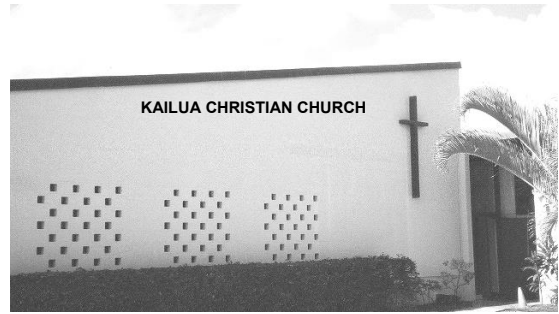


# Waves of Faith

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Dear family and friends,

*“Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.” Matthew 2:1-2*

I know it may seem kind of early to be looking at the events of Jesus birth, or as my granddaughter told me the other day, “Grandpa, Target has Christmas trees up already, and its not even Halloween yet!”

Advent season, that month of remembering and celebrating Jesus’s birth is beginning in a month, Sunday, November 28.

***What adds to the greatness of this special time in the year is that that Sunday, November 28 is also going to be our first Sunday to welcome each other and our family and friends to our first in person Sunday morning worship service in over a year and a half. I can hear the angels singing praises to God, echoing those cheers of Jesus’s birth.***

As the wise men ventured out from their home, where they were use to being comfortable, they were compelled to go be in Jesus’s presence to worship and love Him.

I think it is our time to venture out of our homes, our comforts and for many of us that sense of feeling far away, isolated from others and maybe even God.

We are made for in person connections with each other. Even God moved into our lives, into this world in person through Jesus. The most profound distinction of our faith is that God came to us, not leaving us to ourselves in our despair, our questions, dashed hope, empty peace, frail joy or absence of tangible love, He came to us as one of us.

Our part is to meet Him, to show up with open hearts with our fears and brokenness and let Him meet us where we are so to find His gifts of true hope, peace, joy and love. He wants us to know Him and to be empowered to share what we have come to know with others, who like us know the challenges and struggles of living in these days of great need.

**I think this first Sunday of Advent, November 28,** could be one of the more remarkable fresh starts of our lives as we come together, with each other, for each other and for all who may come to be in celebration of Jesus Christ, our wonderful Lord, Savior, Forgiver, Counselor and giver of life.

Soon you will be receiving more details for this special new beginnings for our Kailua family. I encourage you to know your presence is a gift to all of us, and God. There will be plenty ways in which you can be of tremendous help in welcoming each other and helping make this a great Advent celebration as a new time of being together. As new information will be coming soon, prepare your hearts in prayer and thanksgiving to find a way to participate.

Jesus’s arrival wasn’t fanciful by any means, but

it was wonderfully glorious by God's design and shared by all who found their way to Him then and over the years since then.

I end this letter with a deep heart of thanksgiving to God and you for all the kind, caring encouragement and love you have so faithfully and generously poured into my life. It has been a difficult season like none other. You lifted and inspired me daily. My time with Covid 19, is near full recovery, fatigue comes later than sooner each day, even my sense of taste and smell are slowly returning. I am so thankful it has not been as bad as it could be.

Please take good care and continue to live to love Jesus and others each precious day.

Humbled and moved by Jesus and you,

Pastor Dale



### **MODERATOR'S NOTES**

On Sunday, September 17, 2021, Pastor Yumiko Nakagawa graciously filled in for Pastor Dale while he was in isolation from Covid 19. She shared that she has recently been hired at River of Life to help serve the people of Chinatown and she shared her observations from River of Life and Matthew 25. I believe that message is worth repeating in this Newsletter. The following are lightly edited excerpts from that sermon.

**Matthew 25: 40 says: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."**

Here in this passage, we see the secret of God's Kingdom. The people who belong to Christ inherit the Kingdom, and the Kingdom is fundamentally different from this world.

In world A, much like this world, the kingdom is built with power - whether it be military, financial or political. The rich and powerful, like us, receive special treatment. We are looked after, well fed, and clothed in nice clothes. Even Christians

congregate around the power and are attracted to riches. Some of us may equate glorifying God's name with Christians gaining political power, social status, and cultural influence.

But that's not how Jesus inaugurated His Kingdom. Jesus didn't fight for a political agenda (independence of Israel from the Roman empire), and He didn't let people make Him a new religious leader. Jesus didn't conquer the world with the power.

Quite to the contrary. Jesus inaugurated His Kingdom by becoming powerless. Yes, Jesus on the earth used His power to heal the sick, to provide for the hungry and to welcome everyone. But, that's not all Jesus did. Jesus was not only the provider and protector for the sick, weak, and marginalized. Jesus was also someone who became weak, despised, naked, hungry, thirsty and crucified. Christ, the ruler of all, came to the world as a baby, vacating His seat of power in heaven. And He continued to walk with the weak until He reached the Cross, where He became nothing. Practically naked, nailed the cross, slowly dying, He became nothing. He became powerless and despised. And that's our King in the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom that we pray to see on this earth is ruled by a King who became hungry, thirsty, covered with blood, sweat, tears and dust. He became powerless. Jesus was covered with His own blood, and probably many other things, slowly became lifeless, and passed out at the end.

And Jesus invites us to do the same: to build the kingdom, not by increasing our influence, our power, or our voices, but instead, we build the Kingdom by serving the poor, feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger and looking after the sick. When the world heads to power, the Kingdom way directs us to go in the opposite direction.

Jesus invites us to congregate ourselves around the ones the world is ignoring.

Wow. What a clear and direct message for us about the Kingdom of God and the type of King that Jesus is and the role that we should play in His Kingdom. Thank you, Pastor Yumiko.

Aloha & Agape,  
Paul Grable

**DEACONS CORNER****A Time For Everything**

**“There is a time for everything. A season for every activity under the heavens.” Ecclesiastes 3:4**

Wise words, these are, so wise in fact that even Jesus applied them to his life. On several occasions when people urged Him to do things that would risk revealing His identity as the Messiah, He replied, “My time has not yet come.” He knew his Father’s redemptive plan and refused to rush ahead of it.

Hours before His death, Jesus spoke about time again. He said, “The time has come for the son of man to enter into his glory.” John 12:23 The wait was over, and He knew that His life’s purpose was about to be fulfilled.

Jesus knew the importance of timing in fulfilling His Father’s purpose. As always, He’s our example and our teacher. We can trust Him to show us whether to wait or move forward in whatever situation we face. When we’re intent on following His lead, He’ll be faithful to show us what to do.

From Morning with Jesus by Grace Fox

In Christ’s Love,

Deacon Lily Lee

**PRAYERS & PRAISES**

Please keep in your prayers

~ Keith Shultz and Steff Moderow

~ Vernon Pang’s healing from an animal bite injury.

~ Natsuko Matsushima recovering from a Stroke and a fall off a wheelchair

~ Warren & Lynne Nakano

~ Myra’s sister, Sylvia Shiraishi

~ Sharon Nishihira & Steve Hammann

~ Sheila’s friend, Jody

~ Pastor Guy’s heart surgery healing



~ 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

~ Warren Imada

~ Skip Tomiyama

~ Jiggs Tamashiro, Lowell & Myrtle Terada, Walter Yeda, Alice Esaki, Brian Nakashima, Harry Imai, Hazel Masuda, Carl Nemoto, Jean Kanazawa, Ada Kaneoka, Hideko Mumaw, Akito & Annie Sagawa, Ruth & Harrison Lum, and all families dealing with high risk factors along with our entire church family.

~ Zoom Worship Team

~ The safe reopening of the community

~ Continued application of the vaccination

~ For all the children going to school and to those dealing with school Covid issues.

**Sincere Condolences to –**

Keith Schultz on the passing of his father, James Schultz who died in Chicago on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>.

Praising God for –

Pastor Dale on his recovering from Covid.

Good news on Steve Hammann test results

Healing for Pastor Guy after heart surgery

Healing for Natsuko Matsushima after fall off wheelchair

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Kayla Halloran

Katie Gomes

Terri Lipps

Daniel Masuno

Carl Nemoto

John Lipps

Henry Halloran

Debbie Martinson

Rev. Beth Pumbo

Rev/ David Baumgart-Turner

Emily Peters

Bryan Gomes

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Winchell & Lily Lee

Vernon & Jennifer Pang



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

RESERVE NOV 20 ON YOUR CALENDAR!  
**Nov 20, Saturday, 10:00-11:30 a.m.:** Please join us for Nov's bi-monthly support group presentation in KCC's sanctuary!

9:30 a.m.- check in with your masks on (register with Kammy or Myra by Nov 19).

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.: Meet Queen's Health Center Head Pharmacist, Mrs. Miki Morita, whose 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) and

**Immunizations** (which ones are recommended and when should they be administered).

At this time of writing, the location will be at KCC's sanctuary. Covid-19 protocols will be in place. You must register yourself, a relative or friend for Mrs. Morita's 10:00-11:30 a.m. presentation by Nov 19. Masks must be worn at all times and seating will be spaced out with proper distancing. Contact Kammy at 808-261-0125/kailuacch@gmail.com or Myra at 808-348-2297/yamadamyra@hawaii.rr.com to register. There will be no refreshments after the presentation.

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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](http://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>.

Nov 04: Thu, 5 – 5:45 pm; Healthy Lasagna anytime – vegetarian meal varieties that WOW?

Nov 11: Thu, 5 - 5:45 pm; Create Your Own Casserole

Nov 18: Thu, 5 – 5:45 pm; Turkey for Two, Proper Cooking & Carving

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**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/november-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](mailto: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.

Nov 01/15: Mon, 1:30 - 3:30 pm; Make It Happen with Myra Shindo: Self Care/Gratitude Practice (in-person at Senior Community Center at the St. Francis Kupuna Village in Liliha)

Nov 03: Tue 5 - 6:30 pm; Boxing Fundamentals (standing or seated)

Nov 03/13: Wed/Sat, 5 - 6:30 pm/9-11:30 am; Medicare Basics

Nov 04/18: Thu, 9 - 10 am; New Holiday Scheduled! Body & Brain Tai Chi

Nov 13/20: Sat, 7:45 – 8:30 am; New Time! **In-Person** Zumba Gold Classes

Nov 17: Wed, 5 - 7 pm; Parkinson's Up Close and Personal

Nov 22: Mond, 10 – 12 noon; Brain Injuries, Stroke and Spinal Cord Injuries

Please contact me at [yamadamyra@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





## NAME THAT AUTHOR

Here are the answers to quotations for *Name That Author for October*, plus two new quotations for November. For those who cannot wait a month for the author's name, contact Steff at 218-3324 or at [bon-saocats1@gmail.com](mailto:bon-saocats1@gmail.com). If members wish to submit a quotation, submit to Steff who will relay it to Kammy by the 20th of each month.

*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."

**Answer: Colossians 3:13**

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." **Answer: Psalm 34:18-19.**

*Mahalo to Keith Shultz for sharing these with us.*

### *November's Quotes*

1) "*Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.*"

2) "*All the days of the oppressed are wretched, but the cheerful heart has a continual feast.*"



## TRUSTEES REPORT

*From the fullness of His grace we have received one blessing after another. John 1:16*



**Congratulations KCC!**  
and a **BIG MAHALO** to all our gracious supporters this year. Once again, we were in the top one hundred

and our final count was donations from 36 KCC family and friends in the amount of \$8,952.20. In addition, Foodland and Western Union donated a

total of \$2039.22. We truly appreciated everyone who participated and may these funds be used all to the glory of our Lord Christ!

The Hawaii Energy Savings Program was also well received. There were over 41 participants who learned about being good stewards of conserving energy. We are happy for the following winners of the prizes

Marisa Yamada - Amazon Echo Dot

Vernon Pang - \$50 Home Depot Card

June Ohama - \$25 Starbucks Card

We will also be receiving a check from HI Energy for participating. Thank you for your support and hoping it was beneficial to you.

The trustees are working on the budget for the coming year. We are also excited about reopening and being together again. Time and talent sheets will reflect our needs and we hope that you will check the boxes of how you can best serve God. It is investing your time, energy, and resources into the kingdom that never fades.

As you complete your pledge card know that the tithe is the lifeblood that keeps our church moving forward. It allows our church to be able to fulfill the mission. Vision, and call God has placed on us.

Thank you for your tithe for we know that all that we have belongs and comes from God.

### **Big Mahalo for our Neighbors in Need Special Offering Supporters!**

We appreciate the great response we received in supporting our UCC special offering, Neighbors in Need in October. Even with our Give Aloha Drive, your generous giving for NIN came in at \$675.00. Once again KCC, your generosity is an awesome blessing!



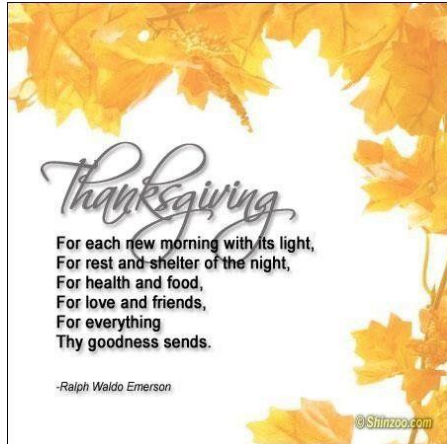
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**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**



**Join Us at  
Advent Worship**



**COME CELEBRATE TOGETHER**  
**IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**Sunday, November 28, 2021**  
**10:00 A.M.**

We hope you will join us as we return to in-person worship at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning at Kailua Christian Church.

We encourage all to follow health and safety guidelines of COVID-19, including being fully vaccinated.

When attending In-Person Worship:

1. Wear a mask at all times.
2. Social Distance of 6 feet.
3. Check-in required with health questions and temperature check.
4. Allow Ushers to show you to your seat.
5. We encourage sanitizer usage and elbow bumps in lieu of hugs for the comfort of our fellow participants.

We will continue Zoom broadcasting without them being interactive, You will be able to see and hear the service but not verbally communicate. We invite you to make prayer requests and announcements in writing and submit it in advance or send them through Zoom chat that morning.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!