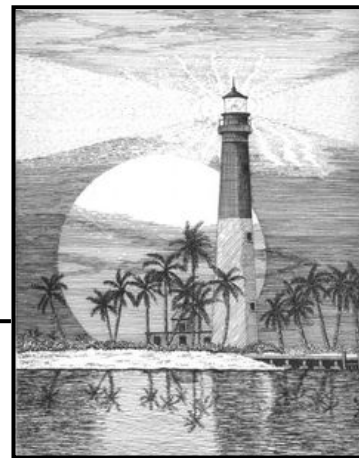


# THE BEACON

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## Deacon Article by Dave Basilio & Cecilia Andres

On October 18, 2020, we were able to join together again in church for face-to-face worship. It was such a joy to be in church with fellow believers. Looking out into the congregation as I shared the children's sermon, I was struck by an overwhelming sense of joy that brought me to tears; although I did a pretty good job at keeping it together. With gratefulness and honor, we acknowledged God's presence and received strength and peace in His presence and in knowing that He is in control of all things.

Undeniably, Covid-19 and its effect on the lives of those who have contracted it is real; and we must take every precaution to keep our families and ourselves safe and healthy by heeding all government and medical advice. During times such as these, however, may our faith in our Omniscient (all knowing) and Omnipotent (all powerful) God, inspire strength, hope, peace, and comfort in a climate that may reek fear and confusion. As Philippians 4:6,7 says, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

In an online bible study, Lianna Davis shared the assurances of knowing God through Psalm 91. As our shadow (v. 1), for example, she emphasizes how "God is over and beyond us", sees more than we see, and knows more than we know; so we are able to rest in His shadow. In Verse 4, God is described as our shield that deflects fear and doubt in times of trial. I encourage you to read the entire passage during one of your quiet times with the Lord and allow it to breathe life into your spirit.

We will continue to assemble for our weekly services and invite you to join us. You can send in an RSVP by going to Eventbrite.com and search for Waialua UCC. You can also go to the church's website and find the link there. This will help us prepare and accommodate all. Also, we are looking for volunteers to provide altar flowers for December 6 and December 27. If you would like to donate flowers for any of those days, please call Cecilia Andres at (808) 255-3780. Thank you.

Praying for God's continued goodness upon you and your family. Also, may He surround you all with His love and hedge of protection.

## Fundraisers by Ross Tamane

Hello members & friends of Waialua United Church of Christ,

A BIG mahalo to all who participated and donated in this year's Foodland Give Aloha fundraising program.

Please submit your receipt to the Finance Committee.

Our next fundraiser is our annual Cookie Bake Sale set for late November through December. Please place your orders in early. More information to follow.

Thank you for your generous support for our fundraisers!!

Blessings from the Finance Committee

## Congratulations!

Your success in Foodland's Give Aloha 2020 program has resulted in a top 100 finish!

Waialua United Church of Christ

Donations: \$4,396.67 Mat

Gift: \$979.69

Grand Total: \$5,376.36



## SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

*My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever.*  
(Psalm 73:26)



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## Youth Group

by Cecilia & Dale Andres



Seven months have passed since the coronavirus pandemic shut our society down yet there is great promise ahead as the youth look to the end of this unprecedented first year

of the new decade. Many activities and event continue to be cancelled including church services that were restricted after initially reopening in early July. Many are still at home having started their online classes for the fall semester since their respective schools closed their classrooms for an indefinite period.

One main activity that brought our youth together, if just for a brief period, was the Youth Sunday worship held on August 30th. Our youth participated by lay reading, reading of scripture and the main message was a collective sharing of our youth and their experiences during the pandemic and still offering their messages of hope. We praise God for the amazing things they can accomplish through the Lord who strengthens them.

One of our youth, Elisha Ramones, returned to the mainland as her school, Seattle Pacific University, reopened its doors to the students for in-person classes. Our thoughts and prayers are with her as

she continues her schooling away from home during these uncertain times. Another one of our college youth, Haley Pactol who is attending the University of Hawaii - West Oahu, has found a new interest as she has been employed by her school's newspaper, The Hoot, aptly named after the school mascot, the owl. She has contributed by writing an article and providing artwork for a cartoon. Please remain in prayer for the rest of our youth as they deal with the challenges of virtual learning and coping with the emotional and mental stresses of the pandemic lockdowns. Our youth will thrive with the love and support of their families and the extended church ohana.

As the church looks forward to reopening with services in October, our youth continue to offer their messages of care, love and hope to the Waialua United Church of Christ family: "Hope everyone is doing well!", "Wash your hands, hydrate, keep active!", "Look on the bright side and be positive!", "Be productive!", "Be safe!!!", "See your loved ones!", "Don't be scared, don't freak out!", "Be strong till this ends!", "God is in charge!" and "Keep hope in God!"

We look forward to the upcoming holiday season and when we can once again "...enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise..." with our beloved church family!

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## *We Remember those who have gone before us....*



*Kissy Ann Janai Matalena Pedro*  
*June 16, 2020*



*Pastor Grant Lee*  
*July 28, 2020*

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## *Chicken Back in the Day* by Kathy Lee & Larry Van Drei

This is a tale of a WUCC huli huli chicken sale where help from our Liliuokalani Church friends led to a fundraising success. The year was 1991, 29 years ago, and we had only been on our new church campus for 2 years. Larry Van Drei shared an article he wrote about the event. He asked me to rewrite it for The Beacon, but I'll let most of his creative, God inspired description speak for itself. Kathy Lee

"I, Larry Van Drei, arrived at the church grounds a little before midnight and found 5 or 6 cars in the parking lot. I saw shadowy forms back by the storage building. Who could they be? As I approached them, I realized it was John Hirota and 11 friends from Liliuokalani Church waiting for us. "Pop" the lights went on and bags of charcoal and boxes of chickens were carried out. The place was buzzing with activity but there were only 2 of us, Mr. Subia and me to 12 of them. The packaging ladies had not arrived yet, so early arrival Evelyn Miyata called them. They responded quickly and soon everything was in full operation. It was then, only 3:00 A.M. but we soon were quite a bit ahead of schedule and our work force now equaled that of John Hirota and friends. They stayed until about 4:30 A.M. and we gave them our heartfelt thanks. Because they gave of their time and energy so generously, we were able to get ahead of schedule. We would have had a long and exhausting day without them. God bless them and praise the Lord!

The dark, morning hours went by in a blur. As I

was walking across the grass to the kitchen, I was stopped by Florencio Andres. He pointed up towards the moon and remarked how two stars seemed to be near it. The moon was a bright thin slice with a bright star directly above it and another bright star directly below. It was a very pleasing sight. Isn't it written in the Bible that the Lord has given each of us a star?

From 6:00 A.M on, our regular crew kept the chickens dancing on the line. They did a great job keeping the machine full to the max with 80 birds. Needless to say, the ladies at the packaging tables and at the distribution point kept the operation moving smoothly. The finished product went out quickly. Meanwhile, back at the fire, the guys and gals were working hard. Most of the time, I could hear their friendly jokes, and their smiles were plentiful. All the time, we were getting more and more tired, but the older folks paced themselves so as not to run out of energy. The young folks never slowed down and never ran out of energy.

It was a feeling of relief when the last 80 chickens were turning on the machine. Finally, at 2:04 P.M., the last chickens had finished their dance. Thanks be to the Lord we sold all 1,878 of them. Congratulations to everyone for a tough a job well done!" (Does anyone remember how much each bird sold for?)

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*Alyssa Nalani Yamanouchi*  
*September 2, 2020*



*Robert N. Kumasaka*  
*September 20, 2020*

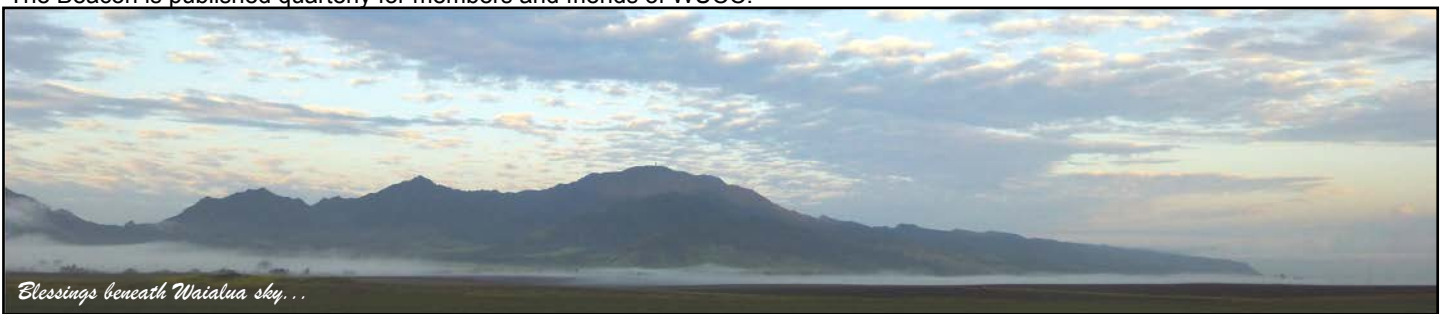
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*Worship Leaders*

Nov 1	Marvin Pactol, Jr
Nov 8	Rosemary Basilio
Nov 15	Haley Pactol
Nov 22	Chad Ulep
Nov 29	Youth
Dec 6	Cathe Elsa Aldueso
Dec 13	Carol Pactol
Dec 20	Chrislyn Andres
Dec 27	Florence Tamane

*Altar Flowers*

Nov 1	Chrislyn Andres
Nov 8	Haley Pactol
Nov 15	Jill Morita
Nov 22	Sevy & Nicky Tolentino
Nov 29	Mia & Donnah Calaro
Dec 6	<i>vacant</i>
Dec 13	Yolanda Jamora
Dec 20	Ramones Family
Dec 27	<i>vacant</i>

*Coming up...*

Nov 8 (Sunday) — Stewardship Sunday

Nov 15 (Sunday) — Council Meeting

Nov 18 (Wednesday) — Advent Articles and photos due

Nov 29 (Sunday) — First Sunday of Advent // Youth Sunday

Dec 6 (Sunday) — Second Sunday of Advent

Dec 13 (Sunday) — Third Sunday of Advent

Dec 20 (Sunday) — Fourth Sunday of Advent // Christmas Fund Offering

Dec 24 (Thursday) — Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 P.M.

Dec 27 (Sunday) — The Beacon articles and photos due