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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 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
10:00 am

Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:00 am

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Recently I was invited to come out to look at a vehicle that would not start. The car had been in the garage for a long time. So, it was suspected that the battery needed to be recharged. It was put on a trickle charge overnight. The next morning the vehicle still would not start. Since I always carry an electrical multi-tester with me in the church van, I could verify that the battery was showing a full charge above the twelve volt standard. As a matter of fact, the battery was showing 13.7 volts when not connected to the car.

When the terminals were attached, the battery voltage dropped to 6.3 volts. The battery had more than enough voltage, but it was lacking amperes. A battery must have both in order to turn over the motor. Volts times amperes is how we rate power (watts). As this vehicle was an eight cylinder, the starter motor would have drawn around 600 amps. But, the battery had volts with no amps. It was not going anywhere. I could bang on the starter motor out of frustration, but that trick could not work with no amps!

With a new battery, hence a fresh source for amps, the car turned over easily. I was offered cookies and banana bread with coffee for my troubles. Yummy.

In life, sometimes we have the volts: the trickle of faith that comes from Sunday school, regular worship, and reading the Word. Yet, our amps are failing. We are just not feeling the spiritual push that will move our motor, turn us over, and get us on the road.

In the Gospel before Jesus sends out His Twelve Disciples into the world to minister, He lays hands on them and passes His "power" to them. The word is δύναμιν "dynamic" in the Greek from Luke 9. Even though the Twelve have been hearing Jesus' sermons and experiencing the miracles, Jesus gets them amped up to go out to reach others. They had the volts, and now they had the amps to match.

In the Book of Revelation, chapter 21, we finally see the end of the road for our earthly lives as we are carried by the Spirit into heaven. "In the Spirit carried away. . . ." Then we are walking streets of gold. That just gets me amped! May the Spirit give us all the amps we need!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Olaf

In Need of Prayers

- Diane Foulks, cancer recovery
- Yuki Okino, heart
- Bradford Afong
- Gia, recovering from broken neck
- Natalie for bone marrow match, cancer
- Helen Masaki
- Irwin Oyama, back pain
- Robert Medeiros 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, baby Montana grandniece
- 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.

What's on the Calendar?

WORSHIP LEADERS

Head Deacon of the month is Marlene Matutino

Liturgist will be Berenice Wagner

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Morning Bible Study - Tuesdays, 9am in Baird Hall

Dominoes - Mondays, 7-9pm in Baird Hall

CALENDAR NOTES

- **November 1st at 3pm will be ✝️The Kauai Association of the United Church of Christ✝️** Fall ***Aha Mokupuni*** at the Hanapepe UCC (across from the library) on that Sunday. The theme will be "For All the Saints," as it is All Saints Day, too. Please see Pastor Olaf if you can help with set up and break down for this event.
- 🍂**Thanksgiving Service of Worship and Fellowship**🍂 to take place on Thanksgiving Day at 10am. Please bring a dish to share! Karen Dickenson will sing a solo!
- 🎄**Hanging of the Greens**🎄 for the start of Advent will happen on November 29th after church. We will decorate the Christmas tree then.

- ☑️**No forget to vote with love!**☑️ Keep your faith in Jesus in mind. Luke sincerely, Mark accordingly, Acts responsibly.
- **Church Council Meeting:** November 8th, 2026, at 11:30 via Zoom hybrid
- **Book Club will meet on November 15th at 3pm, place TBD.** We will be discussing the book "I Take My Coffee Black" by Tyler Merritt. Hosted by Jackie Matsumura.
- 💡**Lights out for shearwaters starting in November!**💡 Please be careful if you are at church at night. Bring your own flashlight as the outside lights will be dimmed to save the fledglings.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS!

–Heartfelt condolences to the Sakai family for the loss of Ken and Teri's son Simon. A celebration of life paddle out is tentatively planned for November, 27th.

–The Christian Family was in Korea last month. Now they are home and Hana is back to her old job of using the blower to sweep after fellowship.

–Ryan & Elyse moved to Kekaha. Blessings on your new home!

–Welcome home Sue and Rob! We missed you soooo much. And, happy healing after Rob's eye surgery.

–Thank you Olaf and Helen for shoveling sand at Salt Pond along with 1400 other volunteers.

–Welcome Jun and Jacob to our fellowship.

–Jared and Mahea have another new foster baby! Now two at a time! Cheaper by the dozen!

–Joanne W. has learned how to play blackjack at the Regency Pua Kea!

–Dankeschoen to Pastor Olaf for his Oktoberfest apfelstrudel during aloha time after church, and mahalos to everyone who brings a treat to share with others!

–Aina turned sweet sixteen last month! Congratulations. Hand her the keys.

–Heartfelt condolences to the Lautej Family, Pastor Inok of the Marshallese church, for the passing of his wife Rumina.

–Comfort and care to the Watanabe Family at the passing of Nobue at the age of 97.

TALK STORY

Thank you from Pastor Kinchi of the Waimea Marshallese Church. The music is playing again. Our church raised $700 dollars for the Marshallese new sound equipment! Thank you for helping your neighbor Christians! ❤️

"RAISE THE ROOF" Fundraising Campaign 🏠

Hurricanes Lala, Lowell and Nolo damaged the roofs of the parsonage, garage, Baird Hall, and the two Elepaio houses**.** In the parsonage attic, one can view hundreds of pinhole streams of light. The outer composite roofing, felt, and even the shake underneath were lifted off. Yes, we have insurance; however, we have a deductible too. The total damage is $153,500 for all the structures. To cover the gap, we are asking for help with a special capital campaign. We are looking to raise $20,000. Please, "every shingle donor" can make a difference. (You can donate online through the church website, write a check; we will even accept cash.) Mahalo in advance, sincerely Your Church Council Members.

Marty Vidinha - Nov. 4
Elaine Ganeko - Nov. 9
Nelson Keller Jr. - Nov. 12
Chris Aguilar - Nov. 19
Hana Christian - Nov. 27
Sue Carlson - Nov. 28
Kaleo Miranda - Nov. 8
Shelly Erdmann - Nov. 20

SCRIPTURES and **SERMONS** for November

NOVEMBER 1ST	**Matthew 6:19-24 "Treasures"**
NOVEMBER 8TH	**Matthew 6:25-34 "Tomorrows"**
NOVEMBER 15TH	**Matthew 7:1-11 "Log Off"**
NOVEMBER 22ND	**Matthew 7:12-28 "Hear & Do"**
NOVEMBER 29TH	**Matthew 1:1-3, 16-17 "Genes"**
DECEMBER 6TH	**Matthew 2:1-12 "Lucid Dreaming"**

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