

# **THE CONNECTION**

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## ***From the Pastor's Desk...***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last month I had the opportunity to take a raft out to the Napali. We got to the one spot where we could get off the boat to go snorkeling. I have never been much for snorkeling, preferring to wear swim goggles and just holding my breath underwater so that I can dive deeper. As the captain gave the okay to go into the water, he told us that we were not to descend the ladder on the side but rather jump into the ocean. I stood up on the side of the zodiac and dove in headfirst. I was the first one off the raft. How wonderful it felt to be in the ocean with all the fish around me!

I looked back to the raft and noted to myself that everyone else who was coming off the boat jumped in feet-first. Some actually lowered themselves into the water quite slowly. Others were not coming into the water at all. I was the only one who had dived in headfirst.

Splash. Plunk. The others came into the water.

Headfirst, by the way, is really not headfirst. The first parts of the body to touch the water are the fingertips. The head is tucked small in between the arms to create as little drag as possible. The body is fully extended so that the water flows and curves around the body right down to the pointed toes of the feet. The water will seem to just swallow up the person with hardly being disturbed. The diver can control the depth of the dive by curling upward in the water. Of course, going in headfirst also means the energy of the dive can be used to propel the swimmer quite far.

Splash. Plunk. The last of the snorkel swimmers from the zodiac dumped themselves into the sea.

Two weeks ago we got official notice that the Boys & Girls Club will be giving up their lease on the Waimea Education Center building, the structure that is next to the White Church on Ola Road under the church's charge. A week later our Church Council determined that we should keep an after school program active in that edifice as a community outreach and mission. This is a great leap of faith on our part. We are diving headfirst into a new mission. This is not a timid feet-first splash. This is a controlled fingertip-first graceful dive with energy to move forward.

We have very little time to put a new after school program in motion. Please, everybody put in extra prayers for this purpose! We are applying for a grant for funds. We are asking for volunteers to help. We are looking for other groups to come in to help share this mission, inviting all of the Westside churches to be involved. We are hoping that Young Life (a Christian youth organization) will do great ministry with us. Pray. Pray. Pray! In we dive.

*Aloha ke Akua, Pastor Olaf*

*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.*

**Scripture & Sermon Titles  
September 2011**

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> Nehemiah 13:14-22  
"Rebuild"  
Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> Hosea 6:1-6  
"Repent"  
Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> Joel 2:28-32  
"God's Jealousy"  
Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> Amos 3:12; 8:1-6  
"In For A Penny, ..."  
Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> Obadiah 1:1-4  
"Prideful Gloating"

Starting in August, we will be looking into the lives of the minor prophets of the Bible right up to Malachi's foretelling of the coming of the Messiah! From that launching point we can then jump into Advent in the Fall, realizing how Christ's coming had been foretold for centuries.

The Tuesday morning Bible Study Group meets in Baird Hall at 9 a.m. This group studies the upcoming Sunday's scripture and sermon topic and gives input for the sermon. All are welcome to share in the lively discussion and prayer.

**EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

The Evening Bible Study and fellowship meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 6 pm. We are studying the book of Acts. Listen to announcements for the location each time.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOOK CLUB WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2011, AT 3 PM, AND WILL BE HOSTED BY SALLY MOLANDER. WE WILL DISCUSS THE BOOK "THE FRIDAY NIGHT KNITTING CLUB" BY KATE JACOBS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

**CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES**

Here is a summary of the August Church Council meeting:

- Kamehameha School student deputation team to be at Hanapepe Hawaiian Congregational UCC on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. We have been invited to attend a dinner.
- The Waimea Light Parade Committee has requested to draw power from the Club House to light trees in the little park below. The request will be granted.
- New owners next door to the church's Kekaha property started clearing and encroaching onto the church property. Pastor sent a letter requesting them to stop, and clarified the property lines.
- Two new garbage cans are now behind Baird Hall and three are in the cemetery. Garden Island Disposal has been notified that their services are no longer needed. James has designated a compost area in the community garden for green waste. Other trash will be taken to the parsonage for disposal.
- Thanks expressed to the wonderful quartet who sang on August 7: Margaret, Suzie, Lee, and Bill. Choir will start up again in September.
- Pastor is thinking of posting a link to our Waimea church website featuring video clips of special worship musical performances.
- The deacon of the month will be the point of contact for Pastor to inform him of when a church member needs encouragement for illness, misfortune, or loss of loved one. Deacons will make a concerted effort to work together to send a card, pay a visit, or extend caring in behalf of the church family.
- Grace shared that the food donated by the USDA is now locked up to comply with USDA regulations regarding storage. The Food Pantry has been assisting 40 to 50 families per month; the USDA has been providing food for only about 10 families.
- WUCC will celebrate the staff at Kauai Veteran's Memorial Hospital for their service to the community by serving coffee and baked goods to them on Sept. 8, 2011. Donations of baked goods are welcome.
- The Boys n' Girls Club have confirmed in writing that they will vacate the Christian Education building on Ola Road on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Meanwhile, Hoike Community TV, Kauai Bible Church, Young Life have all expressed an interest in renting the space. The council agreed by consensus that Pastor start talks with potential renters on behalf of the church. It is possible that multiple programs can utilize the property. It would be ideal to have programs in place at the Community Hall so there is not a complete stoppage of activities there. James Beardmore volunteered to start programs to fill the void. Pastor pointed out that we might need to create a paid 'Activities/Youth/Director' position, funding is available through grants. Pastor and James will work on drafting a plan for the programs including roles, responsibilities, and other venue usage details. Grace offered to provide food for occasional community meals, which could be held at the Community Hall.
- Sunday School will start up the Sunday after Labor Day, Sept. 11.

***"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day." - Mary Ann, age 4***



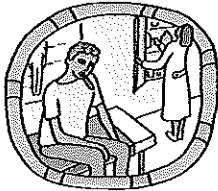
## SUNDAY SCHOOL START-UP!

Sunday, September 11th

9:00 am, Baird Hall

Mini Golf at Lawai Beach Resort and Lunch  
After Worship

A TIME OF APRECIATION TO THE STAFF AT KVMH  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2:30-3:30 pm AT KVMH



Coffee and Refreshments to be served to the Staff  
at the Hospital to thank them for their faithful  
service to the Community.

Donations of Cakes and Cookies are needed.

Volunteers are also needed to help set-up.

Please sign up in the Narthex, or see Pastor Olaf.

**'WE'VE GOT GOOD NEWS!' PLEASE COME TO A  
WORKSHOP ON EVANGELISM, HOSTED BY THE LIHUE  
UNITED CHURCH, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 6-8:30 PM**

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*COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKDAY: SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>. COME EARLY TO BEAT THE HEAT.*

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Cleaning out your closets? Please **DO NOT** take  
donations for the Rummage to the White Church. Bring  
them to the Rummage Sale rooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of  
the month.

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**WANT TO ENJOY SOME COOL MOUNTAIN AIR?**  
Join us for a workday at the Waineke cabins in Kokee on  
Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9 a.m. Bring  
cleaning and fixing tools and something to share at  
lunch. Talk to Teri or Helen if you want to carpool.



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There is a desire to landscape the area behind Baird Hall, with  
plant donations. If you would like to make a donation from your  
garden, in memory of someone, please see Grace Kamai or Helen  
H-P. We would love to "green" the space and make it pleasant to  
look at.



### The Church's Ministries

#### Food Pantry:

Distribution-Wed., Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>

Rummage Sale: Saturday,  
Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 - 11:30 a.m.

#### Quilting Group:

Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

#### Church Council Meeting:

Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

#### Finance Committee:

Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

#### September Lay Reader:

Teri Sakai

#### September Deacon:

Elsie Hegwood



### Our Prayers

For the Baird family (passing of  
Mary McKinney), Ueno family  
(passing of Sheila), the Douglas  
family (passing of Elmo); the  
Kamai family (passing of Grace's  
daughter, Kawai); Nora (passing  
of her brother, Loddy); Lois  
Somers (arm injury), Naoko  
Ogata (hip injury); Angela  
Yokotake (broken arm), Lynn,  
Susie Somers' sister; Robbie  
(Nora's son-in-law); Beth  
Hanashiro, Jean Thompson,  
Wayne (Lyndel Erdmann's  
brother), Satoe Oyama, Nobue,  
Kikui, Mary Watanabe, Ruth  
Cassel, Gladys Okada,  
Catherine Wilson, Nancy Jones,  
Jane Masukawa, Gayle  
Mizukami, Sue Metivier, Jim  
Kimoto, Nelson Keller, Frank  
Watanabe, our graduates, the  
youth in Waimea High School,  
Nora Vidinha, Michael, Lance;  
Michael Nizo, Veronica Botelho,  
Sosei Chinen, Selden Burtch,  
Verna Kauahi, Desiree Kamai-  
Santos, our local, state and  
national leaders and our troops  
overseas.



### FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Tuesday, 7-9 pm at Baird Hall.  
Come join in for all kinds of fun  
board games and refreshment.

No experience necessary!

*When Adam stayed out late a few nights, Eve became upset. "You're seeing other women," she charged. "You're being unreasonable," Adam replied. "You're the only woman on earth." They quarreled until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by someone poking him in the chest. It was Eve. "What are you doing?" Adam demanded. "Counting your ribs," said Eve.*

### KAUAI ASSOCIATION MEETING

This time is open to all UCC churches, to fellowship and share inspiration together.

**Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>  
6 p.m.**

**Lihue United Church  
Fellowship Hall**

*Pupus and beverages at 6pm  
Short Business meeting  
Program on Marshall Islands*

**Everyone is welcome.**  
*Carpooling is encouraged.  
Please see Pastor or  
Helen H-P if you need a ride*



### Broom & Mop Ministry



This ministry is open to everyone in the church. It involves only about 1-1 ½ hours every 2-3 months and only requires you to be able to dust, sweep, and mop. Our church needs to be ready every week to receive its family and guests, and we want to make sure that God's house always looks its best for Sunday. Please talk to Sally Molander, or sign up for a time on the calendar in the church narthex. Donations to the Church Cleaning Fund are also welcome. Mahalo

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