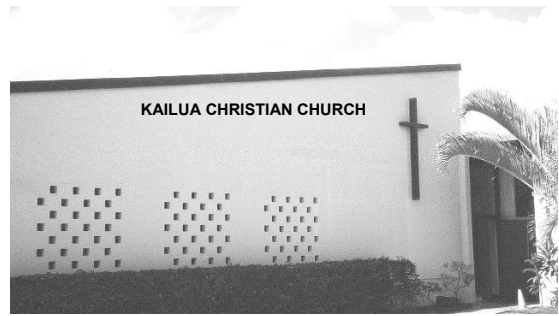


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MODERATOR'S NOTES

Your moderator attended the Oahu Association meeting called the Mokupuni on May 21, 2022. Irene Willis Hassan was ordained during the Mokupuni through the Church of the Cross-roads. She is inspiring and gives us hope for the future of the Christian Church in this country, and more specifically the UCC. She is currently serving at the UCC national office in Cleveland, Ohio helping to serve and welcome and relocate refugees into our country.

The business issue discussed at the Mokupuni was whether the Hawaii Conference of the UCC would support the Tri-Isle Association's proposal to expand the acceptability of pastors for churches who are not fully ordained and have not completed four years of undergraduate studies and three years of seminary training. Many of the churches in Hawaii are unable to find and retain such pastoral candidates. The rule changed to exclude the non-fully ordained pastors from serving in the UCC just prior to the commencement of the pandemic, and the Tri-Isle Association would like it to go back to the looser standard. Most people at the Mokupuni sounded like they agreed with the broader less restrictive requirements for pastors in the UCC.

During the course of this discussion, we learned that there are nine people from Hawaii who are connected with UCC churches who are currently in seminary and who will be looking for full time employment soon. Seven of them, however, are more inclined to serve as a

chaplain and not serving as a pastor in a church. There was lots of speculation as to why these seminarians may not be interested in serving as a pastor of a church.

The annual meeting of the Hawaii Conference will be conducted June 12-18, 2022, via Zoom. I plan to attend portions of the Aha Makua meeting as well.

We are currently being approached by other churches in our area who are interested in sharing our property and making better use of our facilities. While we have made it clear that we are not interested in selling the KCC property to one of these interested parties, we are exploring these partnering options to expand the use of the property for Christian church purposes. We will keep you posted.

We are also forming a new Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) so that we can proceed with retaining a settled pastor for KCC. The four current Council members are already on the PSC.

We need four more members from the congregation to form the PSC. Once the PSC is formed decisions can be made regarding pursuit and retention of our new pastor. Let us know if you are interested in serving in this capacity.

Love, Aloha & Agape, Paul Grable



The logo consists of a circular emblem with a light blue background. Inside the circle is a detailed illustration of a hand, with the index finger pointing upwards and holding a lit cigarette. The words "Serving Others" are written in a black, serif font, arching over the top of the circular emblem.

blessed. blessed. blessed.

A detailed illustration of a pair of hands clasped together in a prayer position. The hands are rendered with fine lines and shading, showing the texture of the skin and the creases of the fingers. The background is a solid, light yellow color.

- ~ Winchell Lee at Castle Hospital
- Support for Lily Lee during these challenging times esp. with her own health needs.
- ~ Colleen I. on health concerns, comfort needs
- ~ The Look family on loss of Raymond Look
- ~ Richard Miyashiro on health recovery
- ~ Traveling mercies for Florence Miyashiro
- ~ Prayers for Keith's ex-mother-in-law, P Lamm who was banged in her church parking lot, suffered broken bones in four places, including a broken hip and broken pelvic bone. Prayers also for Keith's daughter and her family who got Covid in NC.
- ~ Jason Lau and fiancé Ashlyn recovering from their car accident.
- ~ Nancy Arakaki continued back pain
- ~ Debbie Fong ~ Dot Suzuki
- ~ Reggie & Myra Yamada ~ Nani Oda
- ~ John Sakamoto's son-in-law, Tony Sarabia and Tony's wife, Coreen (John's daughter).
- ~ Gary & Susan Morita who are grateful for health improvements

~ Myrtle's healing of health concerns and encouragement for Lowell and the rest of the family. ~ Kira Chong
 ~ Danica Fong and her mom, Vici
 ~ Karen Shimizu ~ Alice Esaki
 ~ Bobbi Bishaw-Gramberg now cancer free!
 ~ Warren Imada ~ Sharon Mon
 ~ Patt Emminger's brother, Richard
 ~ Warren & Lynn Nakano
 ~ Sharon Nishihira ~ Steve Hammann
 ~ Sheila's friend, Jody
 ~ Pastor Guy's heart surgery healing
 ~ Larry & Sandra Siu ~ Otsu Ohana
 ~ Dennis & Maureen Nakashima
 ~ Henry Tom ~ Jane Bailon
 ~ Jiggs Tamashiro, Walter Yeda, 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 and the safety of in-person worship. Esp. Andrew, Nani, & Gail.
 ~ Prayers coveted for the families in Texas and for the healing these families need.
 ~ Prayers for the family of the shooter
 ~ Prayers for Ukraine and their people.
 ~ Pray for Putin to find Jesus and stop this war.
 ~ The progress of finding the pastor God has in store for us. Praying for our future as KCC.
 ~ Rev. Ashley Childress who is in need of a liver transplant.

Sincere Condolences to the families of –

KCC member, **Natsuko Matsushima** who passed away at home in mid-April. Please keep the Matsushima family in your prayers. Natsuko was 98 yrs. old.

KCC member, **Hazel Chow** who passed away in February after being in hospice since September. Hazel's health had been a challenge and although many had reached out to her it was unfortunate that she could not have visitors, but she expressed what a joy it was to know so many reached out to her. She was buried with her husband in a private service.

Sincere Sympathies to –

Alan & Gail Yoneshige on the passing of his mom, **Sumiko Yoneshige**. Sumiko died on May 20, 2022 at the age of 101 years old. A private service will be held for family in June.

Liloa & Molly Hagmann on the loss of Larry Hagmann Sr. (Liloa's dad) who passed away after a long illness.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ruth Lum
 John Sakamoto
 Sharon Mon
 Sandra Siu
 Deanne Ogasawara
 Kauai Todd
 Travis Gerber
 Elyse Grable
 Kristen Miyahara
 Jane Masuno
 Dusty Grable
 Matthew Imai
 Shane Soma
 David Nemoto
 Jody Sakaba
 Kimberly Ogata



Monicalyn Martinez
 Aileen Arashiro
 Bryson Nakamoto
 Teyvyn Higashi
 Stone Jessee
 Edda Mai Johnson
 Jenna Gerber
 Roy Yamauchi
 Paisley Bay Grable

20 – Larry & Sandra Siu
 26 – Daniel & Jane Masuno
 Paul & Kammy Grable



SPECIAL THANKS GO OUT TO:

Mike Yanazaki from 808 Tradesmen LLC. who was an awesome blessing when we had some Plumbing issues at the church, and he responded very quickly and remedied the concerns that the BOWater Supply reported to us recently. It was an extra blessing that Mike refused to charge us for his gracious services because he was doing it as a tithe! Mahalo Nui Loa, Mike!

Kai & Pi'ilani some neighborhood friends who brought a bunch of like new baby clothing and goods that benefitted the guests of the Mary Jane Center where single mothers and their babies reside.

WORSHIP NEWS

We are continuing to conduct in-person and Zoom services worship services and it appears that our Zoom broadcast of the live service has significantly improved as we figure things out. The combination of in-person and Zoom services require a significant number of participants to accomplish and we have had lots of volunteers rotate in and out of various positions.

Music leader. Council has approved the retention of a paid music leader for KCC, and we are in the process of looking to hire someone to fill that position. If you know of a qualified candidate who might fit our needs, let us know.

We also need people to volunteer to be trained by our audio-visual administrators to assist with the PowerPoint and Zoom broadcasting of the services.

For the near future we are going to continue to seek out and find and arrange for guest speakers to come and give our sermons and other pastoral duties during our services. We may be substituting videos from HIM or other sources when speakers are not available.

Thanks for everybody's patience and for all of the hard work by our volunteers. We are continuing to encourage mask wearing while in the sanctuary and other buildings at KCC.



NA ANELA I KA HANA A KE AKUA

(Angels in the Works for God)

There were 18 of us who zoomed in on May 28 to Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body – Tips from the Latest Research. Nicholas Los Banos, HI Island Regional Coordinator/Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter gave an excellent presentation!

Not only did we learn about Tips from the Latest Research & 10 Early Signs of Alzheimers, but also 10 Ways to Love Your Brain: Break a Sweat; Stump Yourself; Hit the Books; Buddy Up; Take Care of Your Mental Health; Butt Out; Follow Your Heart; Heads Up! Fuel Up Right and Catch Some ZZZ's.

“FAST, HEALTHY AND ONO” series, featuring Chef Daniel Swift, WCC's Workforce Development Coordinator is taking a well-deserved break. If you are interested in other June AARP events/classes, search www.aarp.org/hi, and click on **UPCOMING EVENTS**. Scroll to classes that interest you. Click on the **Join the Webinar** or **REGISTER** link.

St. Francis Healthcare System's Caregiver Education and Wellness Series continue to provide excellent caregiving and health/wellness classes for the community.

St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii's Caregiver Education and Wellness Series. Sign up for individual classes via <https://mailchi.mp/stfrancishawaii/june-2022-classes>. Click on the registration button for each selected class. Contact Melissa Caballes if you have questions or are having difficulty enrolling; 808-547-8138; mcaballes@stfrancishawaii.org. You will be sent a confirmation instantly when enrollment is successful, followed by an email confirmation with details and a Zoom link.

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

June 01: Mon, 5 – 6:30 pm; Truth & Myths of Long-Term Care Insurance

June 03 - 24: Fri, 5 - 6 pm; Eating Smart for Your Kidneys 5 sessions Cohort #28 & Cohort #29

June 09: Thu, 5 - 6:30 pm; New! Core Retirement Decisions

June 15: Wed, 5 - 6:30 pm; New! Concussions & Head Injuries

June 16: Thu, 9 - 10:30 am; Medicare Basics

June 17: Fri, 11 am - 12 noon & 1:30 - 2:30 pm; New! Know Your Number: Credit Score

June 18: Sat, 9 - 11 am; Trust, Wills, PoA & Medical Decision making

June 18: Sat, 9 - 11 am; Water Up Fire Down: Movement Practice for Better Health; Fee \$25 (with book)

June 30: Thu, 5 - 6:30 pm; Home Modification for Accessibility & Independent Living

Weekly Session Classes

June 01/15/22/28: Wed, 10 - 11 am; Empower You (no class on Jun 08)

June 02/09/16/23/30: Thu, 11 am - 12 noon; New! Tripudio Movement System with Ellie

June 04/11/18/25: Sat, 8 - 9 am; Zumba Gold by Frances (in person)

June 06 - 29: Mon & Wed, 5:15 - 6:30 pm; Zumba by Frances (in-person)

June 06/13/20/27: Mon, 8 - 9 am; Big Moves! Monday

June 07/14/21/28: Tue, 9 - 10 am; Body & Brain Tai Chi

June 03/17/24: Fri, 6 - 6:45 pm; Boxing Fundamentals

Note: In-person sessions will be held at Senior Community Center at the Kupuna Village in Liliha.

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 informative and free classes.

Mahalo and God Bless! Myra



“NAME THAT AUTHOR”

Here are the answers to quotations for *Name That Author for May*, plus two new quotations for June. For those who cannot wait a month for the author's name, contact Steff at 218-3324 or at bonsaicats1@gmail.com. If members wish to submit a quotation, submit to Steff who will relay it to Kammy by the 20th of each month.

May Quotations:

1-The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever. (Isaiah 32:17 NIV)

2- Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you. (Psalm 9:10 NIV)

June Quotations:

1 – Though he stumbles, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.

2 – The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.



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.

PRESENCE

We have been so fortunate to have such a wonderful array of guest pastors worshipping with us at KCC in the past month and sharing such meaningful messages as we seek to grow in the Lord! This will continue through June with more guest pastors as well. It is a challenge to find so many willing and able to come and share at this time of year with summer vacations, sabbaticals, and just needing rest from the difficulties of the past few years. However, we have been blessed week after week with meaningful and uplifting messages from God's word through the speakers that have come. As we have been able to open to in person worship at the church, we would like to encourage anyone who is able to join us on Sunday morning and gather together. Not only is it a blessing to each of us in the congregation to be able to be in each other's presence as we worship and pray for each other, but it is an encouragement and blessing to our guest speakers who can see the church and connect in a way that you cannot online. Of course, this is not possible for everyone, and it is understandable that many are not able to come in person even if they wanted to. We miss you and are so thankful to be connected with you through zoom. But for those who might be ready to step out again, please consider finding your way back into the church on Sundays so that we can become a living part of each other's lives again. We look forward to gathering together again steadily as we move towards the new normal under the steadfast and never changing love of God our Father who is the same before Covid, now and always!

"For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them." Matthew 18:20

**WELCOME OUR GUEST PASTORS
FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE**

June 5 – Rev. Howard Yoshida will be our guest speaker on Communion Sunday.

June 12 – Pastor Leslie Araki will return

June 19 – Pastor J R Cuevas will join us for the first time.

June 26 – To Be Announced

**UCC STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH
SPECIAL OFFERING**

We hope you will join us in supporting this special offering that is normally collected on Pentecost Sunday, otherwise known as when we recognize the birth of the church. We welcome your donations throughout the month of June as The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

May we honor God in building his kingdom while here on earth.... ALL TOGETHER.



Pentecost, June 5th is a special day of worship. The feast marks the end of the Easter season and commemorates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. The Church of God, which began on Pentecost which we read about in Acts 2 is given the mission of preaching the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

As you celebrate Pentecost consider the color red that reminds us of the tongues of fire that descended upon those early disciples as they knew that they must go into the world to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We are called to continue the work of the Great Commission like those who were energized on that first Pentecost when the Holy Spirit filled those present and three thousand people were saved and they laid down their lives in order that we might continue to continue as the Body of Christ, the Church.

It seems concerning to see so many Christians worrying in fear over the economy...or wars... or pandemics. Paralyzed from moving towards a hopeful future. As we head into this season of Pentecost, we invite you to realize ...God has already given us the victory!

Instead of hanging your head in despair or waiting for help from the government, you can model the amazing testimony of the faith-filled woman described in Proverbs 31:10-31:

Strength and dignity are her clothing, and **she smiles at the future** (v. 25 NASB).

Just as God did for this virtuous woman ...

God wants to strengthen YOU, so you can SMILE at your future!

When you make the Lord your dwelling place amid life's storms and shakings, you can rest confidently in His provision, smiling instead of

fretting! The Scriptures promise: "A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you" (Psalm 91:7).

This means looking to God as your hope and source – not to the resources or news headlines of the world.

Why Did She Smile?

This woman was confident in God's provision for her future. She trusted Him and was not fearful and helpless. We're told she buys a field and "plants a vineyard" (v. 16). And as the Lord blesses her, she determines to be a blessing to others: "She extends her hand to the poor, and she stretches out her hands to the needy" (v. 20 NASB).

As God has blessed you, you have been a blessing to others (Genesis 12:2).

In the same way, God blessed this woman in Proverbs 31, He promises to bless you abundantly because of your outreach to the least and the lost: "He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will pay back what he has given" (Proverbs 19:17).

God will *pay you back* for every seed you've sown – abundantly and overflowing (Luke 6:38)!

You and I have a choice to make. We can choose to live in fear under the world's challenges or we can choose to live in faith...in a covenant relationship with God who has blessed us over and over again.

We need a *new* Pentecost – a fresh outpouring of God's Spirit today. We still are called to lift the name of Jesus and turn the world upside down for Him. God wants to use us to fill the whole earth with the knowledge of His glory (Habakkuk 2:14), reaping an end-time harvest from "every tribe, language, people, and nation" (Revelation 5:9 NASB)!

May we faithfully let Him use us in mighty ways to His glory!

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YOU DID IT!!!



Mikayla Maeshiro is graduating from St. Andrews's Priory on June 5th, 2022. She will be heading out to Chapman University, CA in the fall. Congratulations to proud parents, Robert & Ramona Maeshiro

Monicalyn Martinez graduated from Kailua High School on May 21st, 2022. She will be attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Psychology and will continue her interest in the marching band. Congratulations proud mom, Michelle and Grandma, Pam Morikawa

Taylor-Ann Miyashiro is graduating from Seattle University on June 12th, 2022. Major: Engineering. Congratulations to proud grandparents, Florence and Richard Miyashiro.

Stone Jessee graduated from Kalaheo High School on May 24th, 2022. He will be attending Fr. Collins Community College in Colorado studying HVAC. Congratulations to proud parents, Dan & April Jessee

