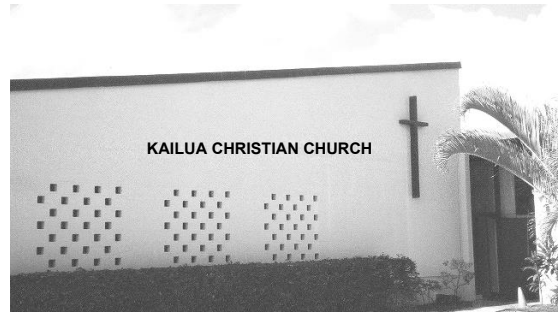


# Waves of Faith

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## 1 Peter 4:8

*Above all, love each other  
deeply, because love covers  
over a multitude of sins.*

Dear Beloved KCC Ohana,

In the past 6 months, we have been on a whirlwind journey of change. In times of change, emotions can run high, and uncertainties may arise. What if these proposed changes don't work? What if something goes wrong? What if I get too tired?

Yes indeed, there are many challenges involved with taking a leap of faith into a new thing. However, any challenge to the beloved community of disciples from the days of Romans until now offers us the opportunity to embody the very essence of our faith – love.

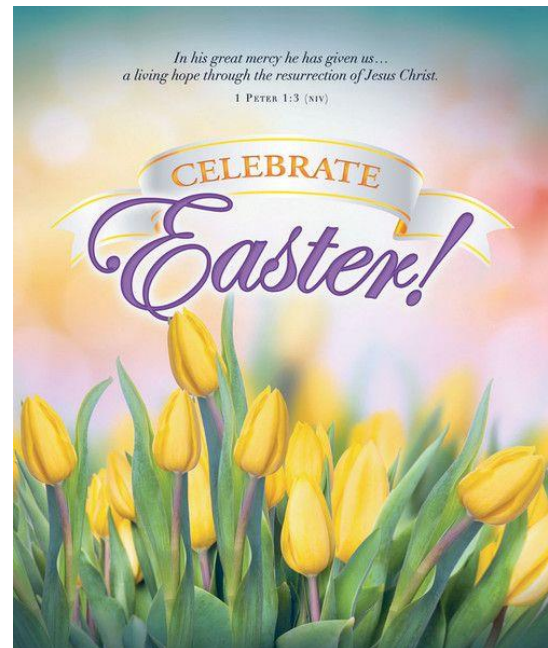
Love is easy when things are easy. Yet, scripture encourages us to use love specifically when things are hard. Love is the antidote to sin, and has the power to transform a source of anxiety into a beacon of hope. Love covers misunderstandings, eases division, and paves the way for a harmonious transition. By showing love, we exemplify the very essence of Christ's teachings.

Transition can be a catalyst for growth, renewal, and the discovery of new possibilities, if we engage those transitions with love. Therefore, as our church enters a new chapter, let us embrace it with hearts filled with an unwavering commitment to love one another deeply.

May our collective response to this transition be a testament to our deep love for one another. As we remain rooted in Christ's love, our church family will not only endure but flourish through every change. Together, we will navigate this journey with grace, fueled by the profound love that binds us.

In His Service,

Pastor Irene



**Sun. 3/24 -Holy Week begins with Palm Sun.**

**Thurs. 3/28 – Maundy Thurs. Service 6 p.m.**

**Sun. 3/31 – Sunrise Prayer at Kailua Beach**

**Easter Breakfast at KCC, 8:30 a.m.**

**Decorate the Easter Cross w/ flowers**

**Easter worship Service at 10:00 a.m.**

**Children's Egg Hunt**

**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 financial support.

If you know of anyone having financial difficulties paying for rent, utilities, insurance or other 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, as needed.

The application process is fairly simple:

--Ask your deacon (**Vernon Pang, Debbie Fong, or Myra Yamada**) or the church office (**Kammy Grable/808-261-0125**) for the application form.

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

--Attach a copy of the bill(s) and a pictured ID to the completed application. All documents can be dropped off at the office, scanned/emailed to [kailuacch@gmail.com](mailto:kailuacch@gmail.com) or mailed to:

Kailua Christian Church

317 Manono Street

Kailua, HI 96734

Attention: Board of Deacons

**--Your complete application will be reviewed by two deacons (Vernon and Myra) and an interview will be set up in a timely manner, based on availability of both, requestor and deacons.**

--Each applicant’s interview is 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. Applicant will be contacted when the check is mailed out. Partial rent, insurance, medical and utility bills are some examples of past payments.

**We look forward to helping individuals meet their financial needs!**

**Note: Please use this information to share with anyone you know who is suffering from financial hardship. We are not collecting for the Deacon’s Fund in 2024, however, if you would like to donate, we will welcome and appreciate your thoughtful generosity!**

Mahalo and God Bless!

Deacon Myra

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

~ Barney Pilla for continued healing

~ Jean Kanazawa who fell and broke her arm and hip.

~ Nathan Kohashi ~ Warren & Lynne Nakano

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

~ Myrtle & Lowell Terada continued health

~ Henry Tom, and daughter/Val Aquino

~ Sharon Nishihira ~ Steve Hammann

~ Larry & Sandra Siu ~ Harrison Lum

~ Lisa battling cancer ~ Ed & Noelani Jai

~ Winchell & Lily Lee ~ Richard Texiera

~ Karen Shimizu ~ Dennis Jinnohara

~ Jean Miyaji, Alice Esaki, Walter Yeda, Stella Wakamatsu, Nani Oda, Nancy Arakaki, Brian Nakashima, Harry Imai, Hazel Masuda, Carl Nemoto, Sharon Mon, Dot Suzuki, Saeko Yoshida and all our families w/ high-risk health factors.

~ Both Maureen & Dean Wakuzawa’s moms recovery from their injuries from falls.

~ for all who are effected by the wars and its casualties.

~ Traveling mercies for Ken & Eva Needham

~ Prayers for our Worship Team & Musicians

## With Deepest Sympathy



Our dear sister in Christ, Dorothy (Dotty) Brennan passed away at home on Feb. 19, 2024. She was 87 yrs. old. A Celebration of Life service was held on Sat. March 2, 2024 at Christ Church Uniting Disciples and Presbyterians. We are happy Dot can again be with Dr. Paul Brennan, her beloved husband, who passed in late Sept. 2023. Please keep the family in your prayers for comfort as they have lost both parents recently. Mahalo.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Megan Terada	Maureen Wakuzawa
Mikayla Maeshiro	Dean Wakuzawa
Jolene Chang	Lowell Terada
Alan Yoneshige	Colette Tanaka
Cindy Imai	Winchell Lee
Jason Lau	Linda Yoshimura
Heather Bernal	
Sam Kojiro	
Josh Weible	

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

29 Bruce & Colleen Kugiya



**HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY JEAN!**  
**SENDING ALL OUR LOVE!**

## WORSHIP NEWS



Worship at KCC continues to be evolving and improving and is providing us with new and diverse worship experiences.

Pastor Irene is adding new elements to the service including a singing call to worship in rounds with a drum accompaniment; personal testimonials and dedications shared by our congregants at the offering invitation; and her enlightening and challenging sermons.

Aaron Tanaka and his Audio-Visual crew of Barney Pilla, Dennis Fong and Reggie Yamada are continuing to upgrade the audio-visual equipment to enhance our online and in person worship experiences.

Matt is leading the worship music with a mix of traditional hymns and new songs that we haven't sung before.

Our Zoom congregation are becoming a community of worshipers that are getting to interact with each other a little more.

We are planning to have a Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service on March 28, 2024, at 6:00 pm where we will have the Last Supper Communion and read scripture and remember the events that lead to Jesus crucifixion on Good Friday.

Easter Service will be celebrated on March 31, 2024, this year and we will be providing more information about that in announcements throughout this month.

God sent his son, Jesus, that we may be saved and have eternal life. What a privilege we have to gather and worship as a body of believers. Join us in fellowship and worship our God and Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.





### MISSION NEWS

A big mahalo for your kind donations to the UCC Christmas Fund for clergy who need some financial support for emergencies and encouragement in their challenging times. We received \$140 to share for this Fund in February.

If you would like to support the UCC *Share the Light* One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering efforts, We invite you to return the special OGHS offering envelope attached to this Newsletter with a financial gift that will share the light of Christ—revealing God-colors in the world.

Jesus teaches that faith calls for action. Mahalo for your gracious support.

### WHAT IS OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION (OCWM)?

OCWM is the name we give to congregational gifts that support wider UCC ministry in Associations, Conferences, and in the national and global church.

Why is it important to give to OCWM?

The United Church of Christ emphasizes God's continuing testament in the world, the extravagant welcome of our churches and changing lives. The ideal way to have the most impact is for UCC settings to work together. It's a multiplier effect: The love and power of one congregation are multiplied with others. Your gifts to OCWM help the UCC spread God's love to more people in more places than any one of us can do alone.

***Mahalo for including your giving through our church budget each year.***



### TO ALL OUR UNSUNG HEROS

We are truly thankful for the positive response we have had from volunteers for our different ministries. We hope more of these areas of need are showered with helpers during this season of Lent.

### **King's Company Ministry for the children**

March 03 – June Cunningham

March 10 – open

March 17 – open

March 24 – open

March 31 – open

### **Invocation & Lord's Prayer Leader**

**Debbie Fong**

### **Scripture Readers**

March 03 Vernon Pang

10 Dennis Fong

17 Vernon Pang

24 open

31 open

### **Offering Leader for Month of March**

Florence Miyashiro

### **GROUP MEETS at THE PLAZA in KANEOHE**



**Come join us!**



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

**LEARNING IS LIFELONG!**

**Safe Falling for Kupuna!**

**Instructor:** Dennis Jinnohara, 5th Degree Black Belt with 36 years of Aikikai Aikido experience

**Date:** March 23 (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday)

**Location:** Kailua Christian Church, Rooms 3 & 4 (in-person only)

**Time:** 10-11:30 am

“Falls are the leading cause of injury and unintentional death among Kupuna. Learn the principles of safe falling to help preserve and protect your mobile independence. A volunteer with Kupuna Aikido and caregiver for his mother, Dennis knows first-hand the significant injuries that can result from falls and the importance of knowing how to fall safely.”

**Invite a friend or relative to this extremely beneficial presentation!** Please sign up with **Kammy or Myra**. We will need an estimated count to ensure adequate seating. Light refreshments to follow.

**Other Dates to Reserve on Your Calendar**

**May 25 (4<sup>th</sup> Sat) – CPR/AED Refresher – Jenna Tanigawa**, AED Institute of America, Operations Manager. Rooms 3 and 4 (in-person only)

**Jul 27 (4<sup>th</sup> Sat) – Anatomy of a Cyber Attack and Cyber Security Best Practices – Aaron Tanaka**, Retired HCC Professor

**Sep 28 (4<sup>th</sup> Sat) – Finding Joy Amidst Chronic Pain, Pie Pie (Aianna) Wong**, Certified Teacher for Autistic Children, All About Behavior LLC

**Nov 18 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat) – TBD**

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

**St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii’s Caregiver Education and Wellness Calendar.**

**March 2024** classes can be found at:

<https://www.stfrancishawaii.org/s/courses>.

Register directly online. For questions, please contact **Kaui Asing (808) 547-8092** or [kas-ing@stfrancishawaii.org](mailto:kas-ing@stfrancishawaii.org).

**Individual Classes:**

Mar 5/12/19/26: Tue, 9 – 10:30 am; NEW! Snip ‘n Stitch (in-person) One-time \$5 supplies fee

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

Mar 14: Thu, 11 am – 12 pm; NEW! Eating Well for Senior Care Providers (virtual); in celebration of National Nutrition month

Mar 21: Thu, 10 – 11:30 am; Fall Prevention and Senior Exercise (virtual)

Mar 27: Wed, 10:30 – 12 pm; NEW! Hypertension and Chronic Kidney Diseases (virtual)

**Weekly Session Classes:**

Mar 01 – 27: Mon, Wed and Fri, 5:15 – 6:15 pm; Zumba by Frances; no class on 3/29 (Good Friday)

Mar 02 – 23: Sat, 8 – 9 am; Zumba Gold by Francis

Mar 04 – 25: Mon, 8 – 8:45 am; Big Moves! Monday (focus on people with Parkinson’s)

Mar 05 – 26: Tue, 9 – 10 am; Body and Brain Yoga Tai Chi

Mar 06 – 27: Wed, 8 – 8:45 am; Empower You! (focus is on people with Parkinson’s)

Mar 07 – 28: Thu, 9 – 10 am; Tripudio Movement System with Ellie

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

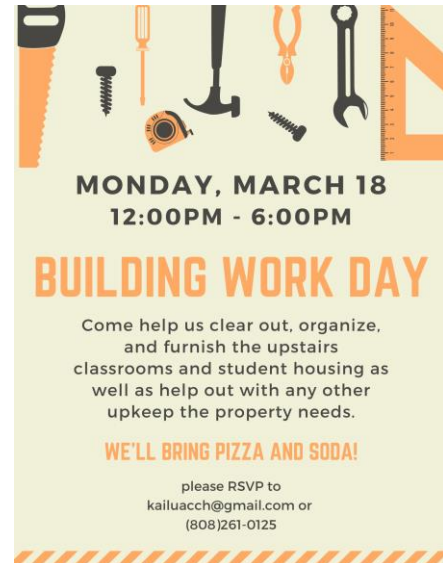
Contact me at [yamadamyra@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:yamadamyra@hawaii.rr.com) or call (808) 348-2297 if you have questions.

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

**Commit to your Wellness Journey and Stay Healthy in 2024!**

**God Bless you all, Myra**

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If you would like to help but cannot be there during this time, we welcome treats and goodies that will keep the workers energized and happy! Mahalo for your support!

