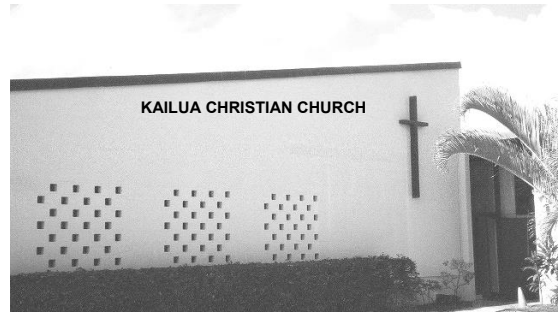


Waves of Faith

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Dear family and friends,

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.'" Luke 2:10-11

Change is one thing that never changes in life, it just keeps coming. Some changes we initiate ourselves and some just come to us.

This has been probably the most difficult season of change for my family and me with Bev's passing. I can see that I have learned more about myself, my fears, hopes and dreams, as well as my strengths, weaknesses, preferences, even the lengths and limits of my own control and abilities through the life changes I have lived through. I know many of you, maybe all of you, join me in finding our way through changes that at times may seem overwhelming.

Through all of this I have come in time to a deeper need and welcome of the hope, peace, joy and love that Christ brings through these challenging changes. I pray that for you as well.

Jesus came to change the lives of every single person. He brings change that releases us of fear, change that is good, full of joy, and for all people. Jesus' change is even meant to rescue us from what despair and failure we may be living with or headed into.

Jesus's arrival wasn't just an event only. Jesus's arrival was more like an incoming tide of change. God's love and hope rolled up into our world, and into our lives in ways that would change the course of history forever.

When Jesus first came, some people took off across the country to find Him, while others were rattled out of their sleep in the fields; partly afraid and partly excited to explore this change that came with this Child. The bible tells us that even king Herod, and many of the people in his city of Jerusalem, became troubled when they first heard about Jesus. All knew change was coming, and all had their own response to the change.

Jesus's birth brought a current of movement from God that invites response. Change does that, it invites, even requires response. How we respond to the flow of changes that come our way, is the one thing we have some say over, some control with. That is God's gift to us.

I invite you to join with the family of Kailua Christian Church, myself as well, in this season of celebrating Jesus's birth and all that could mean for each one of us, for our family and friends, and our world. We are all in this together, whether we know it, like it or are ready. God is for us for good and promises to see us through whatever changes that may come to our lives. God is with us forever.

I am grateful to God for Jesus and you,

Pastor Dale



MODERATOR'S NOTES

Happy Holidays Kailua Christian Church (UCC). By the time you get this, our Thanksgiving celebrations will have concluded, and our Advent season will be underway as we prepare for the celebration of our Savior's birth. I love this time of year.

The following is my last newsletter article as Moderator of KCC in 2021. This was my first year serving as the KCC Moderator and as I look back at my earlier articles in 2021, I recognize that we all had fairly high hopes and expectations that we would be turning a corner in 2021 locally, nationally and globally. With respect to the pandemic, vaccines were on the way and life was anticipated to return to normal. With respect to our operations and ministries at KCC, we anticipated creating and implementing a new vision with the hiring of Pastor Dale. With respect to our government, we thought our democracy had been saved and bipartisan cooperation was on the horizon.

I had a very good feeling and high expectations at the beginning of 2021. Things did not turn out as I had expected. The pandemic has not gone away and Pastor Dale's start with us has had several setbacks and we have not yet had our planned all church vision get together. We haven't even worshiped together in person yet. Democracy in our country and many other parts of the world does not yet appear to be safe and secure either.

Nevertheless, we have not lost hope in our Lord and look to Him for our leadership and guidance. We had a very good experience worshipping together via Zoom and the Worship team did a great job under the circumstances. We are just now starting a new phase at KCC with us gathering again in person and broadcasting the service via Zoom too. As Pastor Dale begins to settle into his new role, we are ready to renew our hope and vision for 2022.

Please continue to communicate with Pastor Dale and Kammy and me and the other officers of KCC in any manner that feels comfortable to you including in person conversations, phone calls, email, text messages or other written

communications. We are anxious to communicate with all of you.

This is going to be a new day and we are looking forward to worshipping and serving together again with all of you.

Love, Aloha & Agape, Paul Grable

**DEACONS CORNER***Giving Thanks*

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name."
Psalm 100 :4 NRSV

As we move from Thanksgiving to Christmas, we should continuously give thanks and to praise God. No matter what was stolen from you – health, possessions, family, or friend—it was not enough to stop you from living. You are still here, alive. From here you can go anywhere with God.

Have you ever wondered how you can be thankful when it seems like the world is caving in on you? The secret is faith. To have faith means that you completely trust in the world of someone who is faithful. Faith in God means that you believe the promises of the Bible—His Word.

Even if you are still hurting, you can be thankful for God's promises to bring peace and comfort. Even if you are still sick, you can be thankful for a God who heals. Even if you are suffering lack, you can be thankful for a God who provides. The answer to everything you face in life can be declared with thanksgiving when you pray.

May the holidays bring you and yours the blessings which the Lord wishes upon you all!

By Winchell Lee, Deacon

Ref: Daily Grace by E. Christenson & G. Getz



PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers

- ~ Danica Fong and her mom, Vici
- ~ Lowell's niece, Rumiko Crowhurst
- ~ Myrtle Terada ~ Sharon Mon
- ~ Warren & Lynne Nakano ~ Jennie Lee
- ~ Pat Kent and family
- ~ 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
- ~ Henry Tom ~ Jane Bilon
- ~ 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 in-person worship
- ~ Continued vaccination efforts
- ~ Safety and health of all the children

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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| Myra Yamada | |
| Royce Kojiro | |
| Jean Miyaji | |
| Myrtle Terada | Jennifer Yoshimura |
| Paul Grable | Jackie Ostiles |
| Brandon Gerber | Grant Jessee |
| Norm Noguchi | Pat Oyama |
| Molly Hagmann | Lauren Shiroma Hong |
| Sandra Siu | Michelle Morikawa |
| Cera Soma | Alakai Todd |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Dean & Maureen Wakuzawa
- Howard & Saeko Yoshida

TRUSTEES NOTE

Kindness matters – share more! With all the lights and the glitter, let's sprinkle kindness this holiday season.

The trustees would like to extend our sincerest gratitude for all of your generous tithing. We pray abundant blessings for you and your loved ones this holiday season, just as you have blessed God and his church.

Enjoy this holiday season as we praise God for his love and grace.

*Christmas is the special time of year
We reach out to friends and loved ones far and near*

We think of the memories we've shared through the years;

The good times, the sad times, the laughter, the tears,

*We ask about the lives we've each led,
Anyone born... graduated... retired... wed?*

*We wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR,*

For you are indeed someone we hold dear.

Love, The Trustees



GIVING THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS
SUPPORT TO THE MINISTRIES OF
RIVER OF LIFE MISSION AND THE
INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES (IHS).

We have received \$1,000 that will be distributed between these two programs that care for those in need. Thank you KCC ohana.



NA ANELA I KA HANA A KE AKUA

(Angels in the Works for God)

Matthew 5:16 “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven (KJV)”. On Saturday, Nov 20, from 1000-1130, twenty two members were delighted in meeting (on-line and in-person) Mrs. Miki Morita, currently the Pharmacy Manager for Queens POB III Pharmacy. Miki is a wealth of information, with an amazing background of 23 years of experience, after completing her PharmD degree at Creighton University and residency program at Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City. She is the wife of Dr. Wendell Morita and mother of two, Tyler who is in his 2nd year at University of Washington and Kiryn who is a junior at Iolani. We thank Susan Morita for recommending Miki as a speaker for our support group. Thanks also goes to Aaron for coordinating the in-house and Zoom presentation, Barney Pilla for setting up the sound system and microphones, Jennie Lee for handling the check-in of 16 in-person members/friends and others who assisted them (Kammy, Pat Chinn, and Reggie). Thank you to Johnny Sakamoto for being our trusty photographer. We thank God for Miki, who has used her gifts, to enlighten us, in learning more about doctor-prescribed medications, Off-the-Shelf meds, herbal/dietary supplements and immunizations! Mahalo!

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.

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>.

Dec 02: Thu, 5 – 5:45 pm; Japanese One Pot Dishes – Vegetables Take Center Stage

Dec 09: Thu, 5 - 5:45 pm; Holiday Pies: Sweet and Savory

Dec 16: Thu, 5 – 5:45 pm; Holiday Meal for Two, Pot Roast with a Twist

Dec 31: All taped 2021 cooking sessions and recipes are available for you to view for the first time or as a refresher.

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

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Sign up for individual classes via <https://mailchi.mp/stfrancishawaii/december-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.

Dec 02-30: Thu, 0900-1000 am; Body & Brain Tai Chi

Dec 02: Thu, 5-7 pm; Home Modifications for Accessibility and Independent Living

Dec 04: Sat, 9 – 10:30 am; Resolving Conflict without Blame

Dec 04-18: Sat, 7:45 – 8:30 am; Zumba Gold by Frances

Dec 06-20: Mon, 8-9 am; Big Moves! Monday

Dec 06-20: Mon, 1:30-3:30 am; **In-Person** Make it Happen with Myra (Paper Crafting)

In-Person location is in Liliha at the Senior Community Center, St. Francis Kupuna Village.

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



Na Anela participants w/ Miki Morita

**SPECIAL THANKS GO OUT TO ALL
OUR ANGELS WHO HELPED WITH
THE CHRISTMAS DECORATING**



Mahalo to the Morita family for donating a live Christmas tree this year along with the beautiful poinsettias. Mahalo to Andrew Vallejo-Sanderson for delivering the tree with his great helpers, Finn and Emily. We also want to thank Myra and Reggie Yamada, Susan Morita, Florence Miyashiro, Barney Pilla, Dean Wakuzawa, and Paul Grable for helping with the decorating along with Michelle Morikawa and her daughters, Monicalyn Martinez and Aliana Ramos.

Special Thanks to Steff & Keith for providing the yummy Portuguese bean soup following in-person reopening.



NAME THAT AUTHOR

Here are the answers to quotations for *Name That Author* for November, plus two new quotations for December. For those who cannot wait a month for the author's name, contact Steff at 218-3324 or at 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.

November Quotations

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

Answer: Proverbs 17:6

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

Answer: Proverbs 15:15

December Quotations:

1) *"Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight."*

2) *"Surely then you will find delight in the Almighty and will lift up your face to God."*



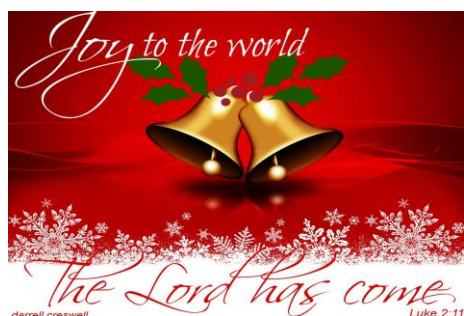
Mahalo to Mary Ellen Likua for making her beautiful maile ti leaf lei for Pastor Dale. Please call her if you would like to order leis.

REASON TO CELEBRATE IN PERSON WORSHIP BEGINS!



Friendly Reminders:

We hope by now members have received their Stewardship packet containing the proposed budget for 2022, the Time and Talent commitment form, Pledge Card, voting ballot, the slate of officers presented for service for 2022/2023, If you have not received your packet, please call the church office so we can provide you with a packet. The voting ballot, Time and Talent form, and your pledge supporting the ministry of KCC for 2022 will be received on Dec. 12 during the offering time or can be mailed in by Dec. 12 deadline so we can prepare for the new year. Please plan on joining us on the last Sunday of 2021, Dec. 26, when we will have the Installation of Officers during our worship service. Your presence will be a great encouragement for our 2022 Church Officers.



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST TRANSITION HOUSE

PO Box 11885
Honolulu, HI - 96826
808-949-2220



United Church of Christ provides a confidential home for women and children who have been victims of domestic violence as they move from emergency housing to more permanent living arrangements. Has space for three families and the resident manager. Families must be beyond the immediate crisis (i.e. have gone to an emergency spouse abuse shelter), and should be working on long-term and short-term goals with a social service or support worker. Has a six-month maximum stay.

Mission Statement: No matter who you are, or where you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here!

Despite the pandemic, the UCCTH has had a full house of families for most of 2021 as they helped women and children who were survivors of domestic abuse. UCCTH is providing them with a peaceful place to recuperate from their trauma and, given their partnership with the Domestic Violence Action Center they are able to offer their guests more services than before.

If you would like to support this special ministry we encourage you to send a check directly to the address given above. UCCTH – P.O. Box 11885 Honolulu, Hawaii 96828. Consider making a donation as a Christmas gift for someone who already has everything they need. Mahalo!

FAMILY PROMISE MINISTRY UPDATE

Family Promise of Hawai'i utilizes family-centered strategies and mobilizes community support to increase equitable access to housing for Hawai'i's vulnerable families. We address family homelessness holistically, providing prevention services before families reach crisis, shelter and case management when they become homeless, and stabilization programs once they have secured housing to ensure they remain independent. We tap existing local resources to empower families towards economic stability. Families come to us in crisis; we help them rebuild their lives with new skills and ongoing support.

Can we help you?

Are you and your children experiencing housing instability?

Are you a victim of one of the following crimes?

- human trafficking
- domestic violence
- family violence
- terroristic threatening
- child abuse/neglect
- sexual assault

How we can help:

- housing placement and rental assistance
- budgeting and credit
- securing new/better employment
- connection to additional community resources

Contact Us

Info@familypromisehawaii.org

(808) 548-7478, press 1

Send a donation to Family Promise Hawaii
245 N. Kukui St. Suite 101
Honolulu, HI 96817

Resources

[If you are in an emergency situation, call 911](#)

We are not a domestic violence shelter, if you are fleeing domestic violence and seeking shelter call Domestic Violence Shelter Access and Crisis Line, 24/7: 808-526-2200

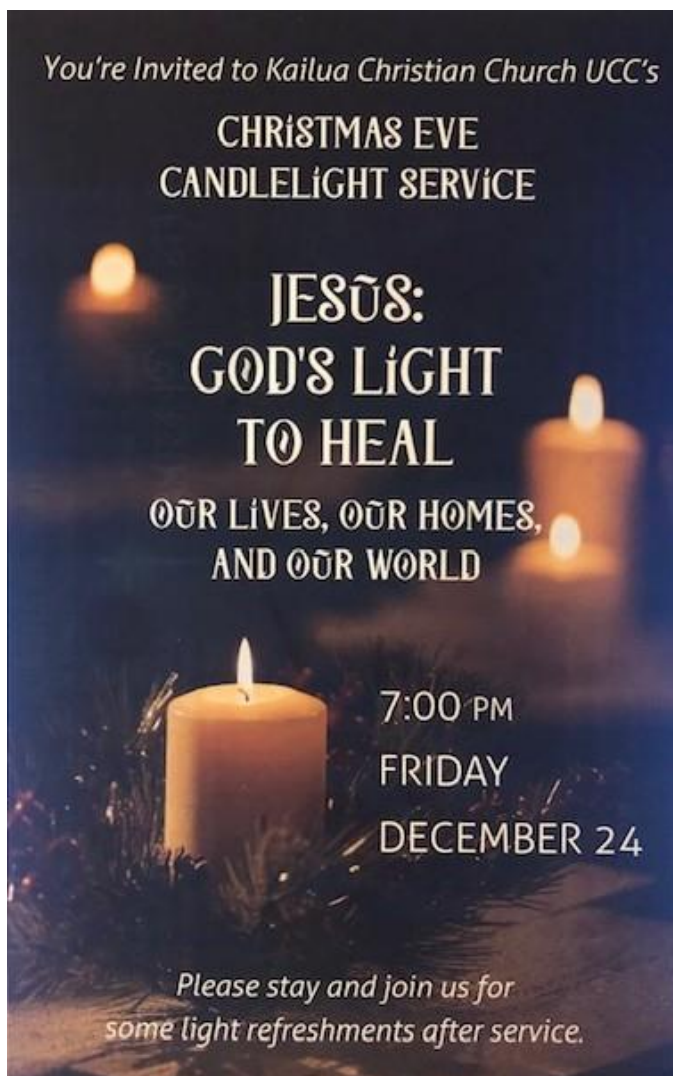
Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

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Return service requested

Rev. Dale Vallejo-Sanderson, Senior Pastor



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!