



Kapaa United Church of Christ



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September 2023

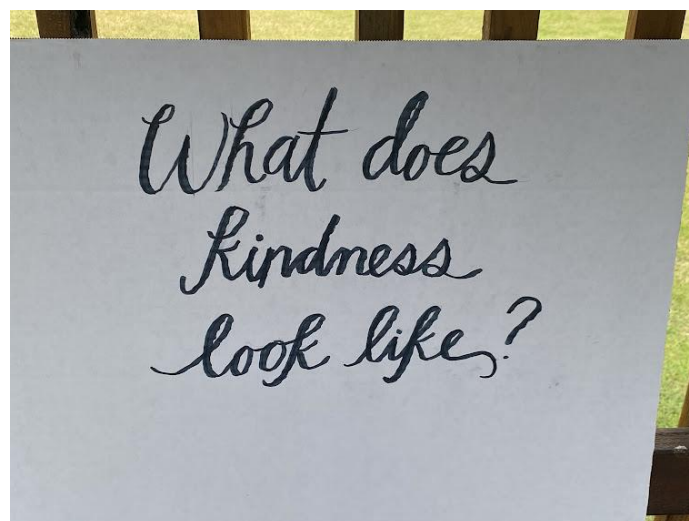


Aloha and Happy September!

Recently we have been renovating and cleaning some of the RE rooms for their new roles at KUCC. While cleaning, I encountered a tri-fold poster board in one of the rooms. When I opened it, I found these words, I believe written by Laura Taylor before they moved to the mainland. I have pondered the true meaning of the words for me and the significance of finding them among other storage items. When thinking about it, I thought this hidden message, this question would be an excellent article to share with all of you. So this month, I encourage you to ponder what kindness also means to you.

Peace to you!

Pastor Rob



SEPTEMBER LECTIONARY

September 3, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15 & Psalm 105:23-26, 45b or

Jeremiah 15:15-21 & Psalm 26:1-8

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

September 10, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 12:1-14 & Psalm 149 or

Ezekiel 33:7-11 & Psalm 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

September 17, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 14:19-31 & Psalm 114 or Exodus

15:1b-11, 20-21 or Genesis 50:15-21 &

Psalm 103: (1-7), 8-13

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

September 24, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-15 & Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 or

Jonah 3:10-4:11 & Psalm 145:1-8

Philippian 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-6



Backpack brigade

Many thanks to those that contributed \$ and helped fill our backpacks for our back to school project. We couldn't have done it without you. Shout out to all who donated funds

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Every Sunday – Kokua Kapa'a, 1-4pm
Second Sunday of the month with Pastor
Rob, RE 4; 11:30-12 Noon

Sun., Sept 3 – Worship Service with
Communion, 10:00

Mon., Sept. 4 – Holiday! Office closed

Wed., Sept. 6 – Wednesday Group, 9:30am

Thurs., Sept. 7 – Diaconate Meeting, 7:00pm

Sun., Sept. 10 – Worship Service, 10am
11:30am-Pastor Rob's Informational
Meeting, RE 4

Sun., Sept. 17 – Worship Service with
Communion. 10am

Tues., Sept. 19 – Trustee Meeting, 10am

Fri., Sept. 22 – Council Meeting, 6:30pm

Sun., Sun., Sept. 24 - Worship Service &
Church Picnic, 9am-3pm, Lydgate
large pavillion



Sunday, September 24

9am - 3pm

Worship service @ 10am

Lydgate large pavilion

**Food sign up sheet on
bulletin board outside the
office.**



MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

What's up from the purview of the Moderator.....

In August we welcomed our new pianist Robert Woodberry to our worship services. We feel very blessed to have the talent of Robert in our midst!

This month our new church name signage project will be installed. It will be positioned under the roofline of the double doors to the social hall so it can be more easily seen as you drive by. The sign is individual letters mounted to the building for a professional look. Unfortunately, our name has 25 letters therefore the max height of the letters is 10 inches to meet the maximum square footage allowed by the Kauai County signage law. This \$3100 project, paid for by donations and the outreach budget, includes the use of a lift to get up to the roofline. Timer lights will be installed so it can be seen at night. We considered other possible cheaper variations of a building sign but in the end, cost of materials, maintenance, and equipment to get up to the roofline was not a savings. We have existing signage, but its location and size are not efficient today. This project is a continuation of our work to be known in the community.

Also coming up this month is our Church Picnic on September 24 from 9-3 at the Lydgate big pavilion. Worship begins at 10am with lunch and games to follow. Come as you are. Bring a friend! (*FYI, we have posted notices that No Food Pantry services on September 24.*)

Kokua Kapaa Food Pantry continues to thrive. We have been serving hot meals now that we have our Health Department certification. Baked Chicken Wraps, Pulled Pork with cabbage, and freshly baked Croissants sandwiches filled with chicken salad are some of the meals served in August. God continues to bless our efforts with volunteers, resources, and prompt us to think of ways to work more efficiently because we are a still a small group of volunteers. But the work is fun and fulfilling. Come join us if you have a couple hours free on Sundays between noon and 4pm.

This past Sunday, a gentleman who has been coming to the Food Pantry regularly took a moment to tell me how grateful he was for what we were doing. When he first came to our Food Pantry, he expressed his bitterness at life because he had lost his job and pension with the county and was now homeless. But every week that I see him, he always expresses a genuine thankfulness for what we are doing. But this past Sunday was different. He paused for a moment, then thanked me for "you guys doing this." At that moment, I felt he was saying, "doing this" meant our commitment to help, our weekly commitment to this outreach that he and so many others depend on.

The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. 1 Samuel 16:7

This past Sunday, there was so few of us in church as many were out of town and other reasons. And the past few weeks, my devotions have been pondering the same thing. When God, do we see just a few more faces—not a church full of faces but just a few more at least??? But I think God is saying to keep "doing this" of being church, doing outreach, doing projects that will make us known in the community and God will provide for all that we need and more. And even more important, God will show us things that we don't expect or don't quite yet get about the width and depth of God's love that lives in the heart of every person if we pause to take notice.

Gail Lee

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Happenings around the church



Pastor Rob celebrating his "39th" birthday in August. Yeah, right!



Backpack brigade. Thanks to all that helped with contributions and assembling the backpacks.



George & Pastor Rob volunteered to ready the Kokee cabins for the Waineke re-opening and blessing!



Youth room renovations well under way. Thank you, Bill and Pastor Rob! Many thanks to the donors who made this all possible!

Getting to know Tim Harvey & Bob Oelke



Tim, Cuda & Bob

1 Where were you born and raised?

T: Born Jackson, TN – a real country boy; moved to CA when 5 yr and raised there.

B: Born and raised on a farm outside Hoxie, Kansas. Lived there until I moved for college. There were 56 in my graduating class most of whom I had gone to school with from kindergarten.

2 How many children (and/or grandchildren) do you have?

T: None – our dog Cuda

B: I currently have one “fur baby” of “questionable heritage” named Cuda. She was a rescue dog. Her mother was a Beagle mix, but she looks like a chihuahua mostly. Go figure!

3. Where did you live before you moved to Kauai and how long have you lived on Kauai?

T: 3 years Lived in Las Vegas for over 30 years. Now snowbird between upper peninsula MI and Kauai.

B: I lived in Kansas through college then moved to Tulsa, OK for 9 years, then Las Vegas, NV for 30 or so with a 1.5 year stint on Kauai and currently split time between Upper Michigan and Kauai. We have been part time on Kauai for, I think, 4 years now with multiple trips over in prior years.

4. What is (was) your occupations?

T: Church musician & teacher.

B: Graduated college with a degree in Veterinary Technology and did tat in Tulsa for 9 years; Animal control officer/Supervisor in Henderson, NV (16 years); We also had a piano and organ store during part of that time (10 years); We also dabbled in real estate; I worked at Home Depot in Lihue (garden department) and loved it; back in Vegas as the “plant manager” for a large Catholic church and finally wrapped up my years at the Department of Motor Vehicle. A varied career you might say.

5. What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

T: gardening, cooking, and helping feed the hungry.

B: Spare time? /what is this thing called spare time? I enjoy gardening, reading, DIY projects around the house.

6. What drew you to this church?

T: Pastor Rob and the friendliness of the people.

B: The warmth of the people of this church and their genuine love for each other was a contributing factor for us joining. As our friend Nancy said, “these people are real!” I feel more of the presence of God’s love in this church than I have for many years in others.

7. What is your biggest accomplishment?

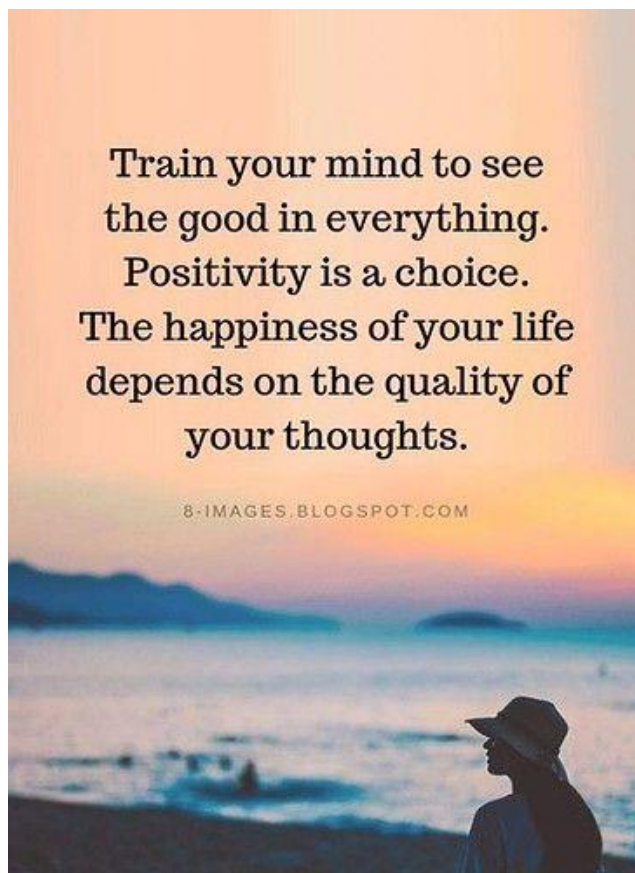
T: Getting food program started at Ho’omana; playing organ dedication in largest Methodist church in Seoul, Korea.

B: Getting the Grocery Assistance Program really up and running at Ho’omana is probably my biggest accomplishment! With the help of many others, we were able to boost it to where it served much of the community. Helping to start the one at KUCC just adds more. (Shoutout for Michael for taking over when we are gone. Could not have done it without him!)

8. Tell us something about yourself that we do not already know.

T: I managed and finally owned a restaurant in CA; I have my Masters in Organ from Ole Miss University (MS), Bachelors of Music from Biola University (CA); played organ concerts in several US states, organ dedication in Korea, played for church in the largest churches in the world – Korea. Presbyterian, Methodist, full gospel.

B: I don’t know how to swim. Go figure – but growing up in Western Kansas there wasn’t a lot of opportunity to swim unless we had a heavy rain and a few ponds filled up!





What is the “Neighbors in Need” special mission offering?

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice.

Who participates in Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering?

Anyone can give a donation by contributing to the Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering (NIN SMO) either through their congregation’s annual collection drive or anytime online at ucc.org/nin.
How is the offering used?

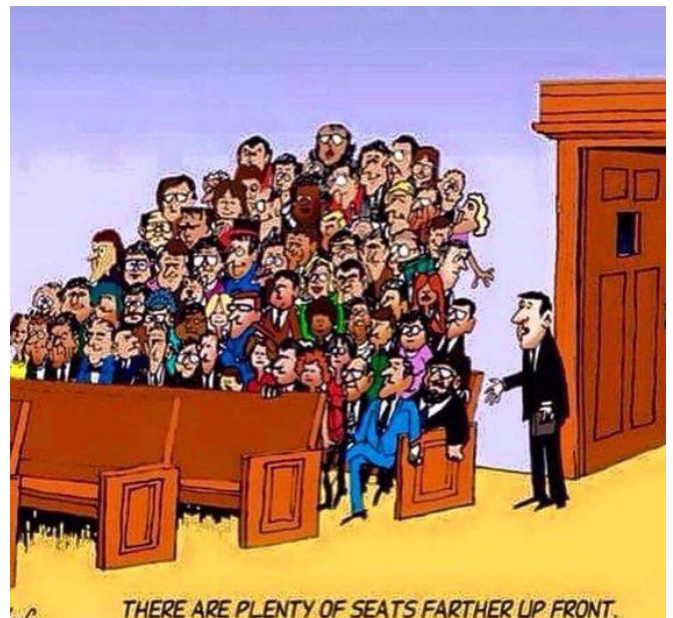
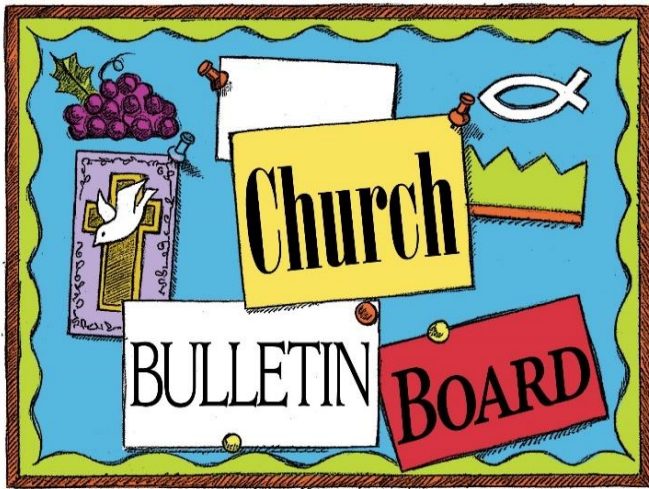
Through this offering we express our deep commitment to reaching out and touching our neighbors with justice and compassion. This allows us to speak prophetically to those in power and to advocate for a society where all people have a voice in decisions that affect their lives. In the spirit of Christ, we will seek to confront evil in the world and to alleviate suffering. We will do this through direct service as well as advocacy.

Where and how are the funds dispersed?

Not only are NIN funds shared with CAIM, they are utilized by staff to develop curated and created social justice resources, i.e. webinars, bible studies, curriculums, advocacy tools, etc. within the program areas of environmental justice, racial justice, LGBTQ justice, economic justice, women’s justice, immigration justice, and more. Additionally, a portion of the monies collected are used to fund grants at the following levels and needs:

What percentage of NIN donations are used directly to fund our commitment to service and mission?

At present, we are pleased to state that nearly 100% of the monies raised from NIN SMO is used to fund our mission projects and programs which include our largest commitments to NIN grants and CAIM.



**Be sure to check out our web page at:
Kapaaucc.org**



We believe in a God that is still speaking, a God that is all-loving and inclusive.

We are a church that welcomes and accepts everyone as they are, where your mind is nourished as much as your soul.

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**NEIGHBORS IN NEED SPECIAL OFFERING
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023**

SEPTEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>LAY READER</u> | <u>GREETER</u> | <u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u> | <u>CLEANING</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 9/3 | Gina Martinez | Deborah/Sheri | Art/Shar Isoshima | G. Mones |
| 9/10 | Gina Martinez | Donna G/Naomi | Dorothy Kunioka | G. Mones |
| 9/17 | Naomi Hamamura | Donna G | Donna/Bill | G. Mones |
| 9/24 | Deborah Cecil | Donna M/Bill | Deborah Cecil | G Mones |

SEPTEMBER CHURCH YARD CLEANING:

*Calvin & Richard



September 2023



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 3 10:00am Worship service & Communion 1pm Kokua Kapa'a | 4 HOLIDAY! 2pm Enhanced Fitness 4:30pm Beginning Hula 4:30pm Driver's Ed 6:30pm Monday AA (SH) | 5 | 6 2pm Enhanced Fitness 4:30pm Driver's Ed 5:30pm Zumba w/Kawehi (SH) | 7 6:30pm Sober ES Women (RE 7) 7pm Men's AA (SH) 7pm Diaconate meeting RE 4 | 8 2pm Enhanced Fitness | 9 |
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