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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.

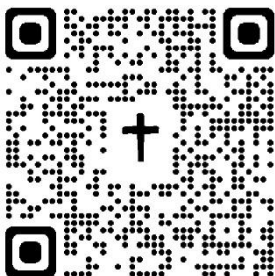
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Sunday Morning Worship,
10 am
Tuesday Morning Bible
Study, 9 am



THE CONNECTION

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Suddenly the drought is riven. The petrachor is wafting around my head. The dry hardpacked soil crumbles dark then muds underfoot. The long-forgotten seed awakens and sprouts. Kauai recreates verdant once more. Tall blades of ruffling clumpgrass flash in the sun as the afternoon breeze cools. A one-quarter rainbow holding up a dark cloud in the morning greets the colors of blossoming purple ruellia.

I cannot recall ever experiencing a longer drought on this island. We had been watering only some trees in the hope to keep their roots alive. Not all the trees survived. Some still need critical care. We had to put off planting the Fall vegetables. I turned the soil just after the first paltry downpour, but finding four inches of moisture somehow. I was so thankful for just enough.

We just finished our sermon series on "Saint Paul's Summer Vacation." When I think back on Paul's days in ministry and all that he went through, I see that he somehow always had just enough to get through. Even when he went to the Church in Corinth and was forced to take up tentmaking in order to eat because the church would not support him, he had enough to minister as the Lord needed. Later he wrote the church in Corinth these words (2 Cor. 9:8) "God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

The very faith lesson of Jesus at the Feeding of the Five Thousand (MT 14) is that there is always just enough, no matter how little you have, and that God will give some leftovers as a sign of heavenly grace as well. I will always think how wonderful it is that someone left those three leaves of lettuce from the dinner the night before in the fridge just for me!

I know that we are all supposed to focus on how God provides for us abundantly. Just maybe the concept of "abundance" has become exaggerated by credit card companies and retailers. Having just enough is really the promise God gives us. When Adam and Eve fled Eden, God provided clothes for them in their newly experienced shame—not a weekly wardrobe, just enough skins to cover their own skin. God will cover you. Whatever the need.

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Scriptures and Sermons for November

- Nov 2 Genesis 39:21-40:23
"Basket Case"
- Nov 9 Genesis 41:1-
"Appointment"
- Nov 16 Genesis 42:1-28
"Letting Go of Hurt"
- Nov 23 Genesis 45:1-3, 16-20
"Enjoy Fat of the Land"
- Nov 30 Isaiah 2:1-5
"No Learn War No More"
- Dec 7 Isaiah 11:1-10
"Spirit Shall Rest on Him"



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

NEW WAY TO GIVE! The church's on-line giving platform has recently been changed to "Tithely." The previous service provider is in the process of changing its business model, and we were "de-platformed." If you had previously set up monthly automatic giving with the church, please go back to our website org, click-on "On-Line Giving Form" as you had previously done to set up regular giving. You will also now have more functionality with being able to use Apple Pay, Venmo, and Paypal as well as regular bank accounts or credit cards. You will also be able to choose special offerings, such as One Great Hour of Sharing, the Christmas Fund, etc. At the bottom of the on-line form, you can now choose to cover the processing costs to save the church, too. Thank you for updating your on-line pledge!

Worship Leaders

Lay Reader: Helen Hoeckmann-Percival

Deacon: Marsha Kiest

November Deacons: Helen Hoeckmann-Percival, Jared Morsey

Church Council Meeting: November 9th at 11:30 am via Zoom hybrid



Jackie, eye surgery; Natalie for bone marrow match, cancer; Marilyn Ueno, surgery; Helen Masaki; Irwin Oyama, back pain; Robert Medieros surgery recovery; Susie Somers, recovery; Ruth's daughter,

cancer
 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:

KAUCC Waineke Cabins workday scheduled for **November 7 and 8th**. We offer a free night stay on Friday and meals on Saturday. See Pastor if you like go!

Kauai Association UCC **"Fall Aha Mokupuni"** will be at the Lihue United Church (Behind King Auto) on Sunday, **Nov. 16th at 3pm**. All are welcome to attend.

Please join in a **Thanksgiving Day Worship Service** along with our brothers and sisters from the Waimea Baptist Church **10:00am Thursday 27 November**. Bring a potluck item to share. We will meet on the Smith Lanai at our church.

Hauoli la Hanau!

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4th Mart Vidinha
9th Elaine Ganeko
12th Nelson Keller Jr.
19th Christopher Aguilar
20th Shelly Erdmann
27th Hana Christian
28th Sue Carlson



News from the Pews

- ♥ The last two weeks of September, Helen M. won at dominos two weeks in a row!
 - ♥ Congratulations are in order. And, Owen brought a bag full of Butterfingers to the games if you are wondering why the dominos are all covered with chocolate.
 - ♥ Kathy U. had her second successful eye surgery.
 - ♥ Would you like to ring bells for the Salvation Army? Click here: [com](#)
 - ♥ Jared M. told the story of how one day his father found \$300 stuck in the pages of a hotel room's Bible. He also once found \$50 in a theological work at YWAM. It pays to read the Word of God.
 - ♥ Happy postings to Berenice W. who is starting work with the USPS. Say hi to Marina & Vicki for us!
 - ♥ Kudos to Hana C. for dancing in the hula hinano hoike at the convention center!
 - ♥ Great to see Lucia and Georgette in worship the first week of October. They were here for a family memorial and will be back next month for a longer stay.
 - ♥ Pastor Olaf advises that when "Cash" the dog comes to worship, being such a good Christian dog, that we should all be careful not to use the command "heel" with him. "Cash" may push us over and lay paws on us for healing!
 - ♥ Rick F. shoulder surgery was successful, and he is now in physical therapy—not allowed to drive yet.
 - ♥ Jackie's eye surgery went well, and she is now recovering, face down as is required.
- ♥ In Tuesday morning Bible study Melissa B. shared that when she was in hospital, she saw a zebra painted on the waiting room wall and knew she would be healed because "By His stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)
 - ♥ Congratulations to Kev & Kay on the birth of baby boy Luke Kevin Christian!
 - ♥ We will be christening baby Kingston in worship on 30th of November, first Sunday of Advent.
 - ♥ Amy U. came to visit from Los Angeles! Welcome home! Looking great!
 - ♥ Congrats to Jared on his new (used) pick-up truck—double cab and loaded!
 - ♥ Emily & Julia Evans came back to Kauai to visit the latest addition to the Evans/Alavarez family, another baby boy!
 - ♥ Diane F. reads the pastor's sermons on-line ahead of Sunday and then chooses the musical themes for the organ prelude, postlude, and offertory. For instance, on the Sunday Pastor preached on Joseph's dreams (Genesis 37), she chose to play "Werde munter, mein Gemüte; by Johann Rist. This translates roughly as "I will awaken what I have felt." The music felt like waking out of a dream! We are so blessed.
 - ♥ Did Pastor actually go through the trouble of memorizing the final soliloquy of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream for his sermon? Nah, he had to memorize it for a class in 1977!



Pic from Spook-ghetti night

- ♥ Dr. Ke'ao Nesmith gives a lecture on Waimea History at the stone church sanctuary.



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Now we are churning through the story of Joseph in the Old Testament. Remember how his “coat of many colors” that had produced such jealousy in his brothers was taken from Joseph and torn to shreds. God cared for Joseph and loved him all of his days. Joseph did not need the colorful coat—nor do we! I ask for just enough. I am thankful for just enough in my life. This is my faith and the glory of God’s mission in the name of Christ, who always lived as a pauper.

Thank You for giving me what I need and not what I want. Pastor Olaf

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DOMINOES
TUESDAY, 7-9 PM
AT BAIRD HALL
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November's book club selection is ***Miss Eliza's English Kitchen*** by Annabel Abbs. Diane Foulks will host on November 16, 2025.

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