

Waves of Faith

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“I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh...” (Acts 2: 17)

I remember a hike led by Rev. Paul Brennan that took us beyond the path to Maunawili Falls, somewhere behind the Luana Hills Golf Course. He was showing us a special place where Hawaiian people would gather when the queen came to the Windward side of Oahu. I recall an area he called the Queen’s Bath. The place is now overgrown, increasingly reclaimed by the rich vegetation of these islands.

There are still two rows of tall and stately palm trees, however, which must have marked a significant thoroughfare, or pathway. As our small group stood among those trees, imagining the gatherings and celebrations that took place there long ago, suddenly a powerful burst of violent wind came upon us. The gust was so forceful that I was sure some old tree would come crashing down. It was an alarming experience, the only violent eruption of wind on our entire hike. We looked around us, and up toward heaven. It seemed clear that God’s Spirit was breaking in upon us, surrounding us, filling us, moving us. Then, as soon as the wind had come, it was gone. It was as if God were communicating what a special and sacred place this was, and that we should be reverent there. It was an awe-filled moment, which I cannot forget.

The chorus of a favorite hymn contains these words: “Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,

wind, wind on the sea”. We sing the song “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” by James K. Manley every year at the beginning of the season of Pentecost, typically on Pentecost Sunday itself, although it is a song appropriate for any and every time.

The first three verses remind us of how God’s Eternal Spirit, born on the wind, has been at work throughout history, first in creation, then through the experience of Exodus and the establishment of Israel, and then through the birth, crucifixion and resurrection of Christ leading up to the pouring out of God’s Spirit upon the disciples at Pentecost. They are a re-telling of the history of God’s people and the faithful presence of God’s Spirit in every age.

Manley added a final verse after a member of Waikeola Congregational Church in Honolulu (where the song was first sung) suggested adding a closing line. Using other scriptural references from Joel and Acts, the final verse is both our present and our future: “You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes, from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams; Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise.”

You and I are God’s people today, followers of Christ. Throughout the season of Pentecost, which begins Sunday, May 11, may the Spirit of God dwell in you richly, and may our actions and words be filled with and inspired by the ongoing—“on-living”—Spirit of God. Also, may the trade winds in this place remind you of the living, breathing presence of the divine Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer who is with you always.

—Pastor Tim †





YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

Secret Valentines Luncheon, Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Kailua Christian Church. Finally, the secret identities of your sweethearts will be revealed! Youth arrive at 10 a.m. to prepare lunch, and the adult valentines will arrive at 11 a.m.

Youth meeting Sunday, May 4, Right after service. We'll discuss our calendar and plan our May events.

Mother-Daughter Spa, Friday, May 16, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at KCC. Grab your mother, daughter, granddaughter or girlfriend and join us for an evening of natural and homemade spa treatments. Bring some fruit for our smoothie bar.

Youth Meeting, Sunday, May 25, Right After Service. We'll discuss our program for the Y.O.U. event.

Tentative Y.O.U. event, Friday, May 30, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at KCC. We're hosting it this time!

Many Thanks to all the Special People Who Help Us

The Youth in this congregation are really blessed because so many people have offered support in many different ways.

~ The "Kids Night Out" was a success: thanks to parents who entrusted us with their kids! It was great for the big kids and little kids to mix and get to know each other. We especially want to thank Alice Esaki and Sheri Oga who stayed through the entire "Kids Night Out", brought food, planned crafts and who were a loving and caring presence throughout the night.

~ We could not have done the spaghetti luncheon without Myrtle Terada, who planned the meal, shopped and supervised all of us in the kitchen! Her expertise and time were invaluable—thank you. And of course, thank you to all who purchased tickets and stayed and ate with us. The Youth were happy that this lunch coincided with the Family Promise stay at KCC, and we could provide the first meal of their week at our church.

~ Even though the identities of the eight adult "secret valentines" are being revealed at our May 3 luncheon, we know that each youth have had many, many secret valentines over the years, people who have given care and support without any expectations or conditions. So many of you are examples of the unconditional love of God.

—Susan St. John, Youth Worker †



Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:23-24



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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

John Sakamoto
Carmen Leal & Gary Scott
The Kano Family
Barb Eberlein
Evie Esaki-Coady
Fred and Leila (KCC neighbors
who lost their baby to SIDS)

Mark Lindauer (Jean Miyaji's son-in-law)
Colin Chun, relative of Lia Lau in Hospice.
The families of Ken Ling, Takeyo Ishikawa,
Miyoko Masuno, and Sean Koahou (Blanche
Keahi's grandson)

**50TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE**

KCC's 50th Anniversary events and activities are in full swing. T-shirts have been distributed and continue to be for sale. Adult shirts are \$15 and come in women's and men's styles. Keiki shirts are \$8. The congregation is being encouraged to participate in t-shirt Sundays every second Sunday of the month, when special anniversary highlights will be included during worship. T-shirts can be obtained from the church office.

Pastor Tim continues to collect memories and tales of Kailua Christian Church and has shared them during worship. We now know the story of the wooden cross which graces the sanctuary. Kudos to Carl Nemoto for the information. Plans are also being made to unearth the time capsule buried 15 years ago. Guest speakers are being considered. KCC was blessed on April 13, 2008 to have Mayor Mufi Hannemann share his faith story and commitment to family. A proclamation was presented to Moderator June Tom and Pastor Tim Weible in recognition of the Church's celebration. A heavy pupu potluck followed the visit from the mayor.

The cookbook and anniversary luncheon crews continue to work toward their goals. Recipes are still being accepted. More main dish recipes are

needed. Luncheon crew will meet August 3, 2008 after worship to further shape the luncheon details. Mark your calendars for January 31, 2009!

With the approval of the Council, the 50th Anniversary Committee will also be working on a hymnal commemorative (see flier in this newsletter). The Anniversary Committee will be offering hymnals for interested individuals to sponsor, either in memory of family members and friends, to honor those who continue to serve the church or just in recognition of the 50th. A listing of the charter members and other significant individuals will be maintained in the back of the sanctuary to allow the congregation to "sign-up" for these special individuals. The commemorative, "New Century Hymnals," will replace those currently in the pews, which are fading. The new hymnal includes words and language which is more current. It also encompasses in content, a worldwide view of the Church by including songs from different cultures. Resources to be used during communion, baptism and other special events within the church preface the music. There are unison prayers and responsive readings which will be used in future worship services. The "great old hymns" nevertheless remain a constant in this publication. The committee is seeking sponsorship of 100 new books which will be dedicated during worship on February 1, 2009. Reverend Diane's father, Don Dempsey, has generously provided his time to design and print the commemorative name plates. Someone with "excellent" penmanship is being sought to assist with writing in the names.

The Anniversary committee is still seeking a coordinator for the Kailua 4th of July parade. There is a marching unit idea, but no one to carry it out. Anyone interested? See Joan Sakaba.

—Joan Sakaba †



"Surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:20

MISSIONARIES

Meet the new missionaries our church is helping to support!



Because of our commitment, and the commitment of other churches in the United Church of Christ, to support a new missionary,

Kimberly and Patrick Bentrrott have been appointed by the Common Global Ministries Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ to serve a four-year term with the National Spiritual Council of Churches in Haiti (CONASPEH), beginning September 1, 2008. Patrick will serve as advisor for theological education and diaconal projects and programs. Kim will serve as an advisor for health care and diaconal projects and programs.

Patrick is anticipating graduating from Iliff School of Theology this spring with a Master of Divinity degree. Kimberly graduated from Kansas University School of Medicine in 2005 with a medical degree and has been working as a doctor since.

In addition to our direct pledge to support Patrick's ministry, we will also indirectly be supporting Kimberly's ministry as funding for her position will come directly from gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), one of the five special missional offerings of which our church participates. Our 2008 OGHS offering was collected in March.

Feel free to contact Kimberly and Patrick through the emails below and offer your prayers, support, and encouragement as they prepare to move to Haiti in October, 2008.

Kimberly: kimdunback@yahoo.com

Patrick: pmandc3@yahoo.com.

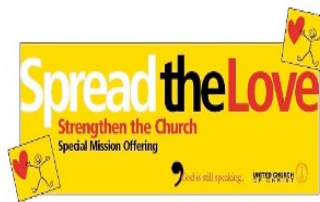
— Missions †



He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:6

SPECIAL OFFERING



On Sunday, May 11 which happens to be both Pentecost and Mother's Day, we will be receiving the Strengthen the Church special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. This offering helps to build the UCC's future. It funds new congregations and renews existing ones. It supports programs for youth and young adults and nurtures current and future leaders. This year for the first time, it will aid the God is Still Speaking Ministry and its message of inclusivity -- to welcome the spiritually homeless, empower the disenfranchised, and renew the faithful. Directed to local Conferences, Local Church Ministries and the Still-speaking Ministry, Strengthen the Church gifts help to create vibrant church communities of extravagant welcome. Thank you for your support of this very important ministry of the church.

— Missions †



CONFIRMATION

It is that time of the year again when we celebrate Confirmation! On Pentecost Sunday, those youth (7th-8th grade) who have completed the Confirmation Class with Pastor Tim and wish to confirm their baptism will do so during worship. During the confirmation service, the youth affirm their baptism (or become baptized if necessary), and speak promises to God before the congregation, owning their baptism in a fresh, new, and personal way. They also commit themselves to the body of Christ as new church members. This is a joyous celebration in the life of God's church and we hope that you will be present to share in it, and to promise your support as well.



50th Anniversary Commemorative

By Grace Created, By Love Sustained

Beyond this 50th Anniversary, how can we continue to recognize the effort and hard work of those, past and present, devoted to the work of God?

How do we say "thank you" to our charter members and to the faithful others whom in the past, and present, make this a cherished faith community?

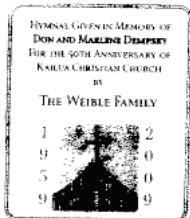
Be a sponsor of a "New Century Hymnal"

A special message with the name(s) of the person(s) you choose to honor, and your name(s) will be inserted into the hymnal(s) as we sustain our connection with God and one another.

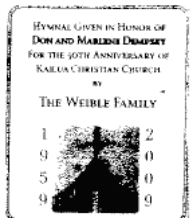
See Joan Sakaba to reserve the name(s) of the person(s) you wish to acknowledge. (Preference to be given to family members)

Each hymnal and accompanying message - \$20

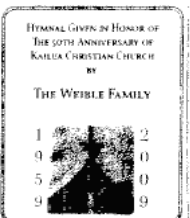
(Please write in names as you would like to have them appear in the hymnals.)



_____ Hymnal Given in Memory of _____ for the 50th Anniversary of Kailua Christian Church (UCC) by _____



_____ Hymnal Given in Honor of the 50th Anniversary of Kailua Christian Church (UCC) by _____



_____ Hymnal Given in Honor of _____ for the 50th Anniversary of Kailua Christian Church by _____

Hymnals will be dedicated during the worship service on February 1, 2009.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____ Tel: _____

No. of hymnals ordered _____ Total due \$ _____ Date paid _____



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

RIVER OF LIFE MISSION OUTREACH



KCC Missions Committee is coordinating an evening event with a ministry service and dinner at the **River of Life Mission Outreach** in downtown Honolulu at 101 N. Pauahi Street, **Thursday, June 5th, 2008.** We are looking for volunteers to help with this event. The sign up sheet will be placed at the rear of the sanctuary. Donations of towels and clothes are always welcome. This event is not only a chance to serve the Lord but is a great fellowship for all those involved with the service and dinner. If you wish to learn more about it please ask anyone on the Mission Committee how you can participate.

—Missions ROLM Coordinator †

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



PLAYGROUP INFORMATION



Last August when playgroup started we had 7 families who attended. We now have 18 families enrolled and ten of those families attend on a regular basis. Every Thursday and Friday morning, Kailua Christian Church is busy with little ones running around and mothers and fathers enjoying each other's company.

It's such a joy to see the kids come running in with big smiles, and calling out to their friends. They all seem to go right to their favorite toys. Story time and activities follow a monthly theme. KCC continues to bless many families of Kailua through playgroup.

"I participate in playgroup for the social interactions. My son looks forward to seeing his friends every week." Jenny Mesa

—April Jessee †



**KCC SUNDAY
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

| Date: | Adults | Children (under 12) | Visitors |
|-------|--------|------------------------|----------|
| 03/30 | 112 | 14 | 3 |
| 04/06 | 110 | 18 | 6 |
| 04/13 | 111 | 10 | 8 |
| 04/20 | 106 | 14 | - |
| 04/27 | 111 | 15 | - |



IMPORTANT NOTICE
No VBS this Summer!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



| May 2008 | | | | | | |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

Sunday School, 8:45 a.m. (On break June – Aug.)
 Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
 Playgroup Fellowship, Thurs. & Fri. 9:00 a.m.
 Youth Group – (See YG calendar.)

May

- 02-Fri. Dad & Kids Fellowship, 6:00 p.m.
- 03-Sat. Youth/Special Valentine Luncheon
- 04-Sun. Communion, SS DVD - 8:30 a.m.
Hope Amid Suffering, P. Sheppard,
 Missions Mtg. 8:30 a.m. in Library,
 Deacons Mtg. 11:30a.m. in Library
- 07-Wed. Transitional Housing Mtg., 2:30 p.m.
- 10-Sat. OAUCC Mokupuni at Makiki C. C.
- 11-Sun. Pentecost Sun. / Happy Mothers Day
 SS DVD - 8:30 a.m. *Giving a Future
 and a Hope to Others*, T. Campolo
 Strengthen the Church Offering
 Confirmation of Youth
 State Hospital Ministry, 5:30 p.m.
- 14-Wed. Last class for Wed. Morning Bible
 Study, will resume in the fall.
- 17-Sat. Christian Ed. Review of Curriculum
- 18-Sun. SS DVD - 8:30 a.m. *Finding Hope in
 God's Word*, Priscilla Shirer
- 20-Tues. Newsletter Deadline.
 Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 21-Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study Luncheon
- 24-Sat. Na Anela Support Group, 9:30 a.m.
- 25-Sun. SS DVD - 8:30 a.m. *Triumph of Hope:
 Slaying the Giants in Your Life*, Tony
 Evans, Pulpit Exchange, Rev. Buddy
 Summers, Last day of Sunday School
- 26-Mon. Memorial Day, Holiday. Office closed.
- 27-Tues. Overcomers Support Group, 9:00 a.m.
- 29-Thurs. Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 31-Sat. Men's Fellowship, 8:00 a.m.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

AUDIO

Jane Shiroma
 Jane Masuno
 Janet Okumura

VISUAL

Saeko Yoshida
 Diane Lee
 Karen Miyahara
 Diane Weible

LIGHTS/SCREEN

June Tom and Tomoya Oizumi

PRAISE SINGERS

Nick Shiroma, Pastor Tim Weible

CHILD CARE

Carol Soma, Coordinator
 04 – Chris Nakamatsu, Jean Miyaji
 Rebecca Weible, Justin Lau
 11 – Ellen Chew, Kay Teruya
 Kacy Lau, Zac Mon
 18 – Dot Suzuki, Peggy Teruya
 Devryn Mon, Madeline St. John
 25 – Molly/Loa Hagmann
 Sarah Weible, Jake Hagmann

FLOWERS

04 Ellen & Layton Chew
 11 Stella & Aku Wakamatsu
 18 Mitsi Higashida
 25 Dot & James Suzuki

PARKING

Terry Arakaki
 Bryan Gomes
 Walter Yeda
 Loa Hagmann

KING'S COMPANY

Barb Gomes

STATE HOSPITAL MINISTRY

Nancy Arakaki & Diane Lee

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

After worship service, please join the fellowship
 in Rooms 3 & 4 for coffee and refreshments.

WORSHIP LEADER

Ken Nakamatsu

USHERS/GREETERS

Lynda Yoshimura
 Mildred Sakamoto
 Joan Sakaba
 Nancy Arakaki

ORGAN & PIANO

Ruth Masuno
 Nani Oda
 Faith Pang

