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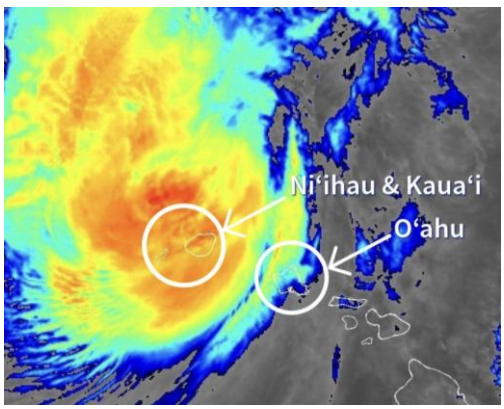
THE BREADFRUIT

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We are now following the state and county emergency management guidelines regarding inclement weather and other possible disasters. If Kauai EMA announces to stay off the roads, we will be cancelling service. Mahalo for your cooperation and understanding!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sundays
Breakfast Café 8:15-9:15 am
Worship 9:30 am
Kids Klub 8:30 am

10/4 – Kids Klub with Joan Fujimura

10/11 – Kids Klub with Pastor Cheri

10/18 – Kids Klub with Calvin Murashige

10/22 – Council Meeting

10/24 – Rice Street Block Party

10/25 – Kids Klub with Katie Kershner

Pastor's Message



Hoʻokuʻikahi:
Made Whole Between and Within

Ephesians 2:14 *"For He is our peace, in his flesh he has made both groups into one and had broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us."*

These are the grounding words for the recent Pastoral Leaders Retreat that I attended at Camp Mokulēʻia on Oʻahu's north shore. Mahalo LCC for giving me the time and funds to attend. The theme of the retreat was "Hoʻokuʻikahi: Made Whole Between and Within" based on the Ephesians passage above. Our speakers were Rev. Dr. Ray Aldred, a Cree theologian and Director of Indigenous Studies at Vancouver School of Theology. The other speaker was Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn Kehaunani Hill – better known to many of you as Kahu Nani Hill, who previously served as pastor of Kōloa Union Church.

These two speakers shared a wealth of knowledge from points of view so different from that of this white, western European female. Rev. Aldred brought a Cree understanding of God and Kahu Nani a Hawaiian understanding of God. In hearing their talkes, two things stood out as vastly different from my perspective. The first is the importance of story telling. The importance of sitting down, maybe at the table sharing food and stories. Jesus did this often with his disciples and his enemies. Take time to be present for each other, even if you are not best friends. Aldred named this story telling as sacred space. Can I understand story telling as sacred space?

The second thing that stood our for me is that reconciliation is ongoing. As chair of the Conference Justice and Witness Missional team, I want to complete the work of the Reconciliation Committee under the team's charge. But reconciliation is an ongoing event that may never be completed. And I, or we, must learn to live in the tension this brings and look forward to hearing the stories of the past that aren't comfortable to live with. We lean into the difficulties that reconciliation work brings because Jesus broke down the wall but we have to jump in to keep it down.

God's grace found us. Before we did anything, God loved us.
Before we crossed any bridge, Christ came toward us.
Before we sought peace, God offered peace.

Christ has become our peace.
We are not asked to manufacture peace.
We are invited to receive it.

We are members of God's household.
The goal is not perfection. The goal is belonging.
We are part of a larger story and community.

We are sent not with pressure but with possibility.
Not carrying the weight of the world.
Not carrying the burden of fixing everyone.
But carrying the assurance that God's Spirig continues the work begun among us.

Rev. Dr. Nani Hill, Closing Worship HCUCC PLR 2026

‘Ae Kamali’i Preschool News



We’re Back Together Again!

Hooray! We are so excited to be back at school again with all of our friends, and happy that our beautiful island is well on it’s way to recovery from hurricane Lowell.

Our first day back was Tuesday, September 15th and we all did great at getting back into our school routine. We did have to postpone our annual Grandparent’s Day Celebration for the following week, but otherwise, our September activity calendar went on as planned.

A HUGE MAHALO goes out to the families who were able to help with our pre hurricane school grounds preparation and with our post hurricane debris clean up.

- (Pam and Penni – Co-Directors)



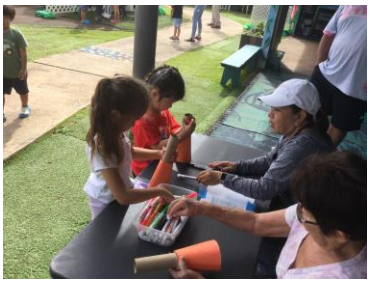
Pirate Day Fun!

Shiver me timbers, it’s our annual Pirate Fun Day. We have all been looking forward to this day filled with Pirate games, activities and crafts. Rain or shine, we pirates are tough and can handle any weather.

We all had a great time thanks to all of our adult volunteers who helped run the activity areas.



Digging for treasure



Telescope decorating



Parrot craft



Bean bag toss



Pirate hat, eye patch and tattoo

Kids Klub Korner





After a taking a break for the summer, Kid's Klub was back in session with Pastor Phyllis taking the lead with a 3-week session on The Lord's Prayer which turned into two with the disruption of Hurricane Lala.

The kids had a rollicking time with Pastor Phyllis and were quick in learning to recite as well as say The Lord's Prayer in sign language.

In late August and into early September, the kids made luminarias for American Cancer's Relay for Life to remember those who had lost their battle with cancer and to also honor the survivors.

Unfortunately, Hurricane Lowell decided to pay the islands a visit, thus postponing the event to a later date and causing the cancellation of our annual church picnic.



Neighbors In Need

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us.

Ephesians 5:1-2 (NRSVUE)

These verses from Ephesians are the guiding scripture for this year's Neighbors in Need Special Offering. It may have been written to a newly emerging group of Christians guiding them in the principles of faith in Christ. They are being transformed into a new people. Christians have been attempting to be imitators of Christ since that time. One of the ways we do this is through our offerings supporting the work of the church, both our local church and the national setting – like the Neighbors in Need offering. When we come together as a church to do the work of justice and advocacy, we are acting out of the hope that transformation in the world is possible. Our donations to the Neighbors in Need allow the church to do collective justice—not isolated programs and pitches, but a genuine ecosystem of people who work collaboratively across issues and geographies to bring about social change. Our gifts represent our faith in God's ability to multiply what we have. Jesus' ministry was full of abundance, but not because he started with overwhelming resources. Rather, what was offered in community became enough to meet the needs of the day. When we walk, roll, and march in love together, justice will come.

To work for transformation in the world, the Neighbors in Need offering supports ministries of justice and compassion, with one-third of the offering given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supporting UCC justice ministries. In 2025, the Neighbors in Need Offering supported 26 grant recipients across the UCC who were engaged in projects of direct service and advocacy.

Līhu'e Christian Church will collect our Neighbors in Need offering during the month of October. Please make your check payable to Līhu'e Christian Church and earmark it for Neignbors in Need or NIN. Special envelopes will be available.

When you give to Neighbors in Need, you help build a just world for all. Mahalo nui loa.



September 16, 2026 –

Dancing and Singing at the Regency Puakea



Pictured: Pacita Jimenez singing



Pictured: Rev. Phyllis Meighen dancing

MEDICAL DEVICE POWER BACKUP REBATE

FOR KAUA'I RESIDENTS WITH ELECTRICITY-DEPENDENT MEDICAL NEEDS

This program raises awareness for emergency preparedness and the importance of planning for extended outages during an emergency, such as a wildfire.

If you depend on electricity for refrigerated medication, breathing machines, power wheelchairs and scooters, suction or home dialysis equipment, etc., a power backup system may be essential.

The Medical Device Power Backup Rebate Program provides eligible members with a rebate up to $200.00 for the purchase of a qualifying backup power solution, such as a battery backup or portable generator.

To apply, members must:

- Have an **active residential account**. Commercial accounts do not qualify.
- Submit the required documents:
  - **KIUC's Elderly & Life Support Program Application** signed by a medical professional.
  - **Medical Device Power Backup Program Application** with itemized sales receipt (proof of purchase).

Additional information:

- One rebate per account.
- All rebates will be paid in the year the equipment was purchased.
- Rebates will be applied to the member's account after confirmation of purchase and fulfillment of all requirements by the Energy Services team.
- Rebate payments are offered on a first come, first served basis. KIUC reserves the right to discontinue the offer or change rebate levels without notice.

Forms are available on our website.

Email forms to energyservices@kiuc.coop or place in our dropbox.

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Mahalo to Susan Miura





We give our heartlfelt thanks to Susan Miura for her many years of dedicated service as our church newsletter editor. Through the years, she has faithfully helped keep our congregation connected, informed, and engaged, sharing the stories, celebrations, and important moments of our church family. We are deeply grateful for the time, care and commitment she has given to this ministry, and we wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement.

Dear Lord,

Hear Our Prayers For....

Margaret Chow, Rev. Richard Chun, Gale Domingsel, Jean Hamura, David Iha, Pacita Jimemez, Florence Lardizabal, Darryl Maeda, JoAnn Rapozo, Alice Shigeta, Russell Shimazu, Rachel Tamura, and all in need…

The family of John Arthur Simpson
John Arthur Simpson 88, of Kapaa, Kauai, died on August 28, 2026 at Wilcox Memorial Hospital. He was born on February 11, 1938 in Idaho. He is survived by his spouse, Jesse J.S. Castro; children, Carla Cook and Michael Simpson of California and brother, Jim Simpson of Idaho. His memorial service was held on Saturday, September 5, 2026, with visitation at 10:00AM and service at 11:00AM at Lihue Christian Church.
"LIFE IS A SNAP" ~ John Arthur Simpson.

Announcer/Lay Readers:

October 4	Keith Dennis
October 11	Susan Miura
October 18	Phyllis Meighen
October 25	Lisa Jeffery
November 1	Sara Miura

Chancel Decorators:

October 4	Beth Sailing
October 11	Susan Miura
October 18	Yolanda Yamauchi
October 25	Joy Koerte, Sara Miura
November 1	Crystal Fujikawa

Financial Secretaries:

October 4	Tina Cox, Faith Matsumura, Verna Yamase
October 11	Eleanor Chow, Marlene Morimoto
October 18	Russell & Becky Wada
October 25	Joan Fujimura, Lisa Jeffery
November 1	Tina Cox, Faith Matsumura, Verna Yamase

Greeters/Ushers:

October 4	Russell & Becky Wada
October 11	Joshua & Alice Pajela
October 18	Calvin & Gail Murashige
October 25	Harold Tavares
November 1	Lisa Jeffery, Laurie Wakayama

Breakfast Cafe:

October 4	Penni Taketa, Jolynne Uyesono, Joey Tanaka
October 11	Barbara Miyake, Sanae Morita, David Iha
October 18	Will & Mary Starr, Harold Tavares
October 25	Michelle Valenciano, Lisa Shimazu, Karen Nakamura
November 1	Tina Cox, Marlene Morimoto, Shelly Cassler

October 2026

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