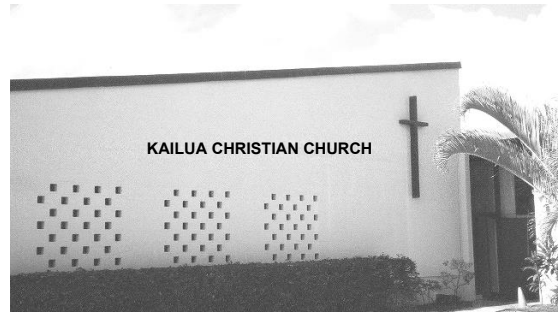


# Waves of Faith

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## Trustee's Ministry

As we focus on God, we know his love and grace never changes on us. With the year passing by so quickly, we take the time to reflect on the many changes that have happened in our lives as well as the KCC community. Through it all we remember one thing that never changes: God's promises and his love.

Last November, we signed a contract for East Shore Church to utilize rooms 1 and 2 for their Sunday worship. This month, we will be signing a contract with Wellspring Covenant Church who will use rooms 5 for storage while they look for a new place to worship. Our job as trustees is to be good stewards of our property and finances. We are truly fortunate that we can be a partner to both churches as God has blessed us with this parcel. Thanks be to God and to our members for allowing us to make these decisions.

Taking care of a church requires time and manpower. We are grateful for whatever help we receive. We have been experiencing some difficulty with cars parking in front of our front entrance fence. Harvey Lee, our janitor, is trying to beautify that area with plant arrangements to help prevent cars from parking there. If you are interested in helping with this beautifying project, please contact Kammy.

Trustees have counted upstairs for many years but we have relocated downstairs due to a computer issue. It is refreshing to be working in the church office as it is warm and welcoming due to the recent renovations. Pastor Dale did an awesome job of renovating with warm colors that Beverly selected. The church front office also had a make-over making the space inviting and welcoming. Thanks to Cassie Grable for providing the

added plants, signs, chairs, and curtains that enhances the office even more.

We are now looking for privacy curtains for the pastor's office. If you are able to help sew or donate curtains, we would greatly appreciate it.

Being blessed with a place to worship requires good stewardship through regular maintenance. In preparation for our room rental, we vacated the room and changed the lock. Thanks to Dean who changed the lock and Katelyn and Reyn Akamine, Reggie Yamada, and Dennis Fong for helping Dean clear the room. Thanks also to Keith Schultz for repairing the garbage disposal and unclogging the drain in our kitchen. We are also grateful to him for helping change the lighting needed in the office. A big mahalo to Alan and David Yoneshige for carrying the furniture from upstairs, downstairs to the office and for some KCC moneymen who put up some much appreciated curtains in the back room of the office. There are many who donated time and talents that might not have been mentioned, and if that is you, please know that we are grateful for your contributions and most of all God sees what is being done. May God bless you abundantly!

We would like to thank all of you who have been giving so generously in tithing and with your time. With the calling of a new pastor, we will be sending a letter for a capital fund drive in the near future. We look forward to your continued support.

Jeremiah 29 says "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Your trustees will continue to keep God as our focus moving forward according to his will. Thanks be to God!

**DEACONS CORNER****GRATITUDE**

*Luke 17:16 He fell on his face at Jesus' feet and thanked him. He was a Samaritan.*

Author, Reshmisadhana Y. R. (Tamil Nadu, India) writes:

"In today's scripture reading, Luke 17:12-19, ten men with a skin disease stood at a distance and "raised their voices" to Jesus, crying out for mercy. At that time these people would have been made to live on the outskirts of the city because of their disease. When they heard the news that Jesus could heal the sick, they came to him. Jesus asked them to show themselves to the priests. On their way to the temple, all ten men were healed. But one man came back to thank Jesus. He fell at Jesus' feet, expressing his gratitude and praising God.

"Inspired by this man who expressed gratitude, I try to give thanks to God for every blessing I have received – even the smallest ones. When I travel by bus from college back to my hostel, I start thanking God. There are times when I forget to give thanks, like the days when I fall sick or when I have examinations, yet those days never feel complete."

"So often we are ready to do what God says, but we cannot hear God's word because we are far away. We fail to see the distance that is created by our lack of gratitude. To reduce the distance between God and us, we can start giving thanks. The more we give thanks, the closer we get to God."

Taken from The Upper Room January – February 2023, pg. 71.

My chemotherapy started in March and ended in August of 2000. I remember how fearful I was about the unknown effects of toxic chemotherapy medicines especially when seeing the nurses suiting up, wearing gloves and facemasks, when administering the chemo drip. I recall going to bed and praying to God that I'd wake up the next morning. On awakening each morning, I'd give thanks to God for another day of life.

However, when you get to the point of being cancer free (remission) for decades, you become complacent and forgetful in thanking God. I am reminded about the importance of being grateful and praising God daily when I read inspiring articles like the one by Reshmisadhana. "The more we give thanks, the closer we get to God."

Love in Christ,  
Deacon Myra Yamada

**PRAYERS & PRAISES****Please keep in your prayers**

- ~ Lois Shinsato
- ~ Auntie Helen in Oregon
- ~ Vici in Hospice
- ~ Healing of Pastor Gary Augustin from hip surgery and then a broken femur.
- ~ Healing for John David's broken his leg
- ~ Stella Wakamatsu, Son in law, Jerry and daughter, Gwen
- ~ Pastor J.R. Cuevas, healing of his eye.
- ~ Pastor Warren and Lynne Nakano
- ~ Dot Suzuki ~ Kira Chong
- ~ Nani Oda
- ~ John Sakamoto, for his son-in-law, Tony Sarabia and Coreen (John's daughter)
- ~ Myrtle & Lowell Terada continued health
- ~ Warren Imada ~ Sharon Mon
- ~ Henry Tom ~ Lily & Winchell Lee
- ~ Sharon Nishihira ~ Steve Hammann
- ~ Sharon's friend, Erin
- ~ 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, Ruth & Harrison Lum, and all our families dealing with high risk factors along with the rest of our church family.
- Alice Esaki's brother, Albert Nakaji
- ~ Vernon's friend, Clarence Ching
- ~ For the family of Florence's friend Pauline who passed away.
- ~ Asencio family on loss of father to cancer.
- ~ Zoom Worship Team and in-person worship.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Lance Yoneshige  
Mikayla Maeshiro  
Jolene Chang  
Alan Yoneshige  
Cindy Imai  
Jason Lau  
Nathan Chang  
Heather Bernal  
Sam Kojiro



Cyndi Kesler  
Joshua Weible  
Maureen Wakuzawa  
Dean Wakuzawa  
Tim Weible  
Lowell Terada  
Winchell Lee  
Lynda Yoshimura

**ANNIVERSARY**

Bruce & Coleen Kugiya

**CONGRATULATIONS to ALAKA'I TODD**

The UH Men's Volleyball Team who has made us proud with their 2022 NCAA Tournament Championship and again doing a awesome job in the current season. We are especially proud of our 6'9" Jr. and Middle Blocker from Kailua who is doing a great job.

I'm glad we can call him KCC ohana from his early days coming to church with his two sisters, Kau and Kanani Todd, his parents, Pua and James Todd and grandma, Saron Decosta.

**Other Great News!**

**KUDOS to CORVEY LEE** who was selected by his high school varsity volleyball teammates as Co-Captain, splitting the duties. He is playing Middle Blocker as a high school senior at Kailua High School. Go Surf Riders! When not playing basketball or volleyball, Corvey can be found at KCC helping his dad, Harvey keeping our facilities clean and tidy. Thanks Corvey for all you do!

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

March 25, 2023, 10 – 11 am: In-Person CPR-AED Refresher Training with AED Institute of America, Local HI Chapter, Instructor Jenna Tanigawa  
KCC's Rooms 3 and 4; dress comfortably.  
Please RSVP to Kammy or Myra. Knowing the number of sign-ups will help us ensure sufficient spacing and chairs in Rooms 3 and 4.  
Please save the next Na Anela's 2023 bi-monthly meeting date: May 27, 2023: Eating for Your Genes with Dietician Caroline Hamatake (Joyful Nutrition); 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Light, healthy refreshments to be shared at each meeting.

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If you are interested in Chef Dan Swift's Fast, Healthy and Ono (past) series of cooking sessions, go to:

[Aarp.cvent.com/hicooking](https://aarp.cvent.com/hicooking). You will be taken to a screen that shows a registration button. Click on it and you will see his AARP cooking sessions (recipes and recordings) from Sept 2020 through June 26, 2022.

This popular AARP/WCC cooking program's videos and recipes are still available to all.

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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.

If this is your first time signing up for classes, please contact me (Myra). I will send you the email from Melissa Caballes which has the actual registration bar to register. Contact Melissa Caballes if you have questions or are having difficulty enrolling; 808-547-8138; [mcaballes@stfranchishawaii.org](mailto:mcaballes@stfranchishawaii.org).

Individual Classes:

Mar 02: Thu, 9 – 10:30 am; Lymphedema and the Benefits of Tripudio



Mar 07: Tue, 5 – 6:30 pm; Medical Decision Making, Trust and Wills

Mar 16: Thu, 5 – 6:30 pm; Resolving Conflict Without Blame

Mar 18: Sat, 9 – 11 am; Mobility Training (in-person)

Mar 21: Tue, 5 – 6 pm; Sleep Well for Your Health and Wellness

Weekly Session Classes:

Mar 01 - 29: Wed, 8 – 9 am; Empower You! (designed for people with Parkinson's)

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

Mar 02 – 30: Thu, 11 am – 12 noon; Tripudio Movement System with Ellie (lymphatic and fascial system)

Mar 04 – 25: Sat, 8 – 9 am; Zumba Gold by Frances (in-person)

Mar 06 – 27: Mon, 8 – 9 am; Big Moves Monday!

Mar 07 - 28: Tue, 9 – 10 am; Body and Brain Yoga Tai Chi

Mar 07 – 28: Tue, 12 – 12:30 pm; Celebrate National Nutrition Month with Us (Lightshine Wellness):

Mar 07: Do you know your portion sizes?

Mar 14: Understanding macronutrients: Carbs, Fats and Proteins

Mar 21: Food and ingredient labeling

Mar 28: Understanding body composition

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 be healthy and invest your time and energy in any one of these free and informative classes.

Mahalo and God Bless! Myra

### **ANY LEADS?**

We are seeking some large rocks that might help us in remedying some of our parking concerns at the entrance of the driveway into our facilities. Because of parking issues along the side streets, the police has been ticketing cars and dealing with a number of safety concerns and has suggested us consider rocks on our property to avoid unwanted parking. Please contact the church office if you can help. Mahalo for your assistance.

## **MISSIONS NEWS**



### **FAMILY PROMISE OF HAWAII**

“Family Promise is holding its free annual Supporter Appreciation event on Thursday, March 30, 4:30 -6:30 p.m., at Central Union Church Parish Hall. This event celebrates all volunteers from the past year. Light pupus and drinks will be served, along with entertainment.

KCC has been invited for their participation of financial and support in goods for their ongoing ministry. If you would like to participate, please RSVP online by March 23:

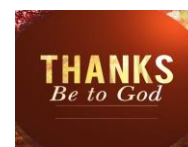
<https://familypromisehawaii.org/mahalo2023>

### **MAHALO KCC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!**

Special thanks to Jean Miyaji and Darren and Gwenn Navarre for their generous support of mission outreach. With their help and donations IHS and other outreach programs were helped in providing a much needed bed, and medical support supplies for those who were in need.

We recall the wonderful prayer blankets that Jean made for the homeless families to take with them, to remember their time with us, when they left the KCC transitional housing unit. More recently she has been sewing lap blankets for those who are in wheelchairs - we know these too will warm the hearts of those who will receive them.

Because of their generosity, we have crutches, walkers, shower chairs, bedside potty chairs, and walking canes that are available for those who need them. Some household items and books have been also made available along with a lot of material for sewing. Please see Kammy in the office for more details on having access to these items. A twin bed and a queen bed will soon be available also.



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

### Special Offering of the UCC



*Dear Friends,*

*So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit.*

*Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all...*

*Galatians 6:9-10*

Thank you for your kind support of the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering! The UCC's Wider Church Ministries ability to provide Disaster Ministries, Refugee Ministries, and Sustainable Development initiatives are a result of your generosity.

We will receive the OGHS on **Sunday, March 19** and be grateful to receive your generous gift throughout the month of March.

If writing a check, please note OGHS on memo line. Please use the special offering envelope if you would like to give a cash amount so we can be sure to credit your giving statement.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR THE NATION OF MYANMAR

Please join us and Pastor Rick & Diane Bartosik as we pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in that country. Please pray for their mission partners Chhuana and his wife, Lunpi who serve there.

Myanmar has been in chaos for the past two years since the military take-over of the country in February 2021. Suu Kyi's democratically elected government was decimated as the leaders, including Suu Kyi, were thrown into prison.

The United Nations has accused the military of war crimes and crimes against humanity. The United

States and our allies have imposed sanctions on the nation.

The people of Myanmar are continuing to endure a political, human rights, health, economic and humanitarian crisis that has caused many civilian casualties and displacement.

At least 1.5 million people have been displaced across Myanmar. 70,000 people have fled the country. People live in daily fear for their safety and their lives.

Last year alone, 19,000 people were killed in clashes with the military forces.

**PRAYER REQUESTS FROM PASTOR LAL RAWNA:** (Lal Rawna is President of the Evangelical Free Church of Myanmar with headquarters in Kalay, near the border with India) He is asking for prayer for the country of Myanmar, for protection for their people and for the wisdom to know how to help in such adverse conditions.

1. Sekan village just 15 minutes from the church in Kalay (near the border with India) was attacked and burned by the military. At least 70 homes were burned to the ground including the home of an elderly retired pastor, Rev. Than Linga, who lost everything. Pray for his health.
2. A number of families from the villages where the military has attacked now face not only dire poverty, but even starvation.
3. Displaced families are being provided with shelter, food, and health care by Pastor Rawna and the church in Kalay.
4. Pray for wisdom and strength to respond to those in need.
5. Pray for the safety of the Christians who keep hearing explosions, gun shots, and burning houses all around. They are afraid to leave their homes.
6. Pray for God's intervention to bring peace and order to Myanmar.
7. Pastor Rawna writes: "We praise God that we have you as our prayer partners! God bless you richly for your prayer partnership and generosity."

**LUCKY WE LIVE IN HAWAII,** May God use us in mighty ways to help those who are facing all kinds of challenges and persecution in this part of our hurting world. **MAHALO!**

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



March 05 – Pastor Clive Cowell

March 12 – Pastor Les Araki

March 19 – Pastor Danny Han

March. 26 – Pastor J.R. Cuevas



A sincere Mahalo to these wonderful pastors who have blessed us throughout the past months and continue to support us in these times of challenge.

We praise God for his ongoing blessing and care in providing these awesome pastors.

Jeremiah 3:15 (ESV)

“And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.”



Please reserve the date of  
SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023  
for a special recognition of  
85+ Kupunas with our beloved  
Pastor Chris Eng facilitating  
the service. Lunch to follow.



**PLEASE KOKUA!**

*As we continue to acclimate ourselves back to worship and fellowship here at KCC, may we extend a friendly reminder that everyone can be of help with. Most times someone will take it upon themselves to assist with securing areas but whenever possible if you are one of the last to leave, we would be grateful for your help to secure doors and shut off items that would normally be secured if you were the last to leave.*

*If you are unsure, please call the church number and inform us of this possible situation. Those who need to get back in the building have access to reopen it if need be, so best to error on the side of securing it, when in doubt. Thank you for your kokua. For more information, please contact the church office. Mahalo.*