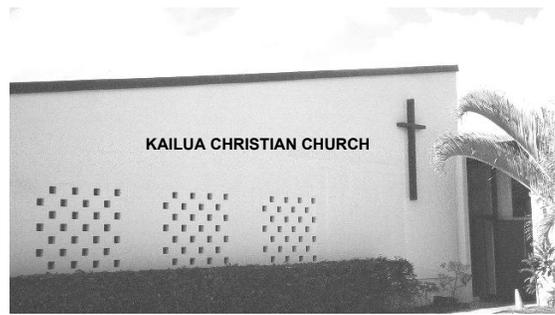


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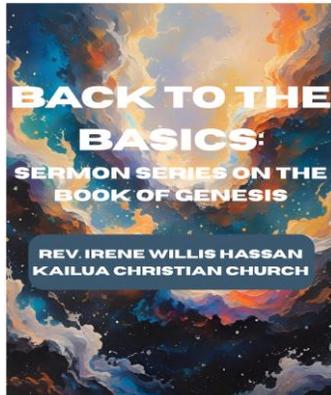
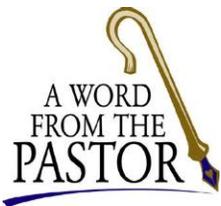
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Back to the Basics: A Walk Through Genesis

*“In the beginning
God created the heavens and the earth.” —
Genesis 1:1*

Throughout September and October, we’ve been journeying together through the book of Genesis in our sermon series (Sunday worship) and Bible study (Thursday Plaza Kaneohe), “Back to the Basics: A Walk Through Genesis.” The purpose of this series has been twofold:

First, it has given us space to reset after a busy summer. Genesis reminds us of the “why” of God making the world — a world created before there was tradition to uphold, expectation to meet, hope to cling to, or disappointment to recover from. Everything began with God’s desire to create, to bless, and to bring order out of chaos.

Second, this series has served as a countdown to my upcoming maternity leave, which is scheduled to begin on October 13. During the 12 weeks that I’ll be away, I want to encourage our church to lean into the same question Genesis puts before us: *Why?*

Why do we worship in the style that we do?
Why do we maintain the building on Manono St?
Why do we show up every Sunday?
Why do we want to see KCC continue into the future?

You’ve already been engaging these questions in the monthly Vision Meetings with Pastor Nolelani Jai. My hope is that, while I’m away, you will take this opportunity to explore thoroughly the “why” of what we are doing as a church, with open hearts to where God’s Spirit is leading us.

I am looking forward to returning on December 29 to a church that is refreshed, invigorated, and ready to step forward with clarity and energy.

Just as Genesis shows us a God who delights in creating something new, I believe God is calling us into a new chapter together — one shaped by the faith, discernment, and shared vision you will cultivate in this season.

In His Service,
Pastor Irene

*Special Update:
Baby Jumana arrived a little before schedule.
Sun. 10.5.25 @
8:05 p.m.
She was 6.8 lbs.
and 19.5 in.*



Everyone is doing well.

DEACONS CORNER



DAVE’S WAVE

I love reading short, inspirational stories from **The Upper Room’s Daily Devotional Guide**. This story, in particular, written by Elizabeth Erlandson (Nebraska, USA) spoke to me especially at a time when we are looking for new deacons in 2026 to join the three of us, Debbie, Florence and me. Elizabeth’s story about Dave helps us to appreciate all that God has given to us and prompts us to use our lives to bless others. Might you want to join the deacons in serving God?

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV): Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

My friend Dave suffers from severe Parkinson’s disease. He now needs a wheelchair, speaks in a whisper and cannot lift his head. Although Dave has limitations, every weekday he gives what he has to hundreds of people in his community.

In the afternoon before school lets out, Dave wheels his chair down to the end of the driveway and waves to the buses filled with school children. When he feels strong enough, Dave tips his cap to the boys and girls who look forward to seeing their “driveway friend.” On most days the bus drivers slow down so the children can cheer and call out greetings like “I love you, Dave.” Dave was once a healthy man and an athlete. Even though he is now dependent on the people who once depended on him, Dave hasn’t stopped giving to others.

God doesn’t ask us to give what we don’t have, but God does expect us to give what we do have. Even when we feel cast aside by declining health, limited finances, family estrangement, or other adversities, we still have gifts and talents that God can use to minister to others. Remembering **Dave’s wave**, we can ask God to show us how to use what we have been given to bless others.

Thought For the Day: I will not let personal adversities keep me from loving others.

Note: The Upper Room booklets are provided free to members and friends. Located on the desk as you enter the sanctuary, be sure to pick one up!

Love and Blessings,
Deacon Myra



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Katelyn A	Joan S
Sara M	Lynette P
Debbie G	Jennifer P
Alice E	Kingston K
Pam M	Bill C



PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers

- ~ Stan and Chris H for healing
- ~ Kevin L s healing of cancer.
- ~ Joe F palliative cancer care
- ~ Family of Riley Y ~ Reggie’s healing
- ~ Jennie’s medical condition ~ Grace O
- ~ Dean’s co-worker’s muscle damage from years of meds ~ Dean’s health
- ~ Eric M Parkinson’s ~ Dennis F
- ~ Julia who has cancer ~ Lia & Curtis L
- ~ Jerry C’s complete healing
- ~ Val A & sister, Claire S’s healing
- ~ John S and son’s healing
- ~ Gary & Susan M ~ David K.
- ~ Patty and Carrie G healings
- ~ Rev. Howard Y ~ Sandra S.
- ~ Nathan K ~ Jean K.
- ~ Myrtle & Lowell T ~ Saeko Y.
- ~ Matt, Pie Pie, & Nora W ~ Kathe W.
- ~ Mai’s mom w/cancer & father w/ dementia
- ~ Bill C. ~ Diane & John M.
- ~ Joe w/ brain tumor, cancer & Sue w/ cancer
- ~ 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.
- ~ Ruby O. ~ Sarona D’s ohana



~ Jean M, Alice E, Nani O, Annie S, Nancy A, Harry I, Carl N, Sharon M, Dot S, Harrison L, and Hazel M.

TRUSTEES NOTES

Members and Friends of KCC,
KCC Financial Information:
(Balances through 8/31/25)
Income: \$ 128,657.13 (Total Budget Income)
Expenses: \$ 124,243.04 (Total Operating Expenses)
Total Cash: \$ 221,377.48 (Total Resources in the savings and checking accounts)
General Fund: \$ 194,768.14 (Avail. Resources, excluding special funds and grants)

Foodland's Give Aloha 2025:

Foodland's Give Aloha 2025 has ended; the last day to participate in the program was on September 30th. We thank all those that participated in the Give Aloha Program. Thanks to your generosity, Kailua Christian Church (KCC) received \$6,820 in donations and awaiting Foodland's matching donation. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated. Mahalo!

Stewardship Month:

Stewardship month (November) is just around the corner; a time to reflect on our responsibility to God as stewards of our time, talents and resources. During this period, we will be asking for your support in making financial pledges for the upcoming year which will help KCC leadership plan for next year's budget. Additionally, we ask that you share your time and talent by signing up for various church tasks, activities and events. The Stewardship letter with the pledge cards and time and talent sheets will be sent out by the end of October.

1 Peter 4:10 – "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." NIV

God Bless You All!

Trustees



Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

MAHALO NUI LOA for your generous support!
Friendly reminder to turn in your receipts so we can credit your giving statement for this year.



NA ANELA I KA HANA A KE AKUA

(Angels in the Works for God)

Wellness Support Group

LEARNING IS LIFELONG!

"FILLING IN THE GAP!" Twenty five members and friends of KCC, picked up valuable information and informational resources on September 27, as **Lynne-Nohara Kido, Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) and Neuro Clinical Specialist (NCS)** provided her background and mission of the company, explained the different services offered and discussed the importance of both, fall prevention and staying healthy. After personally caring for her brain-injured dad a year prior, Lynne started **Kauhale Smooth Transitions, LLC**, in February 2024, with a mission to bridge the gap in the medical continuum of care with an emphasis on decreasing stress and improving the safety of individuals transitioning home.

An important factor in maintaining a successful hospital exit and beyond program is preparing homebound individuals with fall prevention measures. Lynne involved us in doing the **30-Second Chair Stand** to test leg strength and endurance. **Nani O and Lillian W** scored high! We then tried the Chair Rise Exercise to strengthen the muscles in our thighs and buttocks. **Sherine N (sister-in-law)** demonstrated Tai Chi moves to improve our balance. We tried our best to follow **Sherine** but realized we need a class at KCC (**Pat C** is interested - anyone else?)

Lynne emphasized that successful transition planning starts when you first become hospitalized! **Thank you Katelyn A, OTD, for inviting Lynne to share her valuable information at KCC!**



Last 2025 Na Anela presentation to mark on your calendar!

Nov 15: Rita Madden, MPH, RDN – “Food, Faith and Fasting”, 10-11:30; Sanctuary

St. Francis Healthcare System’s program for Wellness classes has dwindled down to one class.

You can register online for Body and Brain Yoga Tai Chi (Zoom) by clicking on

<https://www.stfranchishawaii.org/classes>. Register directly online. For questions, please contact the Call Center @ (808) 547-6500 (select 0), listen and choose an option.

2025 Free Weekly Classes:

11/4 and 11/18: 1st and 3rd Tue, 9 – 10 am;
Body and Brain Yoga Tai Chi (Zoom)

Participate in a variety of “wellness” classes to enhance your health journey!
God Bless you all, Mahalo, Myra

NOVEMBER Birthdays

Diane L P
Carl N
Emily P



& Anniversaries

Winchell & Lily L
Vernon & Jennifer P
James & Pua T



Our Fall Schedule of

GUEST PREACHERS
KAILUA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

DEC 2025
REV. CHRIS ENG

OCT 16-NOV 2
PASTOR GREIG PORTER

NOV 23
REV. DALE VALLEJO-SANDERSON

NOV 16&30
CHAPLAIN CANDIDATE JACKSON FEIOCK

NOV 9
PASTOR DANNY HAN

Bio for Rev. Dale Vallejo-Sanderson

Having served in youth ministry in Palolo valley in early 70’s to youth ministry at KCC while Pastor Howard Yoshida was pastor. Married Bev in 1980. In.1982, went to and graduated with an MDiv. From Fuller Theological Seminary in 1986. And was called to be pastor at KCC for for seven years, then called to serve at Waimea United Church of Christ on Kauai during recovery from Hurricane Iniki. We heard a call to move back to Oahu and served as staff pastor at New Hope Oahu and planted New Hope Windward. In 2001 We heard a call to plant with a team, Wellspring Covenant Church in Halawa. In 2019, I stepped down to be with Bev in her cancer journey. In 2020, I was called to serve again at KCC. Bev passed in April 2021. I heard God’s call in 2022 to step back from ministry and have a season of finding my way through the grieving process. In the last couple years, I have slowly re-emerged in meaningful life with my family and 9 grandchildren, called on for giving counseling and mentoring of other pastors, speaking at churches as needed and other ways of serving as

needed. I enjoy swimming 3x a week, finding time and space to write, some travel and savor each day with friends and family as a gift. I am grateful to be present today with the wonderful Ohana of Kailua Christian Church.

A big mahalo for Pastor Dale’s willingness to come worship and share the message with us – even at an earlier date planned Oct. 12 as Pastor Irene had her baby earlier than expected.



Bio for Pastor Danny Han Sun. Nov. 9th

Pastor Danny Han is an associate pastor at Kaimuki Christian Church, overseeing its various ministries since 2017. As a preacher, he seeks to communicate the truths of the Bible in a relational and expository manner that relates to everyday life, emphasizing the transformative power of Christ’s work in people’s lives. Outside of the pulpit, he is passionate about connecting people in small groups and bringing people together to serve others and one another in the body of Christ. In his free time, he enjoys cooking, learning to cook, sipping coffee with his wife, and tending to his garden.

We are delighted to have Pastor Danny accept our invite for a return visit to worship with us.

Intros for other guest pastors will be posted in the next Newsletter in Nov.



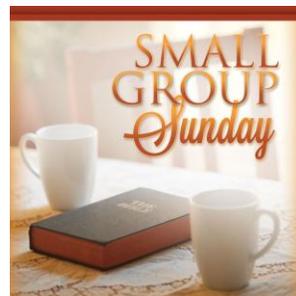
The Altar Flower Sign up Calendar is now posted on the back bulletin board . Please consider signing up to provide flowers for the worship service. Mahalo! Details on sign up sheet. If you would like to dedicate this floral donation in Memory or in honor of someone, please inform the office with the details. We can post this on our announcements. Mahalo

Special thanks to all who have supported the altar flowers ministry in 2025.

A FUN FELLOWSHIP FOR THE FAMILY



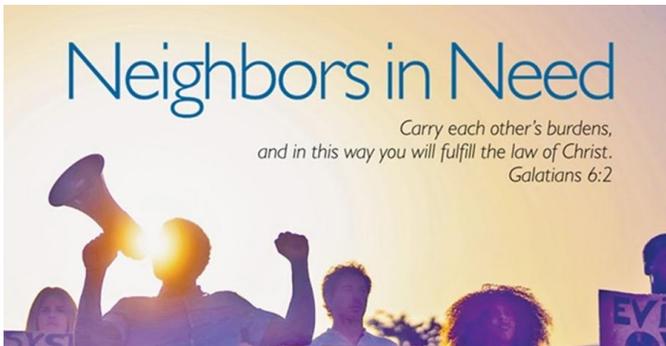
Our Plaza Bible Study and our Visitation to Institute for Human Services are on break. Please watch for updates regarding these ministry efforts that we hope to resume in January. Mahalo for your past participation.



Schedule
Oct. 5 -Women’s
Oct. 12 – Men’s
Oct. 19 Trunk-or-Treat
 Planning Mtg
Oct. 26 – Vision Retreat
 Nov. 2 – Young Adult’s
 11:30-12:30p.m.

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***UCC Neighbors in Need Special Offering
 Collection will be received through the month
 of Oct. We welcome your kind support.***



Neighbors in Need is one of the Special Mission Offerings of the United Church of Christ. We hope you will join us in supporting this offering that we will receive the first Sunday in October.

The Neighbors in Need offering enables ministries of justice and compassion, with two-thirds of the offering benefiting the justice and witness ministries of the UCC, including grants awarded to congregations and partners, and one-third of the offering supporting the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM).

Note: *Please note on check memo: for NIN offering or mark on special NIN Special Mission Offering envelope.*

MAHALO FOR YOUR KIND CONSIDERATION

**better
together**

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
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. 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.

SPECIAL NOTE;

**Church secretary is available on
 Monday, Thursday, and Fridays
 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Ph: 808-261-0125**

Please call the church office before visiting so you will be sure to connect with someone who could assist you as needed.

**In case of an emergency, please feel free to contact your Deacons or call the church number.
 MAHALO.**