

Waves of Faith

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Dear family and friends of Kailua Christian Church,

I miss you my dear brothers and sisters. I thank God every day for your kind, tender and uplifting care for my family and me. You have been truly faithful in honoring Bev and her life of being a woman of good gifts of friendship, encouragement and warm reminders of how good and faithful God is each day.

I am deeply stirred in comfort by the promises of God's gift of Christ, *"who died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him."* Paul then continues with these words, *"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."* I Thessalonians 5:10-11

Loss of our loved ones is what we as a family share together. The painful process is real for each one of us at some point in our lives. We may not always know what to say or do with ourselves or for each other. Yet being together brings comfort to our hurt and assurance of not being lost or alone. Sometimes simpler, quieter, calmer is more helpful than trying too hard. You have shown remarkable tender kindness to us with meaningful cards, touching text and emails, gifts of flowers, food and brief visits. The joy of your friendship soothes our hearts in the tides of uncertainty that grief brings.

I am stunned by the weariness that this significant loss of Bev has brought day to day. I have found strength to do what is needed for the details while also pacing to rest and reflect as best as I can.

Grief carries its own weight upon us and I am learning it takes its own time and course to find my way through it.

I wanted to let you know I hold you in my heart and prayers in hopes I may be of some of the tremendous encouragement you are to me.

With deep thankfulness to God morning by morning, I am moved closer to Christ, closer to you.

Pastor Dale



Thank you very much, Bev left us peacefully in God's loving hands with deep gratitude to God for you each.

Dale, Alex, Anthony, Michelle, Emma, Maiya, Aure, Andrew, Fanny, Emilie, Fynn

Lucena Vallejo, Herbert and Heden Vallejo and family.

Remembering and Honoring
Beverly Vallejo-Sanderson
August 15, 1959 – April 4, 2021



Memorial Service:
Tuesday June 1st or Wednesday June 2nd 6:30 p.m.
Burial Service:
Thursday June 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
at graveside open to all

Mililani Memorial Park and Mortuary
Ka Uka Blvd • Waipahu, HI 96797

We would love to have you join us on either
Tuesday, June 1st or Wednesday June 2nd, 2021

5:00 pm Drive by at Mililani Makai Chapel
6:30 pm Service via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81603387121>

Due to the requirements of Covid 19 and Mililani Mortuary, we are required to strictly designate the limited number of people allowed to be in the chapel. We are grateful for your understanding and support in these challenging times.

If you have any questions, please contact:
hello_andrews@protonmail.com or 808.431.9907



MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Aloha dear brothers and sisters in Christ. We are all very anxious to get back together at our KCC church building and grounds and that day is coming soon. In the interim, we are continuing to spruce up the facilities and prepare for a fresh start upon reopening. We hope to reopen in person, but also via Zoom so that people may continue to worship and participate with us remotely if that is preferable to them.

We have been having terrific guest speakers over the past several weeks while the Vallejo-Sander-sons are grieving the loss of our beloved Beverly and planning her memorial services. We know that Pastor Dale has a lot to deal with and is overwhelmed by the loss of Bev and the transitions in their lives all while trying to help us with our new start. We are continuing to be patient and work cooperatively with each other as we all try to navigate this potential post pandemic time that we are in the midst of.

We are no longer tentatively planning to formally reopen Kailua Christian Church (KCC) for in-person worship and other activities on June 27, 2021. We now plan to formally open to worship together in the KCC sanctuary about one month later on Sunday, July 25, 2021. The Council and the KCC Covid 19 Coordinators are working on appropriate protocols for the re-opening.

In the interim, we will be experimenting with broadcasting our Zoom service on Sunday mornings from the sanctuary at KCC and onto the big screen at the front of the church. The worship team and others may be involved in the broadcast and/or viewing efforts from the sanctuary. This is a work in progress.

We are also rescheduling the all-church vision and planning retreat to Saturday morning, July 10, 2021. With this schedule, we will have two weeks between our vision and planning get-together prior to our formal reopening. This should give us a little time in between to begin to implement the new vision and plans.

Our KCC workday, previously scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 2021, is being taken off of the

calendar for now. We will be encouraging small groups to take on projects around the church throughout the summer as a form of ministry and fellowship and service. We will be hearing more about this during our Zoom worship services.

Please mark your calendars accordingly. We will continue to provide you with updated information as it is developed.

The 2021 `Aha Pae`Aina is being conducted remotely this year via Zoom from June 13-19, 2021. This year the Council selected me to represent KCC at the `Aha and I have been authorized to attend and vote on behalf of KCC for the matters of business that are discussed and presented on Saturday, June 19, 2021.

We continue to be hopeful for a great year of service to our Lord.

Aloha & Agape,

Paul Grable, KCC Moderator

**DEACON'S MESSAGE**

*Kailua Christian Church
Benevolence Fund*



Galatians 6:10 *"Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone, especially to our Christian brothers and sisters".*

The purpose of Kailua Christian's Church (KCC) Benevolence Fund, is to lend a helping hand to Members, Members' family, Friends and the community in general, by providing financial support.

If you know of anyone having difficulties paying for rent, utilities, or miscellaneous needs, KCC's Benevolence Fund can be a God-send gift for the individual. This program is administered by the Board of Deacons who will request congregational donations, at specific times, as needed.

The application process is fairly simple:

--Ask your deacon (**Vernon Pang, Lily Lee, Winchell Lee or Myra Yamada**) or the church office (Kammy Grable/808-261-0125) for the application form.

--Complete all required information which will include a short paragraph explaining one's financial situation that is prompting you to apply.

--Attach a copy of the bill and a pictured ID with the completed application and drop off the packet with Kammy. If mailing in application, send to:

Kailua Christian Church
317 Manono Street
Kailua, HI 96734
Attention: Board of Deacons

--Your application will be reviewed by two deacons and an interview will be set up in a timely manner.

--Each applicant's interview is kept confidential and when request is approved, the billing company will be contacted by the deacons and a check (signed by two deacons) will be mailed directly to the company. Partial rent and utility bills are examples of past payments.

We look forward to helping individuals meet their financial needs!

UPDATING IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The deacons are responsible for maintaining and updating Members contact information. Contact info is especially important as we want to connect with Members, send them the valuable KCC monthly newsletter that Kammy works so diligently on, congregational letters, voting ballots and the annual report.

We hope to re-connect with Members: Heidi Cummings, Marlene Garcia-King (mainland) and Bruce Lee.

If you know how to reach them (through a relative or friend), please contact Vernon Pang (pang_vernon@yahoo.com/808-589-6347), Lily & Winchell Lee (808-247-1476/winlile36@gmail.com) or Myra Yamada (808-263-4603/yamadamyra@hawaii.rr.com).

Thanks to Dean Wakuzawa's kind actions, we'll be able to re-establish communication with Devron Mon. Praise the Lord!



PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers
 ~ Warren & Lynne Nakano
 ~ Dean's Friend, Tony Lee
 ~ Myra's sister, Sylvia Shiraishi
 ~ Dennis Jinn Ohara's mom
 ~ Emily's best friend, Hawley Manwarring
 ~ Cicy & Gary Romero
 ~ Sharon Nishihira & Steve Hammond
 ~ Sheila's friend, Jody
 ~ Jean Miyaji
 ~ Pastor Guy K. from God Squad Church
 ~ Larry & Sandra Siu
 ~ Bret Black ~ Bret's mother-in-law, Rose
 ~ Dennis & Maureen Nakashima
 ~ Diane & John Mendenhall
 ~ Pastor Dale Vallejo-Sanderson & Family
 ~ John S's son, Clifford recovering from bad fall; granddaughter Sephera and her husband Shaun both tested positive for Covid, Great-grandson, Finn (2+ yrs. old) tested negative.
 ~ Dot Suzuki, Jiggs Tamashiro, Hazel Chow, Lowell & Myrtle Terada, Walter Yeda, Alice Esaki, Brian Nakashima, Harry Imai, Hazel Masuda, Carl Nemoto, Jean Kanazawa, Ada Kaneoka, Natsuko Matsushima, Hideko Mumaw, Akito & Annie Sagawa, and Ruth Lum and family dealing with high risk factors along with our entire church family dealing with this challenging time.
 ~ Zoom Worship Team
 ~ Family, neighbors, and friends caring for each other as the need arises.
 ~ The safe reopening of churches, businesses, and educational institutions.
 ~ For our president and govt. officials
 ~ For positive distribution of the vaccine.





CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Katie Gomes from University of Portland, graduating Cum Laude with a major in Environmental Ethics and Policy and a minor in Sociology. It's great that Barb and BrYan was able to go celebrate this special time with Katie in Oregon.

Alice's Grandson, John Esaki from Castle HS
Jennie's Grandson, Alex Sakuma from Castle.

We celebrate this special time in the lives of these young people and pray that they will have blessed futures trusting on to the promises of God.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

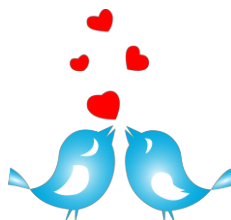
Ruth Lum
 John Sakamoto
 Sharon Mon
 Kauai Todd
 Elyse Grable
 Travis Gerber
 Kristen Miyahara
 Dustin Grable
 Matthew Imai
 Shane Soma
 Ron Meyers
 David Nemoto

Jodi Sakaba
 Kimberly Ogata
 Monicalyn Martinez
 Aileen Arashiro
 Bryson Nakamoto
 Teyvyn Higashi
 Paisley Bay Grable
 EddaMae Johnson
 Jenna Gerber
 Roy Yamauchi



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Larry & Sandra Siu
 Daniel & Jane Masuno
 Paul & Kammy Grable



CONGRATULATIONS TO

Briana (Lau) & Paul McWilliams on the birth of their son, Theo R. A. McWilliams. Theo weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long. Grandparents Lia and Curtis were elated to welcome Theo into the ohana. We hope to some day welcome him into the KCC ohana also!!!!



NA ANELA I KA HANA A KE AKUA (Angels in the Works for God)

Continue your health and wellness journey from the comfort of your home! Enjoy June classes from both, St. Francis Healthcare System and American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)/Windward Community College (WCC).

St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii's Caregiver Education and Wellness Series. Contact Maylynn Wong at 808-547-8138 or mwong@stfrancishawaii.org. After signing up for one class, you will be sent monthly schedules via Maylynn's email distribution list. Her email provides direct registration links per class. Or you can access the monthly schedule by typing in: <https://mailchi.mp/stfrancishawaii/june2021calendar> and register for individual classes.

Jun 02 & 16: 11 am -12 pm; Positive Synergy of Mind and Movement
 Jun 07 & 27: 1:30-3:30 pm; Make It Happen w/Myra Shindo (in-person crafts); Kupuna Village in Liliha
 Jun 08: 5-7 pm; Social Security Benefits and You
 Jun 10: 5-6:30 pm; Financial Fitness for your Retirement Goals
 Jun 19: 9-11 am; Trusts, Wills, Power of Attorney (POA) & Medical Decision Making
 Jun 24: 5-7 pm; Brain Injuries, Stroke and Spinal Cord Injuries: What Everyone Needs to Know
 Jun 26: 09:30-11 am; Career Changes that Lead to Better Work-Life Balance
 Big Moves! Monday: Every Monday, 8-9 am

FREE! Livestream Zumba Gold classes: Every Saturday; 8-9 am

AARP/WCC's Fast, Healthy and Ono Cooking Series.

Sign up for Chef Daniel Swift's June Zoom cooking classes (2) from WCC's Uala Leaf Café via <https://aarp.cvent.com/HIcooking>. Click on Baking with a Healthy Twist and you will have signed up for two sessions:

1. Jun 17: 5-5:45 pm; Whole Wheat Banana Muffins
2. Jun 24: 5-5:45 pm; Gluten Free Cashew Oat Cookies

You will receive both recipes and the Zoom link on your email confirmation.

Please contact me at [yamadamya@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:yamadamyra@hawaii.rr.com) or call (808) 348-2297 if you have questions. Please stay safe, be healthy and invest your time and energy in any one of these free classes.

Mahalo and God Bless!
Myra



FAMILY PROMISE HAWAII SEEKS SUPPORT

Please keep the Family Promise ministry in your prayers as they consider how to move forward in the new year with safety measures and guidelines. They are seeking those who are willing to be a part of this special ministry - for those families who do not have housing. Currently families are being housed in camps and hotels while the pandemic safeguards are in place but things will change and the ministry is reviewing what options are still out there.

Please pray for KCC and its decisions as to how we can be of help with this ministry even if it's not in the same way as we did before.

199th 'AHA PAE'ĀINA: JUNE 13 – 19, 2021 The 199th 'Aha Pae'āina, the annual meeting of the Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ, will be held virtually June 13 – 19, 2021. Please keep all participants in your prayers during this time. Please pray especially on Sat. the 19th when the statewide meeting will be held.



SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING

The Strengthen the Church offering (STC), supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. One of the four special mission offerings of the UCC, it builds up the Body of Christ. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

Split evenly between the Hawaii Conference the UCC national ministries, money received from this offering largely supports youth and leadership development for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard, and innovation in existing congregations.

We encourage you to faithfully consider how you can support the STC offering with a generous donation. We will receive this offering during the month of June and welcome any gift that God inspires you to give. Mahalo for your gifts to God's glory.

“NAME THAT AUTHOR”

Here are the answers to May's quotations for *Name That Author*, plus two new quotations for June. For those who cannot wait a month for the author's name, contact Steff at 218-3324 or at bonsaocats1@gmail.com. If members wish to submit a quotation, submit to Steff who will relay it to Kammy by the 20th of each month.

**May's Authors**

Answers to May's quotations:

#1—Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27 NIV

#2— I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious. **Albert Einstein**

June's quotations:

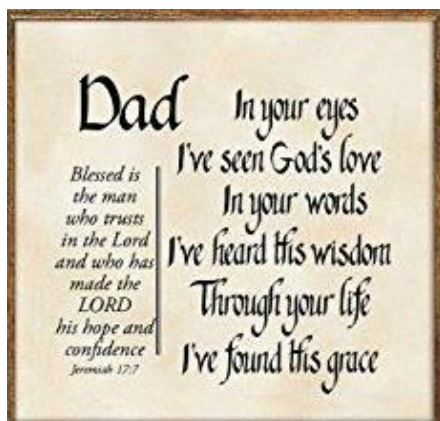
#1—Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness (L) to the skies. (M) Your righteousness (N) is like the highest mountains, (O) your justice like the great deep. (P) You, Lord, preserve both people and animals. (Q) 7 How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

#2— Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 20, 2021

Father's Day is always celebrated on the third Sunday in June. We thank all the fathers out there for who they are and whose they are.

**TRUSTEES ARTICLE**

Getting ready. The council is working toward a thoughtful and orderly schedule for reopening. The time has come to get our equipment and facilities ready as we return to worship God and celebrate each other in person. Susan, Dean and Vernon have been collaborating with contractors and identifying funds for needed major projects. The condition of the roof was surveyed and found good. No action is needed at this time to repair or replace the roof. The air conditioning system is obsolete and risks to continued operations are high. Replacement of the system is underway. A control processor is being rented to replace the failed one. Aaron is reviewing options to upgrade the existing lighting control system. There are many smaller projects which may be undertaken without contracting for services. Just look. Workdays have been semi-annual events attended by a few. Rather than a tiring and lengthy workday, trustees are encouraging volunteers who have the time, interest, and resources to independently identify and take on small maintenance projects like cleaning, organizing, and lubricating locks and repairing jalousie handles in the interim starting in June until we reopen in July (planned). Some more adventurous volunteers have expressed interest in pressure washing frequently used outdoor walkways, repainting the parking stall stripes and rejuvenating the bathrooms by removing rust, priming and repainting stalls and rejuvenating fixtures. Let us all be good shepherds of all these gifts God has bestowed upon us!

Mahalo, Your Trustees

Please contact Kammy in the church office to check on other simpler activities that can be done by willing volunteers at their more convenient times. Gardening, watering, trimming plants, decorating bulletin boards, dusting, decorating, cleaning, and wiping down areas, just to name a few projects. Connect with a small team and make it a fun day of fellowship while doing something helpful. Let us make KCC ready to welcome people back again! Mahalo.

HOW IS THE PANDEMIC A BLESSING?

As things seem hopeful of getting better soon, I can't help thinking how the pandemic could have been a blessing in many ways.

Some thoughts include more time to rest, or make time for what matters most to us. Recognizing those people who matter most to us and how to nurture those relationships for the better. We even have a chance to "reset" areas of our lives that weren't working.

Dr. George Barna, a well-respected Christian author and pastor suggests whether the pandemic is from God or Satan, our response should be the same: live according to biblical principles and seek to bless God and people in the midst of the opportunities and challenges created by the virus.

He expressed that he thinks everything we do and experience has spiritual roots and effects ranging from our relationships, jobs, how we spend our time, how we take care of ourselves, our conversations, finances, and the rest. (1 Cor. 2:13-3:3)

This time provides opportunity for us to break old habits and create new and better patterns of thought and behavior. We can re-examine our spiritual lives, incorporating worship, discipleship, sharing the gospel, stewardship, serving others, and participating in community among believers.

For us, the closing of the church/in-person worship encourages each of us to examine and improve personal worship habits. Finding new ways like zoom or creating new faith habits together are inspiring. Family Bible Studies, faith driven dinner table discussions, joint prayer experiences, serving neighbors and families in need, watch faith-based movies together, are some examples.

God has promised to use all things for our good (Romans 8:28) as I stay devoted to Him and pursuing His purposes for our lives.

Let us thank God for His love, wisdom, guidance, and look forward to experiencing the new blessings and challenges He has in store for all of us. If we do what we can to stay close to Him in spirit and behavior, He promises to be there for us.

We encourage you to share your thoughts regarding how the pandemic might have been a blessing for you this past year. You are invited to write it down and turn it in for others to appreciate through the newsletter. It can be sent in anonymously if you choose. Deadline June 20th.

PRAISE GOD FOR THESE WONDERFUL GUEST PASTORS – SUCH A BLESSING!

We are deeply grateful for the kind support we received at the pulpit recently. Pastor Cheryl Takabayashi, Pastor Gerald Chinen, Pastor Yumiko Nakagawa, Pastor Howard /Terumi Yoshida, Pastor Rebecca Stringer, Pastor Larry Andres. Pastor Glenn Yamaguchi (no photo)



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