

Waves of Faith

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"The Lord is your shade at your right hand." (Psalm 121:5)

(In the beginning of August I participated in a 10-day bicycle trip around the Big Island.)

Thursday, August 7 was a very difficult day of bike riding.

The length of the day's journey was only about 15 miles, but more than 10 of those were a steady, uphill climb from sea level to 3,000 ft. I spent about as much time walking as I did actually riding the bicycle that day.

Beginning the climb about 11:00 a.m. under the full strength of the Hawaiian Sun, I was soon covered with perspiration, the dry air parching my mouth and throat. I bicycled until my legs would give out, walked a few hundred yards, biked some more, walked some more, and so on.

There were no trees lining the curvy roadside, no ditch or stone or bush offering shade, and therefore no escape from the unrelenting heat of the sun. After a few miles the wind began to blow down the hill, which meant dealing with the added difficulty of a head wind. There was nothing for it, so I just kept going, inch by inch, foot-by-foot and wheel revolution by wheel revolution.

Then unexpectedly, about half way up the hill, there appeared a towering tree with a broad expanse of branches. It was on the left side of the road, but its canopy covered both lanes, and allowed no sun to penetrate below.

My soul leapt for joy! Here was a place I could escape the heat of the journey and rest for a while. As I carefully crossed the road and lay down against the trunk of that tree gazing up into the branches and large leaves above, I was suddenly aware of a flurry of activity. There were birds all over, singing and flitting and moving about.

The parable of Jesus in which he speaks of the kingdom of Heaven being like a mustard seed, a passage we read in church 3 days later, filled my mind (Matt. 13). This very tree had surely started from a rather small seed, and was now enormous, filled with life and nesting birds. It offered shelter and cool respite to the traveler. It was a haven. It was a heaven; and I was connected to it, nurtured by it.

As my body cooled down, I was aware that the increased elevation was bringing cooler winds. I could not stay long under that tree, but it provided me a glimpse of the kingdom of God, and it helped me to endure and even celebrate the rest of the difficult journey ahead. In time I reached the destination, body exhausted yet heart light because of the promise of God and the kingdom.

It was a beautiful tree, that's all; a gift from God which would have gone unnoticed in the speeding, air-conditioned comfort of a radio-jamming car. Sometimes the unrelenting heat and the trials of our journey are necessary to find and appreciate the oasis of God's care and provision.

—Pastor Tim †





YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

Sept. 5, Fri. Y.O.U. Event –

Meet at KCC at 5:30 p.m. to depart to Honolulu Community Church 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Sept. 6, Sat. Potluck Pool Party All Youth and ohana are invited to the Lau's Hokulua Pool from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 19, Fri Youth Bible Study @ Zippy's Kailua, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sept. 21, Sun. Beach Buddy Olympics, Potluck! All Youth and their ohana are invited. 12 noon - 3:00 p.m. at Kailua Beach Park.

Sept. 23, Tues. KCC Ohana Night 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., dinner provided.

Sept. 28, Sun. Youth Meeting lunch to follow church service ending by 1:00 p.m. We will sort the Recycles.

Hawaii Conference UCC Fall Camp

Sunday, October 5 through Wednesday, October 8 and has a theme of: "Packages from God: Handle with Care". The location is beautiful Camp Homelani on Oahu's North Shore. The deadline to register is September 2.

Please call Lia Lau, if you have questions or need clarification and need a ride to and from any event.

MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH LEADER

What makes a person, "young"? Their open minds? Their willingness to risk new adventures? Their attitudes to "try, try, again" until they achieve a successful outcome? Their persistence in asking for "things" until they get what they want? Oh! How excited I am to have your support, faith, and prayers as the new KCC Youth Leader. I wanted to tell you about myself as I am entrusted with the most precious gift God gives us as parents . . . our children. My name is Lenore Lau and in 1986, I moved to "America – Silicon Valley" in hopes to get some "Corporate Amer-

ica" work experience with my target company being Hewlett-Packard. I was tired of spelling my first name always, so I decided to pick a short favorite Hawaiian name: "Lia", which I use presently. I will answer to both names! We lived in San Jose, CA until 1997 and moved back to O'ahu. My husband is Curtis Lau and we have four faith-filled children. We also have two dogs, Hoku (who is now the size of a miniature horse at 85 lbs.) and Angie (who has the head of a Golden Retriever and body of a dachshund). I have attended KCC since 5 months old and have been a Sunday School Teacher volunteer for over 12 years and the Playgroup Leader in the past several years. My heart has always had a deep love for children and animals! I am blessed and so humbled by this new privilege of leading the KCC Youth in growing their faith and deepening their understanding of God's Agape love for each of them. Please keep the Youth in your prayers!

—Lia Lau, Youth Leader ☩



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



Lillian Wakuzawa & Family
Barb Eberlein & Family
Don Pasion
Lillian Ishihara
Donald Miyaji

Manno Davis's Family as she passed away on July 13.



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MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

KCC Website



Kailua Christian Church now has a website. Please check it out at kailuachristianchurch.com Any suggestions to improve the site will be much appreciated. We thank Gary Scott for setting this up for us. His email is garyscott1953@hawaiiantel.net

Nominations Committee



The Nominations Committee for the 2009 Officers and Chairs has been organized. It consists of June Tom (Moderator), Joan Sakaba (Council Rep), Roy Yamauchi (Council Rep), Nick Shiroma (Trustees Rep), Lily Lee (Deacons Rep), Harry Imai (At-Large), Jane Masuno (At-Large). Please pray for this committee as they consider who would be most appropriate for the various offices with terms ending.

Additional Notes



As a follow-up to our church's core values survey and the presentation of the results at our All Church Retreat, your Council has met and will continue to meet to discuss its significance. Under the leadership of Chris Nakamatsu, who is familiar with analyzing this sort of thing, we are trying to make some sense of the results and determine how to use this information.

Christmas Program



December 21 has been set aside as the day to have our church's Christmas Program. We welcome any ideas and leadership for this program.

Youth Worker



Lenore (Lia) Lau has been confirmed as our new Youth Worker. We rejoice in Lia's call to this important and special ministry of

our church. She brings many gifts and ideas of programs to share with the Youth. Let us all do what we can to support Lia in this ministry.

—June Tom, Moderator †



MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES



We noted that the electricity bill dated 8/13/08 was \$1,157.64. This was an increase of 79% over the average charge of the past twelve months. Our average kilowatt hours per day increased by 59% for that month. The 20% difference reflects the "energy cost adjustment". We would ask that the air conditioners be turned off after each event to control our electricity costs.

The roof over the sanctuary and classrooms has been patched and the first coat of sealant was completed on Saturday August 16th. Thank you all for your efforts in supporting this effort. Your Trustees have applied the final coat to those two areas as well as completing the patching and two coats over the kitchen, library and office. This will complete our roof project and should ensure that we have many more useful and trouble free years as well as protecting the building structure from water damage. In completing the roof project, we exhausted our building fund and are drawing from our 2008 budget for maintenance and repair. We do not anticipate exceeding that budget for the year.

The Trustees also accepted the resignation of Sharon Davis, our bookkeeper for the last twelve years. We thank her for the years of dedicated service and begin our search for a replacement. If anyone has a recommendation for our bookkeeper position, please contact any of the Trustees.

—Roy Yamauchi, Trustee †



MESSAGE FROM MISSIONS

WELL-DONE FUND



We raised \$3900 for the Well-Done Fund and a check will be sent to Global Ministries to drill a borehole in Lesotho for the children of the school there. The children of our church were so faithful in bringing their water bottles filled with coins to church every week. Donations in the adult bucket were a ratio of about 2:1 of that which was in the children's water bottle. We have the children to thank for inspiring the adults to be a part of this special summer mission project and helping us reach our ultimate goal to drill a borehole in Lesotho. Thank you!

MISSIONS FAIR



Thanks to everyone who supported and participated in the KCC Missions Fair August 24. The Missions Committee wanted members of the congregation to have a chance to taste (literally!) and experience the mission and outreach opportunities we support as a church. Through displays, speakers, food, and conversation our hope was the members and friends of KCC will have a better understanding of the way our gifts are being used. Thank you to the Missions Committee members for their hard work and if you have any questions, please contact any member of the committee.

NEIGHBORS-IN-NEED OFFERING



The Neighbor in Need (NIN) Offering will be received on World Communion Sunday, October 5. Neighbors in Need is one of the four special missional offerings of the United Church of Christ and your gifts to NIN are used to support program initiatives and direct grants offered by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries. These programs include hunger action programs, policy advocacy, just peace ministries, and community organizing. Offering envelopes will be inserted in the bulletin on Sunday, September 28

and extras will be available in the pews on October 5. For more information, visit www.ucc.org/nin/

—Pastor Diane Weible, Missions †



PLAYGROUP NEWS

Playgroup is in full swing again. We have seven returning families from last year along with two new families attending. With nine two year olds, seven babies plus mommies and daddies it makes for a very active playroom every Thursday and Friday.

We were lucky to have Mary Ann Nemoto talk with the families the first day for our orientation. She also provided the supplies to make a color wheel activity for both adults and children to work together on.

This month we have talked about the Bible, God's Creation and made yummy animal cookies for Noah's Ark. Thank you Debbie Glenn for helping with this activity!!

—April Jessee, Playgroup Leader †



OAUC FALL MOKUPUNI AT KCC

KCC will be hosting the Fall Mokupuni meeting of the Oahu Association churches on Saturday, October 11 from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We will provide a continental style breakfast and also lunch for which we will be reimbursed. Volunteers to help will be greatly appreciated. Please mark the date on your calendar and stay tuned for more information in a couple of weeks, including a volunteer sign-up sheet. This is also an opportunity to witness the "wider" church as we worship, learn, do some business, and fellowship together. We hosted this same event three years ago. Mahalo for your support.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Mahalo to our teachers for their faithful service this past year: Mitsi Higashida, Bert and Judy Yoshioka, Mae Takahashi, Shane Soma, Jennifer Pang, Kammy Grable, and Roy Yamauchi. Thank you also to our substitute teachers: Nancy Arakaki, Karen Miyahara, Sheri Oga, Ken and Chris Nakamatsu, Lily Lee, and Ruth Uyechi.

We welcome our new staff for the 2008/2009 school year –

April Jessee ages 3-5 Room 1
Traci Kiyota

Bert & Judy Yoshioka ages 6-8 Room 9

Sharlene Yamauchi ages 9-11 Room 10
Debbie Glenn
Jennifer Pang

Roy Yamauchi ages 12-18 Room 7

Please keep our children and staff in your prayers for the school year. We are excited to begin Sunday School on Sunday, Sept. 7. Everyone is welcome to join us at 8:45 a.m. in the sanctuary for a special presentation before the children are excused to their classrooms. Sunday School is from 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. each Sunday morning. Parents are asked to please bring their children on time. Your kokua is greatly appreciated.

Adult class also begins on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 3. Everyone is welcome.



KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
08/03	96	20	2
08/10	90	17	3
08/17	90	13	1
08/24	91	17	5



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 01 Colette Masuno | 14 Kacy Lau |
| Loretta Lee | Kalena Strohlin |
| 03 Caitlin Vilorio | 16 Stella Wakamatsu |
| Katelyn Wakuzawa | Kauila Miller |
| 04 Saeko Yoshida | Kiley-Reese Kano |
| 05 Viola Imai | 17 Maikai Miller |
| Lillian Sakaguchi | Elsie Fujimori |
| 20 Carmen Kelly | 22 Bubbles Kano |
| 08 Deidre Harrison | 23 Irene Kano |
| 09 Richelle Nemoto | Cary Kano |
| 10 Jean Sakata | 26 Mitsue Higashida |
| Monique Paxton | 27 Ruth Uyechi |
| 11 Charles Mumaw | 28 Sandra Arashiro |
| 12 Jakob Hagmann | 29 Samuel St. John |
| 13 Natsuko Matsushima | 30 Lance Ling |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 01 Charles & Emily Peters
- 03 David & Kirsten Turner
- 05 Bryan & Barb Gomes
- 06 Reggie & Myra Yamada
- 08 Tim & Diane Weible
- 10 Dennis & Deborah Fong
- 14 Don & Jean Miyaji
- 16 Stanley & Akiko Nakamura
- 30 Carl & Satsuki Nemoto



Na Anela Support Group

Speakers scheduled for the remainder of this year for Na Anela Support Group meetings are:

- Sept. 27: Steve Sugai, Pain Management
- Oct. 25: Tracey Villiger, Attitudinal Healing
- Nov. 22: Linda Iwamoto, Meditation and Healing

Meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. for announcements, sharing, prayers, etc. Speakers begin at 10:30. You are all welcome to join us.



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GARAGE SALE A SUCCESS!

Many thanks to everyone who had a small or large part in the success of the garage sale! Buyers were straining to get in when we opened the doors at 4:00 on Friday, August 1. We were taken by surprise at the intensity of buyers as they rummaged through everything! After the initial ruckus, things calmed down and everyone seemed happy with their bargains. The Saturday sale day was not as intense although we had many buyers. Several people said they were looking forward to the \$3 Bag Sale. They said it was a good deal and our sale is better than others. We praise God for that! A heartfelt thank you to our retired ladies for the many hours spent before the sale, sorting and organizing everything. We couldn't have done it without them! A big thank you to Kammy for selling several big items through the Craig's List. We still have some furniture for sale. Check them out in the hallway! We have raised \$1,800 which is more than enough to clean the Sanctuary window drapes. The extra money may be used to help with the on going roof coating project. Blessings and Peace!

—Lia and Myrtle †



CONGRATULATIONS to Deanne Ogasawara on the start of her new cookie business, CookieDoodles

Check out her website at
www.cookieDoodleshi.com

These tasty works of art are great as gift giving ideas just in time for the holidays.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jackie Yoshimura and Kyle Ostlie who were married on Saturday, August 16, 2008 in Seattle. Jackie is the daughter of Lynda Yoshimura. The couple resides in Seattle.



“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!” Psalm 150:6

**KCC 50TH ANNIVERSARY
BUFFET LUNCHEON**

“By Grace Created, By Love Sustained”
Please join us!

Where: Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii
2454 South Beretania St., Manoa Grand Ballroom
When: Sat., Jan. 31, 2009 (11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)
Registration: 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Cost: Adults \$25
Children, 10 years and younger \$15
(Any child occupying A Chair will be counted as a paying guest.)
Infant or child occupying a high chair Free

Buffet: Mochiko Chicken, Sauteed Mahimahi, & Korean-style Shortribs
Brown and White Rice Rolls
Pasta Salad Potato & Macaroni Salad
Relish Tray Mixed Greens with Dressing
Cooked Vegetables
Fresh Fruits in Season
Chocolate Chiffon Cake and Coconut
Haupia Cake
Punch, Water, Iced/Hot Tea, Hot Coffee

Reservation: We encourage families, friends, and their guests to join together and form a table of 10 (round tables)

1. If a table of ten is reserved, one person should be designated to be in charge. Person fills out form, collects checks/monies, encloses it in an envelope and turns it in and distributes tickets to table members.

2. This same form should be used for individuals and groups less than 10. The committee reserves the ability to assign tables as reservations are received.

Sign-up: Use enclosed reservation form.

The collection box will be in the back of the sanctuary, on the following
Sundays: October 19 & 26 and
November 2 & 9. Mailed reservations will be accepted from October 19 – November 9, 2008

Refunds will not be made after December 1, 2008.

—KCC Anniversary Luncheon Committee †

****KCC 50th ANNIVERSARY BUFFET LUNCHEON, SIGN-UP SHEET****

Please complete the reservation form and write a check payable to "Kailua Christian Church". (Write AL on memo line). A collection box will be available in the back of the sanctuary (Oct. 19, 26 and Nov. 2, 9). Reservations may also be mailed from Oct. 19 – Nov. 9 to:

Kailua Christian Church (50th AL)
317 Manono Street
Kailua, Hawaii 96734-2211

Name _____ Phone _____
PERSON IN CHARGE, if forming a table of 10. Also for INDIVIDUAL(S) reservations.

Address _____ e-mail _____

_____ adult tickets @ \$25 \$ _____

_____ children tickets @ \$15 \$ _____
(age 10 and below)

_____ child in high chair, "not occupying" a seat, free

_____ Number of checks. TOTAL \$ _____

IF a table of 10 is reserved, one person should be designated to be in charge.

Person fills out form, collects checks/monies, encloses it in an envelope and turns it in and distributes tickets to table members

This same form should be used for INDIVIDUAL(S), also. The committee will form a table for these people.

CHECKS, in lieu of cash, is "HIGHLY RECOMMENDED".

Refunds will not be made for cancellations after December 1, 2008.

Print names of table members.

Child not occupying a seat but needs a high chair: _____

1. _____ 6. _____

2. _____ 7. _____

3. _____ 8. _____

4. _____ 9. _____

5. _____ 10. _____

Parking: \$5.00 with validation. (Ample parking in building)

Any questions: call Lily Lee, 247-1476 or Ellen Chew, 247-5445

Date received _____ Processed by _____

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 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				



Harry Imai &
Lynda Yoshimura

AUDIO

Janet Okumura
Jane Shiroma
Jane Masuno
Sheri Oga

USHERS/GREETERS

Pat Oyama
Hazel Chow
Pat Chinn
Hideko Mumaw

VISUAL

Saeko Yoshida
Diane Lee
Karen Miyahara

ORGAN & PIANO

Ruth Masuno
Nani Oda
Faith Pang

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Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
Playgroup, 9:00 a.m., Thursdays and Fridays
Sunday School begins on 9/07 at 8:45 a.m.
Missions Mtg. 8:45 a.m. Sun. 9/07 in library
CE Mtg. 8:45 a.m. Sun. 9/14 in library
Deacons Mtg. 11:30 a.m. Sun. 9/14 in library
Trustees Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Wed. 9/17, Rm. 3
Overcomers Group, 9:00 a.m. Tues. 9/23 in library.
Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Thurs. 9/25, Rm. 3
Na Anela Support Group, 9:30 a.m. Sat. 9/27

September

- 01-Mon. Labor Day Holiday. Church Office will be closed.
- 04-Thurs. River of Life Outreach, 5:30 p.m.
- 05-Fri. Y.O.U. UCC Youth event 5:30 p.m.
- 07-Sun. Communion. Promotion Sunday/Sunday School begins 8:45 a.m. Grandparents Day.
- 09-Tues. KCC Ohana Night, 5:30 p.m.
- 13-Sat. Men's Fellowship, 8:00 a.m.
- 14-Sun. Deacons Offering to be received.
- 23-Tues. Overcomers Support Group, 9:00 a.m. KCC Ohana Night, 5:30 p.m.
- 27-Sat. Na Anela Support Group, guest speaker: Steve Sugai, 10:30 a.m.



STATE HOSPITAL MINISTRY

Volunteers needed for second Sunday of October. Attend worship at the State Hospital in Kaneohe and provide refreshment for those who attend service. Please see Diane Lee or call 551-3337. Next open opportunity is October 12.

LIGHTS/SCREEN

June Tom

PRAISE SINGERS

Nick Shiroma, Pastor Tim & Joshua Weible

CHILD CARE

- Jennifer Pang, Coordinator
- 7: Ruth Uyechi, Mildred Sakamoto
Justin Lau, Sarah Weible
- 14: Sheri Oga, Susan Morita
Madeline St. John, Richelle Nemoto
- 21: April Jessee, Lara Higashi
Jakob Hagmann
- 28: Chris Nakamatsu, Ellen Chew
Rebecca Weible, Sarah Weible

FLOWERS

- 07 – Howard & Saeko Yoshida
- 14 – Aku & Stella Wakamatsu
- 21 – Charles & Hideko Mumaw
- 28 – Richard & Alice Esaki

PARKING

- Terry Arakaki
- Bryan Gomes
- Walter Yeda
- Liloa Hagmann

KING'S COMPANY

Barb Gomes

STATE HOSPITAL MINISTRY

The Teradas

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

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



WORSHIP LEADER