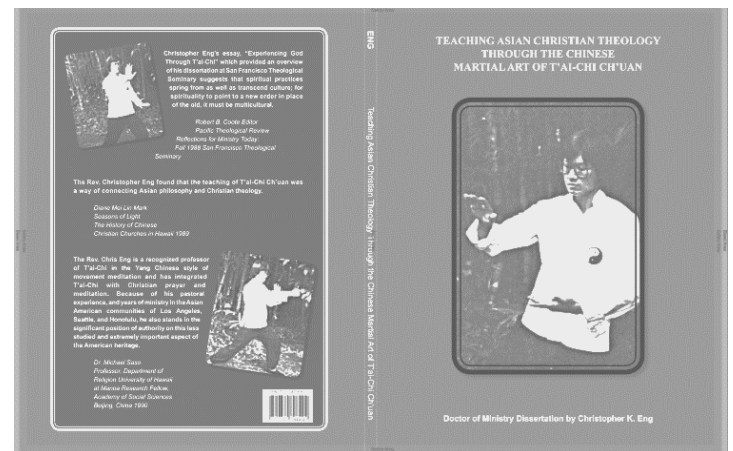
Jean Miyaji and Judy & Bert Yoshioka

Trustee, John Sakamoto putting up the new Hand Soap dispenser in preparation for our return to in person worship at KCC.



LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL SOON!!!

Congratulations to Pastor Chris on the good news that his first book “Teaching Asian Christian Theology Through The Chinese Martial Art of T’ai-Chi Ch’uan” will be available at Barneys & Noble 9/8/20. For the Kailua Christian Church UCC T'ai-Chi students, each will be given a personal copy signed by him. This will be a gift!



HAPPY FATHER’S DAY TO ALL THE MEN OF KCC!

Psalm 127:3-5 declares, "Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward... Children are a gift from God to be cherished and nurtured by fathers. Christian fathers can help encourage a legacy of godliness as Joshua declared years ago, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).

Thank you for being the men God has blessed us with!