



Kapa'a United Church of Christ



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March 2024



Resurrection Greetings!

As we draw nearer to the holiest day in the Christian calendar, the resurrection of Christ, I encourage you to think of someone to invite to join you for worship.

While we live in a busy world, a significant thing we can do with our time is spend it in the presence of our Lord in worship. There is also something powerful about gathering together with people as well!

A recent survey said that the average Christian can identify seven unchurched people with whom they have a personal relationship. In a national study, 82% of the non-churched said they would try a church with a friend or relative if invited.

Statistics show that those who come to church for the first time do so in the following ways:

- 6-8% Walked in by own initiative
- 2-3% Liked a program or ministry
- 8-10% Liked the pastor
- 3-4% Had a need met by the church.
- 1-2% Were evangelized
- 70-85% Invited by a relative or friend!

That means an average of 83% came to church because of an INVITE by a congregation member.

While there are many ways to invite someone to church to hear the unconditional love of Christ, and to experience the hospitality and welcoming spirit we have, the first thing we must do is make up our mind to ask and then, much like Philip said to Nathaniel, say, "Come and see"! (JOHN 1:46)

Here at Kapa'a United Church of Christ, like most Christian Churches, we try to make Easter Sunday, an incredible celebration for all gathered. This is also an excellent time to introduce others to the resurrection's life-giving story! But, as important as Easter is in our Christian lives, we also want people to recognize the church even "after" the big day! Besides, as believers in Christ and his resurrection, we live with the resurrection in our hearts and minds every day and every time we gather to worship!

Can you think of one person you will invite for Easter Sunday? Why not pray that God will prepare their hearts to hear your invitation?

You could be the difference in someone's life whether they know Christ as their Savior and whether they have an amazing, welcoming church to call home.

Hope to see you and your friends and family on Easter Sunday this year! *"Come and see."*

Psalm 122:1 – *I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.*

In Christ, with you
Pastor Rob

MARCH LECTONARY

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

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Fifth Sunday In Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16

Hebrew 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

March 24, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Lent

Palm/Passion Sunday

Liturgy of Palms

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Mark 11:1-11

John 12:12-16

Liturgy of Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15:47 or

Mark 16:1-8

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Easter

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

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” to benefit Kokua Kapaa

Sat., Mar. 2 – Zumba with Kay, 5pm

Sun., Mar. 3 – Worship Service with
Communion, 10am

Thurs., Mar. 7 – Diaconate Meeting,
7pm, RE 4

Sun., Mar. 10 – Worship Service, 10am
One Great Hour of Sharing Special
Offering

Informational Meeting w/Pastor
Rob, 11:30am

Thurs., Mar. 14 – Trustee Meeting, 7pm,
RE 4

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

Sun., Mar. 24 – Palm/Passion Sunday,
10am

Thurs., Mar. 28 – Maundy Thursday,
Service, 5:30pm, Kapaa UCC

Fri., Mar. 29 – Good Friday Service,
5:30pm, Kapaa First Hawaiian

Sun., Mar. 31 – Easter Sunday
Sunrise Service, 6:20am, Kauai
Coast Resort @ the Beachboy
Easter Service, 10am, followed by
Easter lunch and egg hunt



We are now accepting
donations of used
eyeglasses.



MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

As I write this, it is the last week in February, and we will be holding our first council meeting tomorrow night. And this is due to Donna Green by tomorrow! So, I can't really report on much going on since we have not had our first council meeting for the new fiscal year. Hmmmm...which means, I can really write about anything! Ha!

Since I am also on the Trustee's committee, I can tell you that we are currently replacing the hot water solar heater at the parsonage which broke and died late last year. The trustees voted in favor of replacing the solar heater because the same plumber that helped us fix some drainage pipe issues at the parsonage last year is doing the job for us at a very reduced price again! Sometimes it is very hard to find trades people to do work for us because we are a church and other times, because we are a church, there are very generous and caring people out there who are able to do in-kind work for us so repairs are not so painful to the bank account. We are so blessed! But also, since Pastor Rob said the focus for this year is caring for God's creation, replacing the solar is the right and more environmentally sustainable decision for sure.

I have been listening to a lot of inspiring podcasts on my 45-minute commute to work the past few months. I find it really shapes my focus for the day--to appreciate the beauty around me, to be more mindful of being present and positive as I move about my day especially as I interact with co-workers, vendors and guests because I can be very tunnel vision and unaware in my work task/goals. The latest one that I am really working on is to focus on positive and hopeful outcomes of what is possible rather than dwelling on what can go wrong or what is not good to "my liking" or basically things that are negative or out of my control. I think it is about putting out the good energy into the universe so all the good and more can come back to you in abundance.

I think that is what happens at the food pantry every Sunday. We do the work because we want to share God's love and as a result, we enjoy the camaraderie of the company we are in and the people who we serve. And slowly by slowly (in our old age, mind you) we know many by first name and are able to engage and share hospitality. The other week, I overheard Naomi Hamamura who volunteered as a "shopper" for the first time (assisting individuals as they shop for food) say "this is really fun!" Because quite truthfully, it is a lot of fun--more than I imagined possible when we agreed to embark on this outreach project! And that is the good energy and more that comes back to greet us when we share love without strings or conditions. It is quite amazing really.

****Side Note:** We need re-useable shopping bags for the food pantry if you have some to spare. Or if you have a sewing machine and free time, I have been making (simple) shopping bags out of pillowcases and flat sheets and could use some help since I work full time. These bags are for those who walk or bike to the food pantry and need a sturdy bag that can hold the weight of canned goods, produce and frozen foods. LMK. 😊!

In this season of Lent, may we practice gratitude for the simple, mundane, and beautiful around us because God's transformative love is there in the midst of it all.

Gail Lee

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Happenings around the church



We celebrated the life of our brother in Christ, Tim Harvey. The sanctuary was decorated with his favorite color red and attendees were garbed in red. Until we meet again

A Lenten Reflection...

Give up complaining; focus on gratitude

Give up harsh judgments; think kindly thoughts

Give up worry; trust divine Providence

Give up discouragement; be full of hope

Give up bitterness; turn to forgiveness

Give up hatred; return good for evil

Give up negativism; be positive

Give up pettiness; become mature

Give up jealousy; pray for trust



COLLECTION DAY
MARCH 10, 2024

*You're here to be
light, bringing out
the God-colors
in the world.*

Matthew 5:14-15 (The Message)

*"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it
shine...Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine..."*

If Jesus had a playlist of music, surely this familiar hymn would be among the Top Five.

Jesus teaches that faith calls for action. Sharing our light, as the diverse and colorful expression of God's love here on earth, leads to making blankets, staffing food pantries, cooking meals, building houses and schools, signing petitions for worthy causes, and protesting injustices. A simple song with a simple message—our light is on a light stand, for all to see—shine and share. On any given day, light is shining because we are there through our gifts to OGHS.

Your contributions make a difference.
Your dollars count. Give generously.

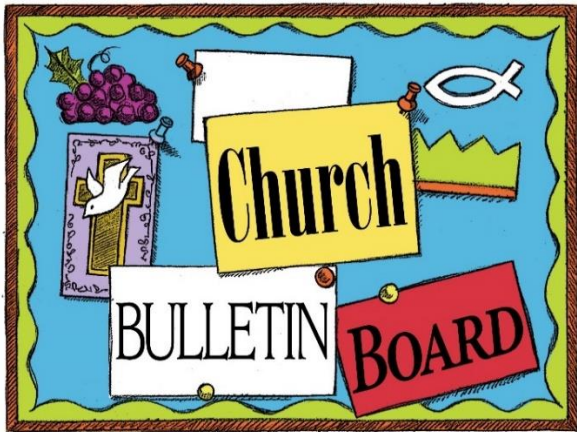
Share the light.



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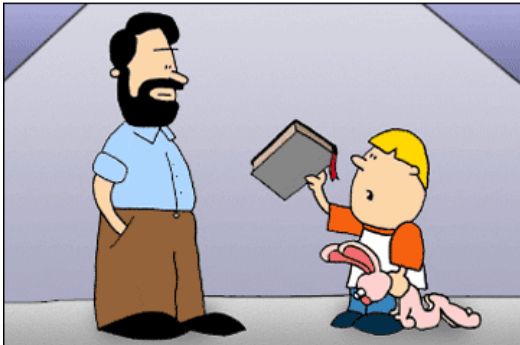




HOLIDAY!
Friday, March 29



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WHERE IT TALKS ABOUT THE EASTER BUNNY
IN THE BIBLE



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out our web page at:
Kapaaucc.org**



Ryan Wooton
Arin Sanabria-Hendrix
Gail Umetsu Lee
Louisa Wooton



New office hours
Effective March 4, 2024

Beginning Monday, March 4,
the office will be closed on
Mondays. Office hours will be:

Tuesday through Friday
8:00am to 11:00am



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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MARCH RESPONSIBILITIES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LAY READER</u>	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
3/3	Naomi Hamamura	Naomi Hamamura	Deborah Cecil	G. Mones
3/10	Gina Martinez	Deborah Cecil	Wynde Thomas	G. Mones
3/17	Benjamin S-H	Sheri Kunioka-Volz	Niki & Ana	G. Mones
3/24	Leonora Orr	Pua Kaninau	----	G. Mones
3/31	Gail Lee	Wynde Thomas	Art/Shar Isoshima	G. Mones

MARCH CHURCH YARD CLEANING:

*Calvin & Richard



2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 2pm Enhanced Fitness	2 5pm Zumba w/Kay
3 10:00am Worship service & Communion 1pm Kokua Kapa'a	4 2pm Enhanced Fitness 4:30pm Driver's Ed RE 7 6:30pm Monday AA (SH)	5	6 2pm Enhanced Fitness 4:30pm Driver's Ed RE 7 5:30pm Zumba w/Kawehi (SH)	7 6:30pm Sober ES Women (RE 7) 7pm Men's AA (SH) 7pm Diaconate Mtg RE4	8 2pm Enhanced Fitness	9
10 10:00am Worship service OGHS Special Offering 1pm Kokua Kapa'a	11 2pm Enhanced Fitness 4:30pm Driver's Ed RE 7 6:30pm Monday AA (SH)	12	13 2pm Enhanced Fitness 4:30pm Driver's Ed RE 7 5:30pm Zumba w/Kawehi (SH)	14 6:30pm Sober ES Women (RE 7) 7pm Men's AA (SH) 7pm Trustee Mtg RE4	15 2pm Enhanced Fitness	16
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24 10:00am Worship service & Communion 1pm Kokua Kapa'a	25 2pm Enhanced Fitness 4:30pm Driver's Ed RE 7 6:30pm Monday AA (SH)	26	27 2pm Enhanced Fitness 4:30pm Driver's Ed RE 7 5:30pm Zumba w/Kawehi (SH)	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY 5:30pm Service w/ Communion @ KUCC 6:30pm Sober ES Women (RE 7) 7pm Men's AA (SH)	29 GOOD FRIDAY 2pm Enhanced Fitness 5:30pm Service @ Kapaa First Hawaiian	30
31 EASTER 10:00am Worship service, Lunch & Easter egg hunt 1pm Kokua Kapa'a						