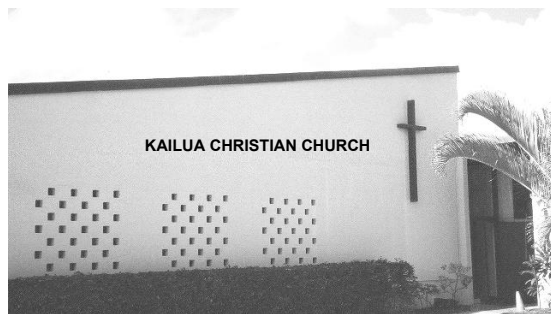


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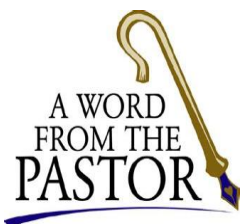
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Aloha KCC ‘Ohana,

Excitement is Building for
Summer at KCC!

Summer is just around the corner, and we are thrilled to share what God is doing in and through our church during this upcoming season of growth, creativity, and connection.

We are prayerfully preparing to welcome our next group of Pastoral Interns, and this year we’ve expanded the program to include five incredible participants! You can read about each of them in this newsletter, and we invite you to get to know them and lift them in prayer as they prepare to serve with us.

The primary focus of the internship this summer will be to host our very first **Summer Keiki Drama Camp**, taking place **July 21–August 2**. This two-week camp will offer keiki the opportunity to learn stage performance skills and engage with the spiritual story behind *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*—a play rooted deeply in Christian symbolism and the story of Christ’s love and sacrifice.

Our hope is that the Drama Camp becomes more than just a fun summer activity. We want it to be a vital resource for families seeking affordable, meaningful, and enriching summer childcare—a space where children can grow not only in confidence and creativity, but also in their understanding of faith and the message of Jesus.

We also believe this camp is a bridge—one that connects our church more deeply to our community. We are planting seeds of relationships that we pray will take root and flourish, bearing fruit not just for our church, but for the families of Kailua and beyond.

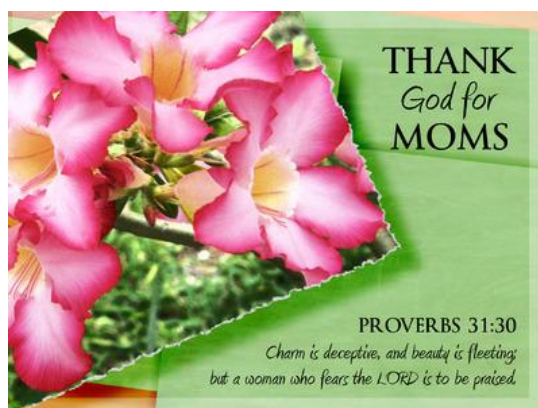
As we prepare, we ask that you please join us in prayer for our interns, our keiki, and the families who will walk through our doors this summer. Pray for joy, safety, transformation, and connection. And if you have questions or would like to support our summer ministries in any way, don’t hesitate to reach out.

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” — Matthew 19:14

God is doing something beautiful here. Let’s step boldly into the summer together.

With gratitude and anticipation,
Pastor Irene

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!



DEACONS CORNER

Happy Mother's Day



In honor of Mother's Day

here are some lessons we can take away from women in the Bible.

Lesson from Eve: Our actions have consequences.

Most known for disobeying God, Eve's choice to disobey God impacted the lives of not only the children she would later bear but also the future of humanity forever.

Lesson from Sarah: With God all things are possible.

Even though Sarah took matters into her own hands when she gave Hagar to Abraham to produce an heir, she was eventually blessed with the birth of Isaac in her old age.

Lesson from Jochebed: Be courageous.

Jocheved, the mother of Moses, displayed courage in defying Pharaoh's order to throw her son into the Nile River. She saved his life by floating him down the river, thus allowing God to use Moses to lead His people out of Egypt and into the promised land.

Lesson from Naomi and Ruth: Even in heart-breaking circumstances God can use us.

After the deaths of their husbands, Naomi shared her faith with her daughter-in-law Ruth, who chose to care for and remain by Naomi's side. Their love and dedication to each other helped them both to survive. Ruth later married Naomi's relative Boaz and gave birth to Obed who would become the grandfather of David.

Lesson from Hannah: Be persistent in prayer.

Hannah, unable to bear children, repeatedly prayed in desperation to God for a son. She vowed that if God answered her prayer she would give him over to the Lord. Hannah's son, Samuel, was raised in the temple after he was weaned and became one of the most influential prophets in Israel.

Lesson from Elizabeth: Miracles happen.

Elizabeth was old and barren when the angel Gabriel told her she would have a son. She gave birth to John the Baptist, who would prepare the way for Jesus.

Lesson from Mary: Trust God.

When told by the angel Gabriel that she, a virgin, would give birth to a son, Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant, may your word to me be fulfilled." Mary completely trusted God.

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Proverbs 31:30

Blessings,

Debbie Fong



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Lia L.

Lily L.

Mason M.



Jo Ann K. &

Larry T.

Randy & Cindy I.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

John S.

Sharon M.

Elyse G.

Kristen M.

Dusty G.

Matthew I.

Shane S.

David N.

Jodi S.

Monicalyn M.

Aileen A.

Bryson N.

Paisley Bay G.

June C.

Jenna G.



Larry & Sandra S.

Paul & Kammy G.

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

~ John S. ohana
 ~ Stan and Chris H.
 ~ Julia who has cancer ~ Lia & Curtis L.
 ~ Jerica V.S. health and family
 ~ The Yamauchi's loss of daughter, Ann
 ~ Maureen's (b-i-l) Layne's healing and
 Grandma Kiyabu's health. (Maureen's mom).
 ~ Rev. Howard Y. & Ohana
 ~ Nathan K. ~ Jean K.
 ~ Claire S. ~ Harrison L.
 ~ Pie Pie W. ~ Jennifer L.
 ~ Gary & Susan M. ~ Jennie L.
 ~ Mai's mom w/cancer & father w/ dementia
 ~ Saeko Y. ~ Joy, (2nd heart attack
 ~ Alicia, Cooper, and Wilson adjusting to move
 ~ Bill C. ~ Diane & John M.
 ~ Joe w/ brain tumor, cancer & Sue w/ cancer
 ~ Myrtle & Lowell T. ~ Kathe W.
 ~ Heather, Jake, & family for healing
 ~ Dean's friends, Gary & Greg's recoveries
 ~ Sharon N. ~ Steve H.
 ~ Larry & Sandra S. ~ Dennis J.
 ~ Lisa battling cancer ~ Duane M.
 ~ Winchell & Lily L. ~ Richard T.
 ~ Jean M., Alice E., Nani O., Nancy Arakaki,
 Harry I., Carl N., Dot S., Sharon M., Hazel M.,
 and all our high risked families

Deepest Sympathy go out to the Yoshida Ohana on the loss of Terumi Yoshida, beloved late wife of Rev. Howard who was our Senior Pastor here at KCC in the 70's. The Yoshidas served KCC so faithfully for many years and continued to do so through 2024 whenever we had a need. Terumi was credited for successfully developing our Preschool and fellowship programs and was a gifted artist. We are ever so grateful for their humble and loving service here at KCC. Services will be held at Nuuanu Memorial Park and Mortuary on June 7th Visitation 9:00 a.m. with service to follow at 10:00 a.m. Please keep the family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of this precious woman of God, loving wife, wonderful mom and dear friend of many here at KCC.

Deepest Condolences to Pauline (Miki) V.



and her family on the loss of her husband John. John passed away on March 2nd. Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, June 29th, 2 p.m. at Rainbow Pavilion. Pauline is a member of KCC and the daughter of charter members, Minoru and Kay T. Please keep the family in your prayers. Pauline will be moving to CA.

**TRUSTEES NOTES****KCC Financial Information:**

(Balances through 3/31/25)

Income: \$ 51,913.93 (Total Budget Income)

Expenses: \$ 43,951.74 (Total Operating Expenses)

Total Cash: \$ 229,492.18 (Total Resources in the savings and checking accounts)

General Fund: \$ 198,316.24 (Available Resources, excluding special funds and grants)

Monthly Highlights:**Pledges and Donations:**

- Although we are into 2025, we continue to receive pledges. So, it is never too late to submit a pledge card, it will always be welcomed.
- Bob O., former member of KCC, donated a generator. Thank you Bob.
- A generous monetary donation was received from the family of Irene Kanetake. Thank you for your generosity.

Help Needed:

- We are continuously seeking volunteers to help with the janitorial work. Facilities requiring routine cleaning and maintenance include the Sanctuary, kitchen, hallway, restrooms, Classrooms 3 & 4, library and office. So, we ask for your kokua - volunteer your services. You will be joining a handful of other volunteers who have been cleaning the facilities and need more helping hands. We can work around your availability to schedule the work.

Building Work Day:

KCC will once again implement the Service Learning Program (SLP) this summer. This year, we are blessed to have five (5) interns. They will be arriving in the last week of May and will be staying at KCC. In preparation for their arrival, the SLP Committee has scheduled a Building Work Day on May 18th (Sunday after worship service) from 11:30 am to 5:00 pm to clean the facilities that they will be using, which includes three bedrooms (converted classrooms on the 2nd floor), and the transition housing kitchen, living room, and bathroom. It would be helpful if you could bring cleaning supplies. So, if you are interested in helping to clean the facilities, please contact KCC office at email kailuacch@gmail.com or phone (808) 261-0125.

Church Volunteering:

Church volunteering offers a wide range of opportunities for individuals to serve their faith community and make a difference in the lives of others. It can involve practical tasks (e.g., arranging flowers for the altar, cleaning the church, helping with office work), community outreach initiatives (e.g., serving the needy, organizing food drives) and/or spiritual work (e.g., joining prayer groups, participating in Bible studies). Volunteering can also lead to personal growth, building relationships, and contributing to the church's mission.

“Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people.” Ephesians 6:7

God Bless You All!

Trustees



NA ANELA I KA HANA A KE AKUA

(Angels in the Works for God)

Wellness Support Group

LEARNING IS LIFELONG!

Saturday, May 31, 2025, 10-11:30 am in the Sanctuary

Topic: The Power of Food: The DASH Diet for Better Health

10 – 11:30 in-person in the sanctuary and Zoom

Thirty-five+ years **Dietician, Caroline Hamatake, (Joyful Nutrition):**

“Did you know the way you eat can help you feel better and take fewer medicines? The **DASH diet** is a simple eating plan that has been proven to lower high blood pressure and help your heart, blood sugar and more. Join a friendly dietician to learn the **WHAT, WHY** and **HOW** of the **DASH diet**. You can start making small changes at mealtimes to make a big difference in your health so you can feel your best!” **Caroline** will provide a smoothie demo/tasting!

Note: DASH stands for Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension.

Register w/ Kammy or Myra by May 24.

Future Na Anela Dates to mark on your calendar!

July 26: Chef Dan Swift – Healthy Cooking, Windward CC Uala Leaf Café, 3 hr commitment 9-12 noon, limited seating.

Sep 27: Katelyn Akamine, OTD/Lynne Nohara-Kido, DPT - Kauhale Smooth Transitions, LLC

Nov 15: Rita Madden, MPH, RDN – Food, Faith and Fasting

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. May– June 2025 classes can be found at: <https://www.stfrancishawaii.org/classes>. Register directly online. For questions, please contact the Call Center @ (808) 547-6500 (select 0).

2025 Free Individual Classes:

5/9, 6/13, 7/11, 8/08, 9/12, 10/10, 11/14: Fri, 10 – 11:30 am; Hands-on Bathing for Family Caregivers (in-person at Lumi Ahona I)

2025 Free Weekly Classes:

5/6, 5/20, 6/3, 6/17, 7/1, 7/15, 8/5, 8/19: Tue, 9 – 10 am; Body and Brain Yoga Tai Chi (Zoom)
5/5 – 5/30, 6/2 – 6/30, 7/2 – 7/30, 8/4 – 8/29: M/W/F, 5:15 – 6:15 pm; Zumba with Francis (Zoom)
5/3 – 5/31, 6/7 – 6/28, 7/5 – 7/26, 8/2 – 8/30: Sat, 8 – 9 am; Zumba Gold by Francis (Zoom)

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

For 2025, participate in a variety of “Wellness” classes to enhance your health journey.

God Bless you all, Mahalo, Myra

REASONS TO CELEBRATE!

CONGRATULATIONS

to Teague B.
2025 Kalaheo Graduate

Teague accepted the US Air Force Academy's Falcon Foundation Scholarship. He'll be attending Randolph-Macon Academy, Virginia for the next academic year to then join USAFA Class of 2030. Please keep Teague and his parents, new members Mandy and Sean in your prayers as they adjust to this blessed time in their lives. Kalaheo's graduation ceremonies will be held on Thursday, May 29th at 6:30 p.m. at the Blaisdell Concert Hall.



WELCOME TO THE KCC OHANA **New Members - Easter Sunday, April 20, '25**

Reyn A. A. joins KCC by confession of faith and baptism. Reyn is a down-to-earth individual with strong roots in his community and a deep sense of family. Born and raised in Kaneohe, Reyn has a natural connection to island life and values the relationships with his friends and family. For several years, he's been attending service of Kailua Christian Church as a guest.

Reyn's life partner, Kate, has been his rock for the past three years. Together, they share a love for the simple joys of life, from cozying up at home to spending time outdoors. When Reyn's not enjoying the comfort of home, you'll likely find him at the beach or watching basketball—two of his favorite ways to unwind. Overall, Reyn is a laid-back guy who finds joy in the little things.

The following joins KCC by reaffirmation or confirmation of their faith.

Sean P. B. was an Army Brat who was raised Catholic. He served in the Air Force from 1995-2023, retired to Kailua and now flies for Hawaiian Airlines. He married Mandy in 2000, and Teague joined the family in 2007. He's lived in 24 different places throughout his life, and is excited to call Oahu and KCC his forever home.

Mandy B. B. was raised Methodist and grew up on Army posts throughout the US and Europe. She and Sean met in Aiea as children and married in 2000. They had Teague in 2007. She's a teacher who loves to travel and read. She thanks everyone for welcoming them into KCC.

Jonathan D. F. participates in the ADH (Adult Day Health) program at Easter Seals Hawaii. He enjoys spending Saturdays with his Special Olympics teammates practicing for upcoming competitions (Track and Field, Bocce Ball, Bowling). His hobbies include watching videos, listening to praise songs, eating pizza, and drawing.

Robert A. M. is 69 yrs. old and is married to Romona. They have three children. Robert enjoys his job at the City and County of Honolulu. His hobbies are training in martial arts, running, and doing Zumba together with Romona.

Romona M. M. has been married to Robert for 34 years and blessed with one son, Mason and two daughters, Madison and Mikayla. Romona works at the City and County of Honolulu as a Procurement Specialist. She loves flowers, plants, and sunrises. She also enjoys relaxing at the beach and Zumba-ing with Robert.

(Member information not available at printing)

Meleimoana T. S.

Noah R.

Darby M.

We celebrate with our new members and look forward to getting to know them better.

TALK STORY TIME

Seeing old friends is always a joyful surprise as we experienced on Easter Sunday. At the invitation of Nani Oda, during a chance meeting of seeing Ken and Chris N. at the grocery store, we were delighted to see they took her at her invite for them to come back to visit KCC and we truly hope to see them again soon!

Last weekend on a “chance” stop at a Zippy’s in Kapahulu, something I have not done in twenty years!!!! I happen to stand in line to order a beverage, to kill time, while I was on my way to a soccer game. And low and behold standing in front of me were Ken and Lisa K., our dear friends who were members at KCC a while back. Living in Fort Meyers, Florida, they were victims during the last hurricane. We prayed for. The Ken & Lisa arrived the night before, had gone to the UH Men’s Volleyball game as guests of Coach Charlie Wade, and was just enjoying their first day of being back in Hawaii after being gone

for many years. As previous members and neighbors on Manono Street it was great to see them. Don’t know exactly why things happens the way it does, but I saw this as a Blessing from God that was meant to brighten my day for sure!!!! Kammy G.

It was great to have Pastor Joel H. and his wife, Nichole visiting from Pennsylvania for worship on Communion Sunday in May. Joel was a member at KCC when Pastor Alan Maeno was our Kahu. It was good to have them visit with us and connect with familiar faces and new friends at KCC.



A BIG MAHALO TO HOPE CENTER MINISTRIES



Mahalo to our special friends from Hope Center Ministries for coming each month to do some yard work as part of their ministry in serving God.

SPECIAL TIMES WITH SPECIAL PEOPLE



Tenebre Service on Maundy Thursday.



EASTER SUNDAY 2025



WELCOME
family and friends

WORSHIP NEWS

This past month, our sanctuary was upgraded to a new digital soundboard to improve audio quality during services. The new board is user-friendly with pre-saved settings, making it easy to train new volunteers. We also upgraded the podium mic to eliminate crackling and added a new vocal mic for singing. Instruments can now also be plugged in directly into the system for a more balanced sound. Big mahalo to Matt's friends, Evan A. from First Presbyterian Church and Chaz U. from Metro Christian Church, for volunteering their time to help with the installation.



SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

Starting this summer, we're introducing small groups to help build deeper relationships, grow spiritually, and learn together. These groups will be led by our summer interns, with the goal of continuing them even after the internship program ends in August. We highly encourage all members to join a group—this is a great opportunity to connect, grow, and be part of something meaningful together.

These groups will meet after worship (11:30–12:30) in Room 3-4 on scheduled Sundays:

Rescheduled – Young Adults

June 8 – Men's

June 22 – Women's

June 29 – Families with Keiki

Hope to see you at one of these groups!



THE ALPHA COURSE

This summer, our interns will also be leading the Alpha Course—an 11-week series that explores the basics of the Christian faith in a welcoming and open environment. It's a great opportunity for everyone, especially new members. We strongly encourage all members to join a group and even invite friends to participate. Whether it's your first time or you've done it before, Alpha is a meaningful way to connect, grow, and share your faith journey with others.

Weekly Alpha Group Schedule (Start date the third week in June):

Monday – 3:00 PM (Room 3-4)

Wednesday – 2:00 PM (Room 3-4)

Thursday – 10:00 AM (Zoom)

Thursday – 6:00 PM (Zoom)

Friday – 6:00 PM (Room 3-4)

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY AT THE PLAZA WITH PASTOR IRENE

A new study on the Book of Daniel has begun. See Pastor for more details. If you are new to the class, please contact the church office the week you will attend to be sure the current status of the class.

We hope you will join us!





Jacob F-R. is a first-year Master of Divinity student at Boston University School of Theology, discerning a call to chaplaincy and public ministry. He is passionate about the intersections of faith, justice, and public service. Following his seminary studies, Jacob intends to pursue ordination in the United Methodist Church.

Marina M. is a passionate young woman in ministry with experience leading worship, preaching, and teaching in multicultural settings. With a heart for missions and discipleship, she's served various communities. Marina loves to grow, serve, and embrace every opportunity God places before her.

Abigail D. is a Divinity School student getting her master's in religion and ecology coming all the way from New Haven, Connecticut. She loves writing, and reading poetry, spending time outside and in the garden, and the book of Ecclesiastes. She is so excited to get to meet you all soon!

Safiyah M. is a psychology and Theology major at Loyola Marymount University. She loves to sing, dance, play video games, and hang out with friends. She looks forward to meeting all of you soon.

Lance P. S. was born in Imus, Cavite City, Philippines and was raised in Seattle. He is currently a seminary student at Seattle Pacific University, passionate about storytelling and faith formation. He is excited to serve in ministry alongside the Kailua community!

KEIKI DRAMA CAMP

THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE

BY C.S. LEWIS

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<https://www.kailuachristianchurch.org/keiki-drama-camp-2025/>

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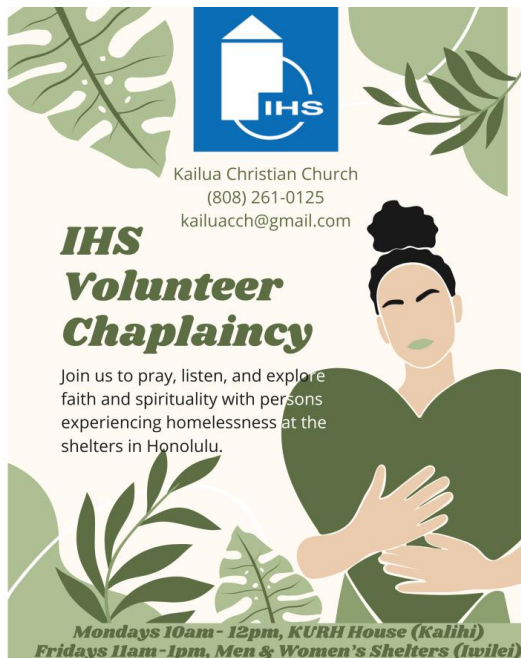
Registration is full but you are welcome to join us for the presentation happening on Sat. August 2nd from 1-3 p.m. here at KCC.



The Altar Flower Sign up Calendar is now posted on the back bulletin board . Please consider signing up to provide flowers for the service. Mahalo! Details on sign up sheet.

If you would like to dedicate this floral donation in memory or in honor of someone , please inform the office with the details. We can post this on our announcements. Mahalo.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Worship Service - Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
 Communion on the First Sun. of each month.

King's Company – Jr. Church
 2nd Sun. through last Sun. of each month.
 Children stay in service on Communion Sun.

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Council Meeting normally is held on the 3rd Wed. night via Zoom. Please keep participants in your prayers during this time.

Deacons Meeting normally held on the 2nd Sun. after Service.

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Church secretary is available in the office on Monday, Thursday, and Fridays. Please call the office before visiting. Mahalo.

