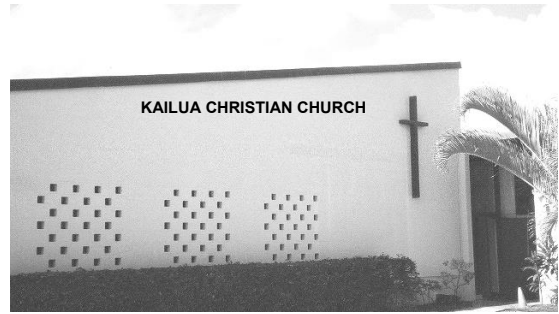


Waves of Faith

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Dear family and friends,

"Whenever the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, the Israelites would set out on each stage of their journey; 37 but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day that it was taken up. 38 For the cloud of the Lord was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, before the eyes of all the house of Israel at each stage of their journey." Exodus 40:36-38

In the late 80's, as the Kilauea volcano was flowing freely down the mountain side, Bev and I took my brother, Dave, on a hike to see close up as the red-hot lava burst into the ocean. The impact caused billowing white dense clouds to burst into the sky. With our three sons young Anthony 9, Andrew 6, and Alex 3, we hiked in over the rocks to get closer to the meeting of lava and ocean. Bev remained on a high point of older stable lava rock. We ended up being about 100 yards away from Bev when the dusk began to set in, and rain started to pour. We were heading back to Bev on the precarious sparse trail between jutting rocks. I was carrying Alex, when I looked up and saw Bev in the distance waving to us. Suddenly with a gust of wind, the dense sulfur laden white cloud swept up from the ocean right over us. It was so thick Bev disappeared. I couldn't even see the next step in front of me. We had to just stop and wait, hoping and praying the way would be open up to us soon. Soaked by the drenching rain, we moved forward as the wind opened a way through the cloud for a few steps, then we had to pause again as the cloud returned. Finally, we arrived at Bev, she embraced us and told us how strange it was to one minute see us and then suddenly we were completely

gone. We were living on a journey of moving as the way opened, and then waiting when as it closed.

I think of the people of Israel as they were venturing into a new land, dependent on the cloud and fire of God to lead them. When it stopped, they stopped and when it moved, they moved. God was building into them a heart and willingness to wait on Him, to trust His guidance and timing. We thought of plowing ahead blindly into the unknown out there on the crust of the volcano, but we learned to wait for the right time, until the way was open to us.

We are living in a season of restraint and waiting in many ways, and it is not always easy or clear when and how to go forward. This season unlike any other in my memory has challenged and encouraged me, as I hear in many of you as well, to learn to rely in new ways on God's faithfulness even when the way seems cloudy at the moment.

We hope to be meeting again with person-to-person Sunday worship as the spread of Covid 19 reduces and we can responsibly support more personal gatherings together.

I want to invite you to join in, in new ways of serving here at Kailua Christian Church. To rise up from the limited way we have lived as a church by this season to help create a greater, more personal and inspiring gathering on Sundays when we do open.

It may be weeks yet; it may take a month or two. In the meantime, we would like to build teams to help Aaron with the zoom hosting, sound for in

the church, greeting with Covid protocol, and being present to see that all who come are welcomed to the love of Christ and the family of Kailua Christian in new ways.

Soon, you will be receiving invitations to be part of teams for a fresh new beginning of God's family here. You may think you can't help, aren't qualified or skilled enough. If you have the heart to serve and learn, we can all learn. We will be having training soon.

Let's pray for courage to rise up in fresh ways for the new opportunities together, that we each can be part of something new together.

I am grateful to God for you and this journey He is leading us through,

Pastor Dale



MODERATOR'S NOTES

Kailua Christian Church (UCC) is not yet opened to be worshipping in person in the sanctuary. That day, however, is close.

In the interim, we are going to need lots of teams to assist with Worship including a new Worship Chairperson for 2022. The Worship Team will need lots of teammates, including Covid protocol coordinators, multi-media people, greeters, ushers, sound and lighting assistants, music leaders, refreshment people, set up and cleanup crews, dancers, drama, King's Company and childcare Coordinators.

KCC also needs a Christian Education Chairperson who can cast a vision and coordinate our Christian Education program along with Pastor Dale. Please consider this ministry and let us know if you think this is your calling.

Other teams to join for 2022 include the Deacons and the Trustees. We also need a Missions Chairperson. In addition, if you have the skills of a

treasurer and are willing to serve in that capacity, we may have an opening there soon too.

Please communicate with Pastor Dale, Susan Morita, Kammy or me for further information about how you can serve at KCC in the coming months. We are looking forward to serving together with you.

Aloha & Agape, Paul Grable

TRUSTEES NEWS



Happy Fall! God is so good to us. In Matthew 10:8, freely we have received, freely we give. And you have been generous in response to Give Aloha 2021. Thank you for your generous Offerings of \$8,379.20. Foodland will calculate the total donations then match it with a portion at the end of September. We are so grateful for your generosity that will certainly help us continue to further God's work here at KCC.

The trustees would also like to remind you to please be available on October 13th at 6pm for the Hawaii Energy Program Zoom presentation. It will be educational, interesting, and beneficial to you and the church. Remember we will be getting \$5 for each person who participates in the presentation. Included in this session are the top 10 tips to help families reduce their household energy bills, including practical steps to cut costs. ***Please find more information and to register at this link: bit.ly/KailuaChristianChurch***

As an added incentive the program will be doing a lucky drawing for the following prizes:

Amazon ECHO Dot
\$50 Home Depot Card
\$25 Starbucks Gift Card



Hopefully we will be back in church next month and you will be able to see the fruit of your generosity!

Love in Christ,
Trustees

DEACONS CORNER

*May the Lord Bless You and
Keep You... Numbers 6:24*



September 16, 2021, was a memorable day as the deacons arrived by 1030 am to celebrate KCC's 2nd centenarian, Stella Wakamatsu, who turned 100 years-old! Earlier in the morning, Stella's family members (granddaughters, Brandi and Lindsey) displayed colorful, gigantic, tissue-formed flowers on her lawn. Daughter-in-law, Janice and granddaughter, Brandi, blew up nearly a hundred balloons, formed into arcs surrounding the garage. Celebration Coordinator and daughter, Gwen (Michi) and son-in-law, Jerry, busily set up chairs and a table, decorated with pretty pink roses from Pastor Dale, shiny balloons from Dot, Brandi's individually wrapped, ono spam musubis and tapioca pudding, Covid-19 masks, and a separate table of amazing, family-made Kokedama moss balls filled with a variety of ferns. All of this was going on while Janice and Brandi kept Stella distracted and away from her front door and windows.

At 1045 am, Stella was happily surprised at her door, to be greeted by Alan and Gail Yoneshige with their homegrown, handsewn beautiful pikake and pakalana lei and "SHOUTS of HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!" from the small crowd (in keeping with Covid-19) gathered inside the garage (Pastor Dale, Kammy, Nani, Johnny, Nancy, Dot, Vernon, Lily, Winchell and Myra).

Pastor Dale gave a wonderful welcome and Blessing to Stella and family! The Deacons then presented Stella with a sparkling 100th BD card/ KCC special monetary gift and a beautiful white phalaenopsis plant to enjoy. Janice presented Stella with a certificate of recognition from Senator Mazie Hirono. Nancy Arakaki said a heartfelt prayer at the conclusion of this recognition which brought Stella to tears (of joy). Both had worked and prayed together as deacons for many, many years, serving our congregation! This gathering was a time of genuine fellowship and a reconnecting with family and friends!

Stella's BD gathering brought back cherished memories from 15 years ago, when as a new deacon, I learned from Sats Nemoto, Nancy, Stella (at one time was my deacon) and MaryAnn Ishikane what deacons needed to do. I am humbled, with deepest gratitude and respect for their guidance. Having served as a deacon in past years with other members of the church – Harry Imai, John Sakamoto, Kammy Grable, Mel Mon, Lily Lee, Emily Peters, Sharlene Yamauchi, Debbie Fong, Sharon Mon and many others, I have learned that being a deacon is all about developing relationships, loving and caring for others. Although there are membership, benevolence, prayer and visitation and communion committees' duties, all responsibilities begin and end with developing relationships, loving and caring for others.

*May the Lord Bless You and Keep You...
Numbers 6:24*

Pastor Dale's suggestion at our August deacon's meeting, to send a "Thinking of You" card to each individual being prayed for, has opened our outreach, beyond KCC members and friends. Volunteers are asked to raise their hands or send a chat so all can see who is volunteering to send a card, aside from the Deacons. Requestors of prayers are asked first to verify if person in need of prayers would welcome a card from KCC; then provide the complete name and correct address to mail a card. This information will speed up the process of sending a card. Deacons have an inventory of cards and stamps – just ask them – they will get them to you. It has been a wonderful experience in writing messages in cards that give recipients **"Hope and Comfort"**. Thank you to all who have volunteered to bring hope and comfort to those who are struggling with illness or families who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

In this month of October, the nominating committee will look for members to fill vacant positions. There is a definite need for more deacons. In this Covid-19 pandemic, 2021 visitations were/are kept at a minimum, to prevent community spread and to abide with the care homes and hospital restrictions. Social gatherings for the entire congregation were put on hold.

Please consider joining us four deacons (Vernon, Lily, Winchell, Myra) in the 2022. Please help us to expand our outreach in developing relationships and loving and caring for others!

May the Lord Bless You and Keep You... Numbers 6:24

In Christ's Love,
Deacon Myra Yamada

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers

- Lowell Terada's sister, Deanie who is losing her sight. traveling mercies for the Terada as they go to be with her on the mainland.
- Nick Shiroma and Lauren
- Speedy and successful recovery for Sharon N. from trigger finger surgery.
- Jeannette Kaneshiro, Myra's friend having another back surgery hopefully relieving pain.
- ~ Warren & Lynne Nakano
- ~ Myra's sister, Sylvia Shiraishi
- ~ Sharon Nishihira & Steve Hammond
- ~ Sheila's friend, Jody
- ~ Pastor Guy K. from God Squad Church
- ~ Larry & Sandra Siu
- ~ Bret Black ~ Bret's mother-in-law, Rose
- ~ Dennis & Maureen Nakashima
- ~ Diane & John Mendenhall
- ~ Henry Tom ~ Jane Bailon
- ~ John Sakamoto's Family
- ~ Pastor Damien Wong ~ Rev. Bob Nakata
- ~ Warren Imada
- ~ Dot Suzuki, Jiggs Tamashiro, 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, Ruth & Harrison Lum, and all families dealing with high risk factors along with our entire church family dealing with many challenging times.



- ~ Zoom Worship Team
- ~ The safe reopening of churches, businesses, educational institutions and eateries.
- ~ For positive distribution of the vaccine.
- ~ Hazel Chow in hospital and will be moving
- ~ For all the children going to school and to those dealing with school Covid issues.
- ~ Covid hospitalizations making room for elective surgeries.

Sincere Condolences to –

The Ogasawara family on the loss of Glenn's father, James Ogasawara. Please keep all of his family in your prayers especially his wife Dorothy. Mahalo.

The family of Joan McNally who passed away in mid-Sept. Deepest Sympathies to her daughter, Diane Mendenhall, son, Danny McNally and the rest of her family.

The family of Malou Tolentino who passed away recently after dealing with cancer for 3 ½ yrs. Malou was Pastor Dale's cousin.

Bobby Moderow, (Steff's brother-in-law) on the loss of his mother (Sept. 9). Bobby had recently loss his father also, so the family welcomes your prayers of comfort. Mahalo.

Praising God for –

- Joyful news that Richelle Nemoto will be getting married to Chris Vance on Oct. 7. Congratulations and blessings to the happy couple!
- Cora (and family's) negative covid test results.
- Rhone Grable turning 4 this month.
- Settlement of Car Accident Case for Anthony and Michele Vallejo-Sanderson
- Breast Cancer Speaker. Joanne Hayashi and her awesome presentation for Na Anela's Zoom presentation.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nick Shiroma
Robert St. John
Sara Matsui
Daniel Oda
Debbie Glenn
Alice Esaki
Pamela Morikawa
Debby Ogasawara
Akiko Nakamura
Jane Shiroma
Jane Masuno



Chris Nakamatsu
Joan Sakaba
Barbara Gomes
Lynette Pimenta
Jennifer Pang
Kingston Kapua



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Derek and Debra Martinson
Terri and John Lipps



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

RESERVE NOV 20 ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Nov 20, Saturday, 1000-1130: Please save the date for Nov's bi-monthly support group meeting at KCC 9:30 a.m. meeting, followed by 10:00-11:30 am presentation by Queen's Health Center Senior Pharmacist, Mrs. Miki Morita, on Medications for Seniors. Detailed information will be provided in the Nov KCC newsletter.

At the time of writing, it is unknown whether church will open or not in November. If this session can be delivered via Zoom, we may keep to the scheduled Nov 20 date. If not deliverable via Zoom, session will be rescheduled to a 2021 in-person event. Mrs. Miki Morita's (Head Pharmacist at Queen's Medical Center) presentation will cover:

Medical Adherence (when to take your medications, how to take medications and medication access)

Concerns/Issues (use of over-the-counter medications, herbal products and dietary supplements)

Immunizations (which ones are recommended and when should they be administered). I'm sure that many of you will also have questions on the new Covid-19 vaccines.

During this time of limited social gatherings and meetings, please continue to safely **LEARN, LEARN and LEARN** from the comfort of your home! I highly recommend taking free, Zoom classes from AARP/WCC's "**FAST, HEALTHY AND ONO**" series featuring Chef Daniel Swift, WCC's Workforce Development Coordinator. Chef Dan's classes can be found at www.aarp.org/hi, by clicking on **UPCOMING EVENTS**. Scroll to classes that interest you. Click on the Join the Webinar link.

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

Register for Chef Daniel Swift's three Zoom cooking classes focusing on locally grown produce via WCC's Uala Leaf Café at <https://aarp.cvent.com/HIcooking>.

Oct 07: Thu, 5 - 6 pm; Seared Kalo with mushrooms and thyme

Oct 14: Thu, 5 - 6 pm; Lemon Grass Chicken

Oct 21: Thu, 5 - 6 pm; Kabocha Pumpkin Pie & Japanese Style simmered kabocha

St. Francis Healthcare System's Caregiver Education and Wellness Series is another excellent source of health and wellness classes.

St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii's Caregiver Education and Wellness Series. Sign up for individual classes via <https://mailchi.mp/stfrancishawaii/october-2021-classes>.

Click on the registration button for each selected class. Contact Maylynn if you have questions or having difficulty enrolling. Maylynn Wong (808-547-8138; mwong@stfrancishawaii.org). You will be sent a confirmation almost instantly when enrollment is successful and an email confirmation with the Zoom link.

Once enrolled in a class, you will receive a reminder the week of class and future monthly schedules.

Oct 01: Fri, 11 am - 1 pm; Medicare Basics

Oct 01 - 29: Tue & Fri, 6 - 6:30 pm; Boxing Fundamentals (standing or seated)

Oct 02 - 29: Sat; 8 - 9 am; Livestream Zumba Gold Classes

Oct 04 - 25: Mon, 8 - 9 am; Big Moves Monday

Oct 04: Mon, 5 - 6:30 pm; Resolving Conflict Without Blame

Oct 04 - 18: Mon, 1:30 - 3:30 pm; Make It Happen with Myra Shindo: Goal Setting and Vision Boards (**in-person** at Senior Community Center at the St. Francis Kupuna Village in Liliha)

Oct 05 - 28: Tue & Thu, 9 - 10 am; New! Body & Brain Tai Chi

Oct 14: Thu, 5 - 6:30 pm; Understanding Trusts, Wills, POA & Medical Decision Making

Oct 16: Sat, 9 - 11 am; Understanding Hawaii's Long Term Care Options

Oct 20: Wed, 5 - 6:30 pm; New! Lifestyle Choices Are Life Skills in Self-Care

Oct 27: Wed, 5 - 6:30 pm; Declutter & Downsize with Compassion

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

Breast Cancer Hawaii

Fifteen church members and friends participated in Mrs. Joanne M. Hayashi's excellent presentation and Q&A on Saturday, September 25, 10-11 am via Zoom.

Joanne shared her story of what led her to start the Breast Cancer Hawaii, a non-profit organization that "connects Hawaii's breast cancer patients and survivors with relevant resources and meaningful support.

The Community Access to Reusable Equipment (CARE) Closet program connects patients in treatment with donations of new and gently used support equipment (wigs, head coverings, wedge pillows and reference books." Joanne also listed

many Learning Resources and Opportunities that apply to those with metastatic cancer and organizations that most people don't know about (Living Beyond Breast Cancer, FORCE (genetic mutation, Xray articles) and the new UH Cancer Center Clinical Trials Office of Patient Advocacy Council. If you are interested in knowing more about her programs or volunteering, go to <https://www.breast-cancerhawaii.org>.



NAME THAT AUTHOR"

Here are the answers to quotations for *Name That Author for September*, plus two new quotations for October. For those who cannot wait a month for the author's name, contact Steff at 218-3324 or at bon-saicates1@gmail.com. If members wish to submit a quotation, submit to Steff who will relay it to Kammy by the 20th of each month.

September Quotations with answers

1 - Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

2 - I can do all this through him who gives me strength. **Philippians 4:13**

Mahalo to Keith Shultz for sharing these with us.

October Quotations

1) "Bear with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgive each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive."

2) "The Lord is near to those who are discouraged; he saves those who have lost all hope. Good people suffer many troubles, but the Lord saves them from them all."

Mahalo to Keith Shultz for sharing these with us.





Mahalo to Diane Lee Pilla for sending this Helpful guide.



Mahalo for your kind support!



At last review, we had received \$8379.20 to support the ministry of Kailua Christian Church. Foodland and Western Union will give additional funds to support this generous community effort. We will find out the final total in Mid-Oct. Thank you again for your kind support! Please remember to send us a copy of your receipt so we can credit your yearly giving statement with your kind donation. Mahalo!!!



FRIENDLY REMINDER: *October will begin our new phone dialing process where you will need to begin your local phone calls with 808 before dialing the rest of the number. Start resetting your calls on your cell phone now.*

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the [Council for American Indian Ministry](#) (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the elected officers of the United Church of Christ determined that the highest priority for our churches was to offer relief where possible. Thus, they gathered monies from a variety of sources, which included NIN, and formed a [Covid-19 relief fund](#).

Most UCC congregations will receive the NIN offering on **October 3, 2021** as part of their World Communion Sunday observance. However, welcome your kind consideration to supporting this offering throughout the month of October. Please direct donations to Kailua Christian Church with a note for: NIN Special Offering.



JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR WORSHIP

We welcome you to send out invitations to friends and family as we continue our Zoom services. We have enclosed a copy that you can cut and send out. With details for them to follow along and join us on Sunday mornings. Please find the invitation inside the newsletter. If you would like more copies to send to your friends, please feel free to call the office at 808-261-0125.



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REASON TO CELEBRATE

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY
DEAR STELLA



*We are blessed to call you friend
and sister in Christ!*

