

Waves of Faith

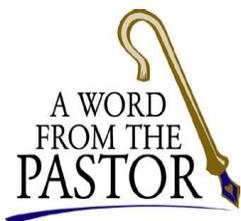
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“Come Over to Kailua and Help Us”: Welcoming Our Summer Interns

In Acts 16:9, the Apostle Paul receives a vision of a man from Macedonia pleading, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” This heartfelt invitation was a turning point in the spread of the Gospel—and it’s a fitting reflection of what’s happening at KCC this summer.

We are blessed to welcome a new group of pastoral interns from the mainland who have responded to a similar call: to come, learn, serve, and help nurture our community of faith. Their presence is more than a seasonal boost—it’s an echo of our own story.

In the 1970s, KCC and Kaimuki Evangelical Church (KEC) jointly launched an internship program that brought passionate young leaders from California to Hawai‘i. Among them were Dale VS., Paul G., and others who, under the guidance of Warren N., helped establish the early Young Life and Summer Fun Christian education programs for youth on our island. Their energy and commitment left a deep legacy that many of us still remember today.

This summer, our interns will carry forward that legacy by offering a Summer Fun Drama Camp for children at the end of July—this time inspired by C.S. Lewis’ beloved Christian allegory *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*.

We are thrilled (and humbled!) to share that the camp is completely full, with a long waitlist of families hoping to participate. It’s a testament to how deeply our community values creative, faith-rooted programs for keiki.

As these young leaders learn from us, we pray that they will also be shaped by the spirit of aloha and faithful service that defines KCC. We ask that you keep our summer programs in your prayers—prayers for joyful discovery, for spiritual growth, and for strength and wisdom for our interns and staff.

Thank you, church, for being a place that continues to inspire both children and emerging pastors alike. Your openness, hospitality, and faithful love keep the call alive: “Come over to Kailua and help us.” And thanks be to God, they have.

In His Service,
Irene



DEACONS CORNER



Good Thoughts

When you are pouring a gallon jug of water into a larger container you get that “glug glug glug” effect as the water leaves the narrow neck of the gallon jug. That happens because water and air are colliding in the neck of the jug. Water is leaving and air is rushing in to fill the empty space.

Our minds are like that gallon jug; they have to be filled with something. The more we fill our minds with godly thoughts, the less room their will be for ungodly thoughts. As the prophet Isaiah wrote, when our minds are focused on God we will be at peace (Isaiah 26:3). There will be no room for its opposite—worry and anxiety. The apostle Paul went further with a list of things to meditate on: things that are true, noble, pure, of good report, worthy of praise (Philippians 4:8-9). Lots of things to choose from; lots of ways to remain free of worry.

Empty your mind of negative, ungodly thinking and let the good and godly thoughts rush in. There is no better source for good thoughts than the Word of God.

Blessings,

Florence M.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- John S.
- Sharon M.
- Elyse G.
- Darby M.
- 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.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Larry & Sandra S.
Paul & Kammy G.

JULY BIRTHDAYS



- Aaron T.
- Romona M.
- June T.
- Dennis F.
- Larry S.
- Kale P.
- Alianna R.
- Karen M.
- Reyn A.
- Pie Pie W.
- Matt W.
- Harry I.
- Rebecca W.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Gail and Alan Y.



PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers



- ~ Miss Wendy, handivan driver
- ~ John S. ohana
- ~ Stan and Chris H. ~ Lance’s Dad’s health
- ~ Julia who has cancer ~ Lia & Curtis L.
- ~ Jerica V-S’s health and family
- ~ Larry & Sandra S., prayers for healing
- ~ Maureen’s (b-i-l) Layne’s healing and Mary K.’s passing (Maureen’s mom).
- ~ Rev. Howard Y. & Ohana
- ~ Nathan K. ~ Jean K.
- ~ Claire S. ~ Harrison L.
- ~ Pie Pie & sister, Emma ~ Jennifer L.
- ~ Gary & Susan M. ~ Jennie & Terri L.
- ~ Mai’s mom w/cancer & father w/ dementia
- ~ Saeko Y. ~ Dennis J.
- ~ 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.
- ~ Lisa battling cancer ~ Duane M.
- ~ Winchell & Lily L. ~ Richard T.
- ~ Jean M., Alice E., Nani O., Nancy A., Harry I., Carl N., Sharon M., Dot S., Hazel M. and all our high risked families.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

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, 2p.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.

Sincere Sympathies to Walter Y. family. Walter was a long-time member of KCC along with his dear wife, Nellie. Services for Walter will be held at Diamond Head Mortuary in mid-July.

Sincere Condolences to Coreen and the ohanas on the passing of Tony S., John's son-in-law.



TRUSTEES NOTES

Members and Friends of KCC,

KCC Financial Information: (Balance 4/30/25)
 Income: \$ 95,662.93 (Total Budget Income)
 Expenses: \$ 60,464.35 (Total Operating Expenses)
 Total Cash: \$ 258,983.01 (Total Resources in the savings and checking accounts)
 General Fund: \$ 225,552.63 (Available Resources, excluding special funds and grants)

Preparing KCC Facilities for the Seminary

Interns:

Big mahalo goes out to:

- The Cleaning Team (Aaron T., Dennis F., Myra Y., Reggie Y.-Cleaning Coordinator) for their hard work and dedication to get the facilities ready for the seminary interns. They spent the weekends in May cleaning the three rooms (Rooms 8-10) and transitional housing (living room and bathroom). On the 1st weekend, Aaron, Myra and Reggie cleaned the jealousies and screens and vacuumed and dusted the furniture/furnishings.
- Reyn Akamine and his friend and colleague Carson Y. (Jean S.'s

grandson), and Debbie and Jonathan F. for helping the Cleaning Team on that key Saturday (May 10th) when most of the cleaning (e.g., vacuuming, carpet shampooing) and setting up (e.g., moving and positioning the furniture) were done. The rental cost of two carpet shampooers was donated by Aaron.

Reyn and Carson did a superb job shampooing the carpets, cleaning the walls, and did the heavy lifting. A special thank you to Susan M. who provided bento lunches from Blossom Delicatessen for the volunteer workers.

- Aaron T. who made sets of keys (5 keys/set), color-coded them for ease in identifying the different locks being used, for the five (5) seminary interns. Aaron also replaced all the window screen clips with metal clips (over 50% of the existing plastic clips were broken) and defective screen door locks.
- Dennis Fong who took care of the maintenance and repair work, including products and material needed to do the job, almost on a daily basis to ensure the facilities were in an acceptable condition. He power-washed the exterior walls, windows and corridor, cleaned and painted the screen doors, fabricated and installed a flapper to cover the gap between the bottom of the screen door and floor, secured the stairway locks, installed smoke detectors, and assembled the new furniture (beds and dressers).
- Myra Y. who cleaned and cleared out the bathroom of items left by previous users, replaced the shower curtain and shower caddy, and provided new bathroom mats and towel set.

Building Work Day:

- The Building Work Day, held on May 18th, was very successful as 23 volunteers turned out. Since most of the facilities needed by the seminary interns were cleaned by the Cleaning Team and volunteers earlier, only the transitional

housing kitchen and storage closet remained to be cleaned.

Therefore, the cleaning work was expanded to include the remaining 2 nd floor rooms (Room 5 – storage room, Room 6 – Trustees room, Room 7 – Kings Company room), sanctuary and kitchen. Additionally, the extra sanctuary chairs were moved from Rooms 3 & 4 to the 2 nd floor storage room (Room 5) to clear space so that Rooms 3 & 4 can be used for multi-purpose functions and activities.

- The 23 volunteers included Reyn and Katelyn A., Aileen A., Sean and Mandy B., June C., Dennis and Debbie F., Jonathan F., Paul and Kammy G., Jennie L., Robert and Romona M., Florence M., Barney P., Aaron T., Dean and Maureen W., Matt and PiePie W., and Reggie and Myra.
- A special thank you to Kammy G. who provided pizza, and Reyn and Katelyn A. and Kammy who provided water for the volunteers.

Thankful and Grateful:

The Trustees would like to thank all the volunteers who cleaned, maintained and repaired the facilities, and provided products and material needed to do the job, and grateful that you were able to find time from your busy schedules to support KCC and the Service Learning (Internship) Program. Mahalo!

1 Thessalonians 5:18 – “In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” NKJV

God Bless You All!

Trustees

My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.



NA ANELA I KA HANA A KE AKUA

(Angels in the Works for God)

Wellness Support Group

LEARNING IS LIFELONG!

Dietician Caroline H., MPH, RDN -The Power of Food: The DASH Diet for Better Health

On Saturday, May 31, twenty one (16 in-person and 5 via Zoom) participants gained extremely valuable information from Caroline’s Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) diet presentation to lower one’s high blood pressure, improve one’s heart and blood sugar. DASH which started in 1997, is a way of life, eating whole food for nutrients, not getting them from dietary supplements.

Dietician Caroline H., MPH, RDN explained that the **DASH** diet emphasizes:

1. Fruits, vegetables and whole grains
2. Fat-free or low-fat dairy products and
3. Fish, poultry, beans, nuts and vegetable oils.

She provided a chart of food groups, servings per day and examples of a serving which is helpful in preparing a healthy meal. The highlight of the event was to watch her demo and taste the delicious Berry & Greens smoothie. If you’d like an electronic copy of her 14 page handout and Anatomy of a Smoothie, please email Kammy at kailuacch@gmail.com or me at yamadamyra@hawaii.rr.com



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. Contact Myra.
Sep 27: Katelyn A., OTP/Lynne N., DPT – Kauhale Smooth Transitions, LLC
Nov 15: Rita M., 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.

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

Commissioning of Interns during worship.



CONGRATULATIONS



Emma M. & the Lau Ohana



Kalaheo Class of 2025



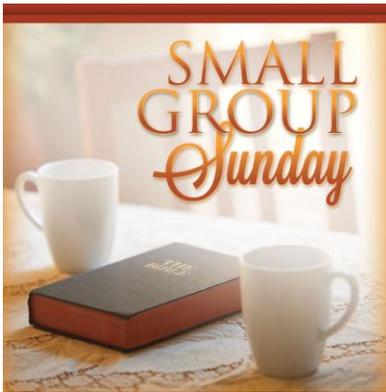


CONGRATULATIONS

**Teague B.
Kalaheo Class of 2025**



GROWING YOUR FAITH TOGETHER!



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.

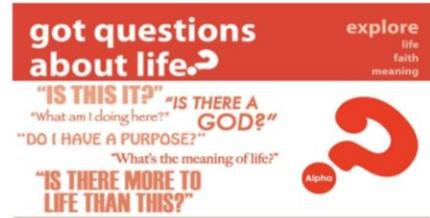
These groups will meet after worship (11:30–12:30) in Room 3-4 on scheduled Sundays:

June 8 – Men's

June 29 – Women's group was rescheduled.

June 22 – Vision Planning with Pastor Noelani J. will begin at 11:15 a.m. following worship.

Hope to see you at one of these groups!



**The Alpha Course
Beginning 3rd Week in
June at
Kailua Christian Church
317 Manono St. Kailua, HI 96734**

Weekly from June 16 - August 9

MON	3:00 PM	ROOM 3-4 (In Person)
WED	3:00 PM	ROOM 3-4 (In Person)
THUR	6:00 PM	ZOOM
FRI	6:00 PM	ROOM 3-4 (In Person)

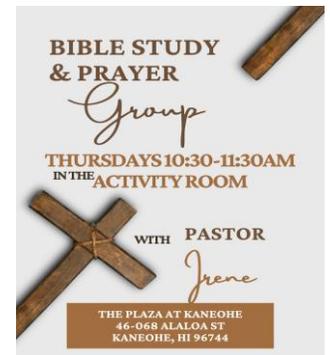
Please call the church office at 808-261-0125 or email kailuacch@gmail.com to sign-up.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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. 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 BIBLE
STUDY AT THE
PLAZA WITH
PASTOR IRENE**

See Pastor for more details. If you are new to the class, please contact the church office for detailed updates.



GUEST PASTORS PRESENTATIONS

Wednesday Evenings Rms 3-4 Times will vary by event 6-8 p.m. or 7-9 p.m. call the office for set time depending on designated guest presentors. Join us as pastors, chaplains, and missionaries from across Hawai'i share inspiring stories of why and how these chose a life of dedicated service to the Lord.

KEIKI DRAMA CAMP
THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE
 BY C.S. LEWIS
 JULY 21 - AUG 1, 2025
 8AM-2PM, M-F
FREE!
 *\$20 SUGGESTED REGISTRATION FEE.
KAILUA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 317 MANONO ST
 KAILUA, HI 96734

Performance
 Sat. August 2, 2025,
 1-3pm

Space is limited -
 Register NOW!:



kailuacch@gmail.com
 808-261-0125
<https://www.kailuachristianchurch.org/keiki-drama-camp-2025/>



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.

HELPERS are welcome and needed during this camp. Please contact Pastor Irene or call the office with your interest to support this fun presentation happening in July.



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.

UCC Strengthen the Church Special Offering – to be received starting on Pentecost Sunday and throughout June.



The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Most congregations will receive the STC offering on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025 **Special Offering envelopes are available in the back of the sanctuary and upon request. Please note STC on your check memo line. Mahalo.**

The 203rd ‘Aha Pae’aina in 2025



“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts on them, will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and its collapse was great.” —Matthew 7:24-27

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Please keep Pastor Irene, our two male intern chaperones for the boy’s youth camp and everyone participating in this year’s State Conference – 2025 Aha Pae’Aina in your prayers as they gather on Kauai at Kapa’a First Hawaiian and Kapa’a UCC churches. Pray for the decisions made for the future of our Conference “*Built on a Firm Foundation*”.




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.

Official E-Mail for KCC & Office is
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If you would like to receive a monthly newsletter via email – please contact the office and give us your current email address. Otherwise you can view it on the website at www.kailuachristian-church.org. Request for a hard copy in the mail can also be arranged by contacting the office.

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.

Church Office hours are
Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Ph: 808-261-0125

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