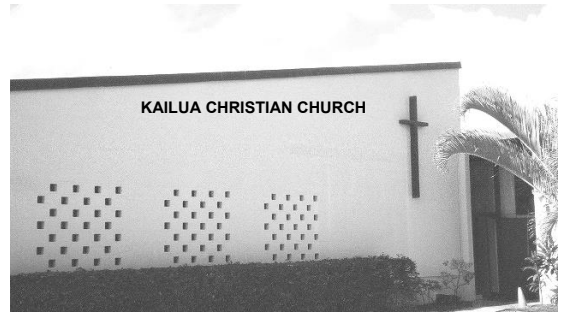


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Dear family and friends,

“You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.” I Peter 1:23

A good word paid attention to over time can bring great change to our lives. This past Sunday, December 26, Pope Francis shared 3 key words for a successful marriage; “Please, Sorry and Thank You”.

Simple in length, we could be technical and say 4 words, but we get the idea. The profound truth and meaningful usefulness of these words could almost be missed by their simplicity.

Yet, that is the power of good words. Words can have a way of guiding us into deeper thoughts, greater commitments and leading us into finding better meaning for our lives.

It has been a regular part of my life over many years to choose a “Word For The Year”. I start by praying; asking God to bring a word to mind and then I choose one as best as I can.

Choosing just one word helps keep me focused. It’s ok sometimes to use two words or a short phrase. Simpler the better I found.

I don’t try to know all about the word and it’s meaning to start. This is really a commitment to spend the year pondering this particular word for insight to how it applies to my life, how it is

something I can work on, let go of, grow into, and even help me share in new ways with others.

Over the years I have had words like; kindness, balance, honesty, forgiveness, joy, presence, be intentional, listening, excavating (digging into), pacing and many more. Some others have taken one of the fruits of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-25, and focused on that one word for the year.

I found that the more I considered this word with God’s help over the year, the more I learned about its significance in my life with God and with my relationships with others.

I am here for you. I invite you to call or set a time for you and I to talk through the process to help you find a good word for your year. Even on the way as the year goes and you want to share or find help to keep finding meaning in your word, let me know.

We each have had a very challenging year in many ways. I pray this invitation to hold a good word for the year gives you encouragement to move into new life with God’s word working in you and through you.

I am grateful for you and welcome a new year for new beginnings together.

In Christ love with deep gratitude,

Pastor Dale



MODERATOR'S NOTES

Welcome to 2022. Last year was rough, but despite our many setbacks we were able to make it through with lots to be thankful for. Our new settled pastor has finally settled in, we are beginning to meet and worship in person again and we are continuing to broadcast via Zoom to those who cannot participate in person.

Many renovations were commenced, and some completed in 2021 including upgrades to the offices and the installation of a new air conditioning system in the sanctuary. We are seeing new people both online and in the sanctuary. We are hoping to grow in our love for God and each other and our community throughout 2022.

We are finally going forward with our all-church planning and vision gathering in the morning on Saturday, February 12, 2022, where we hope to cast a vision for this year and into the future.

Chairperson positions on Council that currently remain unfilled for 2022 include: Christian Education; Missions and Worship.

In addition to continuing on as the Moderator for KCC in 2022, I will be the acting Worship Team coordinator and I invite you to join that team. Our prior Worship Chairperson, Aaron Tanaka, will be continuing on as our audio-visual coordinator to assist with Zoom broadcasting and other computer technical issues. Reggie Yamada has been operating the overhead projector and the PowerPoint during the service. Barney Pilla continues to be the sound system operator. June Cunningham and Nani Oda have been playing the piano for us to assist with the music during worship. Jennie Lee has been our Covid greeter. John Sakamoto continues to keep track of the attendees and Myra Yamada assists in communicating prayer requests to all of us. Pat Chinn, Myra Yamada, and Vernon Pang have been our ushers. Finally, the Deacons have been serving communion and greeting people as they enter the sanctuary. There are lots of tasks and positions available in connection with the worship service.

Pastor Dale will be attending a required denominational conference in Chicago in late January and will be away Jan. 23-29.

We anticipate that 2022 will be challenging and rewarding. We invite you to participate with us in areas where you are gifted and being called to serve. We are looking forward to worshiping and serving together in this new year.

Love, Aloha & Agape, Paul Grable



DEACONS CORNER



“God helps those who help themselves”

According the Barna Research Group 82% of Americans believe that the phrase, “God helps those who help themselves” is in the Bible. Barna also reports that 52% of practicing Christians strongly agree the Bible teaches “God helps those who help themselves.”

When we think about the statement itself, we know that when someone says, “God helps those who help themselves,” they are usually issuing a harsh statement, a challenging statement, and it’s usually directed at a person who is behaving a particular way — typically a person who is sitting around, doing nothing.

The saying is said to make you believe that if you make an effort to achieve something using your own self-help, you will be successful.

The problem with self-help is: 1) it promises results in a very short amount of time, 2) it promises results with very little effort or pain or discipline, 3) it assumes you have the ability to change yourself, the power to change your life within, and that you can make everything better on your own.

On the contrary God helps those who recognize that they can’t help themselves. God will help those engaged in good and beneficial things, but God does not promise His followers an easy life. In fact,

He promises hardship (John 16:33; Acts 14:22). The best version of you is actually a life-long process for which there are no short cuts.

Ok, you have prayed for God's help. You have approached the throne of grace and done what the Bible has told you to do. Now what do you do?

Get to work. Praying and asking for God's help doesn't mean you become a lazy do-nothing. God does not bless laziness. God does bless diligence and hard work. God does bless people who display initiative and energy. Take Proverbs 13:4 for example: "Laziness wants it all and gets nothing, but the energetic have something to show for their lives."

God gifted us with the ability to help others in the church (1 Corinthians 12:7). Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others (Philippians 2).

The beautiful thing is God never left us alone nor did he desire for us to live this life by our own strength. He gave us a helper the Holy Spirit. I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. – John 14:16-17

For those who choose to accept God's help you will discover there is a reservoir of power, strength, and grace to help you with every situation in life.

God is doing for us what we can't do ourselves. What a wise and wonderful God we serve. He truly deserves our praise.

Vernon Pang -KCC Deacon
Thinking of You in 2022



PRAYERS & PRAISES



Please keep in your prayers

- ~ Kira Chong
- ~ Sylvia Shiraishi
- ~ Danica Fong and her mom, Vici
- ~ Lowell & Myrtle's family
- ~ Bailey Miyashiro
- ~ Bobbi Bishaw-gramberg
- ~ Warren Imada ~ Sharon Mon
- ~ Warren & Lynne Nakano
- ~ Pat Kent and family
- ~ Sharon Nishihira ~ Steve Hammann
- ~ Sheila's friend, Jody
- ~ Pastor Guy's heart surgery healing
- ~ Larry & Sandra Siu ~ Otsu Ohana
- ~ Pastor Damien Wong
- ~ Dennis & Maureen Nakashima
- ~ Henry Tom ~ Jane Bailon
- ~ John Sakamoto's Family
- ~ Jiggs Tamashiro, Lowell & Myrtle Terada, Walter Yeda, Alice Esaki, Brian Nakashima, Harry Imai, Hazel Masuda, Carl Nemoto, Jean Kanazawa, 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 everyone

Heartfelt condolences to the Kaneoka Ohana on the loss of Ada Kaneoka, long time member of KCC. Ada passed away on Nov. 27 and a private funeral will be held for the family in late January. Grandsons, Rayce and Sam Kojiro, was also a member escorted their grandma to church when she was able. Ada was a teacher at Keolu Elementary and wrote the school song. We will miss our dear sister in Christ.

blessed. blessed. blessed. blessed. blessed. blessed.

"Our hope is not in the new year...but in the One who makes all things new."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jean Kanazawa
 Lucy & Miley Khem
 Judy Yoshioka
 Hideko Mumaw
 Akito Sagawa
 Susan Stewart
 Randall Imai
 Nathan Nemoto
 JoAnn Takumi Komori



Mary Watanabe
 Nathan Ching
 Brian Nakashima
 Liloa Hagmann

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Terry & Joan Gerber
 Robert & Romona Maeshiro

TRUSTEES NOTE

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Happy 2022 - The year of the Tiger! It is still 2021 as we write the newsletter for 2022. Another year flies by and next thing we know, we are saying farewell to 2021. Not much has changed; we are still facing challenges, hardships and COVID-19 with its variants. But God is still good and He is still continuing to protect and provide for His church! Let us all rejoice and be thankful!

Take a moment to reflect about all the blessings of this past year, starting with Pastor Dale Vallejo-Sanderson. Haven't we been abundantly blessed by his inspiring words of encouragement and messages of hope? We are honored to have him on board with us here at KCC.

We give thanks to all of you for responding to our tithing and time and talent sheets. We are grateful to announce that we received 16 pledges. Thanks to you all for your generosity and continued faithfulness despite the challenges and hardships that came with the pandemic. Be encouraged that we serve a God who sees all, and who is faithful to those who love Him!

We are grateful for our returning Trustees and we would like to give a warm welcome to Dean Wakuzawa and Reggie Yamada. Thank you to Dennis Fong who will be leaving us and serving as clerk. We appreciate his invaluable service and dedication to the work of the Trustees.

A special word of thanks to Stacey Edralin, our bookkeeper and owner of Meleana Consulting LLC and to Harvey & Corvey Lee of HR Resources who keeps our facilities clean. A big mahalo also to Renn Akamine of Central Pacific Bank who helped processed our PPP loans. Their professional support has been a Godsend in these challenging times.

We pray that God continues to keep you and provide for you and fill your hearts with an overflowing joy and hope for 2022!

Faithfully in service, Susan Morita

Love, The Trustees

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

Jan 25, 2002 was the first meeting for our Na Anela Support Group in Rooms 3 and 4. This January 2022, marks our 20th anniversary in promoting one's health and wellness journey through group sharing/caring/praying and learning from Subject Matter Expert resource speakers. Due to the new, more contagious variant (Omicron), along with the severity of the Delta virus infections, breakthroughs of the vaccinated population and the large number of unvaccinated people, the planned January 22 recognition of survivors and those who have passed away, will be postponed to a later date in 2022. When it is safer for people to meet in person, I will communicate info and details for a rescheduled 20th anniversary via KCC's newsletter and Na Anela's email distribution.

 AARP/WCC's "FAST, HEALTHY AND ONO" Cooking Series, featuring Chef Daniel Swift, WCC's Workforce Development Coordinator, will be on break for January 2022. Classes will resume

in February. Please check the AARP website, <https://aarp.cvent.com/HIcooking> for February 2022 classes.

St. Francis Healthcare System's Caregiver Education and Wellness Series is an excellent source of caregiver, 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/january-2022-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 and details. Once enrolled in a class, you will receive a reminder the week of class and future monthly schedules.

Jan 03 & 17: 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.

Jan 03-31: Mon, 8-9 am; Big Moves! Monday

Jan 04-25: Tue, 9-10 am; Body & Brain Tai Chi

Jan 07/10/11/18/21: 5 pm start time except for individual consultations; Eating Smart for Your Kidneys 5- Session Workshop.

Jan 07 – Brief Zoom Test and Introduction

Jan 10 – Basics for Eating Smart for Your Kidneys

Jan 11 – Grocery Shopping Tips

Jan 18 – Cooking Demonstration

Jan 21 – Individual Goal-Setting Consultations

Jan 08/15/29: Sat, 8-9 am; Zumba Gold by Frances

Jan 13: Thu, 5-6:30 pm; New! Career After Caregiving

Jan 19: Tue, 5-7 pm; Understanding Hawaii's Long Term Care Options

Jan 25: Wed, 5-6:30 pm; Social Security Benefits and You

Jan 29: Sat, 9-11 am; Mobility Training for Caregivers

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



NAME THAT AUTHOR"

Here are the answers to quotations for *Name That Author for December*, plus two new quotations for January. 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.

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."* **1 Peter 3:4 NIV**

2) *"Surely then you will find delight in the Almighty and will lift up your face to God."* **Job 22:26 NIV**

January Quotations:

1- *We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.*

2- ... *"Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long, and the one the Lord loves rests between his shoulders."*



A BIG MAHALO KCC

Special Thanks KCC for the generous gifts we were able to give to River of Life Mission and the Institute for Human Services. Both ministries are committed to helping those less fortunate regarding housing needs, Physical and mental health needs, food and clothing needs, and spiritual support. Your support has provided great opportunities for these things to be provided.

Each group was given \$1392 from the funds provided from our designated budget and the Thanksgiving Offering. In addition, with the support of the Aloha for Hawaii Charities/Friends of Hawaii Charities a bonus boost from funds raised at the Sony Open, will be given to both because of our donations. Kudos!

REMINISCING YOUNGER DAYS

Nothing says nostalgic, lazy weekend mornings quite like reading the Sunday funnies. Whether at the kitchen table, spread out belly-down on the living room floor, or kicking back in the family room, there's never a right or wrong way to enjoy comic strips like *Calvin & Hobbes* or *Peanuts*. Beyond just giving us iconic characters such as Snoopy, Garfield, and Dilbert, these Sunday comics also contain troves of wisdom tucked into their multi-paneled strips — courtesy of the wise yet childlike cartoonists behind them.

Bill Watterson, the creator of *Calvin & Hobbes*, spoke of the importance of approaching every day with curiosity, just like his two titular characters, in a 1990 [commencement speech](#) at Kenyon College. "A playful mind is inquisitive, and learning is fun," he said. "If you indulge your natural curiosity and retain a sense of fun in new experiences, I think you'll find it functions as a sort of shock absorber for the bumpy road ahead."

Charles M. Schulz, who created the much-beloved comic strip *Peanuts*, had this to say about the importance of levity: "If I were given the opportunity to present a gift to the next generation, it would be the ability for each individual to learn to laugh at himself."

We've compiled 11 of the most inspiring quotes straight from the speech and thought bubbles of our favorite comic strip characters. Because who doesn't love a good pick-me-up, whether or not it's a Sunday morning.

Everyone seeks happiness! Not me, though! That's the difference between me and the rest of the world. Happiness isn't good enough for me! I demand euphoria!

— *Calvin*, from "*Calvin & Hobbes*," on expectations

You can't hurry love or pizza. Especially pizza.

— *Snoopy*, from "*Peanuts*," on love

Just remember... if things look hopeless, maybe you're facing the wrong direction!

— *Ziggy*, from "*Ziggy*," on having the right attitude

Learn from yesterday, live for today, look to tomorrow, rest this afternoon.

— *Charlie Brown*, from "*Peanuts*," on pacing

Calvin: They say the world is a stage. But obviously the play is unrehearsed and everybody is ad-libbing his lines.

Hobbes: Maybe that's why it's hard to tell if we're

living in a tragedy or a farce.

Calvin: We need more special effects and dance numbers.

— *Calvin and Hobbes*, from "*Calvin & Hobbes*," on the tragicomedy of life

Sometimes I lie awake at night, and I ask, 'What can I do to keep my life from going by so fast?'

Then a voice comes to me that says, "Try slowing down at the corners."

— *Charlie Brown*, from "*Peanuts*," on the speed of life

I say, if your knees aren't green by the end of the day, you ought to really re-examine your life.

— *Calvin*, from "*Calvin & Hobbes*," on finding the joys in life

Life is like a hot bath: It feels good while you're in it, but the longer you stay, the more wrinkled you get.

— *Garfield the cat*, from "*Garfield*," on the experience of life and living

The problem with people is that they're only human.

— *Hobbes*, from "*Calvin & Hobbes*," on the limitations of humanity

Most psychiatrists agree that sitting in a pumpkin patch is excellent therapy for a troubled mind.

— *Linus Van Pelt*, from "*Peanuts*," on an easy way to clear the mind

They say the best way is just to live one day at a time. If you try to live seven days at a time, the week will be over before you know it.

— *Sally Brown*, from "*Peanuts*," on living in the moment

REASON TO CELEBRATE

Being able to worship with friends old and new – from near and far away.



It's been great worshipping with new friends like Richard from Kaneohe and old friends like the

Kendalls (Ken, Lisa, Lily, and Tommy) who were members of KCC in the 90's before moving to Florida. Such joy also to be able to keep in touch with Curtis and Lia Lau in Oregon, and get to know Ana and Peggy in California too. Praise God that we continue to find ways to connect even in these challenging times.

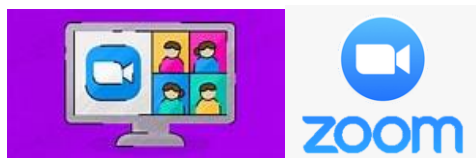
Friendly Reminders:

We continue to receive the 2022 Time and Talent commitment form and Pledge Card as we prepare for 2022. You can mail them into the church office at your convenience.

Please reserve the date: We are hoping to hold our in-person Vision Planning Retreat on February 12, 2022 here at KCC. Hope to see you there!

Na Anela has postponed their 20 year celebration of the Support Group that was set to happen in January. It will be moved to a safer post-covid time. Please check the announcements for updates.

Remember that we share in Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Until we return to in-person we encourage you to prepare yourself with elements to represent the Bread and Cup that we will partake during zoom worship.



Getting On Zoom

- Open a browser and access zoom.us or open the zoom app
- Access Join a Meeting
- Meeting ID: 873 846 0097
- Passcode: branches
- You should now be in the Zoom meeting

Please let us know if you need help getting on the Zoom site. Questions can be directed to the office and we will try to assist you, 808-261-0125.

EPIPHANY IS ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

Epiphany means "*manifestation*" and is the official Season for proclaiming the identity of Christ. *Epiphany* begins at sundown the day before January 6, the day commemorating the Wise Men coming to Bethlehem to worship the Baby Jesus (in the Western Church -- the *Eastern Church* commemorates our Lord's baptism on January 6).

Epiphany is a season of worship, as the whole world follows the Wise Men to find and honor Jesus. The color of *Epiphany* is green.



The Adoration of the Magi by Edward Burne-Jones (1904)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Throughout the New Year, and each step of the way,
May Christ be your portion, your joy and your stay.
With God's precious precepts your daily delight
To lead and encourage in paths that are right.

"The Lord is my Shepherd," how precious the word!
He'll lead in green pastures, His promise is heard.
"Beside the still waters"—what comfort and rest!
What peace there is found upon Jesus' breast.

His "goodness and mercy," each day may you prove,
His comforting presence, His infinite love!
With richest compassions, each morning anew,
May multiplied mercies be showered on you!

"My cup runneth over," His grace so abounds,
That fullest enjoyment in Jesus is found.
"The Lord is my portion," this may your soul say,
And you will be happy each step of the way.

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Rev. Dale Vallejo-Sanderson, Senior Pastor

Annual Reports for 2021 are due in the church office by January 23, 2022. Please submit your reports via Email to kailuacch@gmail.com. Mahalo!

**JOIN US AS WE BEGIN THE SERMON
SERIES:
*New Beginnings
With God's
Clarity, Confidence and Compassion*
Luke 4:1-22**

Sun. Jan. 2- Turning Distractions Into Distinctions
Luke 4:1-13

Sun. Jan. 9- Lifting The Discouraged With Good
Luke 4:14-18A

Sun. Jan. 16-Unraveling The Restraints of Others
Luke 4:14-18B

Sun. Jan. 23- Building Others Vision for Better
Luke 4:14-18C

Sun. Jan. 30- Easing What Pains Them
Luke 4:18D

Sun. Feb. 6-Building Our Family On His Presence
Luke 4:19-21

ZOOM WORSHIP SERVICE FOR NOW

We hope you will join us when we return to in-person worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings 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. Please enter the sanctuary through the center back doors only.
2. Wear a mask at all times.
3. Social Distance of 6 feet.
4. Check-in required with health questions and temperature check.
5. Present your vaccination card or be ready to take a rapid test before entering the sanctuary.
6. Allow Ushers to show you to your seat.
7. We encourage sanitizer usage and elbow bumps in lieu of hugs for the comfort of our fellow participants.

