

Waves of Faith

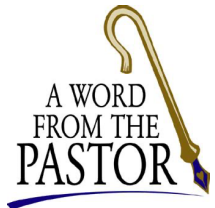
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Aloha e KCC Ohana,

As I reflect on my time here over the past year, I am filled with gratitude and joy. Colossians 3:15 reminds us to “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.” It is with a heart full of thankfulness that I write to you.

From the moment I arrived, your generosity and kindness have been a true blessing to my family and me. Whether it was working with integrity to develop new outreach and missional strategies, or the warm welcome you extended by allowing my family to live on the church property while we adjusted to our new home in Kailua or reaching out to my husband with compassionate care when he suffered a head injury at work, your support has been remarkable. I cannot express how much it means to me to pastor a church that is so safe and supportive not only to me and my family, but extends that same loving network of support to everyone in your care.

Kailua Christian Church is a vibrant community that genuinely loves and cares for one another. We are a family that is not afraid to engage in difficult conversations about faith and direction, always grounded in love and centered on God. This commitment to each other reflects the fruits of the Spirit alive among us—patience, generosity, kindness, love, and self-control.

I want you to know how deeply valued and loved you are, not just by me but by our God who sees the good work being done within our

community. Your willingness to challenge and uplift one another in faith is a testament to the heart of this church.

As we look forward to many more happy years together, I pray that we continue to serve God with joy and purpose. Thank you for the privilege of being your pastor. I am excited about what God has in store for us as we grow together in His love.

With abundant gratitude and blessings,

Pastor Irene



DEACONS CORNER

For the month of October, the nominating committee will look for members to fill vacant positions.

There is a definite need for more deacons. Originally published in 2006 and revised in 2009 & 2013, the **Board of Deacons Handbook** has provided basic guidelines for doing the job of a deacon. Please read the following sections under **Title of Position: Member of the Board of Deacons: Basic Purpose, Duties and Responsibilities, Organizational Relationship and Position Specifications.**

If you'd like to review the entire 30-page handbook, please ask Kammy Grable for a copy.

BASIC PURPOSE:

Together with the pastor, be responsible for the spiritual welfare of the total Body of Christ.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Attend all Board of Deacons meetings.
2. Together with pastor, assist in being responsible for the spiritual health of all members; pray, inspire and provide leadership when needed.
3. Assist in the preparation and administration of the sacraments of the church.
4. Be a deacon Greeter welcoming visitors/all to Sunday worship.
5. Visit the sick, the sorrowing, and the lonely. Inform the pastor of any special need.
6. Administer the Deacon's Benevolence Fund.
7. Interview all candidates for membership upon recommendation of the pastor to ascertain recommendation to the Church Council.
8. Assist in supplying a substitute for the pulpit when necessary. Be host to any special guest speakers.
9. The chairperson will submit an annual report.
10. Keep a monthly record of financial transactions for KCC's Deacon's Budget. Provide treasurer with list of authorized persons (other than chairman) signing for reimbursement/s requests for checks.
11. Coordinate the Sunday fellowship hour and occasional potluck lunches.

ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIP:

This position is an elected position for a term of two years. There shall be a minimum of eight deacons. The group will elect a chairperson from within their group for a term of one year. Two-thirds (2/3) of the deacons shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote of those present shall be enough to validate an action of the group. They shall meet at least once a month and upon any request by the chairperson or any other two (2) deacons.

The chairperson or a designated deacon becomes a voting member of the Church Council. In the event the moderator is not available for a Council meeting, the deacon chairperson will facilitate the Council meeting.

POSITION SPECIFICATIONS:

Be a member of the church.

Please consider joining us two deacons (**Debbie Fong and Myra Yamada**) in 2025. By becoming a deacon, you will support: expanding our outreach to members and friends, developing new and existing relationships, assisting pastor in praying, visiting, loving and caring for the body of Christ!

In Christ's Love,
Deacon Myra Yamada

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

- ~ Terumi and Rev. Howard Yoshida
- ~ Nathan Kohashi ~ Jean Kanazawa
- ~ Claire Steele ~ Diane Lee's step-mom
- ~ Harrison Lum ~ Pie Pie's healing
- ~ Gary & Susan Morita ~ Larry Au
- ~ Mai's mom w/cancer & father w/ dementia
- ~ Jennie Lee ~ Joy, 2nd heart attack
- ~ Noe's daughter, Paige who has Leukemia
- ~ The family of Jordan Kagehiro
- ~ Bill Cunningham ~ Joel & Stacey Vega
- ~ Joe w/ brain tumor, cancer & Sue w/ cancer
- ~ John Sakamoto and his ohana



- ~ Myrtle & Lowell Terada continued health
- ~ Heather, Jake,, & family for healing
- ~ Dean’s friends, Gary & Greg’s recoveries
- ~ Sharon Nishihira ~ Steve Hammann
- ~ Larry & Sandra Siu ~ Dennis Jinnohara
- ~ Lisa battling cancer ~ Duane Miyashiro
- ~ Winchell & Lily Lee ~ Richard Texiera
- ~ Karen Shimizu ~ Pie Pie’s sister at school
- ~ 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

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

~ **Jason and Ashley Lau** who got married on 8/24. Parents Curtis & Lia Lau are so joyful!

~**Dusty Grable** ,who was awarded 2024 Restauranteur from Honolulu Magazine. Credit was given to experiences with Youth events like Valentine dinners at KCC that helped him learn some skills and the encouragement he felt from all the KCC aunties and uncles throughout the years, growing up here at KCC.



HAPPY 103RD BIRTHDAY STELLA!
And many more!!!

Celebrating KCC Family and Friends

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



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| Nick Shiroma | Bill Cunningham |
| Katelyn Akamine | Joan Sakaba |
| Sara Matsui | Lynette Pimenta |
| Debbie Glenn | Jennifer Pang |
| Alice Esaki | Kingston Kapua |
| Pam Morikawa | |

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY LIST



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| Carl Nemoto | Emily Peters |
| Diane Lee Pilla | |
| Winchell & Lily Lee | |
| Vernon & Jennifer Pang | |



KCC friend, June Clark lends a “foot” to the cause of training for disaster relief efforts. Learn more about the efforts of CERT and being involved with the Kailua Disaster Resounse Plan. Call KCC for more information. Mahalo.



Aloha e KCC Ohana,

I want to address an important issue that has affected many of you recently: the rise of scam messages and emails that appear to come from me or our church. It's

disheartening to see how prevalent these scams have become, and I want to ensure that we're all informed and protected.

Unfortunately, scams like these often arise from the small traces of personal information that can be found online. From social media platforms like Facebook or the church web-site, our information can inadvertently become accessible. Scammers take advantage of this by cross-referencing names with details like phone numbers and email addresses found in illegal "dark web" databases. Shockingly, many of us have had our information exposed in mass data breaches, making us vulnerable to such fraudulent schemes.

As a church, we face a decision: we can either scrub our website of personal information—names, birthdays, and other details commonly shared in our newsletters—or we can leave our information public and accept that occasional scam attempts are a reality of the modern world. We can also "password protect" our digital newsletter articles so that you have to register for access through the church to read them.

It's important to understand that scammers cannot access your bank account or steal from you simply by sending these messages. The risk arises only if you respond to their inquiries. I want to assure you that I will never reach out to ask for money or request personal information, such as your birthday or social security number. If you ever receive a suspicious message claiming to be from me or the church, please do not hesitate to reach out to the church office directly for verification.

Our priority is to protect you and maintain our community's trust. Together, we can navigate these challenges with vigilance and awareness. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work to keep our church safe.

Blessings,
Pastor Irene

TRUSTEES NOTES

Members and Friends of KCC,

Status of KCC Finances as of August 2024:

Income: \$ 76,831.36
Expenses: \$159,026.57

As the financial status shows, Expenses exceed Income by \$82,195.21. To date in 2024, KCC has been operating at an average monthly deficit of \$10,274.40.

Due to our current financial situation, we will defer the Continuous Building Maintenance Fund (CBMF) drive and ask for your help to reduce our deficit by contributing to the general fund. One of the suggestions to increase income was to increase tithes by 10%. We realize that this might be difficult, but if you are able to, we ask for your help by contributing a little more to help reduce the deficit. We always appreciate your generosity.

Also, the Trustees have investigated the following:

- Kama'aina Kids: A walkthrough inspection of the KCC facilities was conducted by Kama'aina Kids representatives in August on the possibility of setting up a preschool. Unfortunately, the available facilities did not meet their requirements.
- Ballet School: A walk-through inspection was conducted by a Ballet Studio in August. Unfortunately, the Ballet Studio decided not to open a ballet school due to the startup cost to renovate the facilities to meet the ballet school requirements.

- Coworking/Shared Office Space: Trustees are continuing to pursue the possibility of leasing space to tenants who are looking for a low cost, coworking/shared office space. On September 17th, we met with Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (an agency of the State of Hawaii) and Hub Coworking Hawaii (Hub),
- which included a tour of the Hub facility, to gather information about Coworking/Shared Office Space. The meeting was very informative. Based on their recommendation regarding Shared Office Space, we will move forward and attempt to lease our two (2) 2nd floor classrooms as Shared Office spaces. So, members and friends of KCC, if you are looking for office space to conduct your business or if you know of someone who is looking for office space in Kailua, please contact Reggie Yamada at email ryamada49@gmail.com. Your support and assistance will be greatly appreciated.
- Student Driver Education: Trustees following up on the possibility of leasing space to private/commercial vendors to conduct driver education at KCC. In efforts to decrease our expenses and in response to the suggestion relating to volunteering, the Trustees plan to eliminate the Janitorial and Yard Services and encourage all members and friends to volunteer your services to help with the janitorial and yard work. Please contact Ms. Susan Morita at email, susanmorita56@gmail.com, to identify the work that you could do and when the services can be done. Your volunteer support will be greatly appreciated.

If we are unable to reduce our deficit, our assets (e.g., savings, checking) will be depleted soon. We may need to consider reducing other costs, including KCC employees' salaries and benefits. Termination of employment is not under consideration at this time.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the "suggestion box" is always open, so 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. 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!

What a wonderful event for Na Anela! We were blessed with our newest and youngest member, Aianna (Pie Pie) Wong, who presented "Finding Joy Amidst Chronic Pain" on Saturday, September 28 in KCC's sanctuary. Forty members and friends were enlightened by Pie Pie's sharing of her journey with chronic pain since the young age of 13. We also learned how to support individuals with chronic illness, the caregiver and ourselves who are living with chronic illnesses and pain. We made new friendships with her family and friends who joined us on Saturday.

In addition to being an excellent speaker, Pie Pie, having worked as a certified Behavioral Therapist for Autistic Children, has resurrected King's Company. Her experience working with children, genuine interest, and knowledge have created a safe, fun and Christian learning environment for the children during Sunday worship service. Plenty Mahalos to Pie Pie for her many talents and compassion!!





Great turn Out at September’s event!

Na Anela’S Last Meeting of 2024:

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).

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.stfrancishawaii.org/s/courses/>. Register directly online. **For questions, please contact the Call Center (808) 547-6500.**

Individual Free Classes:

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

Weekly Free Classes:

Oct 01 & 15: Tue, 9 – 10 am; Body and Brain Yoga Tai Chi (on-line via Zoom)
Oct 02 – 30: Mon, Wed and Fri, 5:15 – 6:15 pm; Zumba by Frances (online via Zoom)
Oct 05 - 26: Sat, 8 – 9 am; Zumba Gold by Francis (in-person)

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 **Parkinson’s** and open to all to improve stiffness, improve circulation, coordination & balance) and

Empower You! on Wednesdays 8 – 8:45 am. There is a \$10 monthly charge per course. **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 free and informative classes.

Commit to your Wellness Journey and Stay Healthy in 2024! God Bless you all.

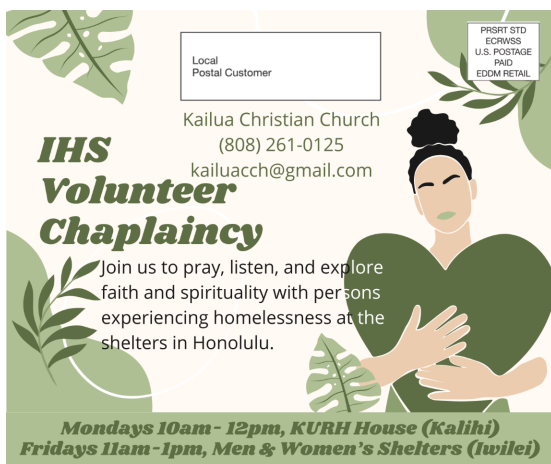


FALL FOOD DRIVE

~ **KCC 2024 Food Drive** welcomes your non-perishable food donations from canned goods, cereals, rice, soups, ramen, coffee, teas, juice beverages for the “windward food bank” at St. Anthony’s Church. Items will be made available to those in need during Thanksgiving. Please drop off your donations at KCC starting **Sunday, Oct. 13 and continuing through Nov. 24.** Your kokua is sincerely appreciated.



GREAT OPPORTUNITIES



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Kailua Christian Church
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kailuacch@gmail.com

IHS Volunteer Chaplaincy

Join us to pray, listen, and explore faith and spirituality with persons experiencing homelessness at the shelters in Honolulu.

**Mondays 10am - 12pm, KURH House (Kalihi)
Fridays 11am - 1pm, Men & Women's Shelters (Iwilei)**

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 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.

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. Honor a memory of someone special or to celebrate a event and we will acknowledge that during worship on that date.

Join us at The Plaza in Kaneohe



Prayer Group is previewing a look at the Holy Land. We invite you to join them 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 come visit with our Plaza friends. .Mahalo. Note: Fellowship study begins at 9:30 a.m. each Thursday morning on the third floor family room. Hope to see you there. Please let Pastor Irene know that you will be attending in case any changes occur. Call 808-261-0125.



Bible Institute of Hawaii continues their series God's New Community: A Study of the Book of Ephesians Facilitated by Dr. Rick Bartosik at KCC, classes are held on Tues. afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. in room 3/4.

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.

If you are curious to how these classes work, we invite you to come check out a class free as our guest. Please notify the church office if you would like to take advantage of this special opportunity. Call 808-261-0125.

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**Foodland – Give Aloha Fundraiser ended
Monday, September 30, 2024
Mahalo for your generous support!!**



Foodland will inform us of the donations given in mid-October. PLEASE turn in your receipt for your donation if you gave on the last day. Sept. 30th

CAN YOU HELP?

As we try to be good stewards here at KCC we have cut back on professional yard services and are in need of a good lawnmower and Weed Wacker that we hope will help us to do our own yard work. IF you have retired yourself from yard work and have these items available to be a blessing to someone else, we would love to hear from you!

BIG MAHALO!



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



We continue to seek leaders to 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 sought 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.