

Waves of Faith

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Dear family and friends of Kailua Christian Church,

“Jesus wept” John 11:35. The shortest verse in the Bible yet could not be longer in its significance and comfort. Jesus wept that His friend had passed as He grieved with the family.

I am moved that Jesus did not rush the process, criticize those who are hurting or struggling with the reality of their loss. The grave and its grief were not lost from Jesus’s grace and relief.

Jesus brought forth in His time, His way, fresh life. You and I may not see anyone we love rise up from having passed in death. But we do experience Jesus bringing comfort, kind grace, and peace of relief for our loved one and of our own emptiness in fresh ways. Jesus comes along simply in the time it takes, often slowly and yet surely.

Bev’s passing Easter Sunday morning came upon us in an unexpected suddenness. Our deep sadness was also followed by gentle waves of comfort and relief that her agony was done. Kneeling beside her quiet body, in my mind’s eye I saw Bev in the bright light of day making her way up a worn path freely, hand and hand with Jesus, headed to the open and welcoming doors of the Fathers unrelenting love. God’s promise of new life, celebrated in the new beginnings of Easter has never been more touching or moving for me as at this time.

There was a picture of a small boat sitting without motion in the quiet waters, mist lingering nearby just above the surface of the water. The

This picture captures the quiet, still blurred mist of sadness unimagined. I’m numb even in ways not known quite before. I float listlessly, yet I still float, I haven’t drowned. I may not move in thought, body, or heart much, yet I have not sunk beneath the water’s surface. God’s goodness gently keeps me and breathes the subtle breeze of comfort, with small ripples of peace. Loss nearly stops all life for me it seems, yet little flickers of care reach me, drops of kindness cool my heart, touches of gentle prayers move me. I’m still floating, I am grateful.

You have generously given our family, Bev, and me much of God’s goodness while she was here, and now in our journey of grief all the more. I pray for you to welcome Christ heart in the pace and compassion for your own journey of grief with us and allow us to be with you in your journey of loved ones passing as well.

The goodness of Christ’s love that weeps in our hurt’s, touches our wounds with healing care and calls forth fresh and gentle ways of life in the midst of our sorrow is the hope and promise of our Risen Lord. That we remain with Him, with each other in kind and understanding ways, makes His presence all the more evident and real.

I miss you, I thank you, our family thanks you, Bev on her last night gave thanks for you and the many who so wonderfully have made our life full of enduring family and friends that live close to heart always.

Thank you for the time, understanding and caring for me to find my way through Bev’s passing. I look forward to the day I may return to be with you.

With a grateful for heart for Christ with you, in you and through you,

Pastor Dale



MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Most of you know that our dear beloved Beverly Vallejo-Sanderson passed from this world and on to meet our risen Lord on Easter morning this past month. Although her passing was not unexpected or unwelcome under her circumstances, the swift-ness of the passing may have taken a lot of us by surprise. We are still reeling as are the Vallejo-Sanderson family. Please keep the Vallejo-Sander-sons in your prayers and don't be shy about letting them know how much we love them.

The KCC Pastoral Search Committee and the Val-lejo-Sandersons knew that this year was going to require flexibility and caring and understanding between the Vallejo-Sandersons and the KCC con-gregation predominantly because of Bev's special circumstances and also because of the continuing pandemic. Rest assured that we are working to-gether well and amicably with Pastor Dale and var-ious guest pastors and speakers to provide for the needs of all during this interim period.

We are no longer tentatively planning to reopen Kailua Christian Church (KCC) for in-person wor-ship and other activities during the first week of June 2021. We now plan to worship together in the KCC sanctuary on Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. The Council and the KCC Covid 19 Coordi-nators are working on appropriate protocols for the re-opening.

We are also postponing the all-church vision and planning retreat which we had tentatively sched-uled for Saturday morning, June 5, 2021. It is now tentatively scheduled for June 26, 2021. So, please re-mark your calendars and we will continue to provide you with updated information as it is de-veloped.

The Oahu Association UCC is having their Spring Aha Mokupuni on Saturday, May 8, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. via Zoom. The theme is: **Growing Stronger Through Covid**. The lives of Richard Kamanu, Grant Lee and Kekapa Lee will be honored.

Our affiliation with God Squad, which was sched-uled to be concluded at the end of April 2021 has been extended a few more weeks to May 16, 2021. Thereafter, they will no longer be sharing in the use of our facilities. We are happy to have had this spe-cial relationship with another local church spread-ing the good news to our windward brothers and sisters. We are also blessed to have these facilities to share and to be able to provide an opportunity for worship of our Lord.

Aloha & Agape,

Paul Grable



DEACON'S MESSAGE

In January 2000, my brother (Eden) passed away at the age of 80. Being the eldest, I had to present his eulogy. Thinking back to our early days was somewhat difficult but over the next few says, in conversation with: my younger brother, I was able to come us with a profile of Eden's life. Composing the eulogy, I started off with: Eden Cho Hee Lee, December 26, 1939-January 1, 2000". I realized that I had to prepare what oc-curred between 1939-2000: The DASH needed to be filled in. Visiting my parent's gravesite, I no-ticed the DASH between their birth and death dates.



In Linda Ellis and MacAnderson's book, THE DASH, Linda's poem was so heart warming that I needed to share it with you:

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THE DASH*a poem by Linda Ellis*

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning... to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that DASH represents all the time they spent alive on earth and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars... the house... the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our DASH.

So, think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that still can be rearranged. To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile... remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

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I hope Linda's poem has provoke you to thought and "will make a difference with your life".

With God's love and Blessing,
Winchell Lee, Deacon

**HELP US CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES!**

Please inform the office of any graduates you may be aware of so we can lift them up in our newsletter next month. Details of name and school would be great.

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers

~ Warren & Lynne Nakano

~ Dennis Jinnohara's mom

~ Milton A.

~ Cicy & Gary Romero

~ Sharon Nishihira & Steve Hammond

~ Chickee in Spain ~ Jean Miyaji

~ Larry & Sandra Siu

~ Bret Black ~ Bret's mother-in-law, Rose

~ Dennis & Maureen Nakashima

~ Diane & John Mendenhall

~ Pastor Dale Vallejo-Sanderson & Family

~ John's son, Clifford

~ Pastor Perry Alexander from Kailua Community Church

~ 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

~ All Front line and essential workers

~ Family, neighbors, and friends caring for each other when the need arises.

~ The safe reopening of churches, businesses, and educational institutions.

~ For our president and govt. officials

~ For the proper distribution of the vaccine.



Sincere Condolences goes out to Pastor Dale Vallejo-Sanderson and family on the loss of his wife, Beverly. Beverly passed away on Easter morning. Memorial Services will be held in early June. Details will be shared once it is finalized.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Linda Umetsu
Mae Takahashi
Bert Yoshioka
Marjorie Morishige
Cera Soma
Betty Ota
Stanley Nakamura
Lia Lau
Walter Yeda
Lily Lee
Reid Umetsu
Pua Todd
Matt Chang
Allen Shiroma

Kimberly Terada
Lara Higashi
Mason Maeshiro
Sherie Oga
Ken Nakamatsu
Winchell Lee

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Gary & Cleo Nham
Bert & Judy Yoshioka
Larry & Jo-Anne Takumi
15 – Florence Miyashiro
22 – Randy & Cindy Imai

**LET'S CELEBRATE WITH OUR GRADUATES**

We invite you to let us know of any graduates that may be in our midst this year. Please notify the office so we can pray for our graduates and share in their accomplishments. Mahalo!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENT RETIREES

We celebrate this special time in the lives of our recently retired hard working friends, Jane Masuno (Financial Analyst at Hawaii Pacific Health) and Barney Pilla (Cook II at Lincoln Elementary School 28 yrs.). Barney has been retired since January 2021 but fills his time volunteering with service projects at KCC and detailing cars. Enjoy your retirement dear friends -- You've earned it!

TRUSTEES NOTES**"Moving On"**

Covid-19 has changed us and left us with so many uncertainties and challenges. But with Christ in our hearts, we have prevailed and endured. Praise Him for all his blessings!

Pastor Dale's project with the fresh start of the office renovation is now complete and we are working on putting together the furniture. The color scheme was chosen by Beverly and there are touches of her love and grace that will be a reminder of her journey with us.

We are now moving on to necessary repairs as we look at long-range plans for our church. The audio-visual controller system is not working. The lighting and electrical system for the spotlights as well as microphone systems are not functioning correctly. The Trustees are exploring different options for these replacements.

The air conditioner has no parts to repair so we need to purchase new ones, especially if we are looking into meeting during the summer heat. The roof has not been touched since Nick Shiroma coated it approximately eight years ago. We would like to get five estimates and have two so far. We welcome any recommendations for roofing companies. Once a Trustee, always a Trustee as Vernon Pang will be assisting us in meeting for the estimates. Thank you, Vernon.

God Squad Church will be with us until May 16th unless plans change. They have been maintaining the sanitation of the sanctuary and bathrooms. Our janitorial services will resume in June after our church clean-up day on Saturday, June 12 from 8 am to 10 am. Traditionally, we serve lunch but we will not be preparing any food for this work day.

As we discuss what decisions need to be made based on our needs and finances, we are truly grateful for you who have honored God with your generosity of tithes and offerings. We pray that Jesus will help us discern and help us cultivate what matters.

"Let us not become weary in doing good. For at the proper time, we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." Galatians 6:9

Together in His Service,

Your Trustees



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

During the Covid-19 closure of Kailua Christian Church, please continue on your health and wellness journey, from the comfort of your home! May classes for both, St. Francis Healthcare System and American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)/Windward Community College (WCC), are listed.

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.

May 05 & 19: 11 am -12 pm; Positive Synergy of Mind and Movement

May 05 & 29: 5-6:30 pm (Wed) and 9-10:30 (Sat); Medicare Basics

May 06: 10-11 am; Rooted in Wellness with Ho'okua'aina

May 08: 9-11 am; Resolving Conflict Without Blame

May 11 for 4 weeks, Tue and Thu: 9-10 am; Seated Tai Chi - Moving for Better Balance

May 13: 5-7 pm; Kidney Options for Patient Empowerment (K.O.P.E.)

May 15: 9-11 am; Parkinson's Up Close & Personal

May 20: 5-7 pm; Fall Prevention & Senior Exercises

May 22: 9-11 am; DeClutter & Downsize with Compassion

May 26: 5-6:30 pm; Building Generational Wealth

Big Moves! Monday: Every Monday, 8-9 am

FREE! Boxing Fundamentals: Tuesdays and Fridays; 6-6:45 pm

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 May Zoom cooking classes from WCC's Uala Leaf Café via <https://aarp.cvent.com/HIcooking>; Click on the session of your choice. You will receive a recipe link on your email confirmation.

May 06: 5-5:45 pm; Sweet and Savory Crepes

May 13: 5-5:45 pm; Curry-Roasted Vegetables

May 20: 5-5:45 pm; Satay, Kabob or Yakitori

May 27: 5-5:45 pm; Molten Lava Cake

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 in any one of these classes. It will be well worth your time!

Mahalo and God Bless!

Myra

Please note that the May 29 Pharmaceutical/Medications presentation by Miki Morita will not take place in May but has been rescheduled for the fall. More details will be provided later.

CHECK OUT Lectio 365 – a free Christian devotional resource that helps you encounter God and shape your life by praying the Bible every day. This ap is offered online and available to read or listen at your leisure. There is a morning and evening devotion.

MISSIONS OUTREACH **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Oahu Association Spring Mokupuni
will be held on May 8.

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.

More details will be coming soon!

Mission Offering

One Great Hour of Sharing® (OGHS) is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This offering carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis around the world and supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries. The theme for this year's offering is, "Let Love Flow." The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business microcredit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response. In today's world fraught with the COVID-19 pandemic, climate induced natural disasters and an unprecedented refugee crisis, your gifts to OGHS are needed more than ever. Nearly 65 percent of UCC congregations participate in the annual OGHS offering, and 95 cents of every dollar goes directly to mission programming. The associated administrative costs are paid by gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission National Basic Support. Gifts to OGHS are the promise of a better future. Please prayerfully consider a gift for this worthy cause. Donations can be sent to KCC through May. Mahalo!

"NAME THAT AUTHOR"



Here are the answers to April's quotations for *Name That Author*, plus two new quotations for May. 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.

April's Authors

Answers to April's quotations:

- #1— And who is the Rock except our God? It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure. **2 Samuel 22:32-33**
- #2— Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you.
Princess Diana

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.
- #2— I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious.



This year we celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, May 23, 2021. Pentecost celebrated fifty days after Easter literally means "50". It is recognized as the Birthday of the Church. Pentecost started the day the "Holy Spirit" entering a room holding Jesus' apostles, entered each of them, and caused them to speak in tongues.

At the Last Supper, Jesus instructs his disciples to go out into the world to minister and heal the sick on their own. It was at that point that they became apostles. The liturgical color is red to symbolize the apostles "tongues of fire" and also the blood of the martyrs.

What Are Some of the Safest Activities for Fully Vaccinated People?

Are you fully vaccinated? The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has listed the most and least dangerous activities to do with and without a mask.

The following indoor activities are all considered low risk for fully vaccinated people, the CDC said, but **only if you mask up properly**.

"Precautions should still be taken as transmission risk in these settings is higher and likely increases with the number of unvaccinated people present. Thus, fully vaccinated people engaging in indoor social activities in public settings should continue to wear a well-fitted mask."

1. Visit a barber or hair salon
2. Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum
3. Ride public transport with limited occupancy
4. Go to an indoor movie theater
5. Attend a full-capacity worship service
6. Sing in an indoor chorus
7. Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar
8. Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class
9. Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households

On the last one: If you are mixing vaccinated and unvaccinated people indoors, the CDC said that "all people involved should take precautions including wearing a mask that fit snugly, staying at least 6 feet away from others, and visiting in a well-ventilated space.



Choosing Safer Activities

	Unvaccinated People	Your Activity	Fully Vaccinated People
		Outdoor	
Safest		Walk, run, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
Less Safe		Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
Least Safe		Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	

Take prevention measures
Fully vaccinated people: wear a mask

Unvaccinated people: wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

Prevention measures not needed

According to the City and County of Honolulu's COVID-19 Reopening Strategy, we are currently in a 4-week pause and evaluation period. We will remain in Tier 3 until at least May 5.

Based on the UCC Hawaiian Conference guidance, we are also following the rate of vaccinations on Oahu and suspending in-person services until further notice.

Mental Health Sunday Is May 16, 2021

The third Sunday in May has been designated as Mental Health Sunday in the UCC and is a way for congregations to begin or to continue to provide education and support to members around mental health challenges. Find resources from the UCC Mental Health Network.



NEVER GIVE UP!

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Rev. Dale Vallejo-Sanderson, Senior Pastor

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL!

A Mother's love

Thank you for watching over
me All of the sleepless nights you
lay awake Thank you for knowing when to hold me
close when to let me go Thank you for every stepping stone
And for the path that always leads me home I thank you for
the time you took to see the heart inside of me You gave me the
roots to start this life and then you gave me wings to fly And
I learned to dream Because you believed in me There's no power like
it on this earth No treasure equal to its worth The gift of
a mother's love Thank you for every sunlit day That filled the
corners of our memory Thank you for every selfless unsung deed
I know you did for me Thank you for giving me the choice
To search my soul till I could find my voice And I thank you
for teaching me To be strong enough to bend You gave me
the roots to start this life and then you gave
me wings to fly And I learned to dream Because
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