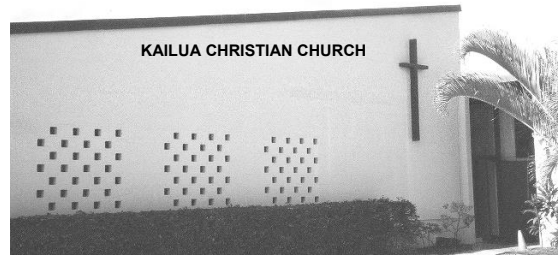


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“FEARFULLY AND
WONDERFULLY MADE”

“For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb, I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; and I know very well.”

Psalm 139: 13 - 14, N.R.S.V.

I’m holding Szara, our granddaughter born on March 17, 2020, St. Patrick’s Day to our son, Skye and daughter-in-law, Pua. The church closed the day before her birth, after Ruth Masuno’s memorial service. Life ends and life begins. Psalm 139: 7 - 12 is the most exquisite poetry in all 150 Psalms (7/19/10 sermon). Verses 13 - 14 describes us before we were born but also directs us to how we each live our lives. Watching Szara made these 2 verses come alive.

The focus of the July 19 sermon was the escapability of God’s presence. God is there in the wonderful moments of life but also present in the terrible times of failure and grief. God is also in those times when we begin a new endeavor with hopes and dreams (as we take to the wings of the morning) as well as when we head down a sometimes opposite path with doubts and uncertainties (settling at the furthest limits of the sea). In other words, we are never alone. But why are those instances in life when God seems so far away?

The answer may be found in verses 13 - 14. We ask, how can the psalmist state that each of us is **fearfully and wonderfully made** by our creator? Something that is fearful seems opposed to that which is wonderful. And yet, this is the point. We

can consider what it means to be a parent or when we are involved in creating something new like our church.

Sometimes, what we are experiencing in life elicits **fear**. Parents may be afraid that a child can’t handle challenges that come their way. There is fear that a failure might dissolve into depression and despair. What is frightening is to live with fear every day. And yet, this Psalm brings forth the truth that this is possible for it is part of how human beings are made.

At other times, what we are going through may be **something wonderful**. Parents become overjoyed when a child is able to meet challenges head on. Smiles result when difficulties are overcome even when adversity seems to be a way of life. One of the best things is to experience all the wonderful things in life in spite of all that mitigates against it. This Psalm also bears this reality as well. So how do we live with fear and wonder every day?

Today, many of us live in fear of contracting the COVID-19 virus. All the scientific data indicates that we should take precautions. At the same time, there are opportunities for wonderful things to happen. Take for example, weddings, graduations, and even memorial services. I performed a wedding in May at the couple’s residence in Nu’uanu for a U.S. Marine and a Marriage and Family Counselor. Some of you have attended a commencement ceremony or watched it on YouTube. And with the passing of family members, friends and church members, there are ways to celebrate life. The challenges of making a commitment, fulfilling the graduation requirements and negotiating a service of remembrance all were overcome!

How does this apply to us? We, the members and friends of Kailua Christian Church UCC have co-created with God, **the Body of Christ** that gathered on Sundays at 317 Manono Street. Now we meet on Zoom, through email, regular mail, and when we see each other in person. Each day we may have fear concerning some issue. The same is true of the church. But based on our responses, there are incredible opportunities for wonderful things to occur. I pray that all of us will allow the Holy Spirit to guide us, facing our fears but also giving God thanks when wonderful things happen for “perfect love casts out fear!” (1 John 4:18)

Aloha, Pastor Chris



Szara Eng, born in March 2020 is already an inspiration to Grandpa Chris and is joyful addition to the Eng ohana..



MODERATOR'S NOTES

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”
(Romans 15:13)

I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones happy, healthy and safe! This time of covid-19 is scary and worrisome. Add hurricane season with Douglas recently giving us all a scare and it can feel overwhelming. Please pray to God through Jesus Christ and lift up your worries to Him. Let yourself be free of your daily burdens. I bring this up as a reminder as I recently heard stories of people coming down with shingles due to anxiety from all that is going on in the world right now. Please also invite the Holy Spirit into your life to provide you peace, hope, and comfort.

Council recently met via zoom and it was decided that we will continue with our zoom services through August. We will be monitoring the covid situation and update you when we are ready to re-open for Sunday worship services. I want to lift up and thank June Cunningham for volunteering to be our covid coordinator. June is working on a written plan documenting how we are to reopen KCC and conduct in person services. I also want to thank Paul Grable for volunteering to be a co-covid coordinator with June. Together they will be formulating this document and presenting it to Council for approval. It is a necessary step for us to re-open KCC.

Thank you to the zoom worship team – Aaron Tanaka, Pastor Chris, Gail Yoneshige, and Paul Grable. We have been blessed that Aaron has been spearheading the running of our zoom meetings. If you have a desire to get involved in this process, please let the office or one of your leaders know. We would certainly welcome any interested people. A big Mahalo to Gail for volunteering to be our music leader. It’s been a treat to hear Gail’s beautiful voice singing hymns and praise songs these past Sundays. Pastor Chris has been preparing his sermons extra early to allow Kammy to send it out to people via email or regular mail so they may receive it before our zoom services. This allows people to read Pastor Chris’ sermon at the same time as our zoom services. Paul and Kammy Grable have been doing

a great job as greeters each Sunday. Thank you again to the entire worship team!

I was fortunate to have spoken with Nancy Arakaki and Nani Oda on the phone recently. I had a nice chat with each of them. They are both doing fine and said "Hi" to everyone. They miss worshipping at KCC on Sundays, but they understand how important it is to stay safe for the time being. I encourage all of you to reach out to other members and friends via phone, email or mail. It is wonderful to connect with people that we haven't seen in a while due to this covid time.

Thank you to all who have continued to send in tithes and offerings via mail or paypal. Several people have generously sent in checks to assist with buying supplies (i.e., hand sanitizer, Lysol wipes, etc...) that will be needed once we reopen.

I will continue to pray for the health, happiness and safety of all of you. Please be safe and take care!

Love in Christ!
Dean



DEACONS MESSAGE

The Deacons have not met in person since our last worship service on March 15, 2020 when we were supposed to have our Meet Your Deacon Luncheon. We have been trying to keep you informed via email, regular mail, phone calls and newsletter articles regarding prayer requests and the things that are happening within our body and community.



One of the things that has occurred since we have been shut down is that the Pastoral Search Committee has received approval of the KCC church profile, and it has been forwarded to the HUUC for posting on the UCC opportunities page. Hopefully we will be seeing some applications soon.

A small summary of the KCC Ministry Description was requested to be submitted with the profile and it is set forth below:

Kailua Christian Church – Ministry Description

Kailua Christian Church is hoping to continue to be a warm and welcoming church, shining its light and reflecting God's love to each other and to our community. We hope to be and stay connected to God through Jesus and to each other and be able to bear the fruit of the spirit and share that fruit with each other and with our neighbors. We hope to grow spiritually and in numbers. We hope to be welcoming to all and invite everyone to accept God's invitation to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. We hope to make good use of our facilities. We hope to partner with a pastor who is intimate with God and will assist us in implementing our Purpose Statement and Vision which is:

We are a WARM church. We Reach out to people, bringing them to Jesus Christ through the Bible inspired by the Holy Spirit. We prepare others for Ministry and Active discipleship, in order to Worship and glorify God.

As we continue to go through these trying times, let's keep communicating with each other as much as possible and expressing our love to each other. Let's keep each other in our thoughts and prayers.

Aloha, Your 2020 KCC Deacons

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers

- ~ Robert Maeshiro and Family
- ~ Elaine Kamibayashi (June Tom's Mother)
- ~ Dennis Fong's brother, David
- ~ Jennie's friend, Carnation
- ~ Coreen & Tony Sarabia
- ~ Joan Sakaba
- ~ Sharon Nishihira and Steve Hammond



- ~ Lily Lee
- ~ Dottie & Paul Brennan
- ~ Pauline Vilorio (Miki Teruya)
- ~ Larry & Sandra Siu
- ~ Diane & John Mendenhall
- ~ Beverly & Pastor Dale Vallejo-Sanderson
- ~ Howard Pang, Hazel Chow, Ellen Chew, Lowell & Myrtle Terada, Walter Yeda, Alice Esaki, Sue & Brian Nakashima, Mitsi Higashida, Harry Imai, Hazel Masuda, Carl Nemoto, Jean Kanazawa, Ada Kaneoka, Natsuko Matsushima, Hideko Mumaw, Akito & Annie Sagawa, and Ruth Lum's family.
- ~ Pastor Chris Eng and our Pastoral Search Team
- ~ All essential care providers.
- ~ Family, neighbors and friends who care for each other as the needs arise.
- ~ All businesses and restaurants trying to reopen while providing safe practices.
- ~ All schools preparing to reopen, staff, and kids.

Sincere Condolences to the family of George Kaneoka on his passing. May our dear friend and KCC Member, Ada be comforted on the loss of her husband. Peace also to grandsons, Sam and Rayce who attended KCC with Grandma Ada at one point and for Gayle, the daughter of Ada and George.

Our Sympathies also go out to Irene Kano and family on the loss of her sister in Texas. Her sister passed away from contracting the Covid 19 virus.

Deepest condolences to John Sakamoto on the loss of his sister, Shizue Ikeno. Please also pray for Shizue's daughter, Wendy.

Deepest Sympathies go out to Nani Oda on the loss of her sister, Jeanne Chow. Jeanne passed away in mid-July.

News from the HCUC:

Our Hawaii Conference Ohana mourns at the sad news of the passing of the Rev. Grant Lee this week. Many of you can recall his ministry among us in the local church, on Conference Staff as well as on the boards of various non-profits and the joy he brought to his calling. Please be in prayer for his daughter Tracey, son Darren, two grandsons, sister Adrienne Mark (Phil Mark) and brother Greg.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Melvin Tom
Howard O Yoshida
Mary Ann Nemoto
Grace Glenn
Gail Yoneshige
Alianna Ramos
Jasmine Teruya.
Cassie Grable
Susan White
Karen Miyahara
Malia Hagmann
Jane Tengan
Mahealani Oleole
Muriel Teruya
David Yoneshige
Michelle Pangilinan
Kalani Todd



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Ken & Christine Nakamatsu
Eric & Mary Ann Nemoto
Melvyn & June Tom
Vernon & Jennifer Pang
George & Ada Kaneoka
Aaron & Collette Tanaka



"NAME THAT AUTHOR"

Aloha Family and Friends of KCC,



Below is the answer to July's quotation *In Name That Author*, plus two new quotations for August. For those who can't wait a month for the author's name, contact Steff at 218-3324 or at bonsaicats-1@gmail.com. If members wish to submit a quotation, submit it to Steff who will relay it to Kammy by the 20th of each month.

Answer for July's quotation: Samuel Clemmons, aka Mark Twain

For August, two quotes to search your memory for:

"Live in such a way you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip."

"Relying on God has to start all over everyday, as if nothing has yet been done."



Our God is an Awesome God!

Greetings from the trustees!

It's so unfortunate that we are not able to meet & greet all of you – our dear members and friends. Please know that at every zoom service we think of all of you and wish that you could participate with us. You can always share with us as we have a time of concerns and praises!

We are always so grateful that you continue to give so generously to KCC. We give praise to God for blessing you that you in turn can honor Him with your offerings. We are always awed for those of you who are not members but continue to keep the faith and bless us with your generosity. For June, we had an income of \$7,583.00 and a debit of \$13,000.00. The expenditure was largely due to our property insurance. We were aware of the increase because at the last seminar, our agent informed us that there would be an increase nationwide due to large claims paid out throughout the year. The increase is minimal when you think we sit on a million-dollar property! Thank you charter members for this gift!! This prime lot allows us to share with other churches who are not as fortunate as we are. Wellspring Covenant Church will be exiting their lease hold property and are looking for a space to rent. Council has approved further discussion regarding their interest in using our facilities. They will be checking our location to see if the accommodations will suit their needs. Pray for them as they go through this difficult transition. The Lord is good. He always opens a door when one closes.

“For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, ‘Do not fear; I will help you’.” Isaiah 41:13 (NIV)

--Together in His Service, Your Trustees



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Dear Members and Friends,

Hope all of you are staying safe and healthy during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Hopefully, KCC can reopen its doors in September, given there is a reduction of new COVID-19 cases/community spread.

Please save the date, Sep 26, 4th Saturday for our support group gathering.

We are looking forward to hearing from Mrs. Miki Morita on “Ask Your Pharmacist” addressing topics relating to your medications. Join us from 10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. and bring your medications and questions.

This will take place in our sanctuary where we can maintain 6 ft social distancing.

More details will be given in the Sept. newsletter.

Mahalo and God Bless!
Myra



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LAMENTATIONS 3:22 (NRSV)



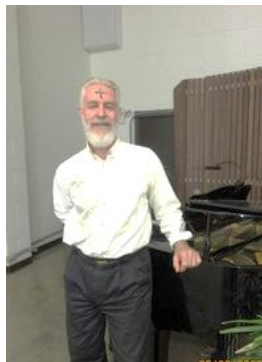
(Pictures and articles were provided by Pastor Chris)



Mahalo to June Tom and Family

I met June Tom as the Kailua Christian Church UCC's delegate to the Aha Pae'aina many years ago when she was serving her delicious homemade salad during a Friday night 'Taste of Honolulu'. June recently resigned from being the Chairperson of the Worship Committee and also as a member of the current Pastoral Search Committee that just completed the Church Profile which is now posted on the Hawaii Conference UCC website. As an RN, now retired, she has often ministered to our church providing the medical expertise that was needed. On Sundays, as depicted in this photo during Advent, June, her daughter Lara, who often told Children's Sermons and the grandchildren, Teyvyn, Keelyn, and Milla often participated in programs of the church. She continues her ministry on the Church on Ministry of the Oahu Association UCC and also the Transition House ministry. We thank her for her dedication to Christ in serving our church these many years!

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Aloha to Scott Behrens

Scott Baehrens ministered to Kailua Christian Church UCC as the Music Leader for a number of years.

This photo was taken on Ash Wednesday when he was among those attending who came forward for the sign of

the cross made from burnt palm branches and olive oil. A multi-talented musician, Scott played on the church's Baby Grand Piano and organ as well as on his keyboard and guitar.

With his diverse background, he was able to play a wide range of religious music that included contemporary and popular songs. His music ministry was his way of serving the Lord as he often sang hymns and songs as well. Scott recently resigned from his position. We wish him well as he continues to share his gift of music in diverse ways.



SOMETHING TO SING ABOUT:



Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Before Charles Wesley or Issac Watts, there was Thomas Ken who has been called "England's first hymnist." He was born in 1637 in Little Berkhamstead on the fringes of greater London. When his parents died, he was raised by his half-sister and her husband who enrolled him in Winchester College, a historic boys school. Thomas was later ordained to the ministry and returned to Winchester as a chaplain.

To encourage the devotional habits of the boys, Thomas wrote three hymns in 1674. This was revolutionary because English hymns had not yet appeared. Only the Psalms were sung in public worship. Ken suggested the boys use the hymns privately in their rooms.

One hymn was to be sung upon waking, another at bedtime, and a third at midnight if sleep didn't come. His morning hymn had thirteen stanzas, beginning with:

Awake, my soul, and with the sun thy daily stage of duty run; Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise, to pay thy morning sacrifice.

His evening hymn, equally meaningful, included this verse:

All praise to Thee, my God, this night, for all the blessings of the light! Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, beneath Thine own almighty wings.

All three hymns ended with a common stanza, which has become the most widely-sung verse in the world.

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;/ Praise Him, all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;/ Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

In 1680, Thomas was appointed chaplain to England's King Charles II. During the reign of the next king, James II, Thomas, by now a bishop, was sent to the Tower of London for his Protestant convictions. After his release, Thomas retired to the home of a wealthy friend where he died on March 11, 1711. He was buried at sunrise, and the Doxology was sung at his funeral.

The dictionary defines doxology as "an expression of praise to God, especially a short hymn sung as part of a Christian worship service." The word doxology comes from the Greek doxa ("glory, splendor, grandeur").

Gratitude is where spiritual life begins all with the purpose of ultimately glorifying God. This might help us appreciate why we sing this after the offering is collected each Sunday morning.



Sacrament of Holy Communion

We shall begin sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month as we did before the pandemic began. We will continue to do so at the Zoom Services on Sunday mornings on the first Sunday of each month.

You are invited to join us as we celebrate the Lord's Supper. After the morning message, Pastor Chris will share the Words of Institution. The Bread and the Cup of grape juice or wine will be blessed. (We will leave it up to you to provide the elements that you will use during this time.)

As pastor instructs the partaking of bread and the cup, please follow along: You can take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup and partake or take a piece of bread and partake, then drink the cup.

AN INVITATION TO PRAY WITH CHRIST CHURCH UNITING DISCIPLES AND PRESBYTERIANS -

God of Heaven and Earth,
Source of All,
the storm has passed.
Earth, sea and sky are quiet.
The tempest moved on.
We are grateful for safety today
and are glad that so many made it out of harm's way.
We celebrate the kinship of neighbors and friends
who stood together in a difficult hour.
We give thanks for emergency and rescue workers
who kept watch over our community.
And now, as we return to our daily lives,
let us continue to bear in mind
all who seek shelter from the storms of life,
those for whom these clear skies bring little respite:
for those who need healing,
for those who need hope,
for those who are houseless,
for those who live as victims of violence, war and oppression.
Equip us to see their need and to come to their aid
however we are able.
Blessed are You, our Rock and our Shelter.
Amen.

*Adapted from "A Prayer for Safety After Violent Weather" © 2012 Alden Solovy
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KCC Office is open on a limited basis during the Pandemic. Please call the office before you come to be sure that we are open and can assist you with whatever your needs are. Call 261-0125. Mahalo!

Please call the office if you would like to come by to pick up a copy of the Upper Room or Daily Bread devotional for this month. The Daily Bread devotional (small print) for Sept., Oct., and Nov. is now available for pick up.



Family Promise is in need of supplies (disinfectant wipes, paper towels, toilet paper, laundry soap, and gift cards-

Long's/Walmart/Target/Ross/gas stations/grocery stores). Also, many of the children are slated to return to school and are in need of school supplies. If you can help, please contact **FPH or the KCC office** or mail goods (gift cards) to the FPH office (245 N. Kukui St. Suite 101, Honolulu, 96817). Mahalo! Ph: 548-7478, see website: <http://www.familypromisehawaii.org/>

100 Hours of Service
Invitation from IHS

Doing public good for others, while keeping safe is what IHS is all about. We want to feature the good that you or your organization is serving up in the last five days of August coming up You can prepare care packages of goods and snacks for those who have moved in to new housing, offer a cold drink or first aid package to someone experiencing homelessness, organize a small clean up or beautification project within your neighborhood, or even sponsor a meal at IHS. There are endless possibilities! We can't wait to see how you use your heart and imagination to share kindness and aloha with those in need.

100 Hours of Service
Start: Thursday, August 27th at 10:00 am
End: Monday, August 31 at 2:00 pm
Go to ihshawaii.org for more details.