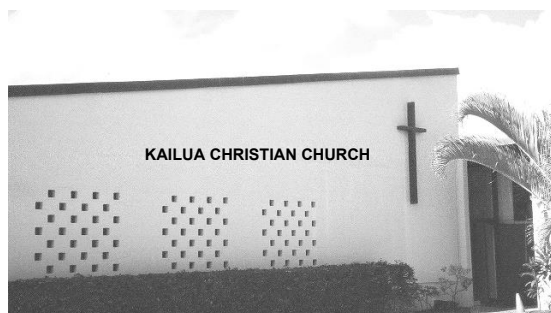


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FROM OUR MODERATOR

We are very happy to report that Kailua Christian Church had an in-person congregational meeting on Sunday May 21, 2023, at which time the membership approved the calling of Pastor Irene Willis Hassan to be our new settled pastor starting in August.

Pastor Irene is married to Hamza and they have two children, Aisha (Aeesha) and Adam. We were able to meet Pastor Irene and Hamza at a meet and greet on Mother's Day at which time she also delivered the sermon. We are looking forward to meeting Aisha and Adam this summer.

Pastor Irene has a very interesting background including her most recent job as the Minister for Refugee and Migration Ministries at the United Church of Christ, National Ministries in Cleveland, Ohio. Her work in Hawaii just prior to going to Cleveland included being the Chaplain at the Institute for Human Services under the Direction of KCC's former pastoral associate, Connie Mitchell. Her first pastor calling was at an olelo Hawaiian church in Waianae called Ka Hana O Ke Akua UCC Church. She is currently a member of Church of the Crossroads pastored by our former member, David Turner, and she has been mentored by Lauren Buck Medeiros who also has close ties to us and is the Chaplain at Punahou School. So, in addition to her many good qualities, she has lots of relationships with people who have long and good connections to KCC.

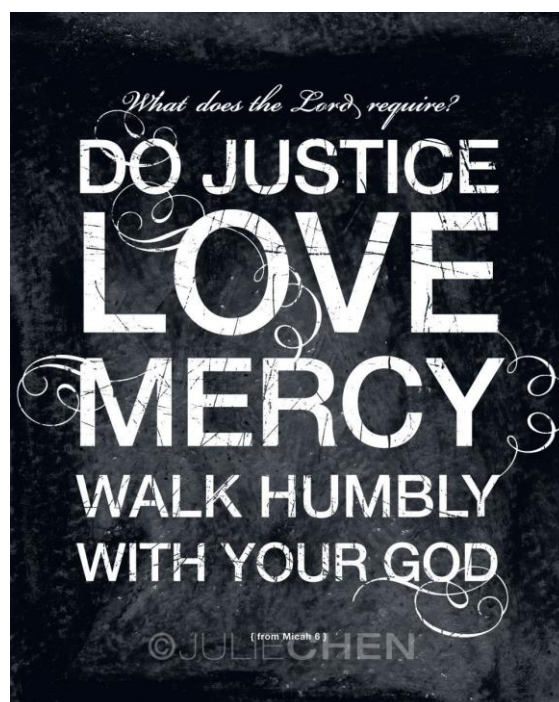
Pastor Irene has a heart for the homeless and refugees and we fully expect her to develop those Outreach ministries with us and help us reach out to and reengage with those communities.

In addition to approving Pastor Irene the membership was also able to approve the 2022 KCC Annual Report at our congregational meeting this past month. Notwithstanding an outbreak at The Plaza in Kaneohe, which prevented many of our members from attending on May 21st, we still had 32 members able to come and participate and vote. Many were folks that we have not been able to see in person for a while. It was good to see everyone.

Thank you all for your continued service to our Lord through our ministries at KCC.

Love, Aloha and Agape, Paul Grable, Moderator

Pastor Irene will begin her pastorate in mid-August. Please keep the family in your prayers in this time of transition.



DEACONS CORNER**Kailua Christian Church
Benevolence Fund**

Galatians 6:10 “Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone, especially to our Christian brothers and sisters”.

The purpose of Kailua Christian’s Church (KCC) Benevolence Fund, is to lend a helping hand to Members, Members’ family, Friends and the community in general, by providing needed financial support.

If you know of anyone having difficulties paying for rent, utilities, or miscellaneous needs, KCC’s Benevolence Fund can be a God-send gift for the individual. This program is administered by the Board of Deacons who will request congregational donations, at specific times, to maintain program’s funding.

The application process is fairly simple:

--Ask your deacon (Vernon Pang, Debbie Fong, Florence Miyashiro, or Myra Yamada) or the church office (Kammy Grable/808-261-0125) for the “one page” application form.

--Complete all required information which will includes a short paragraph explaining one’s financial situation that is prompting you to apply.

--Attach a copy of the bill and a pictured ID with the completed application and drop off the packet with Kammy. If mailing in the application, send to:

Kailua Christian Church
317 Manono Street
Kailua, HI 96734
Attention: Board of Deacons

--Your completed application (documents included) will be reviewed by a minimum of two deacons (Vernon and Myra) and an interview will be set up in a timely manner.

--Each requestor’s completed application and interview are kept confidential and when request is approved, the billing company will be contacted by the deacons and a check (signed by two deacons) will be mailed directly to the company. The applicant will also be notified when the check has

been mailed. Partial rent, insurance, medical and utility bills are examples of past requests.

We look forward to helping individuals meet their financial needs in the coming months!

In the month of July, the deacons will humbly request for your financial contribution to the Benevolence Fund. For the past two years we have helped a number of families in the wider community with rental and medical assistance. With your contributions, we will be able to assist more individuals and families!

Noblesse Oblige: To whom much is given, much is expected.

Mahalo Plenty for your generosity!
Deacon Myra

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers

~ Maureen Wakuzawa’s mom recovering from a stroke.

~ Healing for Cedric,.

~ Dot Suzuki

~ Kira Chong

~ Nani Oda

~ Vici in Hospice

~ John Sakamoto, son-in-law, Tony Sarabia and Coreen and Cheryl (John’s daughters)

~ Myrtle & Lowell Terada continued health

~ Warren Imada

~ Sharon Mon

~ Henry Tom, and son-in-laws, **James**/Claire Steele and **Rick**/Val Aquino health issues

~ Sharon Nishihira

~ Steve Hammann

~ Sharon’s friend, Erin

~ Larry & Sandra Siu

~ Harrison Lum and family

~ Jennie Lee on follow up medical tests

~ Damien Wong

~ Karen Shimizu

~ Jiggs Tamashiro, Walter Yeda, Brian Nakashima, Harry Imai, Hazel Masuda, Carl Nemoto, Jean Kanazawa, and all our families dealing with high-risk health factors.

Praising God for all our youth finishing another challenging year of school. Have a great fun summer!

Praise and thanksgiving from Stella’s family on the prayers given for Jerry’s remission diagnosis! The family is so delighted and grateful with the outcome. Thanks for your prayers.



- ~ Prayers For our Worship Team.
- ~ Pray for healing for Chaplain Clive Cowell.
- ~ Pray for traveling mercies for all those traveling this summer.

Sincere Condolences to Vernon Pang and family on the loss of Vernon's mom. Her memorial service will be held on **Tuesday, June 27** at Diamond Head Mortuary, 9:15 a.m. visitation and 10 a.m. service. Pastor Chris end to preside.

Deepest Sympathies to the family of Florence Kimura on her passing. Florence and her husband, Akimichi Kimura were faithful charter members who served KCC for many years.



JUNE NEWS FINAL
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They transferred to Makiki Christian our Mother Church and resided in Pearl City. She is survived by her husband and two sons, David and Michael. Services will be held on Wed. June 14 at Hosoi Garden Mortuary. Visitation at 5 p.m. with Service at 6:00 p.m. Mask required.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Johnny Sakamoto
Sharon Mon
Kauai Todd
Elyse Grable
Travis Gerber
Kristen Miyahara
Dusty Grable
Shane Soma
Ron Myers
David Nemoto
Kimi Ogata
Monicalyn Martinez



Aileen Arashiro
Bryson Nakamoto
Teyvyn Higashi
Paisley Bay Grable
Jenna Gerber
Roy Yamauchi



ANNIVERSARY

Larry & Sandra Siu
Dan & Jane Masuno
Paul & Kammy Grable



“Worship is the act of declaring to God his worth, affirming who he is and what he has done, and responding to him in praise, adoration, thanksgiving and awe; to serve him.”

Barry Liesch

We worship “God, the One revealed in the Word, made known and accessible to us in Jesus Christ and witnessed in our hearts through the Holy Spirit. In real worship, we carry on an exchange of love with the God who is present, the God who speaks to us in the now, who has done and is doing marvelous things.”

Sarah Morgenthaler

May your worship experience at KCC continue to grow in Spirit and truth. Serve Him with gifts you've received to glorify God! I am so thankful for Paul & Kammy Grable, Vernon Pang, Florence Miyashiro, Debbie & Dennis Fong, Aaron Tanaka, Barney Pilla, Reggie Yamada, Andrew Vallejo-Sanderson, Nani Oda, Pat Chinn, John Sakamoto, Susan Morita, Jenny Lee and all of the pastors who so willingly shared God's word in worship. It was a joy to serve with you! Mahalo & Aloha!

*Create in me a clean
heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit
within me.*

Psalm 51:10

**Helpers needed on Worship team. Please see
Kammy or email kailuacch@gmail.com.
MAHALO**



NA ANELA I KA HANA A KE AKUA

(Angels in the Works for God)

LEARNING IS LIFELONG!

There were a total of 27 participants for May 27's Eating for Your Genes" presentation, given by 35 year veteran Dietician Caroline Hamatake (Joyful Nutrition). Caroline's presentation was well received!

Everyone went away from her presentation, learning something new!! Her slides were organized, examples were easy to relate to, and everything was clear and understandable! One person remarked that it was one of the best presentations she's seen! Caroline has an online course in the making and will be communicating with those of us who signed up on her distribution list. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to enhance your Wellness Journey!

Windward Community College: Chef Dan Swift is announcing two non-credit Summer Baking Camps I (Yeast Breads and Cookies) and II (Yeast Breads and Cakes). Cost is \$210 per person/session (2 days, 8 am – 1 pm); Open to youth ages 13+ with parental consent; limited seating. Location: WCC, Hale Akoakoa Cafeteria. Dates: Camp I: June 13-14 and June 26-27 and Camp II: July 18 and 19

Register by going to website:

<https://windwardcce.org/cooking>

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 May 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@stfrancishawaii.org.

Individual Classes:

June 06: Tue, 5 - 6:30 pm; Medical Decision Making, Trust and Wills

June 08: Thu, 11 am – 12 pm; New! F3E Presents: Personal Risk Management and Investment Planning

June 09: Fri, 10 - 11 am; Basics of Advocacy

June 19: Mon, 10 – 11 am, Age Friendly Health Systems and the 4 Ms

June 20 – Aug 01: Tue, 1 – 2 pm; Forgiveness and Mindfulness: Living with Memory Loss (no 7/4 class)

June 20: Tue, 5 – 6 pm; Chronic Headaches and Migraines

Weekly Session Classes:

June 01 - 29: Thu, 9 – 10 am; Tripudio Movement System with Ellie

June 03 - 24: Sat, 8-9 am; Zumba Gold by Francis (in-person)

June 05 - 26: Mon, 8-9 am; Big Moves! Monday (no 6/12 class/focus in on people with Parkinson's)

June 05 - 30: Mon, Wed and Fri, 5:15 – 6:30 pm; Zumba by Frances (in-person/no 6/12 class)

June 06 – 27: Tue, 9 – 10 am; Body and Brain Yoga Tai Chi

June 06 – 30: Tue and Fri, 12-12:30 pm; Boxing Fundamentals

June 07 - 28: Wed, 8 – 9 am; Empower You! (focus is on people with Parkinson's)

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

Mahalo, Stay Healthy and God Bless! Myra

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
TO ALL THE WONDERFUL
MEN IN OUR LIVES!
"We thank God for you!"**



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!!

Corvey Lee, son of Harvey Lee graduated from Kailua High School with Academic Honors and Career & Technical Education (CTE) Honors on May 20th. Corvey graduated as a Valedictorian with a 4.0+ GPA, Three Sports Student-Athlete, Math League Participant, National Honor Society Club member and completed Early College classes earning an Information Security Specialist Certificate of Competence including Liberal Art credits from Windward Community College. He enjoys cleaning KCC for Sunday service and he plans on attending either UC Irvine or University of Hawaii at Manoa. Thank you KCC congregation for the prayers.

We celebrate with Florence Miyashiro and her family on the graduation of her granddaughter, **Joie Miyashiro** who graduated from Kalani High School and will be attending University of the Pacific in northern California.

We celebrate with Grandparents, Susan and Gary Morita, and parents, Mark & Lori Joy Watanabe and Dr. Wendell and Miki Morita on the graduation of their daughters Ava and Kiryn!

Ava Watanabe attended Sunday school when Pastor Tim was the minister. She enjoyed Sunday school growing up and became a member of Kailua Christian Church in 2019 under Pastor Chris Eng. Ava is graduating cum laude from Iolani school and will be attending Pomona University this fall. She is looking forward to playing soccer at Pomona while pursuing a path towards medical school.

Kiryn Morita attended Sunday School when Pastor Tim was the minister. She was a National Merit finalist and is graduating cum laude from Iolani school. Kiryn will be attending University of Washington this fall, where her brother is currently attending. Her parents and grandpa also graduated from University of Washington. Go Huskies!



FAMILY PROMISE OF HAWAII UPDATE

The Family Promise ministry is excited to share that they have secured three new shelter sites to host families in their Emergency Shelter program.

With this expansion, they will be able to provide temporary shelter to us to 12 families (48 individuals) at a time, offering them a safe place to stay during their transition to permanent housing.

However, before they can fully accommodate families in these new spaces, they need your help!

Minor repairs and touchups need to be made at the shelter sites. Whether you are a seasoned handyman or just know how to use a drill, your support will make a difference!

Interested in volunteering? Join them at Community Church of Honolulu (2345 Nu'uuanu Ave.) from 10 a.m. to 4p.m. on Saturday, June 10 or June 17th. Lunch will be provided.

Please contact the Family Promise program at volunteer@familypromisehawaii.org or call their office at 808-300-0560.

Wish List:

Greatest needs- Laundry detergent pods, Fabric Softener, Air mattresses & pumps, Box fans, Toothbrushes and full size toothpaste, Twin sheet sets, blankets, feminine hygiene products, Deoderant, Pots and pans sets, giftcards – Ross, Walmart, groceries, and gas.

MAHALO!



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WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR GUEST PASTORS FOR JUNE



June 4 – Pastor Clive Cowell w/Communion

June 11 – Pastor Shaw Okawara from Life Church

June 18 – Pastor James Kwong, Father's Day

June 25 – Pastor Clive Cowell

“And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.” Jeremiah 3:15 (ESV)

We praise God for his ongoing blessing and care in supplying these awesome pastors. It is an honor having them with us!



Volunteers needed for small projects around the church (weeding, trimming, watering) and to fill in during worship as helpers to read prayers, play music, bring flowers

for the altar or be available to help the worship team. Please contact Kammy in the church office for more information. Call 808-261-0125 or email, kailuacch@gmail.com Mahalo!

UCC NEWS

The Aha Pae Aina, state wide, UCC Hawaii Conference gathering will be held in July. Please keep all the participants in your prayers. May the Lord use this gathering to His glory!

Your #1 source for the latest HCUCC news!

The ***Coconut Wireless*** is a weekly e-newsletter of what is happening in and around the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ. The Coconut Wireless is emailed to subscribers every Wednesday.

Get word on the latest news, events, learning opportunities, and more.

Share news and resources with others.

View **Publication Guidelines** for the Coconut Wireless. To submit news for the Coconut Wireless, email coconutwireless@hcucc.org.

Pls let the church office know if you would like to have the publication, **The Friend**, the oldest newspaper West of the Rockies mailed to you. It is published five times a year by the Kawaii Conference UCC and it is free of charge.



**GROW WHERE YOU
ARE PLANTED!**