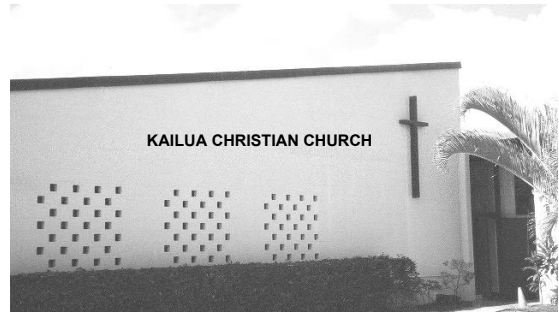


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MODERATOR'S NOTES

Our new Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) has met a couple of times and is close to completing updates and revisions to the KCC church profile. They will be finalizing that soon and moving to the next step in the process of hiring a new pastor.

Pastors in the U.S., however, have been resigning in great numbers lately. I just read an article in the New York Times called “A Pastor Ripped Apart by Our Divided Country” dated July 21, 2022. It had some revealing information about what being a pastor is like in our country now and how it is negatively affecting them. Some of the information from that article is set forth below and may be of interest to KCC as we navigate the process of searching for a new pastor.

Pastor Dan White, Jr. has started running a retreat center for burn-out pastors in Puerto Rico. He says that often church people project all their wants, needs, demands, expectations and unrealized hopes onto their pastors. When the pastor doesn't meet them, the congregants may respond by rejecting the pastor, or trying to ruin him or her, or abandoning him or her.

Politics has infected our churches. During the Obama and Romney election, Pastor White had two opposite responses to the same set of circumstances in his congregation. One member said that she had to leave this church because she was a conservative and she didn't feel safe there and felt judged there and she just couldn't stay there with that kind of judgment. Two weeks later a

young couple said that they couldn't stay in the church knowing that there are people there who are voting conservative and they can't be complicit to this injustice.

This is an example how much of society is becoming increasingly pulled to extremes. In this socio-political environment, it is very difficult to have a shared middle ground and maintain church unity. Most pastors, even if they have political persuasions, have this fierce and passionate desire to keep the church unified. That ability is being lost.

Pastors are feeling disappointed because they are realizing that social media and cable news and political partisanship has gripped us and has formed and shaped the congregation more than the pastors' sermons. This is further contributing to pastors being discouraged because they don't see that what they are doing and saying is actually working. Are people really being transformed to love people that are unlike them, or only just to love their own kind or their own voting bloc?

The church used to give people a place to belong and find themselves and find family and affection. Because the center is eroding, it is harder for that to exist and the consequence may be more depression, isolation and loneliness for all of us, including our pastors.

What is the solution to this problem? The answer may be to remove politics from our churches completely and concentrate on what Jesus said. Jesus did not attempt to change the government or attempt to change the laws or advocate for anyone's rights. He said to render to Caesar that which

is Caesar's and render to God that which is God's. The kingdom of God involves loving God and each other, serving God and each other, forgiving each other and submitting to God and each other. The fruit of that will be Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Love, Aloha, & Agape, Paul Grable



DEACONS CORNER

Thoughts of My Classmates



On July 16 I attended a funeral of a classmate I'd known for over 70 years. I got to Lorraine's funeral some 45 minutes prior to the services. As I sat in the front pew, I purposely gazed at the relatives and friends who came to give their condolences to the family. I counted about 14 RHS '54 Classmates who came together early in our educational lives and stuck together ever since our class reunions in the 1960s. They came in wheelchairs, walking with help of family members, canes, and those more able, without any help. These Rough Riders have survived some 85 years and are in their twilight years. We've lost so many over the past years – Ted, Milton, Mike, Morris, Betty, Jean, Bobby, John, Homer, Paul, Ken, and Myrna.

After the service, we sat together to make small talk—reminiscing of the ol' days and talking about our families. Heartwarming but sad as this maybe the last time we'll see each other.

As we left saying so-long, goodbye, we meant "God be with you" meaning may the Lord protect you and at the deepest level know that no matter what happens, they will ever be safe.

Aloha, classmates wherever you are. We will meet again on the other side.

God gives us the grace to entrust our friends and loved ones to His watchful care.

God guards you when you leave and when you return, he guards you now, he guards you always.
Psalm 121:8

Vaya Con Dios/ Daily Grace

Much love,
Winchell Lee
Deacon



PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers



~ Richard & Florence Miyashiro
~ The Look family on loss of Alice Chun
~ Nancy Arakaki on her move to the Plaza
~ 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).
~ Myrtle & Lowell Terada continued health
~ Kira Chong
~ Danica Fong and her mom, Vici
~ Karen Shimizu ~ Alice Esaki
~ Lola Bukowski
~ Warren Imada ~ Sharon Mon
~ Warren & Lynn Nakano
~ Patt Emminger's brother, Richard and sister, Barb's healing
~ Sharon Nishihira ~ Steve Hammann
~ 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.
~ 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.

Sincere Condolences to the families of –

- ~ Alice Chun
- ~ Coleen Inouye
- ~ Paul Ham (Doris Kim's brother)
- ~ Lola Bukowski

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Howard O. Yoshida
Grace Glenn
Mary Ann Nemoto
Gail Yoneshige
Cassie Grable
Karen Miyahara
Jane Tengan
David Yoneshige



Michelle Pangilinan
Kanani Todd
Jordan Chang



Ken & Chris Nakamatsu
Eric & Mary Ann Nemoto
Vernon & Jennifer Pang
Aaron & Colette Tanaka

SPECIAL THANKS GO OUT TO:

- ~ **Keith Shultz** for fixing the ladies room toilet and replacing the drive-in gate with a new wheel.
- ~ **Florence Miyashiro** for watering the plants and cleaning the garden from dead leaves.
- ~ **Aaron Tanaka** and **Barney Pilla** coming in to work out our Zoom needs during the week.

**CELEBRATING THE BLESSED LIFE AT EVERY AGE!**

Happy Birthday Aunty Nani, we thank God for you! You have always been a gift from God to our KCC Ohana. Mahalo!

WORSHIP NEWS

We are continuing to conduct in-person and online worship services. We are currently having about 15 to 20 people come to the in-person service in the sanctuary and 25-30 participate online via Zoom. Social distancing is not a problem in the sanctuary, and all are strongly encouraged to continue to wear masks.

We are beginning to change from the use of a projector in the sanctuary to the use of two very large TV's to be mounted on the walls at the front of the sanctuary. This will require a fairly extensive change of equipment which we hope will improve the presentation and our worship experience. We are receiving some technical assistance to implement this change.

In the interim, Aaron Tanaka has replaced the lamp in the projector and ordered a new remote control while we are trying to keep our projector functional until the new system can be installed.

We continue to have a wide variety of guest speakers each week. The exposure to a new and different ways of preaching has been educational and challenging and we are grateful for their willingness to serve on our behalf and for their contributions to us.

We also continue to look for anyone who would like to join and/or lead the Worship Team. We have lots of ways to serve, including being the worship chairperson. We also need ushers, sound and lighting operators, greeters, scripture readers, call to worship leaders, invitational prayer leaders, set-up and clean-up coordinators, camera operators, music leaders, prayer request leaders, announcement leaders and refreshment coordinators. Finally, we have a continuing need for people to be trained by Aaron Tanaka and Andrew Vallejo Sanderson, to assist with the PowerPoint and Zoom broadcasting of the services. Please let us know where you would like to serve.

Please also let the current Worship Team members know that you appreciate their willingness to serve to make our worship service meaningful and available to as many people as possible.



NA ANELA I KA HANA A KE AKUA

(Angels in the Works for God)

Please keep the date and time, Sep 24, 2022, 10 am – 12 noon! Chef Dan Swift and Alice Swift will present a special ZOOM class for KCC on Heart Healthy Cooking. Details on logging in will be included in the Sep monthly bulletin.

Nineteen members and friends logged on to Effective Communication Strategies, delivered by Calvin Hara, community educator for the Alzheimer's Association Hawaii – Oahu Chapter. We learned how to connect with our family member or friend who may be at different stages of Alzheimer's. We realized that we need to change our behaviors to meet the needs of our loved ones, to show respect and patience throughout their challenges.

FAST, HEALTHY AND ONO series, featuring Chef Daniel Swift, WCC's Workforce Development Coordinator is on a summer break. Classes should resume in the Fall semester. If you are interested in other 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/august-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.

Individual Classes:

Aug 02: Tue, 10 – 11:30 am; Six-Week Diabetes Self-Management Program

Aug 10: Wed, 10 – 11:30 am; Resolving Conflict without Blame

Aug 13: Sat, 9 – 11 am; Parkinson's Upclose and Personal

Aug 16: Thu, 10 – 11:30 am; Living in Lokahi

Aug 17: Wed, 5 – 6:30 pm; Optimizing Spine Health through Exercise, Diet and Posture

Aug 29: Mon, 5 – 6:30 pm; Medicare Basics

Aug 31: Wed, 11 am – 1 pm; Urinary Incontinence and Hazards of Hospitalization

Weekly Session Classes:

Aug 01/08/15/22/29: Mon, 8 – 9 am; Big Moves! Monday

Aug 01 - 31: Mon & Wed, 5:15 – 6:30 pm; Zumba by Frances (in-person)

Aug 02/09/16/23/30: Tue, 9 – 10 am; Body and Brain Tai Chi

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

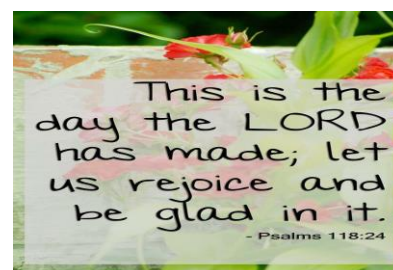
Aug 03/10/17/24/31: Wed, 10 – 11 am; Sat, 8 – 9 am; Empower You!

Aug 05/12/19/26: 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 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 July*, plus two new quotation for August. For those who cannot wait a month for the author's name, contact Steff at 218-3324 or at bonsaocats1@gmail.com. If members wish to submit a quotation, submit to Steff who will relay it to Kammy by the 20th of each month.

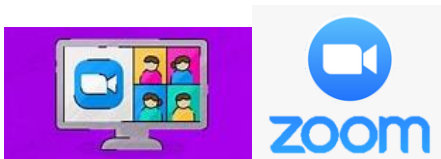
July Quotations:

1 – They will no longer be plundered by the nations, nor will wild animals devour them. They will live in safety and no one will make them afraid. (Ezekiel 34:28 NIV)

2 – The Lord is my light and my salvation-whom shall I fear? (Psalm 27:1 NIV)

August Quotation:

1 – Be patient, then, my brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.”



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.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR GUEST PASTORS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST



August 7 – Pastor Chris Eng

August 14 – Pastor J.R. Cuevas

August 21 – Pastor Les Araki

August 28 – Pastor Kyle Lovett



CONGRATULATIONS MAIA M. PAYNE



First female Eagle Scout in her troop 311 and on the windward side of Oahu! At a joyful celebration held at KCC on Sunday evening, July 31st, proud parents Gregg Payne and June Cunningham along with Grandfather, Rev. Bill Cunningham (who shared the invocation and benediction over this event) joined a prestigious number of special guests for this momentous occasion in Maia's life. Maia's KCC ohana join her in this special accomplishment and lift her up in her commitment to be a blessing to her community and also a light for Jesus in her life of service.



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A BIG MAHALO KCC

I SAID A PRAYER FOR YOU TODAY



In these challenging times we are grateful that your faithfulness to serve those in need holds fast and you put your trust in the Lord.

Special thanks for donations made to the Deacon's Benovlence Fund - \$1270.

We also are grateful for your donations to the Strengthen the Church Offering for the UCC – \$475.

I said a prayer for you today,
And know God must have heard.
I felt the answer in my heart
Although he spoke no word.

I didn't ask for wealth or fame,
I knew you wouldn't mind.
I asked him to send treasures
Of a far more lasting kind.

I asked that he'd be near you
At the start of each new day,
To grant you health and blessings
And friends to share your way.

I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small,
But it was for his loving care
I prayed the most of all.

