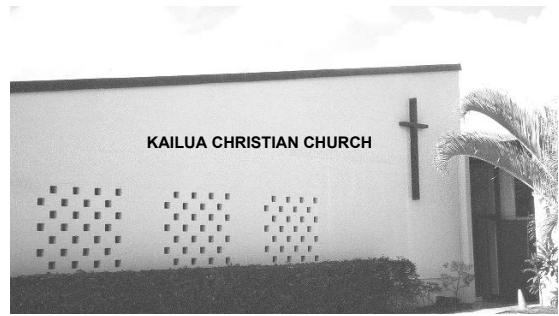


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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE



Two new models for new and revived churches have been revealed to me over the last month which may be of interest to us at KCC.

1. Giving Circle Church

At our Oahu Association Fall Mokupuni, a small group of relatively young (30's and 40's) professional people came and provided us with a presentation describing a new church that they are in the process of forming called the Giving Circle Church. The concept is to meet together to fellowship and worship and learn and pray. They do not have a pastor and they do not plan to hire a pastor and do not plan to have any employees. They are currently collecting "offerings" for the primary purpose of giving the money away to worthy causes that they can agree to.

One of the members, who is also a UCC pastor, commented that Jesus talked more about money than any other subject with the exception of the Kingdom of God. Thus, talking about money and what to do with their money is a big emphasis of this church. They currently are giving away 97% of their collections.

To date, they have been meeting in each other's homes, but they hope to find a more public space and invite other people to join their church. They do not want to be incorporated into any existing church. I got the impression that this generation has rejected the established church for a number of reasons, but they have not rejected Jesus or the Bible or Christianity.

2. Revival of Old Dying Churches in England

At the Hawaiian Island Ministries (HIM) Worship in the Spirit Conference, Pastor Mike Pilavachi reported that many churches in beautiful old church buildings and cathedrals in England and throughout Europe are closing their doors and dying. His church, Soul Survivor Watford church, is made up of predominantly young people who worship very differently from the older churches that are closing their doors.

Recently, the Soul Survivor church started reaching out to some of the older church leaders in the dying churches and they offered to come and worship together trying to be sensitive to each other. They began to work together to revive these churches. Reportedly, it seems to be working very well there.

We may want to explore looking at this model to see if a young church, who may worship very differently than we do, may be interested in partnering with us to help revive KCC. Let's keep open minds about this.

Love, Aloha & Agape, Paul Grable, Moderator



DEACONS CORNER

Giving Thanks, from Daily
Grace, Devotional Reflections to
Nourish Your Soul.

*“Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his
courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his
name.” Psalm 100:4 NRSV*



Even if life has become as tough as it can possibly be, if you are still breathing and your heart is still beating, there is a reason to praise God. No matter what was stolen from you, health, possessions, family, or friends – it was not enough to stop you from living. You are still here, alive. From here, you can go anywhere with God. There are no limits to the greatness you can bring into this world, no matter what state you find yourself in right now. But in order to enter into His presence, something has to happen that would seem to be totally out of harmony with tough times. You have to be thankful.

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 hope, 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.

God stands behind the great and glorious promises in His Word.

May you all find peace, happiness, and comfort in this article.

May your day of thanks be most fulfilling.

In God's name,
Lily Lee, Deacon

**PRAYERS & PRAISES**

Please keep in your prayers



~ Annie Sagawa and her family on the loss of her husband, Akito. Pastor Howard Yoshida will facilitate Akito's private memorial service in late Dec. when the family can all be here. Our sincere condolences to Annie and the Sagawa and Stewart Ohanas.

~ Ken, Lisa, Lily, and Tommy Kendall who are recovering from the results of the hurricane in Ft. Meyers, Florida where they have lived since leaving our KCC ohana. May they heal in all the ways needed.

~ Pastor Dale Vallejo-Sanderson who had a minor heart attack on Nov. 1st while swimming to flat island with son, Andrew.

~ Pastor Ruth Peterson who got hurt and had to reschedule her visit with us due to a broken ankle and rehabilitation time.

~ Praise God that Warren Nakano is doing well as he and Lynne experience challenges to his health and well-being.

Continued prayers for our friends:

- ~ Dot Suzuki ~ Kira Chong
- ~ Reggie & Myra Yamada ~ Nani Oda
- ~ John Sakamoto's son-in-law, Tony Sarabia and Tony's wife, Coreen (John's daughter) John's sister who lost her husband recently
- ~ Myrtle & Lowell Terada continued health
- ~ Danica Fong and her mom, Vici
- ~ Warren Imada ~ Sharon Mon
- ~ Henry Tom ~ Lily & Winchell Lee
- ~ Patt Emminger's brother, Richard and sister, Barb's healing
- ~ Sharon Nishihira ~ Steve Hammann
- ~ Larry & Sandra Siu ~ Otsu Ohana
- ~ Dennis & Maureen Nakashima
- ~ Damien Wong ~ Karen Shimizu
- ~ Jiggs Tamashiro, Walter Yeda, Brian Nakashima, Harry Imai, Hazel Masuda, Carl Nemoto, Jean Kanazawa, Hideko Mumaw, Ruth & Harrison Lum, and all families dealing with high risk factors along with the rest of our church family.
- ~ Vernon's friend, Clarence.
- ~ Aaron's daughter Marie
- ~ Zoom Worship Team and in-person worship.
- ~ Prayers for natural and man-made disasters

Special Note: Reimbursement requests for purchases made in 2022 on behalf of KCC must be made before Dec. 22, 2022. Please submit your receipts asap. Mahalo from our bookkeeper.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

We will begin interviewing prospective settled pastor candidates in November. This is an exciting time as we discern who God may be calling to shepherd us at Kailua Christian Church. We ask for your continued prayers as the PSC continues to meet and work on this pastoral search process.

Should any of you have questions, please reach out to any of the PSC members.

Love in Christ!
Your PSC Committee



WORSHIP NEWS

The Yoneshiges and the Grables recently attended the Hawaiian Island Ministries (HIM) "Worship in the Spirit", worship leaders' conference at First Presbyterian Church. Dan Chun of HIM hosted the conference and the primary presenter was Mike Pilavachi of Soul Survivor Watford church in England. He brought with him Beth Croft and Tom Smith who led the singing and music.

The biggest take away from the conference for me was the emphasis on a very purposeful effort to soak in God's presence with each other as the Body of Christ during worship. The focus was on God and his presence with us during worship and our experience with Him and how to best allow that to happen.

We on the KCC Worship Team have been trying very hard to make sure that we have all of the equipment and mechanics and procedures set up and operating properly so as to be able to present our worship service in a good way. We are concentrating on having the people lined up to do the things necessary for the worship service to take place and for it to go out to all of you. We also have concentrated on arranging to have good guest speakers to deliver the Word to us each week. I don't think that we have been doing a very good job of recognizing the presence of God in our

worship service, nor have we been doing a good job of allowing the presence of God to permeate our beings during worship.

My hope and prayer now is that we refocus our efforts during worship time to be present with God and allow ourselves to embrace His presence and allow Him to come into each of us. He is the vine, and we are the branches, and we need to keep abiding in Him.

It may also be time to encourage each other, members and friends and new people, to come back into the sanctuary as much as possible to be the Body of Christ and worship the Lord together. The risks are minimal now and the benefits are great. So, I invite you to come and soak in God's presence as we worship together.



The first Sunday of Advent is Sunday, November 27, 2022. We hope you will join us for this holy season that continues through Christmas Day.



The word 'Advent' comes from Latin and means "coming;" its purpose is to look forward to the coming of Christ to Earth; it was a season that focused on waiting. So, "Advent means something new is coming. The dawn of a new and better era. This is really what the Christmas season is all about, isn't it? It's the celebration of the ADVENT of a new era. God broke into time and space and entered our world"

Through [prayer](#), we can enter into *God's* presence and ask Him to prepare our hearts the way He prepared all of history to receive the gift of His Son. Ask the Father to use this time during Advent to cut away the distractions and make your life a place of warmth and openness. Use these Advent prayers to help you make sure there's "room at the inn" of your heart this year.

First, Some Simple Things to Pray For During Advent:

Pray for attentiveness to what truly matters, without being distracted by trivial things.

Pray for opportunities to learn something new regularly.

Pray for discernment of how God would like you to set your priorities and the ability to focus on them consistently to fulfill His purposes in your life.

Pray for the grace to be able to rest, become aware of God's presence, and enjoy it.

Pray for strong relationships with other people in the bond of a loving community.

Pray for peace in all situations, no matter what the circumstances.

Pray for an enlivened imagination that helps you contribute to the world in creative ways.

Pray for freedom from all that burdens you - past mistakes, fears, destructive habits, hurts other people have inflicted, and more.

Pray for joy and a sense of humor.

Pray for confidence in God's love for you and trust in His power to work things out for the best in your life.

Pray for a clear mind and the ability to clearly communicate what you value to others.

Pray for purity so you can grow as a person and encounter God more fully.

Pray for openness to the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Pray for a genuine awareness of God's grace in your life and the humility to extend grace to others.

Pray for a passion to pursue justice.

Edited from Whitney Hopler's "[Pray for Simplicity this Advent](#)"

What Is the Advent Wreath?

The Advent wreath first appeared in Germany in 1839. A Lutheran minister working at a mission for children created a wreath out of the wheel of a cart. He placed twenty small red candles and four large white candles inside the ring. The red candles were lit on weekdays and the four white candles were lit on Sundays.



Eventually, the Advent wreath was created out of evergreens, symbolizing everlasting life in the midst of winter and death as the evergreen is continuously green. The circle reminds us of God's unending love and the eternal life He makes possible.

The Advent wreath is a symbol of the season, with a candle lit each of the four Sundays leading up to, and on Christmas Day. The light of the flickering candle flames reminds us who Jesus is: *"In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."* ([John 1:4-5](#)). Advent candles are often nestled in the evergreen wreath. Additional decorations, like holly and berries, are sometimes added. Their red color points ahead to Jesus' sacrifice and death on the cross, shedding his blood for our sins. Pinecones can symbolize the new life that Jesus brings through His resurrection. Families begin lighting a candle on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, and they light another candle each subsequent Sunday.

A special invitation goes out to our ohana to include you in the lighting of a Advent candle during one of the five events during the advent season. You can participate with a friend or with family members to share a provided reading and to light a candle for our wreath during our morning worship on one of the Sunday mornings. **Please contact Kammy in the church office by Nov. 13th at 808-261-0125 or email: kailuacch@gmail.com if you would like to participate.**



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

Plans for Nov 19's in-person meeting with a genetic counselor have been cancelled, but will be rescheduled in 2023. Please save the 2023 dates on your calendar for Na Anela's six bi-monthly meetings: 01/28/23, 03/25/23, 05/27/23, 07/23/23, 09/23/23 and 11/18/23.

If you are interested in Chef Dan's **Fast, Healthy and Ono** series of cooking sessions, go to: Aarp.cvent.com/hicooking. You will be taken to a screen that shows a registration button. Click on it and you will see his many AARP cooking sessions (recipes and recordings) from Sept 2020 through June 26, 2023. Although this popular AARP/WCC cooking program ended on June 26, videos and recipes are available to anyone.

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/november-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.

Individual Classes:

Nov 01: Tue, 5 – 6:30 pm; Social Security Benefits & You

Nov 02: Wed, 11 – 12:30 pm; Age-Friendly Healthy Systems and the 4 Ms: What Matters, Medication, Mentation and Mobility

Nov 02: Wed, 5 – 7 pm; Parkinson's Up close & Personal

Nov 05: Sat, 9 – 11 am; Mobility Training (in-person)

Nov 08: Tue, 5 – 6:30 pm; Kidney 101

Nov 16: Wed, 5 – 6:30 pm; Memory Loss and When to Be Concerned

Nov 17: Thu, 5 – 6:30 pm; Resolving Conflict without Blame

Weekly Session Classes:

Nov 01 - 29: Tue, 9 – 10 am; Body and Brain Yoga Tai Chi

Nov 02 - 30: Mon and Wed, 5:15 – 6:30 pm; Zumba by Frances (in-person)

Nov 02 – 30: Wed, 10 – 11 am; Empower You! (designed for Parkinson's people)

Nov 03 - 17: Thu, 11 am – 12 noon; Tripudio Movement System with Ellie (lymphatic and fascial system)

Nov 05 – 26: Sat, 8 – 9 am; Zumba Gold by Frances (in-person)

Nov 07 – 28: Mon, 8 – 9 am; Big Moves Monday!

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 free and informative classes.

Mahalo and God Bless! Myra



FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

“...BLESSED IS HE WHO IS GENEROUS TO THE POOR” PROVERBS 14:21

**TAKE PART IN OUR 2022 FOOD DRIVE
OCTOBER 30 THROUGH NOVEMBER 20**

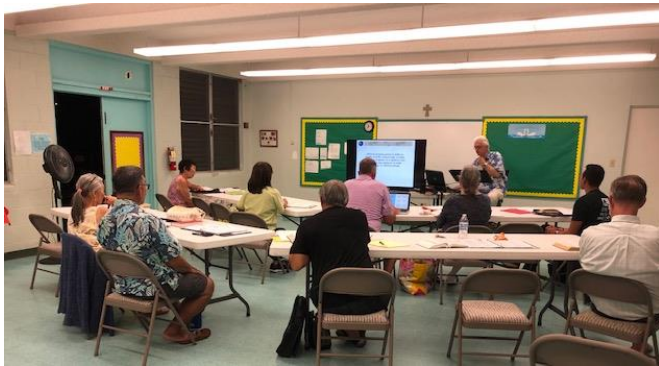


Bring your non-perishable food (canned meat, boxed cereal, bags rice, canned vegetables, canned fruit, etc.) and place them in the basket

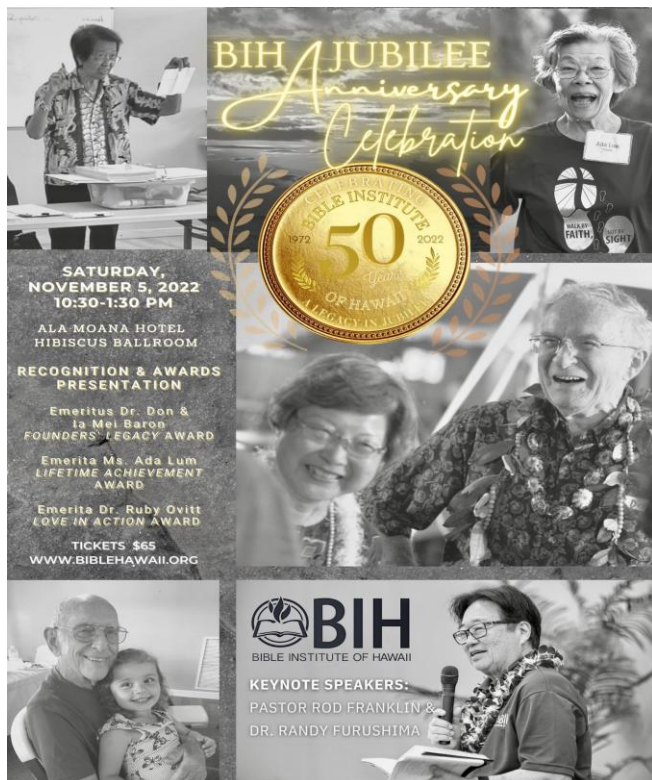
at the front of the sanctuary. All donations will be delivered to the food pantry at St. Anthony's outreach program before Thanksgiving. **MAHALO**



Bible Institute of Hawaii Class held at KCC
Monday nights, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



Thirteen students attend our Monday evening BIH class, The Gospel in the Old Testament with facilitator, Rev. Dr. Rick Bortosik. We are half way done in our study but welcome anyone who would like to sit in on the class which starts at 6:30 p.m. Please call the church office if you would like to attend or have any questions.



Please pray for this special celebration and the very special people who have dedicated their lives for the glory of God through this ministry! May he continue to use this wonderful ministry to bless others, in mighty ways, until he comes again!



“NAME THAT AUTHOR”

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

October Quotations:

1 – Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. **2 Thess. 3:16**

2 – The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever. **Isaiah 32:17**

November Quotations:

1 – He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

2- When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.



CARING AND SHARING



We are fortunate to have been the recipient of a couple of wheelchairs, walkers, and 2 portable toilets for those who might be in need of them. As we are willing to pass them on, please let the office know if you or someone you know is in need of any of these items. Call the church office to arrange viewing these items that you can have or use as long as its needed. Please call 808-261-0125 or email kailuacch@gmail.com. Mahalo.

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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
OUR GUEST PASTORS
FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**



Nov. 06 – Rev. Chris Eng

Nov. 13 – Rev. Rick Bortosik

Nov. 20 – Pastor Les Araki

Nov. 27 – Elijah Yip, Attorney



As Pastor Danny Han encouraged us -
Pray to your Father in Heaven that in
everything you do - strive that
God's name is glorified.
God's kingdom is expanded,
and God's will is done.
AMEN!



Proposed Slate of Officers for 2023/24
(year term ends)

Moderator: Paul Grable (2024) *new term*
Clerk: Dennis Fong (2023) *returning*
Treasurer: Alan Yoneshige (2023) *returning*
Christian Ed: vacant
Worship: Gail Yoneshige (2024) *new term*
Missions: Kammy Grable (2024) *new term*
Deacon: Vernon Pang (2024) *new term*
Myra Yamada (2024) *new term*
Debbie Fong (2023) *returning*
Florence Miyashiro (2023) *returning*
Trustee: Dean Wakuzawa (2023) *returning*
Michelle Morikawa (2023) *returning*
Susan Morita (2024) *new term*
Reggie Yamada (2023) *returning*
Maureen Wakuzawa (2023) *returning*

Releasing from service after completing their term: A big Mahalo for the faithful service of

Deacon: Lily Lee
Winchell Lee
Vernon Pang
Myra Yamada
Trustee: John Sakamoto
Susan Morita
Moderator: Paul Grable

We will be voting on those bold (2024) new term candidates only. All others are officers fulfilling their 2nd year of term. Please keep all our leaders and potential new leaders in your prayers. May their service first and foremost glorify our God.