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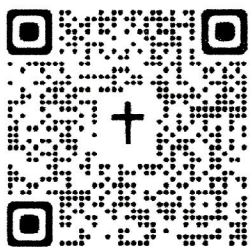
***WAIMEA UNITED  
CHURCH OF CHRIST***  
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**Sunday Morning Worship  
Service, 10 a.m.**  
**Tuesday Morning Bible  
Study, 9 a.m.**



# THE CONNECTION

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Last month I was in the air about going to my niece's wedding in Los Angeles; that is, first in the air to Honolulu and from there in the air to Los Angeles. I started off by taking the Kauai bus to Lihue airport. That was my fist connection. In Waimea there were so many youth getting on the bus after school that I was very fortunate to get on and find a seat in the back with my luggage. They all got off in Eleele, and so for the rest of the trip the bus was more or less my private taxi ride.

I made the connection through Honolulu at the old inter-island Terminal B. The next flight left from the brand new gate extension in Terminal A. The way to get there was blocked by construction, so I had to go around and finally made it in time as the plane was already boarding. The over-night flight took off on time, and I landed on time in LA.

I had the rental van pick-up scheduled for 9am. I was right on time at the counter and had just enough time to run to the bakery at the local Ralph's supermarket to grab doughnuts and drinks before heading back to the airport to pick up my daughter Carolyn and her husband Christ at 9:40, plus gate time to the curb.

Eating doughnuts in the van, we headed out for an appointment at the Getty Malibu Villa, the world renowned collection of classical antiquities. I had tried for months to get tickets (cannot just show up) and had them for 10:30am. We made the window to get in after being held up in traffic on the Pacific Coast Highway.

After viewing all the wonders of ancient Greece and Rome, and having a lovely lunch on their new patio area, the three of us were back to LAX to pick up Helen and Kim, flying in from Texas. Bad traffic on the 405 Freeway matched the delay for a gate on the tarmac so that we met up perfectly timed actually.

Now we were back on the freeway, eating snacks in the van, to reach our Air BNB rental house, check in at 5pm. Despite the unusually heavy traffic on the 105 Freeway, we were able to land on the Eastside of LA very much right on time again.

The weekend continued in this manner of making connections, to get to the wedding on time, to get to church on Sunday morning with Pastor Mitchell in Montebello (had to mention that), meeting family for dinner at El Cholo's Mexican Restaurant, meeting friends for the Korean BBQ, and lastly getting everyone back on flights home again.

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## Scriptures and Sermons for May

- May 1 Luke 7:11-17  
"After the Missile"
- May 8 Luke 7:18-35  
"Those Born of Women"
- May 15 Luke 7:36-50  
"Hair Drying"
- May 22 Luke 8:1-15  
"Honest, Good Heart"
- May 29 Luke 8:16-25  
"Lamp Undercover"
- June 5 Luke 8:26-39  
"Crazy Man"



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:

**The Kauai Association Aha Mele** (sponsored by the State Council of Hawaiian Churches) will be live and in person: **Friday, May 13th, 6pm** for food and 7pm singing, at the **Kapaa First Hawaiian Church**.

**Graduation Parking Evangelism** will be Friday, **May 20th**, starting at **5:30pm**. We need parkers and cookies, please. See pastor Olaf.

"**Jesus in the Hood**" car ministry outreach will be Sunday, **June 5th**, after worship. We will be celebrating the church van's 20th birthday then, too!

**June 5th** is Pentecost Sunday. Remember to **wear red** in church in honor of the "tongues of fire" resting on us as the Holy Spirit came down to the early church.

**June 14-18th** will be the **Aha Pae Aina** of the Hawaii Conference UCC. We can send two delegates in person, one being the pastor, and the meetings are also online this year in hybrid fashion. *See Pastor for details.*

## Worship Leaders

Lay Reader: **Margarete Kagawa**

Deacon: **Joy Whitehill**

May Deacons: **Mahea Morsey, David Somers, Beth Hanashiro**

Church Council Meeting: **May 15, 2022 @ 11:30—via Zoom/Hybrid**



Susie Somers, cancer recovery; Dr. Fukino, cancer recovery; Jill Faye, cancer recovery; Mike Matutino, cancer recovery; Janice's friend

Ron, cancer recovery; Leinani Springer, cancer recovery; Galen Kaohi, cancer recovery; Norma Watanabe cancer recovery; Jared's father (stroke); Lucia's son Michael for healing; Mahea's mother (stroke); Cindy's mother (grief); Helen's mother (heart); Priscilla's mother (heart); Gladys Okada (blindness); Kristen to fight infection; Robert Medeiros knees; Sue Carlson (hip replacement recovery); Rob Carlson; Beth Hanashiro (headaches); 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.

We mourn the loss of Mary Watanabe and send consolations to the family. She had suffered much through the pain of cancer but is now happily with the Lord in heaven.



**May 8th** after worship. (Men need to be in the kitchen at 8:40am to prepare and set up, please.)

Pancakes, sausage, eggs, fruit, orange juice, coffee!

Sunday Evening Bible Study continues in the book of Philippians. 6 pm on every Second and Fourth Sundays!

# Hau'oli la Hanau!

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| May 2  | Priscilla Aguilar |
| May 4  | Victor Aguilar    |
| May 9  | Jean Thompson     |
| May 12 | Marlene Matutino  |
| May 13 | Ted Snyder        |
| May 18 | Ellie Snyder      |
| May 20 | Diane Foulks      |
| May 20 | Patty Snyder      |
| May 20 | Ellen Thompson    |
| May 23 | Tom Montanus      |
| May 27 | Kimberly Aguilar  |
| May 30 | Irwin Oyama       |



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## Mahalo

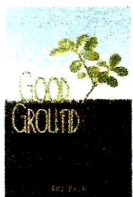
Thank you to youth missionary Jared for preaching this last month while pastor was away. To finish the sermon illustration, yes, Jared got his phone back while serving in the Amazon (the river basin, not the online retailer).

Thank you to all who came out for the Easter Sunrise service, and especially for the sun being there too. Did anybody notice the fellowship on Easter included deviled eggs and hot cross buns. The whole Easter story was playing out on our plates. (Thanks to those who provided the fellowship!)

Thank you to all of your special giving in April! We raised over \$1,200 for the One Great Hour of Sharing national offering for overseas missions. And, at two special Easter Services we raised over \$500 for the Kokua Fund at Nana's House here in Waimea!

Thank you to Brad Afong for bringing a new Little Tikes play kitchen to the children's nursery room. The infants are now prepared to cook the Mothers' Day brunch!

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**Book Club** –May's selection is *Good Ground* by Tracy Winegar. Jim, a subsistence tobacco farmer, loses his wife during childbirth in 1908. He is given the opportunity to raise an orphaned child. He instills in this child his values of hard work and humility.

## News From da Pews

Joanne Watanabe shares that when the pastor preaches in the Sanctuary, she turns her hearing aids down because he preaches too strong.

Pastor David from the Honolulu Conference Office was supposed to preach on May 1st; however, that needed to be rescheduled. Stay tuned for when he will be able to share the Word with us in the future.

Congratulations to Chris Cook for his recently published book *No Kahiki Mai* in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Tahitian mission to Hawaii! Did you know there was such a thing? You can read it as it is now in the church library rack in the narthex.

Lucia and Georgette have left us for Canada again. We will miss them, especially at the game night dominoes table.

If you are looking for the bathroom keys at the church, please know that "they" are now an "it." The doorhandles to the bathrooms have been updated to match the rest of the new construction, and the one key now opens both the men's and the women's sides! Who says life cannot get easier!

The last few Sundays we have been running out of paper bulletins because of unexpectedly high numbers in worship. Please note that the worship program is always online at the church website, top navbar, "Program." Our keyboardist Lee Miller always uses the online version, and that is why it looks like he is always on his phone during worship. Ha ha.

Liturgists needed! Please sign up in the Narthex if you can read this!

Families are created by love and nurturing. Deborah Santmyer will host on May 15, 2022 via Zoom.

Teri Sakai will host June's selection, *Midwife for the Souls: Spiritual Care for the Dying* by Kathy Kalina.

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I think back on this whirlwind of connections (446 miles driven in 3 days around LA), and realize that in order to get where you want to be to meet others, you have to know exactly where you are at! And, how long it will take to reach where you want to be. This is the same thing for our faith journey and reaching out to others. First, know where you are in your own faith. Second, map out how to reach the place you want to be with others. Third, have doughnuts and drinks ready because you never know when the path will be slowed or blocked. God usually has some other route planned out for you: be ready for the contingencies.

Glad to be back on Kauai! Pastor Olaf

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**DOMINOES**  
**TUESDAY, 7-9 PM**  
**AT BAIRD HALL**  
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