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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.

Waimea United Church of Christ

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Sunday Morning Worship,
10 am

Tuesday Morning Bible
Study, 9 am



THE CONNECTION

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“Chack, chack–chack, chack, chack, scraaaape. . . .” the three-ton jackhammer shakes the church office from across the street.

Dear Brothers and “chack, chack, chack” Sisters in Christ, You surely will have noticed the black construction fencing across from the church on Tsuchiya Road. What are they constructing, you ask? And who are they? Waimea High School is simply preparing the area for a small parking lot to be paved. You might then ask yourself why all the noise? The ground was already relatively flat. Why not just bring in the asphalt and a steamroller and be done with it?

As it turns out, the former Japanese school teachers' cottages used to stand there. Their old foundations apparently need to come out. What's more, a cement-lined cesspool also needs to be extracted piece-by-piece. The original foundation to a lime kiln from the time of the construction of our sanctuary must be uprooted. An ancient stone retaining wall that predates European contact is being extricated. What appeared to be a vacant dirt lot has a lot of history under it. Or had. . . .”chack, chack. . .chackie chack.”

Adding to the incessant thumping of the jackhammer, I hear the steel caterpillar tracks of the excavator, the diesel roar of the dump trucks, and all of the various “back-up warnings” that beep, ding, and make a curious noise that sounds like a duck quacking while being strangled. On school days the cacophony is further augmented by tires screeching while students burn rubber out of class, loud hip-hop music, and the screams of a fight or two, then the sirens.

My respite from this jarring din comes on the Lord's Day. I hear the birds singing in the trees once again. The chickens roister. My goodness, the geckos are puckering. The babies are cooing. The keiki are laughing. “Alohas” are soaring through the air. Bach is alive on the organ. Angelic voices are singing heavenly harmonies. The Word of God is opened and spoken over eager ears.

In the quietude of taking communion Jesus' own voice is heard, telling us that we will be healed. We hear our own thoughts being quieted as the Spirit whispers wisdom and glory. In the Presence of God we savor sweet silence in prayer. Why is not every day a Sunday?

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Scriptures and Sermons for June 2026

- June 7 James 4:13-17 **“Plans for Tomorrow”**
- June 14 James 5:1-12 **“Gold Rust”**
- June 21 James 5:13-20 **“The Prayer of Faith”**
- June 28 1 Peter 1:1-12 **“The Living Hope”**
- July 5 1 Peter 1:13-20 **“Be Holy”**

We will be wrapping up the sermon series on the Letter of James soon and then continuing on with a summertime pilgrimage with Peter: “Camino de Pedro” or “Pilgrim Pete.” We had so much fun going on vacation with Saint Paul last summer, now it is time to journey along with Paul’s cohort Peter for an equally exciting roadtrip. Yes, we will even have maps in the Sunday bulletin again!



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.

Calendar Notes:

Wednesday, June 3rd at 5:30pm will be the next Pseghetti Night for da keiki! It will be **“beach nite,”** so please make sure swim outfits or clothes that can get wet are worn.

June 21st is Father’s Day. Fellowship Committee will roast all the fathers with chili dogs.

Mahalo:

Super mahalos for the gentlemen who helped to prepare, cook, and clean up the Mothers Day brunch: Olaf, Jared, Don, Mike, Ethan, Kaleo, Kevin, and honorary guy Kathy. Mike is the best pan-scrubber on the island by far!



Worship Leaders

Lay Reader: Aina Miranda

Deacon: Marcha Kiest

June Deacons: Helen Hoeckmann-Percival, Marsha Kiest

Church Council Meeting: June 14th at 11:30 am via Zoom hybrid

James Hoyle, Rest in Peace; Simon Sakai, recovery from diving accident;

Yuki Okino, heart;

Bradford Afong;

Gia, recovering from broken neck;

Natalie for bone marrow match,

cancer; Marilyn surgery; Helen

Ueno,

Masaki; Irwin Oyama, back pain; Robert Medieros surgery 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.



Summer Craft & Science Classes

A weekly art and science camp for kids from ages 5-13 will be held at Waimea UCC Community Hall every Wednesday from June 10-July 29 (8:30-12:30 am). Every session will include 2-3 projects that will engage students in learning Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. The cost is \$25.00 per session. For more information contact Ms. Kim at (808)634-7647.

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Hau'oli la Hanau!

June

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



Talk Stories

Cinthy Kagawa will be hosting June's selection, *The Phone Booth at the Edge of the World* by Laura Imai Messina. A novel about grief, mourning and joy inspired by a real disconnected "wind" phone booth in Japan where those who have lost loved ones call them. The central character has suffered the loss of her mother and daughter in the March 2011 Tsunami. The book is described as heartbreaking and heartwarming. June 21st at 3:00 pm is the meeting date.

News from the Pews

- ♥ The Sunday school keiki are now always wanting grape juice after church to make their own "communion," as they have come to call it. No little cups for them though; they want the tall cups!
- ♥ Blessings on all the hands that were painted on and otherwise helped to create the "Malama Mama" string art altar piece for Mothers Day.
- ♥ What a wonderful celebration for the 200th anniversary of the Governor's Palace (Church Parsonage). The weather was perfect; the Hawaii String Quartet was astounding; the cake and pupus tasted great; the lecture and county proclamation were highly educational. Thank you Kay for taking professional pictures of the event.
- ♥ Vicki M. completed her Irish trek with great joy and plenty Guinness.
- ♥ Teri is in So. Cal. with her son Simon in hospital after his diving injury. We are sending all our love and prayers for healing.
- ♥ Great news that Susie's latest PET scan showed marked improvement in the treatment.
- ♥ We received a thank you card from some of the youth on Oahu that attended the Spring Youth Retreat at Waimeke in Kokee: "Thank you so much for organizing our stay on Kauai. We're really grateful for everything you did to make it such a special experience. It meant a lot to us to try new things, step out of our comfort zones, and grow closer to each other. Most of all, thank you for giving us the opportunity to strengthen our relationship with God. This trip is something we'll always remember. Love, Eli, Zeke, Kasie, Daxon and Aria."
- ♥ Jared & Mahea are fostering a newborn baby again. Blessings on their ministry to the most vulnerable. Travel mercies as they make a quick run to California for a nephew's graduation, too.
- ♥ We remember fondly our brother in Christ James Hoyle who passed naturally unto the Lord last month.
- ♥ Great to see Elaine Halliday with us for two Sundays in May as she was back on island.
- ♥ Brad is also back with us on island, Yeah!
- ♥ Jackie M. had a wonderful but brief trip to Japan, coming home a bit sick though.
- ♥ Helen H-P made a trek back to Kentucky to meet one of her favorite chefs.
- ♥ Blessings on Melissa C. for being elected to serve on the Waimeke Committee of the Kauai Association UCC.
- ♥ Sammi C. broke her foot while ice skating on Oahu. That did not stop her from singing in the WCMS concert! We pray for fast healing.
- ♥ Chris C. also broke his foot in an unrelated twist of fate. Get better!
- ♥ Mitch and Sharon's house was hit by a falling rock from the cliffside, but thankfully no one was injured. Now there is a big hole in the roof.
- ♥ Kaleo is offering a gift trip to Las Vegas in a lottery fundraiser for his basketball team! Please buy a ticket to help.
- ♥ Rob Kojima came to share worship on May 17th, here for his 50th Waimea High Schoolreunion!
- ♥ Blessings on all those who wore red on Pentecost Sunday. Of course, with all the red dirt in Waimea, it must always be Pentecost.
- ♥ Please note that Pastor Olaf and Helen will be off-island from June 11-13 at the Hawaii Conference UCC annual meeting (Aha Pae Aina) on Oahu.

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“Chack, chack, chack, chack!” Monday mocks the Sabbath rest. At least for that special moment in worship we found our peace with God.

By-the-bye, if my office door is closed during the week, I may still be inside. The closed door is to block the noise. Go ahead and peek in to be sure!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Olaf

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DOMINOES
TUESDAY, 7-9 PM
AT BAIRD HALL



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