



Kapa'a United Church of Christ



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February 2024



Friends in Christ!

Valentine's Day is February 14th (as always)

While I recognize that Valentine's Day's primary purpose is the expression of love between each other, the foundation for the kind of love God wants us to have can be found right in our Bibles! In Matthew 22, Jesus says, *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."* **38** *This is the greatest and first commandment.* **39** *And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'*

"Love your neighbor as yourself" is much more than an overused statement by society; it is something that we, as God's people, should take the lead with. We live in a world that needs the love of God expressed through God's people more than ever before.

It seems we live in a world where wars and conflict are popping up everywhere. In our own country, some politicians consider discrimination and the taking away of human rights to be somehow acceptable. We continue to live in a more divided world than ever.

Sadly, many churches across our Nation and around the world often become caught up in the mess of bureaucracy, forgetting we are to be "places of love, acceptance, and healing." The world we're sent to reach with the good news is often seen running the other way, not so much that they don't want to hear about Jesus, but because they can't swallow the politics of some of those who claim to follow him.

I pray that God will continue to help Kapa'a United Church of Christ always to be the open, loving, and welcoming church that we are and set the tone for our community by being a people who love people! Loving people even when we may not fully and completely understand or agree with them. Loving people who don't look, love, or believe as we do. This is how we must teach others to build bridges instead of walls!

The one thing that unites us in all of this is the love that Jesus Christ had for us by coming to this world and dying on the cross for you and me.

John 15:13: No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

If we remember, Jesus not only laid down his life for his friends but also for those who treated Him with scorn and outright hatred. This kind of love reminds us of what Jesus said from the cross, *"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."*

Happy Valentine's Day! Celebrate the love you have for each other! And love, love, love as Jesus does, and always be the people and the church that are open to learning more about the kind of love God wants us to have.

See you in church!

In Christ, with you!

Pastor Rob

FEBRUARY LECTIONARY

February 4 2024

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

February 11, 2024

Transfiguration

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalm 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

February 18, 2024

First Sunday In Lent

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

February 25, 2024

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

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., Feb. 1 – Diaconate Meeting, 7pm

Sat., Feb. 3 – Zumba with Kay, 5pm

Sun., Feb. 4 – Worship Service with Communion, 10am

Sun., Feb. 4 – Lay Reader Workshop, 11:30am

Sun., Feb. 11 – Worship Service, 10am
Informational Meeting w/Pastor Rob, 11:30am

Tues., Feb. 13 – Trustee Meeting, 10am

Wed., Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday Service, 6pm

Sun., Feb. 18 – Worship Service with Communion, 10am

Mon., Feb. 19 – Holiday – President’s Day

Sun., Feb. 25 – Worship Service, 10am

Coming in March
One Great Hour of Sharing
Special Offering



Service at 6:00pm





MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

"Gong hei fat choy" (恭喜发财), Cantonese for 'Wishing you happiness and prosperity' in the new lunar new year! It is Chinese New Year time and it is the Year of the Dragon! Too bad we do not shut down the town for 2 weeks and celebrate with great food and firecrackers and dance as they do in Asia! It seems like the perfect time to be celebrating as the members of Kapaa UCC voted unanimously in favor of Pastor Rob as our now Settled Pastor! "Gong hei fat choy Pastor Rob and KUCC!!"

Our Annual Congregational meeting in January went well as several important items passed. Aside from the approval of our 2024 budget, the congregation approved the amendments to our constitution and bylaws. Major changes included removing the required number of people in every committee and unifying the term of service of 2 years without odd or even year requirements, established an executive committee made up of officers and gave option to hire the services of an accountant to oversee treasurer responsibilities.

Since we were not able to fill the position of treasurer this year, we are hiring the services of our current accountant, Liz Kua who handles our payroll and taxes, to reconcile our bank statements and produce the financial reports for our council meetings. I am most happy to see this change happening because I honestly feel it is important to have someone with the heart and mind of an accountant to oversee our financial records as it is a huge responsibility.

It is great to see new people in committees and Arin as our new Secretary this year! We are still short on a few committees but overall, I feel we are moving in a positive direction as we embark on 2024 with Pastor Rob as our settled pastor. "Gong hei fat choy Kapaa UCC!!"

It is wonderful to have Ivo as our new pianist. He also loves to sing as we heard at today's service. I'm told that Ivo has agreed to help us restart our Choir with Bill Lore as Choir Director. First practice is February 18 at 11:30 in the sanctuary. Come and join us! Anybody and everybody are welcome. "Gong hei fat choy Choir!!"

February begins the season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service on February 14, Valentines Day! In this season of Lent, may we come before God in prayer and contemplation to discover new depths and expressions of God's love in our everyday living and existence.
Have a great February all! "Gong hei fat choy to all of you too!!"

Gail Lee

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OFFICERS & COMMITTEES FOR 2024*

Moderator: Gail Lee

Vice Moderator: Donna Moon

Secretary/Clerk: Arin Sanabria-Hendrix

Financial Secretary: William Lore

COMMITTEES

Diaconate: 1. Debra Cecil 3. Donna Moon 5. Benjamin
 2. LeeAnn Reed 4. Donna G Sanabria-Hendrix

Board of Trustees: 1. Bill Lore 2. Gail Lee Bob Oelke

Christian Education: 1. Benjamin Sanabria-Hendrix 2. Donna G

Outreach: 1. Michael Keiser 2. Arin Sanabria-Hendrix
 3. Pua Kaininau 4. Leonore Orr

Pastoral Relations: Executive Committee

Historian: Wynde Thomas

*Note: If you are still interested in volunteering for any of the committees, please see Gail, Pastor Rob or Donna G. It is never too late!



Happenings around the church

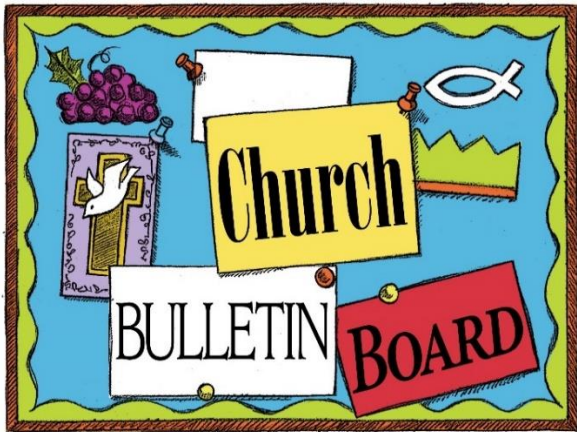
Unanimous vote at our annual congregational meeting to retain Pastor Rob as our settled Pastor. God is good!



Tuesday Group (formerly known as Wednesday Group)

January 29, 2024

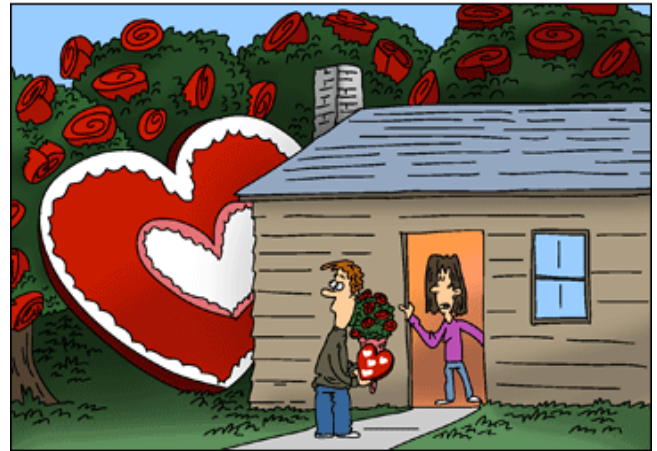




Ryan Wooton
Arin Sanabria-Hendrix
Gail Umetsu Lee
Louisa Wooton

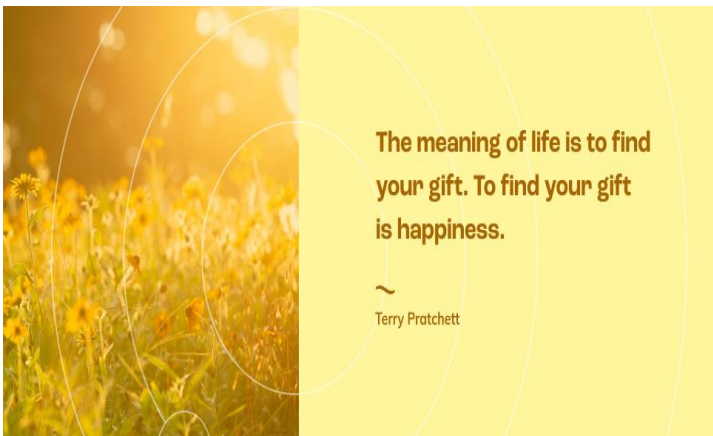


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MORE THAN HIM, BUT BEFORE YOU GET
JEALOUS OR ANYTHING YOU SHOULD KNOW
THAT IT IS FOR YOU TOO



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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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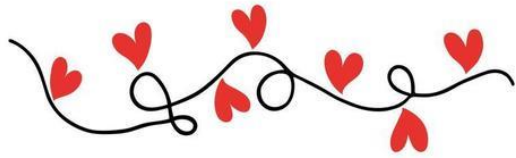
**Wednesday, February 14, 2024
6:00P.M.**

FEBRUARY RESPONSIBILITIES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LAY READER</u>	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
2/4	Gail Lee	Pua Kaninau	Wynde Thomas	G. Mones
2/11	Leonora Orr	Wynde Thomas	Niki/Ana	G. Mones
2/18	Bill Lore	Leonora Orr	Art/Shar Isoshima	G. Mones
2/25	Deborah Cecil	Cliti/Lono	Naomi Hamamura	G. Mones

FEBRUARY CHURCH YARD CLEANING:

*Calvin & Richard



February

2024

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