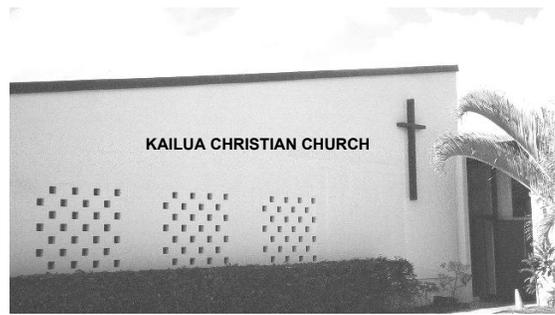


# Waves of Faith

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## Through the Wardrobe, Into the Heart of God

*Keiki Summer Drama Camp | July 21 – August 1 | Final Performance: August 2 at 1:00 PM*

Dear Church ‘Ohana,

This summer, our sanctuary will extend beyond four walls—straight into the forests of Narnia! From **July 21 through August 1**, Kailua Christian Church will host a **Keiki Summer Drama Camp** for 36 registered children aged 6-12, featuring *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* as our guiding story. This story was originally written by Christian theologian C.S. Lewis to help keiki in post-World War II England learn about Jesus in a new, thoughtful way.

What’s most exciting to me is that this isn’t just a theater camp. Each day, our keiki will dive into scenes of adventure, betrayal, forgiveness, and transformation—and alongside the fun and laughter, they’ll also reflect on how these same spiritual truths play out in their own lives. With the help of daily devotions and small group conversations, the world of Narnia becomes a doorway to deeper **faith, purpose, and courage**. Our hope is that the keiki and families involved will leave the camp with a stronger understanding of how Jesus is alive in them.

Our interns are putting in amazing work to assure the camp and subsequent performance are fun, inspiring, and fruitful. But here's the honest truth: **we’re extremely short on volunteers from the church.**

We need help with daily supervision, snack and lunch support, and sign-in/out safety. If you can offer even a day or two of your time, it would be a huge blessing—not just to the kids, but to the spirit of our whole church. We don’t just want to run a program—we want to raise up a generation that knows they are loved, seen, and called by God.

Our final performance will be held on **Saturday, August 2 at 1:00 PM**, and for the price of \$5/adult ticket, you’re all invited to come and support our young actors as they take the stage and share the story they’ve brought to life. We’re expecting our Sanctuary to reach capacity – so if you’d rather watch online, we’ll be livestreaming the performance, too!

If you can help, please reach out to the office. Thank you, thank you, thank you in advance.

With hope and anticipation,  
Pastor Irene



(Interns at Kawaiiaha’o Church)

**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. It is a once a year financial support per individual.**

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 (Debbie F or Myra Y) or the church office (Kammy/808-261-0125/kailuacch@gmail.com) 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/mailed to kailuacch@gmail.com or mailed to:

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

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

--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.

**Note:** Checks are not written to the applicant, but, to the company that applicant owes money to.

Applicant will be notified when the check is mailed out. Partial rent, insurance, medical, rehab program admission fee 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 may be collecting for the Deacon’s Fund in the Fall of 2025. If you’d like to donate at any time, regardless of whether we put out a request or not, we welcome and appreciate your thoughtful generosity!

Please ensure to annotate Benevolence Fund 4511 on your memo line.

Mahalo and God Bless!  
Deacon Myra

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Aaron T  
Romona M  
June T  
Dennis F  
Kale P  
Alianna R  
Karen M



Reyn Akamine  
Pie Pie Wong  
Matt Wong  
Harry Imai  
Rebecca Weible

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Gail and Alan Y



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Gail Y  
David Y  
Mikey P



Abigail D  
Aisha H  
Mary Ann N  
Hamza H  
Cassie G  
Dr. Michele P  
Pastor Irene H

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Mary Ann & Eric N  
Vernon & Jennifer P  
Aaron & Colette T

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

~ Dennis F's healing  
~ John S's ohana  
~ Stan and Chris H ~ Lance's Dad's health  
~ Julia who has cancer ~ Lia & Curtis L  
~ Jerica VS health and family  
~ 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 & Matt W            Jennifer L  
~ Gary & Susan M            Jennie L  
~ Mai's mom w/cancer & father w/ dementia  
~ Saeko Y                        Sandra S  
~ Traveling mercies for all traveling in July  
~ 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 2p.m. at Rainbow Pavilion by Arizona Memorial. 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's 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 on Tuesday, July 15 at 10 a.m. visitation 11 a.m. Service.

**Deepest Sympathies** to the family of Larry S who passed away on Sat. June 21<sup>st</sup>. Please keep Sandra and her family in your prayers as they move forward with this loss. Larry has been a long time member at KCC along with Sandra. He will be sorely missed.

**TRUSTEES NOTES**

Members and Friends of KCC,  
KCC Financial Information:  
(Balances through 5/31/25)  
Income: \$ 102,936.43 (Total Budget Income)  
Expenses: \$ 76,494.14 (Total Operating Expenses)  
Total Cash: \$ 250,140.71 (Total Resources in the savings and checking accounts)  
General Fund: \$ 216,796.34 (Available Resources, excluding special funds and grants)

**Janitorial Services:** The voluntary janitorial service was initiated to reduce the budget deficit; however, it has not been working out due to the lack of sufficient volunteers. So, we were planning to reestablish the janitorial services agreement. But, Praise the Lord, our Interns have come to the rescue and have been helping the few regular volunteers (Katelyn and Reyn, Maureen and Dean, Susan and Harvey) clean the sanctuary, kitchen, restrooms, library and office after worship service. A Big Mahalo goes out to our five (5) interns (Jacob, Lance, Marina, Safiyah and Abigail).

**Special Thank You:**

- Pastor Irene for acquiring the necessary furnishings such as beds, drawers, bedding, for the Service-Learning Program (SLP) interns.
- Matt and Pie Pie W for donating a sofa for the SLP.

- Spencer C (the Yamada’s neighbor), for donating his 10-speed bicycle (including bike lock) to KCC for the SLP.
- Marisa Y for donating her bicycle (including bike lock) and two helmets to KCC for the SLP.

*Colossians 3:23-24 – “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”*

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!**

Join us for a fun-filled cooking session on July 26, 2025, from 9 am – 12 noon at Windward Community College’s Hale Akoakoa, Uala Leaf Café. Seats are limited to 24; there are about 8 remaining seats. Sign up with Myra at [yamadamya@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:yamadamyra@hawaii.rr.com).



Many of you know Chef Daniel Swift who has taught many healthy cooking classes in our church kitchen, at Kapi’iolani CC as well as Windward CC.

Chef Dan will start with baking Ciabatta bread, shortbread cookies and a surprise savory dessert. For the main lunch meal, he will demo a multi-grain porridge with steamed veggies and fish. Each group of six will experience hands-on preparation of raw ingredients, using the provided kitchen utensils, knives, pots, pans and baking sheets. What you make will become your lunch!

If you are interested in Chef Dan’s bio, please let me know – I will give you the info sheet on where he began as a dishwasher in 1985 for a local restaurant to earning his Doctorate Degree in Organizational Leadership in 2017, and becoming a Certified Master Baker and American Culinary Federation’s Certified Executive Chef, Certified Pastry Chef and Certified Culinary Administrator.

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**Future Na Anela dates and times (10:00 – 11:30 am) to mark on your calendar!**

**Sep 27: Katelyn A, OTP/Lynne N, DPT – Kauhale Smooth Transitions, LLC**

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

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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. July 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:**

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)**

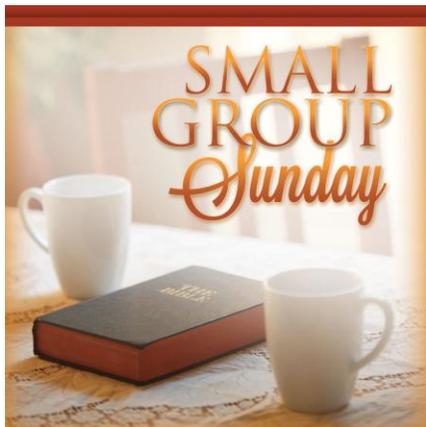
**2025 Free Weekly Classes:**

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

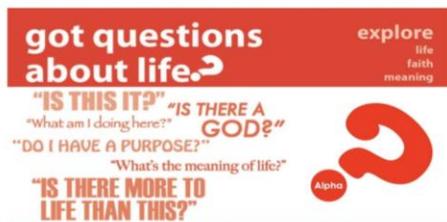
**God Bless you all, Mahalo, Myra**



**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:



**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 have started 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.

**GUEST PASTOR PRESENTATIONS**



**Wednesday Evenings**

Rms 3-4 Times will vary by availability 6-8 p.m. or 7-9 p.m. call the office for set time depending on 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.

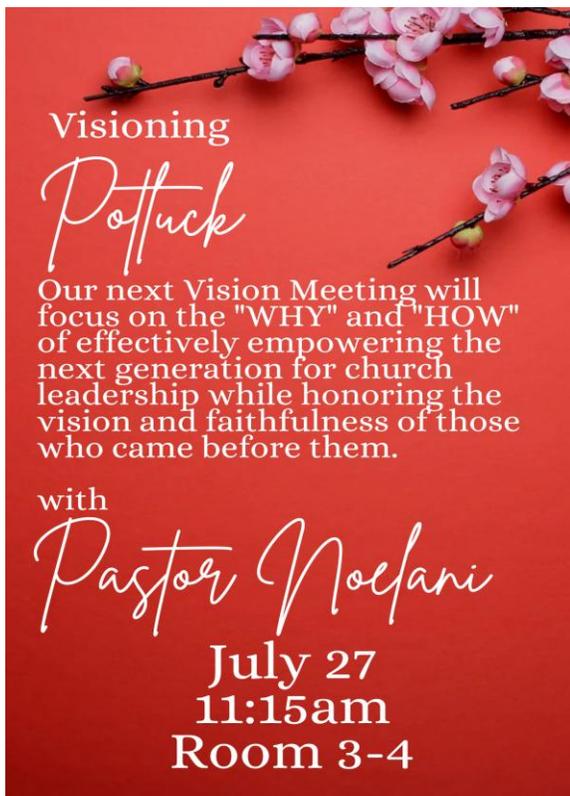
June 4, 2025 Rev. Dale Vallejo-Sanderson, Founder Wellspring Church <b>INTERNS ONLY</b>	July 9, 2025 Rev. Kate Hogue, Christ Church Uniting
June 11, 2025 Pastor Noelani Jai, Founder Jesus House <b>WOMEN ONLY</b>	July 16, 2025 Rev. Kyle Lovett, Oahu Association Committee on Ministry
June 18, 2025 Kahu Rennie Mau, Ewa Community Church, Hawaii PAAM	July 23, 2025 Rev. David Baumgart Turner, Church of the Crossroads
June 25, 2025 Kahu Kenneth Makuakane, Kawaiahao Church	July 30, 2025 Rev. Irene Willis Hassan, KCC August 6, 2025 Leona Larkin, First Presbyterian Church
July 2, 2025 Rep. Elijah Pierick, Hawaii State Representative	August 13, 2025 Connie Mitchell, Executive Director IHS



June 15<sup>th</sup> – Kahu Ken M and his mother shares at the Guest pastor’s

presentation.





gathering will be on **July 27, 2025, 11:15am**. The topic will focus on the "WHY" and "HOW" of effectively empowering the next generation for church leadership while honoring the vision and faithfulness of those who came before them. Please bring potluck items to share as we continue this important work together!



Vision Meeting June 22, 2025



**KCC Vision Task Force Report**

A recent CASA grant provides KCC with a coach for 1 to 4 years. CASA aims to help churches revitalize and continue serving their community for another generation.

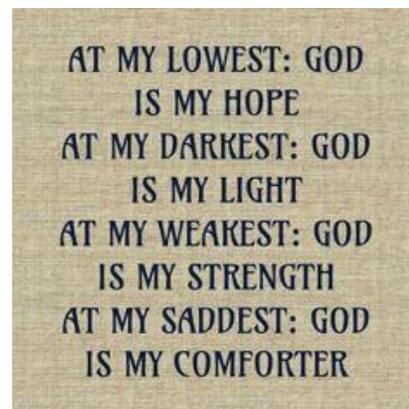
Our coach is Pastor Noelani J. Since March, she has been leading KCC members through a process of looking back at our founders' vision, Jesus' "marching orders" for all churches, and taking a hard look at our current methods and mission along those lines.

In June, we discussed a topic that could be sensitive in many churches. Yet the group had a lively and fruitful discussion about how to better integrate children and their families into fellowship. You'll notice a few minor changes in weeks to come along those lines. This is particularly important as our church will soon welcome new babies, and potentially new young families through our upcoming theatre camp!

The Revitalization Task Force now meets every 4th Sunday of the month after worship, and we encourage the entire congregation to attend for the sake of the future of our church. The next



***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.***



**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/>




KCC Represented at the Aha Pae’Aina on Kauai. Jacob and Lance chaperoned the Youth Camp and Pastor Irene also represented the Oahu Association as their president.

**Registration is full** but you are welcome to join us for the presentation happening on Sat. August 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2025 'Aha Pae’āina was held Thursday, June 12 through Saturday, June 14, at Kapa'a First Hawaiian Church and Kapa'a United Church of Christ on Kaua'i. The 'Aha Youth Track welcomed 31 youth as they met at Waiveke Cabins in Kōke'e before joining the larger group on Friday, June 13. The 'Aha Makua, the annual business meeting of the Hawai'i Conference, was convened on Saturday, June 14.

The business session of the 'Aha Makua included the election of the nominees on the nomination slate as presented by the Conference Nominating Committee, the adoption of "A Resolution Calling the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ to Oppose the 2025 Immigration Rollbacks and Support Immigrants, Refugees, and Pacific Island Communities," and the approval of the budget for FYE 2025 – 2026 as presented.

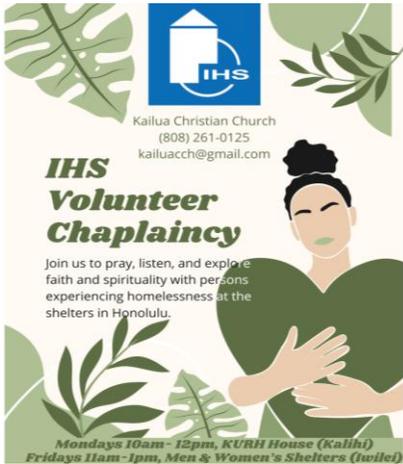


**HAWAIIAN ISLAND**  
**MINISTRIES (HIM)**

HIM is making progress with their search for a new Executive Director and are currently interviewing applicants.

In this season of change, they ask for your prayers: for HIM’s board of directors, the executive director, and the exciting days ahead. You’re invited to check out their HIM Podcast and more information on [himonline.org](http://himonline.org). Recently they presented on their podcast// Evening with an Exorcist. Fr. John Szada.

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 Rev. Irene Willis Hassan, Senior Pastor



*May God continue to bless America with his grace and mercy.*

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

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

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

Official E-Mail for KCC & Office is  
[kailuacch@gmail.com](mailto:kailuacch@gmail.com)

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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. night via Zoom. Please keep participants in your prayers during this time.

**Deacons Meeting** normally held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. after Service.

**SPECIAL NOTE;**

**Our Church Office hours for July are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ph: 808-261-0125**

**The church office hours will be irregular the first two weeks in July. We appreciate your understanding as our secretary will be on vacation and the facilities will be mainly covered by Pastor. Please call the church office in advance before visiting or if in need of any assistance. Mahalo.**