


The Beacon

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Dear Members and Friends,

At the beginning of this New Year, we give thanks for God's presence in our lives over the year gone by. We acknowledge there may have been both pleasant and unpleasant moments we encountered along the way.

Maybe for some of you, the storms have been many. Perhaps you are missing something... missing a loved one who died, missing someone far away, missing someone from a broken relationship, or missing the person you once were. Take a moment to think about these people as you stand at the entrance of a new year.

Take a moment to acknowledge the bittersweet memories because there are people you no longer see, but they have impacted your lives. They are a gift from God to you.

Take a moment to think about the people who are near to you, people who make you good, and the people who love you. Some are still with you. Tell them how much you love them and that you consider them God's blessing to you. Others we don't see anymore, but they still live within us. These are special people in your lives. Give thanks to them.

As you look ahead to the upcoming year, hear the words of the wonderful children's philosopher, Fred Rogers, who would end his television show every week by telling the kids this:

"You've made this day a special day by just you being you. There's no person just like you. And I like you just the way you are."

God thinks you are special too. There's no person just like you. Be that special person in someone's life this coming year.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Scott Furukawa



HOPE
Garcia Family



PEACE
Galaro Family



JOY
Agsalda Family



LOVE
Rosenbush Family



CHRIST
Sagaysay Family

Scripture of the Quarter Romans 15:13 (NIV)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

DEACON'S REPORT by Cecilia Andres

Another year is coming to a rapid end and the Deacons committee is already busily planning for 2010. We are again seeking volunteers from the congregation willing to participate in the morning worship service either by taking on the Worship Leader responsibilities and/or providing altar flowers. Please see Pat Pedro if you are interested in serving as Worship Leader and Mrs. Takahashi for flower donations. Also, thank you to all who expressed interest in being a part of the Outreach Visitation Team. Please see Mrs. Takahashi as she will be spearheading this outreach ministry.

We would like to extend our deep appreciation for your donations to the Giving Tree. All contributions were equally distributed to the Institute for Human Services, Transition House, and the North Shore Community Outreach. I am reminded of the scripture found in the book of Matthew, which reads:

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, 'Verily I say unto you, In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'" Matthew 25:40

Your good works and service are truly a reflection of your love for God and His people.

Finally, in looking ahead to next year and for those interested in helping out, following are the point of contact of the various activities of the Deacons Committee.

Easter Celebration – Virg Basilio

Rally Sunday – Jason Agsalda

Christmas – Marie Galicinao, Jill Morita,
and Hanako Takahashi

BURGOS MISSION AND COOKIE BAKING



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT *by Rayna Calaro*

Waialua UCC - Waialua HI Donations Account Balances (01/01/2019 - 12/31/2019)

Account	YTD Balance	Account	YTD Balance
<i>Giving Accounts</i>			
210 - Anniversary Offering	140.00	101 - Envelopes Offering	138,788.05
211 - Baptismal/Dedication Offering	100.00	103 - Free-Will Offering	16,765.98
212 - Birthday Offering	2,666.00	104 - Initial Offering	222.00
213 - Memorial Offering	8,661.25	105 - Church School Offering	49.00
214 - Prayer Offering	1,427.64	301 - Fundraising - Donations	15,124.00
215 - Thank Offering	4,101.00	401 - Miscellaneous	667.74
216 - Wedding Offering	0.00	402 - Facilities - Donations	100.00
217 - Vacation Bible School (VBS)	585.00	403 - Facilities - Deposits	798.03
218 - Give Aloha	6,766.04	404 - Facilities - User Fees CC	36,668.00
220 - Christmas Offering	1,986.00	405 - Facilities - User Fees Other 406 -	0.00
221 - Easter Offering	1,672.00	Facilities - Spec Duty Ofcr	814.00
222 - Father's Day Offering	100.00	408 - Special Duty Officer Fee	172.00
223 - Good Friday Offering	0.00	518 - Pastor's Medical -20% Reimbursement	4,540.98
224 - Maundy Thursday Offering 225 -	0.00	519 - Pastor's Dental - 20% Reimbursement	194.40
Mother's Day Offering	160.00	900 - Suspense - Giving	0.00
226 - New Year Offering	150.00		
227 - Thanksgiving Offering	1,590.00		
228 - Flowers Offering	127.00		
		Total Giving Accounts	\$275,133.46
Special Offerings \$30,231.93			
230 - Easter Sunrise Service Offering	0.00		
231 - Family Thank Offering	515.00		
232 - Neighbors In Need	376.00		
233 - One Great Hour Of Sharing 234 -	645.00		
Strengthen The Church	695.97		
235 - Christmas Fund (Veterans Of The Cross)	669.53		
236 - Designated Missions Offerings	0.00		
Pass-Through Offerings \$2,901.50			
503 - Burgos Fund	850.00		
504 - Building Maintenance-CC	300.00		
507 - Food Bank	0.00		
508 - Emergency Fund	205.35		
511 - Pastor's Discretionary Fund	200.00		
513 - Sherwin Gervacio Memorial Fund	10,230.00		
514 - Youth Fund	1,430.00		
515 - Women's Group Fund	0.00		
516 - Building & Landscaping Fund	12,359.50		
517 - Christian Education Fund	200.00		
524 - Youth Outreach Fund	1,321.00		
Restricted/Designated Accounts	\$27,095.85		

Friendly Reminder:

If you haven't already done so, please remember to pick up your offertory envelopes in the foyer. If you did not receive one, and would like to have one, please see Rayna Calaro. Thank you for your donations and services to our church.

Donation statements will be disbursed by the end of January, so please update your mailing address with us if you have moved.

Thank you!

E.C.O. CAMP



Before this past weekend's "E.C.O." (Earth Care Opportunities) camp becomes a distant memory, this is just a quick and general THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!! So many people have been involved in the development and carrying out of this camp over the past YEAR and it was amazing (and a relief) to see everything finally come together this past weekend. What a beautiful team effort! Thank you for playing a part in it.

Thank you—to those who prepared the grant for these camps (including Maui's camp), to the many people who contributed ideas, inspiration, and support since the idea for these camps came about, to the office staff who helped get things ready in the final days, to the chaperones/leaders for their presence, patience, flexibility, and their dedication to their youth, to those at camp making sure the necessities were taken care of, to Pastor Scott and the folks at WaialuaUCC for being such great hosts. And many thanks for the 41 awesome youth who came out this weekend... I'm hopeful about what will grow from the seeds planted in them!

I'll slowly be working on things to share and report. If others have reflections and photos from camp, please send them my way! (WeTransfer.com is a great and easy way to share lots of files!)

Looking forward to gathering together again! Please keep me updated on opportunities to collaborate in the future. :)

Peace & gratitude,

Kristen Young
Social Media Coordinator, Hawai'i Conference UCC
Youth Director, Central Union Church

P.S. Here's a photo of the campers holding up their art made from (mostly) repurposed items on the last day of camp.



YOUTH GROUP REPORT *by Dale Andres*

The lazy days of summer gave way to cooler weather of the fall season as many of our youth headed back to school. Most of our youth are attending various high schools while a few more are at the college level assuming greater responsibilities for their lives. It is comforting to know the Lord has wonderful plans for all of them; to give them a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11). Between studies and homework some have found time to engage in extracurricular activities. At Waialua High, Logan Pactol is a starter on the boys' junior varsity basketball team. Erika Baguio is a member of the girls' intermediate volleyball and band while Faith Calaro demonstrates her musical talents with the band also. Hope and Kai Rosenbush are busy at Kamehameha Schools with Kai displaying his footwork with the intermediate boys soccer team and Hope juggling her time with the cross-country, paddling and band squads. Ryley and Brooke Agsalda at Mililani Middle and High School keep active with their footwork on their soccer and dance teams. Mira Olivas continues cheering for Leilehua High School. Alana Sagaysay just started at Mid Pacific Institute and is kept busy dancing with Drill Team Hawaii. Ian Tamane and Haley Pactol joined the Ramones sisters, Elizabeth and Elisha, in the ranks as college students.

In November, our youth hosted the E.C.O. Camp sponsored by the Hawaii UCC Conference at our church during the Veteran's Day weekend. The camp addressed environmental issues facing the world today and brought awareness to our youth of their responsibilities as God's

stewards of our island home. Activities included an excursion to Mohala Farms, swimming at Alii Beach, a nature hike at Kaena Point and daily group meetings and devotions. Our youth were able to fellowship with other youth from churches throughout the Honolulu area and the west side. Everyone who attended gained a greater understanding and appreciation of God's creation.

During Thanksgiving, the youth joined with New Hope Fellowship for a local outreach to the homeless in the Wahiawa community. They were able to create crafts with other youth including bead bracelets to pass out as gifts and helped to prepare the thanksgiving meals by shredding the turkey meat. Being able to give to those less fortunate than themselves is an important lesson learned and a tremendous blessing to those who received their offerings. Certainly, a blessed Thanksgiving for all!

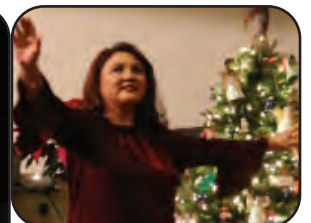
The youth ended their holidays in December with a flurry of activities, which started with the annual church cookie bake sale. For two weekends, the youth assisted in the baking and packing of these tasty holiday treats. Sharing the spirit of Christmas was a joy as the youth sang carols for the elderly residents of the Wahiawa Nursing Home during early December. Going from room to room many of the patients were serenaded and blessed with the Christmas message in song. A few days later, the youth again shared their creative talents as they participated in acting and singing during the Sunday School Christmas play, which featured a story on the signs of Christmas. The month ended with the youth sharing their last Youth Sunday of the year as they participated in the morning worship service. Wishing all a wonderful and prosperous new year in 2020 filled with God's abundant blessings!



CHRISTMAS PLAY



BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE & CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



PEWS NEWS



Pews news and Kupuna's Corner will resume when Kathy Lee recovers from her cataract surgery. Prayers for safe surgery and speedy recovery goes to her. Thank you Mrs. Lee for your continued dedication to Waialua United Church of Christ.

Yard Fellowship wishes Mrs. Helen Kumasaka a Happy Birthday.

Beautiful flowers blooming in Waialua United Church of Christ.



CONGRATULATIONS ANTYA by Pātor Scott Furukawa



Antya with husband Boyd Ready. Photo: Barbara Ritchie

Congratulations to Antya Miller, who was named as the 2019 North Shore Kama'aina of the Year by the North Shore Chamber of Commerce. Antya, a "local girl," was raised on the Waialua

Sugar Company's hospital area, where her father served as a doctor.

Antya's accomplishments and service to the North Shore community are numerous. According to the North Shore News, "Antya was a key leader in landscaping the Weed Circle, renovating of the historic Haleiwa Gym, and restoring the Mutual Telephone Building, transforming it into the Chamber's home and a Visitor and Business Services Center for the North Shore. She is also in her 19th year leading the Christmas parade, restoring this community tradition after the sugar company closed. With the Historic Preservation Committee, Antya developed the Haleiwa historic walking tour... She also served on the Neighborhood Board for many years, organizing the Agriculture and Transportation Committees, completed the North Shore Disaster Preparedness Plan and many other projects."

Kudos to Antya for an honor well deserved!

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Blessings beneath Waialua sky...

Worship Leader

January

Jan 5 Pat Pedro
Jan 12 Rosemary Basilio
Jan 19 Sabrina Rivers
Jan 26 Lawrence Van Drei

February

Feb 2 Pat Pedro
Feb 9 Brittney Pasion-Almeida
Feb 16 Kathleen Pahinui
Feb 23 Virg Basilio

March

Mar 1 Pat Pedro
Mar 8 Rosemary Basilio
Mar 15 Dave Basilio
Mar 22 Chrislyn Andres
Mar 29 Youth

Coming up...

January

Jan 5 (Sunday) • Annual Reports Due • Christian Education Meeting (first Sundays)
Jan 7 (every Tuesday) • Yard Fellowship at 9:00 a.m.
Jan 12 (Sunday) • Deacons Meeting (second Sundays) • “Women of the Bible” Bible Study at 9:00 a.m.
Jan 19 (third Sundays) • Council Meeting
Jan 20 (Monday) • Holiday (church closed)

February

Feb 9 (Sunday) • Annual Congregational Meeting
Feb 17 (Monday) • Holiday (church closed)
Feb 26 (Wednesday) • Ash Wednesday

March

Mar 22 (Sunday) • One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Mar 29 (Sunday) • Youth Sunday • The Beacon Articles Due

Altar Flowers

January

Jan 5 Chrislyn Andres
Jan 12 Ruth Galapia
Jan 19 Subia Family
Jan 26 Evelyn Miyata

February

Feb 2 Mira Olivas
Feb 9 Christy Furukawa
Feb 16 Ramones Family
Feb 23 Marie Galicinao (B)

March

Mar 1 Hanako Takahashi
Mar 8 Domingo Galicinao (B)
Mar 15 Ross & Florence Tamane
Mar 22 Chazz & Audrey Ragragola
Mar 29 Dale & Cecilia Andres (A)