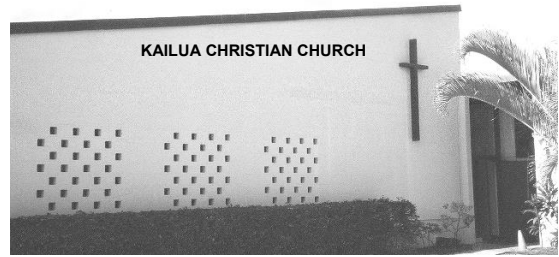


# Waves of Faith

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*“He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you; this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”- Mark 12:41-44*

Dear Beloved KCC Ohana,

As I reflect on Mark 12:41-44, the story of the widow’s offering, I am moved by the deep faith and commitment that Jesus highlights in this passage. The widow, though she had so little, gave all she had out of love and devotion to God. It was not the amount she gave that mattered, but the fact that she gave everything she had.

Our church has always been faithful in putting everything we have toward promoting Jesus and His vision of the Kingdom of Heaven. From our time and talents to our financial resources, we have continuously given with open hearts, trusting that God will multiply our efforts for His glory. I see this same spirit in each of you, and I am deeply grateful for your unwavering dedication to our church’s mission.

However, as our treasurer’s report has been repeating, we find ourselves in a challenging season. Our church is operating at a deficit and it’s important to recognize the reality we face.

We have already placed everything we have into our work for the Kingdom, and I admire your generosity and faithfulness. But now, we are called to think creatively about how we can continue to give our all, even when our financial resources are stretched thin.

Jesus expects us to put all of ourselves into our work for Him—not just our money, but also our creativity, our connections, and our problem-solving abilities. Since we have exhausted our ability to donate financially, it’s time for us to tap into other resources God has given us.

I’m asking each of you to prayerfully consider how you might contribute in new ways. Do you have ideas about potential renters for our church facilities? Can you think of creative fundraising opportunities that we haven’t yet explored? Are there connections or resources you can tap into that could help us bridge this financial gap?

We are called to give our all for the Kingdom, and sometimes that means offering our creativity and ingenuity when our finances fall short. Just as the widow gave everything she had, let’s commit to putting all of ourselves—our ideas, our connections, and our collective energy—into sustaining and growing our ministry here at KCC.

I am confident that, together, we can navigate this season with the same faith and dedication that has always defined our church. I look forward to hearing your ideas and working with you to ensure that our mission continues to thrive.

With love and gratitude,

Rev. Irene Willis Hassan

**DEACONS CORNER****Kailua Christian Church  
Membership**

A member of Kailua Christian Church is defined by our bylaws as “one who has been received into this Church, shows his/her concern for the church through regular attendance at worship, prayer on its behalf, financial contribution, participation in the church programs, or other evidence of interest sufficient to the Church. Only members can vote at business meetings and can hold elective offices.” So in other words, to be a member means you are part of the KCC family, committed to uphold, support, and be held accountable to each other.

In the past KCC has had many members - individuals and families that over the years have grown and changed. As time marches on the interests and needs of those individuals and families have also changed. Some may have found themselves growing closer to or redefining their relationship to KCC, while for others it meant exploring and finding other outlets that may better suit their constantly changing lives. What once was a great “fit” years ago may not be the same case today and vice versa. After all, as our needs, abilities, and situations change God calls us to serve in different ways at different times in different places, and as we respond to His call we might find ourselves not where we envisioned.

You may be thinking to yourself why is this article talking about membership, and where is this going? It is very important that our active membership list accurately reflect our numbers to allow the deacons to better serve the members and enable effective voting by meeting quorum at congregational meetings. Currently the deacons along with Pastor Irene are in the process of updating the membership list to reflect the members as defined by and in accordance with the bylaws. We honor all of our members, past and current, and ask that as you continue to grow

in your personal journey with Jesus that you prayerfully consider your role as a member of KCC.

If you receive or received a call regarding your interest in remaining a KCC member we thank you for your response.

With love and aloha,  
Debbie Fong, Deacon

**“So we, though many, are one body in Christ,  
and individually members one of another.”**

**Romans 12:5**

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

~ Terumi and Rev. Howard Yoshida  
 ~ Nathan Kohashi ~ Anne’s knees  
 ~ Jean Kanazawa ~ Diane Lee’s step-mom  
 ~ Gary & Susan Morita ~ Dean’s friends  
 ~ Jennie Lee ~ Walter Yeda  
 ~ Lynne Nakano ~ Mike Reyes & Sons  
 ~ Bill Cunningham ~ Joel & Stacey Vega  
 ~ Joe w/ brain tumor, cancer & Sue w/ cancer  
 ~ John Sakamoto and his ohana  
 ~ Myrtle & Lowell Terada continued health  
 ~ 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, Stella Wakamatsu,  
 Nani Oda, Nancy Arakaki, Brian Nakashima,  
 Harry Imai, Hazel Masuda, Carl Nemoto, Sharon Mon, Dot Suzuki, Saeko Yoshida and all our high risked families  
 ~ Prayers for all our Worship Team



**Deepest Sympathies** to Pastor Dale-Vallejo-Sanderson, Peggy Sanderson (his sister who comes on zoom weekly for worship) and all of the Vallejo-Sanderson ohana on the losses of Bev’s mom who passed away in late July and Pastor Dale’s mom, Dottie who passed away on Sunday, Aug. 25, 2024.

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS  
& ANNIVERSARIES**

Bianca Tamura  
 Katelyn Akamine  
 Saeko Yoshida  
 Carmen Kelly  
 Deidre Harrison  
 Richelle Vance  
 Jean Sakata  
 Stella Wakamatsu



Seren Payne  
 Robert Maeshiro  
 David Yoneshige

Rev. David & Kristen  
 Baumgart Turner  
 Reggie & Myra Yamada  
 Dennis & Debbie Fong  
 Stan & Akiko Nakamura  
 Barney & Diane Pilla



***A Special Birthday Greeting to our sister in Christ,  
 Stella Wakamatsu, as she celebrates her 103rd  
 birthday this month. We thank God for you!***

**TRUSTEES NOTES**

Members and Friends of KCC,

To date, the Continuous Building Maintenance Fund (CBMF) drive has received \$8,135. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. To those wishing to support this CBMF drive, please annotate "CBMF" on your check.

Status of KCC Finances as of July 2024:  
 Income: \$ 67,386.36  
 Expenses: \$135,714.26

As the financial status shows, Expenses exceed Income by \$68,327.90. KCC has been operating at an average monthly deficit of \$9,761.13.

A brainstorming session was conducted on August 4 after Sunday Worship to come up with ideas on how to reduce expenses and/or increase income. KCC leadership, members and friends participated in this event and the following suggestions were made:

Reduce Expenses:

- Encourage members to take ownership and volunteer more to reduce some expenses.
- Reduce staff hours.
- Eliminate property and liability insurance, a savings of \$20,000.
- Sell the church.

Increase Income:

- Conduct a craft fair.
- Conduct fundraisers.
- Set up special event like a Haunted House.
- Dog daycare/boarding.
- Driver's education.
- Co-working space (workspace shared by multiple tenants) for rent during the week.
- Adult daycare.
- Grants.
- Loans.
- Afterschool care.
- Encourage members to increase tithes by 10%.
- Rent parts of KCC.

Some of the ideas may seem farfetched, and others could be doable. The Trustees are following up on several possibilities, e.g., Driver's Education; Co-Working Space Rental; Adult Daycare; Afterschool Care; and Renting KCC Facilities to Organizations, Groups, Clubs. Pastor Irene is looking into acquiring grants and the feasibility of getting a loan. As mentioned in the August newsletter, if you have any ideas on how to reduce our deficit, please send your suggestions via email to Dean Wakuzawa, dean.wakuzawa@gmail.com or Reggie Yamada, ryamada49@gmail.com. There is no deadline so please feel free to provide your suggestion at any time. If you have any questions about the items listed above, please let us know.

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!**

**Please join us and meet Aianna (Pie Pie) Wong on Sep 28 (4th Sat) as she shares her journey, “Finding Joy Amidst Chronic Pain”. Pie Pie, a registered Behavioral Therapist for Autistic Children, has been a God-send in leading our children’s program at Kailua Christian Church.**

**Date:** September 28 **Location:** Kailua Christian Church sanctuary **Time:** 10 - 11 am

Light, healthy refreshments to follow. Please invite your family and friends to join our wonderful fellowship at **Kailua Christian Church.**

**Na Anela 2024 Remaining Date:**

**Nov 15 (3rd Friday) – Home Modifications Critical for Aging in Place, Catia Garell, Accessibility Specialist, Thrive for Life LLC;** sanctuary (speakers are not avail on Saturdays). **Last meeting of 2024.**

**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.**

**September 2024** classes can be found at: <https://www.stfranchishawaii.org/s/>. Register directly online. **For questions, please contact the Call Center (808) 547-6500.**

**Individual Classes:**

Sep 13: Fri, 10 – 11:30 am; Hands-on Bathing for the Family Caregivers (in-person class)

**Weekly Session Classes:**

Sep 03 & 17: Tue, 9 – 10 am; Body and Brain Yoga Tai Chi Sep 04 – 30: Mon, Wed and Fri, 5:15 – 6:15 pm; Zumba by Frances (online) Sep 07 – 28: Sat, 8 – 9 am; Zumba Gold by Francis

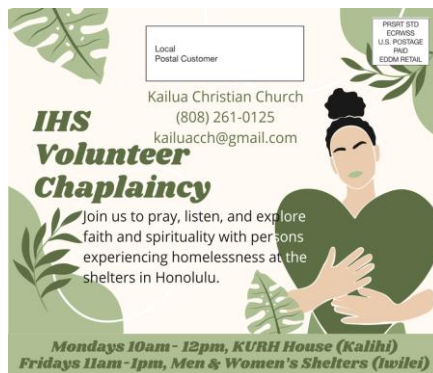
**CHANGE:** Registration for **Glen Higa’s** classes no longer fall under St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii. Mondays, 8 – 8:45 am; **Big**

**Moves! Monday** (focus on people with Parkin- sons) and Empower You! on Wednesdays 8 – 8:45 am. There is a small charge per class. For Big Moves, click on the following link: **Big Moves! Monday Registration (glenhiga.com)** For Empower You, click on the following link: **Empower You! Registration (glenhiga.com)**

*Note: In-person sessions will be held at Senior Community Center at the Kupuna Village in Liliha. Contact me at yamadamyra@hawaii.rr.com if you have questions. Please invest your time and energy in any one of these “mostly” free and informative classes.*

**Commit to your Wellness Journey and Stay Healthy in 2024! God Bless you all, Myra**

**GREAT OPPORTUNITIES**



**Please see Pastor Irene for more details on this great outreach ministry.**

**Holy Yoga Class Offered at KCC**

**Mondays – 5:30 p.m.**



**The Holy Yoga class is facilitated by Ms. Stephanie Davis and teaches Christ-centered yoga and incorporates biblical meditation, worship, and prayer.**

**Come join the fun. Call or text (808) 542-4939 for more information.**



REASONS TO CELEBRATE



Our new friend, Elaine

Being able to worship and fellowship with friends old and new – from near and far away.

Join us at The Plaza in Kaneohe



Prayer Group is in the Book of Mark. We invite you to join them and each week. Please note that it would be helpful if you would like to attend, that you let the church office know (808-261-0125) in case of cancellations or change of area that

the class will be held. KCC ohana are encouraged to attend this event and visit with our Plasa friends. Mahalo. Note: Next class on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>.







Bible Institute of Hawaii is offering a class here at KCC for the convenience of our Windward community to grow together with our neighbors in the Word. Hope you will consider joining us for this time. Register online with BIH.

**God’s New Community: A Study of the Book of Ephesians Facilitated by Dr. Rick Bartosik**

Ephesians is essential for every Christian and leader. James M. Boice calls it “a miniature doctrine of the church.” In today’s world, a sound doctrine of the church is crucial. Often, we think of the church as created and managed by us, rather than by God and for His glory. This verse-by-verse study of Ephesians will correct our view, helping us understand what the church is, why it exists, and how it should function.

The Apostle Paul shows how we were once dead in sin, living in darkness, and doomed to God’s wrath. But God, in His love, saved us. Now, by His grace, we are citizens of His kingdom and members of His royal family. Together, we form a holy temple where God dwells by His Spirit, and we are called to live lives worthy of Him as His holy and beloved people.

NOTE: Highly recommended book: The Message of Ephesians (Revised edition) by John R. W. Stott. Bring your Bible and a notebook. Outlines and handouts will be provided.

**Administrative Fee: \$40 (Bring-A-Friend Free)  
October 1 - November 19, 2024 (8 weeks)  
Tuesdays, 1:00 – 3:00 pm in Room 3  
In-person only @ Kailua Christian Church**

**Altar Flower Ministry**



Please consider [signing up](#) to provide flowers for Sunday worship. Sign up sheet in back. You can also call the church office to find out what dates are available.

**Fond Memories of our summer of 2024!**



**Saying Aloha & Mahalo to our dear friends.**

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Please reserve this date on your calendar - OAUCC Fall Mokupuni will be held here at KCC on Saturday, October 19, 2024. We are excited to host our UCC churches and welcome your participation as we host this special event from 8:30 a.m. to around 1 p.m. - More details to come!



**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Nick Shiroma  
Sara Matsui  
Debbie Glenn  
Alice Esaki  
Pam Morikawa  
Joan Sakaba



Lynette Pimenta  
Jennifer Pang  
Kingston Kapua



Derek & Debra Martinson  
John & Terri Lipps

**CONGRATULATIONS  
Pastor Irene and KCC**



Luau celebration of Rev. Irene Willis Hassan’s first year as KCC’s senior Pastor and review of the summer program. Mahalo to The Rev. Dr. David Popham, HCUCC Conference Minister for joining us.

**Kailua Emergency Preparedness Fair**



Learn how to prepare for any emergency. Join us for demos, giveaways, and more.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH | 9AM-1PM**  
Kailua Town Center



**KAILUA ALERT & PREPARED**

In collaboration with FEMA’s efforts - to assure that neighbors in the Kailua Communities have the **tools needed to prepare for future risks**, [Kailua Alert & Prepared / Kailua Neighborhood Board](#) is hosting its annual [Emergency Preparedness Fair](#), **Saturday, September 7th, from 9:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m.** at the Kailua Town Center (609 Kailua Road). The **fair is free and open to the public**. We **encourage everyone to come** and learn from experts about how to prepare for the unexpected.

Recent hurricane threats and Maui’s wildfire disaster have raised concerns by many local residents, including neighbors living in Lanikai, and Kalaheo Hillside areas. Come and learn how to build a resilient community, before disaster strikes.

**NOTE: KNB #31 & KAP reserves the right to cancel or postpone this event should conditions affecting public safety arise.**





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Rev. Irene Willis Hassan, Senior Pastor

**Foodland – Give Aloha Fundraiser began  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024.**

**Please consider giving to this program.  
Mahalo!**

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

**SUPPORT OUR  
ORGANIZATION  
TO FUNDRAISE  
EVEN FASTER!**



give aloha

Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

Organization **Kailua  
Christian Church**

Our Organization  
Code is **78524**

HOW TO HELP:

- 1) Show your Maika'i Card and make a donation to our organization (up to \$249 per person) at any Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farms checkout from September 1<sup>st</sup> through 30th.
- 2) Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match all donations up to a total of at least \$300,000 for all organizations combined.

In an effort to support and encourage non-profits in our community, Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will give us any donation sent for our ministry from community plus make an additional donation to our organization! Please make a donation for KCC at any Foodland, Sack N Save, or Foodland Farms checkout, and Foodland and help us continue our efforts to be of service to our community and beyond. **Don't forget to get two receipts – one for yourself and the other to turn in to KCC for confirmation of donation. Mahalo!**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT!**

**KING'S COMPANY –  
JR. CHURCH  
MINISTRY**



We are seeking leaders to sign up and provide worship for the children on Sunday mornings. A team will coordinate this ministry on the second through last Sundays of each month during our 10:00 a.m. service. Communion Sunday (first Sun. of each month) will not have a children's service so we can encourage families to receive Communion and worship together. A sign up sheet is available in the back of the sanctuary to sign up. Curriculum for this ministry is available for you. Call Pastor, Pie Pie, or the office for more information and to sign up. Mahalo?



Volunteer Worship Leaders and Readers, are also being invited to participate in the service. Please consider

helping with a one month commitment – readings and prayers can be provided if you prefer. Please contact Paul or Pastor for more information or sign up in back on the volunteer sheet. MAHALO for your faithful support.