



## Kapaa United Church of Christ



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### *Pastor's Pen* **Bold Faith**

When was the last time you explored the boundaries of your faith? I invite you to ponder with me about what this faith thing means for our lives.

It's pretty easy to think of faith as some type of wisdom that we have gained throughout our lives. As if it is possible to be more faithful one month and less the next.

And maybe this is how our lives sometimes feel, like a constant roller coaster of having lots of faith and at other times experiencing great doubts. Maybe we're afraid we don't know the Bible well enough. Or that our friends and neighbors seem to never be on that roller coaster... they always give the impression of being so faithful.

But can we truly be faithful?

One thing that may give you a boost of confidence is if you take a quick glance at the Gospels, they show us that the disciples were constantly told how little faith they had, and they followed Jesus around for years and became apostles!

Faith, even a mustard seed of faith, is like walking mindlessly into the world and then causing great change, and we do this all the time without realizing what we have done.

We can do this because we're not the ones affecting the change – Jesus is, through us. When we leave our apprehensions about our faithfulness at the door, that's when we have the ability to have courageous faith; to boldly step out into the world and be Christ in the world. Sometimes, we won't know what we're doing, and that's okay, with Jesus walking by our side, we have real power to change the lives of those we meet or serve.

Be bold to trust in a God who adores us no matter where we may think we are on the faithfulness scale. With that confidence, we can go out into the world, knowing that Christ is with us. And even when words fail us, we can still show our faith and love by merely being present with those around us.

I look forward to being bold with you!

Pastor Rob

## OCTOBER LECTIONARY

**October 1, 2023**

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 17:1-7 & Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 or

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 & Psalm 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

**October 8, 2023**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 & Psalm 19 or

Isaiah 5:1-7 & Psalm 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

**October 15, 2023**

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 32:1-14 & Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 or

Isaiah 25:1-9 and Psalm 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

**October 22, 2023**

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 33:12-23 & Psalm 99 or

Isaiah 45:1-7 & Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

**October 29, 2023**

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 & Psalm 90:1-6, 13-

17 or Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 & Psalm 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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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**

**Third Sunday of the month – “Noisy Offering”**

Sun., Oct. 1 – Worship Service with Communion, 10am

Thurs., Oct. 5 – Diaconate Meeting, 7pm, RE 4

Sat., Oct. 7 – Violet Nakao Memorial Service, 10am visitation, 11am service  
2-4pm – Safe Church Meeting, RE 7

5:30pm – Zumba with Kay

Sun., Oct. 8 – 8:30am Pet Blessing, 10am Worship Service

Tues., Oct. 10 – Trustee Meeting, 10am, RE 4

Sun., Oct. 15 – Worship Service with Communion, 10am

Fri., Oct. 20 – Council Meeting, 6:30pm, RE4

Sun., Oct. 22 – Worship Service, 10am

Sun., Oct. 29 – Fifth Sunday, Pot Luck

Tues., Oct. 31 – Trunk or Treat, 5:30 pm

*Kindness  
doesn't cost a thing,  
yet it's the richest gift  
you can give.*



**Annual Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, January 28,  
2024**



## MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

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

Have you seen it? Our new church name sign is up, and it looks great! It's very visible and clear from across the ways by Pono Market on the main highway! I'm very grateful to Pastor Rob who saw the vision for better signage and helped us carry the project through. The council had talked about replacing our signage fixture situated in the front yard years ago, so it was a future project. What I like about this new sign is that it can be seen from a much farther distance, and it is on the building which makes the most sense if someone were trying to find us—without google maps of course! Ha!

October is a busy month for the council as we begin the budget process and look towards the new year. Budget packets should have gone out by now to all committees and departments. The budget will be presented to the council in December for approval and voted on at our annual congregational meeting scheduled for January 28th. This year, I think we have done a great job of controlling costs but as you know, the cost of everything keeps going up. We are looking for grants that can help us address several key deferred maintenance issues on our buildings and other projects, but I expect a continued shortfall to manage the normal day-to-day operations unfortunately. By the way, if you have expertise in grant writing (since we don't) or can lend a hand in any way, please let us know!

Coming up for October is our Pet Blessing on October 8 at 8:30 am. Last year I brought my dog (but she passed away last month at the amazing age of 17 years!!!) and it was nice to see and meet the extended family of many members and friends. Tell your friends and family. It's open to anyone with a pet!

Spread the word....It's our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Trunk or Treat on Halloween in our church yard. It was a lot of fun last year that as my daughter, Jessica and I were driving home after the Trunk or Treat finished, we were already planning what we would do for 2023 Trunk or Treat that would be even better, more funner, different.... Join the car line up for some good fun or bring your family and friends for some safe and fun trick or treating here at Kapaa UCC. 😊

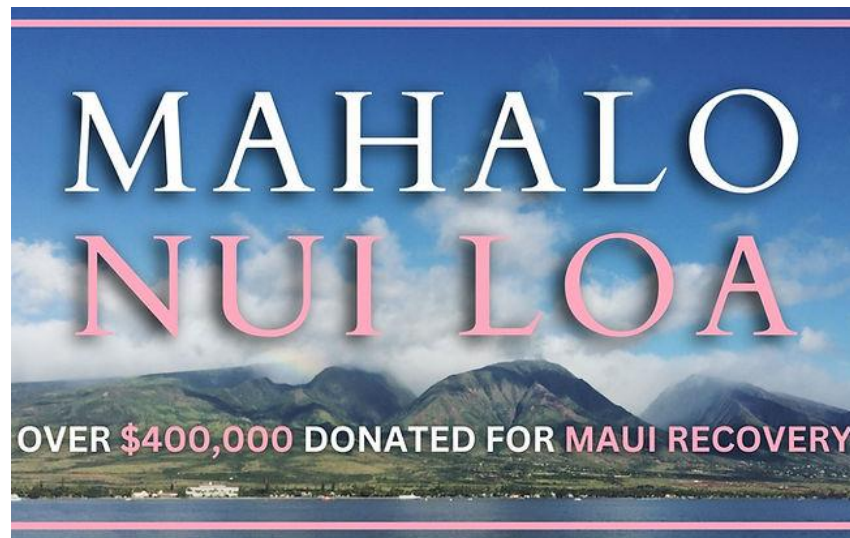
In closing, October is Pastor Appreciation month. Yes! For me personally, I appreciate that behind the scenes, Pastor Rob is actively thinking and planning things that can grow, change, develop us as a church. He already told us last Sunday that next year, the focus is about caring for our earth—and he has cool ideas to back it up! And that's the other thing, he always has tons of ideas! For the past year, he has been helping us make relevant for churches our size, our constitution/bylaws which we hope to present to the congregation soon. But mostly, I appreciate his genuine love for our Lord which is lived out in how he commits whole heartedly to his work, his family, our church, this community of Kauai to share the Good News of Christ. We are blessed.

I hope you will prayerfully reflect on the past year and find ways to express your gratitude and appreciation to him and to each other of the many ways that Pastor Rob is shepherding Kapaa UCC to be a light to the world.

Gail Lee

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*Message from our  
Conference Minister,  
David K. Popham,  
as appeared in the  
October, 2023  
HCUCC bulletin.*



With gratitude overflowing our hearts, the Conference Office can announce that this week the contributions to the 2023 Hawai'i Wildfires Fund have surpassed \$400,000. This represents gifts both great and small from folks across Hawai'i, the continental U.S., and Japan who are standing in solidarity with our Maui 'ohana and those directly and secondarily affected by the fires and their aftermath.

One log in the fireplace warms the corner, several logs in the fireplace warm the room. These generous gifts enable the Conference to be a partner in the long-term recovery of Maui.

Funds from the Conference office are already at work on Maui in various ways: delivery of poi, temporary housing, portions of down payments as individuals replace vehicles lost to the fire, and gift cards distributed through crisis centers for families to purchase items of immediate need. These donations also allow us to meet emerging needs such as back-to-school items for displaced children. Currently, we are still refining how to be a partner for long-term recovery but are looking at pastoral support for Maui pastors, material support for rebuilding, and support for the [Waiola Church](#) whose buildings were destroyed in the fire. We will also support the work of our congregations on Maui as they organize local responses to emerging needs.



# Happenings around the church

**Be gone, you termites!**



**Prepping the wall**



**Here we go!**



**Our beautiful new sign!**



# Our Annual church picnic

Picnic photos by Isoshima Photography 🌞



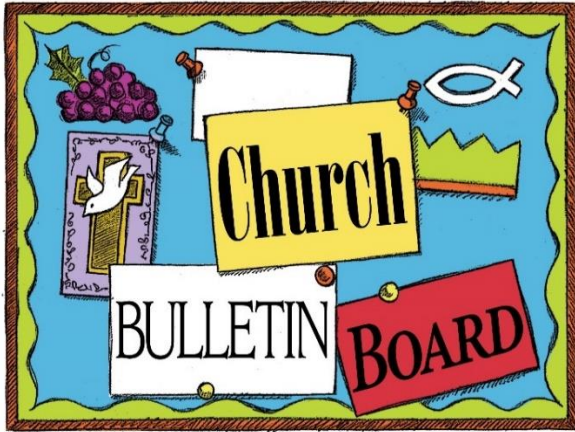




And fun was had by all!  
See you all next year!







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Thanks to Mikel Rice 11-02-2007  
"MAN", HE THOUGHT ... "SURE HAS BEEN  
A WHILE SINCE OUR LAST BAPTISM"

### **BAKERS NEEDED**



Anyone interested in baking  
communion bread, please see Donna  
G. so we can get you the recipe.



**Laura Taylor**

**Angela Nakahara**

**Leonora Orr**

**Anna Mills Raimondi**

**Harriet Yamasaki**

**Rachel Umetsu**

**Jessica Lee**

**LeeAnn Reed**



**Be sure to check out our web page at:  
[Kapaaucc.org](http://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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**October 8, 2023**



**Pet Blessing  
 8:30am  
 Worship Service  
 10:00am**

**OCTOBER RESPONSIBILITIES**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>LAY READER</u></b>	<b><u>GREETER</u></b>	<b><u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u></b>	<b><u>CLEANING</u></b>
10/1	Bill Lore	Sheri Kunioka-Volz	Deborah Cecil	G. Mones
10/8	Gina Martinez	Deborah Cecil	Dorothy Kunioka	G. Mones
10/15	Naomi Hamamura	Donna Green	Bill Lore	G. Mones
10/22	Deborah Cecil	Bill Lore	Art/Shar Isoshima	G. Mones
10/29	Bill Lore	Naomi Hamamura	Deborah Cecil	G. Mones

**OCTOBER CHURCH YARD CLEANING:**

\*Calvin & Richard



# October

2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 10:00am Worship service & Communion 1pm Kokua Kapa'a	<b>2</b> 2pm Enhanced Fitness 4:30pm Beginning Hula 4:30pm Driver's Ed 6:30pm Monday AA (SH)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 2pm Enhanced Fitness 4:30pm Driver's Ed 5:30pm Zumba w/Kawehi (SH)	<b>5</b> 6:30pm Sober ES Women (RE 7) 7pm Men's AA (SH) 7pm Diaconate meeting RE 4	<b>6</b> 2pm Enhanced Fitness	<b>7</b> 10am V Nakao Service 2-4pm Safe Church 5:30pm Zumba w/Kay
<b>8</b> 10:00am Worship service 11:30-Noon, Sunday with Pastor Rob, RE 4 1pm Kokua Kapa'a	<b>9</b> 2pm Enhanced Fitness 4:30pm Beginning Hula 4:30pm Driver's Ed 6:30pm Monday AA (SH)	<b>10</b> 10am Trustee Meeting, RE 4	<b>11</b> 2pm Enhanced Fitness 4:30pm Driver's Ed 5:30pm Zumba w/Kawehi (SH)	<b>12</b> 6:30pm Sober ES Women (RE 7) 7pm Men's AA (SH)	<b>13</b> 2pm Enhanced Fitness	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10:00am Worship service & Communion "Noisy Offering" 1pm Kokua Kapa'a	<b>16</b> 2pm Enhanced Fitness 4:30pm Beginning Hula 4:30pm Driver's Ed 6:30pm Monday AA (SH)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 2pm Enhanced Fitness 4:30pm Driver's Ed 5:30pm Zumba w/Kawehi (SH)	<b>19</b> 6:30pm Sober ES Women (RE 7) 7pm Men's AA (SH)	<b>20</b> 2pm Enhanced Fitness	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10:00am Worship service 1pm Kokua Kapa'a	<b>23</b> 2pm Enhanced Fitness 4:30pm Beginning Hula 4:30pm Driver's Ed 6:30pm Monday AA (SH)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 2pm Enhanced Fitness 4:30pm Driver's Ed 5:30pm Zumba w/Kawehi (SH)	<b>26</b> 6:30pm Sober ES Women (RE 7) 7pm Men's AA (SH)	<b>27</b> 2pm Enhanced Fitness	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10:00am 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Service Pot Luck 1pm Kokua Kapa'a	<b>30</b> 2pm Enhanced Fitness 4:30pm Beginning Hula 4:30pm Driver's Ed 6:30pm Monday AA (SH)	<b>31</b> 5:30pm Trunk or Treat 