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The mission of the Waimea United Church of Christ is to provide, through Jesus Christ, the means by which people grow spiritually, thereby preparing and empowering them to witness to God's love, to identify the needs of the community, and to minister to them.

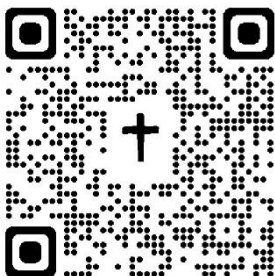
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Sunday Morning Worship,
10 am
Tuesday Morning Bible
Study, 9 am



THE CONNECTION

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Recently I went to see my doctor about a skin lesion on my neck. He offered to freeze it off. After careful consideration, we decided that it would be prudent to do a biopsy and send a sample to the lab to know for sure what it was. My doctor numbed the spot and sliced into my neck, removing the lesion and the surrounding area around it. To close the incision, he put in a line of stitches. He put a little band aid over it and said to come back next week to have the stitches removed.

The lab results did show basil cells were present in the sample, so I was glad that we diagnosed and excised it. The following week I went to have the stitches removed. The doctor had instructed me not to get the area wet, so I had already gone a week without swimming. I was quite looking forward to getting back to my daily swim. When the doctor saw the wound, he noted that the stitches had pulled out and that the area was infected. Out came the scalpel again to clean up the edges of the original incision. The hole in my neck got larger. This time rather than needle and thread, glue was used to close the edges. Once again, a little band aid was put over it.

By that evening the glue had already given way and the wound was now open and bleeding again. I sent a photo to my doctor, and he called me on the phone to discuss what to do. "Perhaps the best thing to do would be to do nothing!" We would let nature take its course. We would just allow the new healthy skin tissue to grow back, cleaning and re-bandaging daily. No swimming until fully healed! So sad. "Just smear a little antibiotic cream on it and hope for the best. The scar will be huge of course," my doctor prophesied.

The lesson in all of this? Healing happens as it happens. I believe in healing miracles and that all healing is miraculous! Whether the healing is slow or instant, it is a miracle to be sure! It happens in God's time and way. Needle and thread or glue is not healing; it is craftiness. It can help in healing, but it does not do the healing. In the end, we heal because we were designed by God to be healed. And, we do not mind carrying the scars as little badges of grace.

Whatever is hurting or oozing junk in your life, know that God wants it to be fully healed. That is God's plan. Not all miracles are instant. Healing takes a while and can mean covering our wounds for a time. It may mean giving up swimming regularly, too. But, it will happen. Let us be patient for God's miracles.

Aloha ke Akua, Pastor Olaf



Scriptures and Sermons for June

Summer Travel Plans for St. Paul

June 1 Acts 1:6-11

"Pre-Pentecost"

June 8 Acts 2:1-13

"Pentecost"

June 15 Acts 13:1-12

**"Filling Up For the
Trip"**

June 22 Acts 14:8-20

"Hurt and Healing"

June 29 Acts 13:13, 15:36-41

"Going Separate Ways"

July 6 Acts 17:16-27, 32-33

"Going to Mars-Hill"

This summer we will join Saint Paul on his European adventures, following him on all three mission trips! Do not forget to pack your swimming gear and first aid travel kit!



The **Tuesday morning Bible Study** group meets in Baird Hall at 9 am to discuss the Scripture for the upcoming Sunday sermon. Come share your inspirations and insights with the Pastor. Everyone is welcome



Mahalo

A great *mahalo nui loa* to Kev, Dave, Wan, Rob, Jared, Olaf, and Kathy who came early at the crack of egg on Mother's Day Sunday to prepare an incredible brunch for the church ohana. Highest regard to Jared for his homemade sourdough waffles and Rob for his homemade whole wheat pancakes! Thank you to all who came, stayed, and drank out the

entire coffee urn!

Calendar Notes:

Don't forget to wear red on June 8th for Pentecost!

Worship Leaders

Lay Reader: Kimberly Hoeckmann-Percival

Deacon: Helen Hoeckmann-Percival

June Deacons: Joy Whitehill, Skylar Kagawa

Church Council Meeting: June 8, at 11:30 via Zoom Hybrid

Helen Masaki; Irwin Oyama, back pain; Melissa B., cancer recovery; Susie Somers, cancer recovery; Ruth's daughter, Carol Alvesos (brain tumor); Mike Matutino, cancer recovery; Leinani Springer, cancer recovery; Galen Kaohi, cancer recovery; Norma Watanabe cancer recovery; Sue's friend Martha for Cancer recovery; Jared's father (stroke); Lucia's son Michael for healing; Mahea's mother (stroke); Helen's mother (heart); Kristen to fight infection; Rob Carlson; Beth Hanashiro (ulcer); An end finally to the pandemic; Healthcare workers; Those suffering from spiritual distress; Our local, state, and national leaders, our men and women in the military fighting terrorism, and a speedy end to wars everywhere.

Calendar Notes

June 8th Mahealani Moon Music Summer Praise Kanakapila, Sunday,, at 6pm at Hanapepe Hawaiian Congregational UCC (3815 Hanapepe Road) Bring your Ukuleles! See the flyer in the narthex for more information.

June 11, Wednesday 9am at Stone Church History Tour of Waimea

June 13-14 HCUCC Aha Pae 'Aina at Kapaa (Statewide UCC annual meeting) Our church will be responsible for providing desserts on Friday Evening for the "Taste of Kauai" event. Please sign up in the narthex or call in your baked items!

June 15th after worship ¡Barra de Nachos para el Día del Padre! Nacho Bar for Father's Day!

June 25 6pm Pseghetti Night for da Keiki "Jonah"

Aha Pae Aina

We are looking for a few **volunteers** to serve in the following roles during the upcoming Aha Pae'āina

Greeters at Kapa'a UCC –this is a sit-down role under a tent (I think!) Greet delegates and guests, answer questions

Directors – 2 – 3 people at Kapa'a UCC and Kapa'a 1st Hwn. Direct people to various activities

Beverages & snacks – 2 people in shifts throughout the day making sure there are beverages and snacks available throughout the day.

If you are able to volunteer, or just want to come and do “whatever is needed,” please let Pastor Cheri Dennis (Lihue Christian Church) know.

News from the Pews

✴ Ryan has written a new book about the WWII Japanese Zero crash on Niihau. You can link here to read about and order it

https://www.amazon.com/Forbidden-Island-Ryan-Mitchel-Collins-ebook/dp/B0F74RQ83C?ref=ast_author_dp

✴ Congratulations to Kevin and Kay on the announcement of another child on the way! Blessings on the entire family!

✴ Record-breaking standing-room-only Waimea Canyon Middle School Bible Club with well over a hundred in attendance on May 8th to hear the Bethel University Chorale sing!



✴ Congratulations to Skye for being in the theatre production of “Aladdin.”

✴ –Congratulations to Jared Morsey for being authorized and certified to perform sacraments in worship at any of our churches on-island at the Kauai Association UCC's Aha Mokupuni at Koloa UCC. Unfortunately for us, this may mean that we see less of him as he ministers at other churches now.

✴ – Great job! Kim has snagged work in the County Clerk's office! Please see her if you have any complaints about the government (ha ha ha).

✴ Hana hou, hana hou! Phoebe and Helen H-P lead the song “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” at the Aha Mele of the KAUCC gathering in Koloa.



✴ Congratulations to Phoebe for completing her term as the Kauai State Council of Hawaiian Churches secretary.

✴ Pastor Olaf noticed at the Regency Pua Kea's game room a bridge table with only three players instead of four. On the table a hand of cards was displayed at the fourth position. “It is a ‘dummy’ hand,” one of the players noted. “If you would like to sit down with us, you could be our ‘dummy’!” (ho, ho, ho)

✴ Blessings on Mahea and Jared as they travel to California for Jared's nephew's graduation. Soon thereafter, Jared will run a 100k marathon! (Yes, 64 miles)

✴ Farewell to Wan, the exchange student from Malaysia staying with the pastor's family. We hope you find a good dominoes group at home in KL!

Reminder: If you are using the headphones for hearing impaired in the sanctuary, the LED light must show RED. Hold the “power” button for two seconds to turn on. It will automatically come on to the RED channel. If you press the power button again, it may switch channels, just keep pressing the power button until the RED channel shows again.

Hau'oli la Hanaui!

June

11th Joanne Parongao
19th June Woodall
21st .Lucia Laidlaw
25th Susie Somers
26th Merrick Bachman
30th Graceleanor Baird



Talk Stories

Our next selection is *The Banned Bookshop of Maggie Banks* by Shauna Robinson. We will meet June 22nd at a place to be determined. Helen Heockmann-Percival will host. Protagonist Maggie Banks is currently “between jobs” so she agrees to help run a bookstore in a small town that is well known as the home of a famous writer. The bookstore celebrates this author by offering nothing written in the current century and having mostly books written by this (now deceased) author. This is a fun read. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion,

◆
DOMINOES
TUESDAY, 7-9 PM
AT BAIRD HALL
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