



Kapaa United Church of Christ



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November 2023



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The work of our church can happen because of our members and friends generous financial and volunteer support. **Because of you, our church changes lives.**

The financial gifts my family gives to our congregation continue to grow from our appreciation of the lives we touch. Generosity in all its forms comes as our expression of gratitude for this church community. Please join us in committing to giving this coming year.

While there are many ways to support the congregation, in the coming month, we ask everyone to think in a particular and prayerful way about the choices we make with our money in support of the church.

We will begin our time of stewardship on November 5th, 2023. Our stewardship time will culminate on Commitment Sunday as part of worship on November 19th, 2023. As part of our celebration, I hope you will join us to thank God at our annual Thanksgiving Potluck.

God has done and continues to do remarkable things through us and with us - things that matter in the life of our church and community! Our support of this church makes this possible. I hope you will join me in turning in a commitment card with your estimate of giving for the coming year.

Thank you for walking alongside me as a part of Kapa'a United Church of Christ. Because of you, our church changes lives.

Blessings,
Pastor Rob

NOVEMBER LECTIONARY

November 5, 2023

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 3:7-17 & Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 or

Micah 3:5-12 & Psalm 43

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12

November 12, 2023

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 & Psalm 78:1-7 or

Amos 5:18-24 or Psalm 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

November 19, 2023

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Judges 4:1-7 & Psalm 123 or

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 & Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

November 26, 2023

Reign of Christ

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 & Psalm 100 or

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 & Psalm 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

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”

Thurs., Nov. 2 – Diaconate Meeting, RE 4,
7pm

Sat., Nov. 4 – Zumba with Kay, 5:30pm

Sun., Nov. 5 – Worship Service with
Communion, 10am

Stewardship begins

Tues., Nov. 7 – Trustee Meeting, RE 4, 10am

Fri., Nov. 10 – Holiday-Veteran’s Day

Sun., Nov. 12 – Worship Service, 10am

11:30am- Pastor Rob informational mtg

Fri., Nov. 17 – Council Meeting, RE 4, 6:45pm

Sun., Nov. 19 – Worship Service with
Communion;; Noisy Offering

11:00am Thanksgiving Luncheon

Thurs., Nov. 23 – Happy Thanksgiving!

Kapaa Interfaith Association worship &
Luncheon

Sun., Nov. 26 – Worship Service



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

“Get rid of all bitterness,
rage, anger, harsh words,
and slander, as well as all
types of evil behavior.
Instead, be kind to each
other, tenderhearted,

forgiving
one
another,
just as
God
through Christ
has forgiven
you.”

1-Minute
Bible Love
Notes

Ephesians 4:31-32



MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

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

November has come (already!) and it is the season of budgets and stewardship. Yes, we must look towards the new year and begin planning for it now so when it arrives, we have a template of what to expect and work towards to fund the many aspects of operating our church. Stewardship letters are going out soon. Please prayerfully consider how you might give your time, talents, and resources for 2024. The needs are always great including financial which unfortunately we are still not able to balance and cover entirely through donations and pledges, but we put our trust in God who is always guiding our pathways and challenging us to look beyond our comfort zones and imagine bigger and to not let our fears of the unknown limit new ways of doing and being an amazing light to the world (and also to ourselves!).

At our last Council meeting, there was some serious discussion and concern that we have not seen more volunteers for our weekly Food Pantry despite the many postings we have put out into the community as concern of "burn out" were raised. Suggestions to shorten the hours of operation or simplify the meals to sandwiches were made as well as suggestions of organizations we could reach out to get volunteers were offered. Yet the number of people we serve every week is growing and every week, there are at least 5-7 new people who have found us for the first time. It's amazing. And the hot meal we do serve is something I never imagined this church doing. It is certainly an important element of our food pantry distribution because for many it is the only hot home cooked meal of the day. We have tabled the discussion for now as we prayerfully seek and discern God's guidance and inspiration. We also decided we would gather for group prayer 5 minutes before we begin our food pantry service at 1pm (even though sometimes we barely get set up by 1pm to a line of people waiting to shop for food!) to ensure our hearts and minds are open to Gods blessings and movements as we work and serve together. Please keep our Food Pantry project, all the volunteers, all the participants, and all the intricacies of keeping it a meaningful and joyful service and outreach in your daily prayers.

Our youth room has made considerable progress. Drywall has been completed! Next is painting, flooring, installing light fixtures and then finally, furnishing/furniture. Thanks to Bill Lore and Pastor Rob for their time and commitment to this project which will probably be completed by the end of the year or so!

Mark your calendar.... We have our annual Thanksgiving luncheon on November 19 after worship. Bring a friend and join us for great fellowship and food!

As Thanksgiving approaches, I hope you can take some time to consider all the blessings of 2023 and to have gratitude for all of it and more. Have a wonderful November! 😊

Gail Lee

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**Be thankful this Thanksgiving.
Volunteer!**

Kapaa Interfaith Association (KIA)
Invites everyone to enjoy the annual



FREE

**Community
Thanksgiving
Lunch**

Thursday, November 23, 2023

**All are
Welcome**

10:00a.m. Interfaith Community Worship All Saints Church

11:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. a delicious turkey meal

Prepared by **Mark Oyama and his staff at Contemporary Flavors**

Dine in at All Saints Church Gymnasium

**Home delivery will be provided
For those not physically able to drive to Kapaa
Meals will be delivered between 11:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.**

KIA Participating Churches

All Saints Episcopal Church, St. Catherine's Catholic Church

Kapa'a Hongwanji Temple, Kapa'a Jodo Mission,

Kapa'a Seventh Day Adventist Church,

Kapa'a United Church of Christ,

Kapa'a First Hawaiian Church

Center for Spiritual Living

The Jewish Community of Kauai

For more information, call (808) 822-3473 or
(808) 652-9393

Happenings around the church

**Second Annual Pet Blessing
October 8, 2023**



Pastor Appreciation Sunday October 22, 2023



- A new Aloha shirt from the Isoshimas to show their appreciation of Pastor Rob.
- A kukui nut/ti leaf lei and a photograph of our new façade depicting the name of our church in brand new large letters donated by a few church members and signed by church members was given to Pastor Rob to show our appreciation. It was Pastor Rob's idea to make us more visible from the main road.

**THANK YOU, PASTOR ROB, FOR ALL YOU
DO FOR OUR CHURCH, CONGREGATION
AND COMMUNITY!**

Trunk or Treat

October 31, 2023



**This decoration was on loan
From the Art/Shar Isoshima
Collection of Halloween
Goodies. Thank you!**



Wynde & Victor



Donna & Bill



The Keiser-Bork family. (That's Kyle in the dinosaur costume.)



**The Lee family circus – Jessica & Gail
with Truffles and Potato**

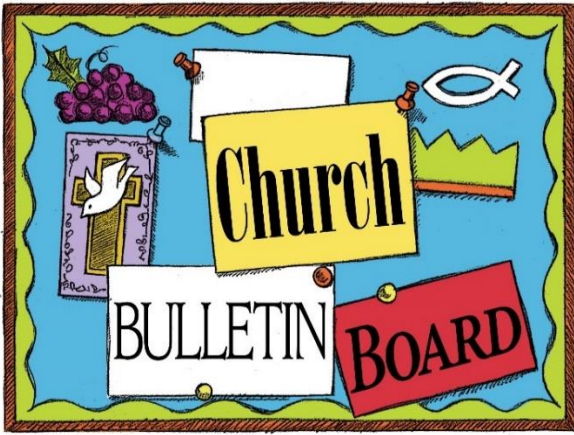


A few early trick or treaters.....

**And this little boy was having a blast
playing with Pastor Rob's bubble machine
gun (as shown on his face).**



**Dinosaur
verses
the
chicken
(Ember &
Bentley)
with
referee
Michael.**



BAKERS NEEDED



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



<i>KUCC Financial Statement</i>	ACTUAL SEPT 30, 2023	YEAR TO DATE
Total Revenue	\$ 8,949.00	\$ 153,942.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 31,151.93*	\$ 156,794.67
NET OPERATING TOTAL	\$ (22,202.93)	\$ (2,852.67)

** includes 8K termite tenting, 1.4K electrical work (both unbudgeted), 8K quarterly Insurance payment. and 1.5K signage paid completely by donations.*



**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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NOVEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES


<u>DATE</u>	<u>LAY READER</u>	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
11/5	Gina Martinez	Sheri Kunioka-Volz	Dorothy Kunioka	G. Mones
11/12	Naomi Hamamura	Deborah Cecil	Bill Lore	G. Mones
11/19	Deborah Cecil	Naomi Hamamura	Art/Shar Isoshima	G. Mones
11/26	Bill Lore	Donna Green	Deborah Cecil	G Mones

NOVEMBER CHURCH YARD CLEANING:

*Calvin & Richard



2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 2pm Enhanced Fitness 4:30pm Driver's Ed 5:30pm Zumba w/Kawehi (SH)	2 6:30pm Sober ES Women (RE 7) 7pm Men's AA (SH) 7pm Diaconate meeting RE 4	3 2pm Enhanced Fitness	4 5:30pm Zumba w/Kay
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