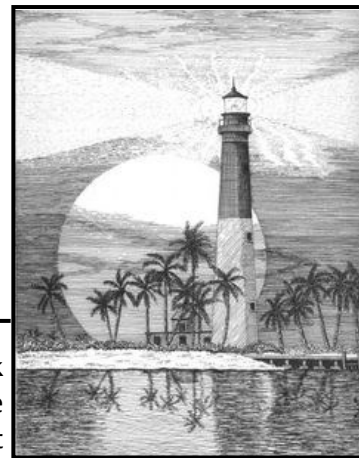


# THE BEACON

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## *A message from our...*

### *...Interim Moderator*

HAPPY FALL!



As we begin to reach the holidays and the Advent season, I would like to acknowledge all the guest preachers we have had over the past year. As many of you know, we currently have not had a permanent pastor in quite some time. Despite that, we have been blessed to be able to fill each Sunday with a guest preacher or

speaker, and I'd like to thank all of those who have been called upon to preach this year, including the following:

- + Mr. Dale Andres
- + Mr. Larry Andres
- + Ms. Terri Lynn Armodia
- + Rev. Dr. Gary Augustin
- + Pastor Vance Awa
- + Pastor Farley Bayudan
- + Rev. Lauren Buck Medeiros
- + Ms. Faith Calaro
- + Pastor Gerald Chinen
- + Rev. Dr. Norma DeSaegher
- + Rev. Paul Gates
- + Pastor Alpha Goto
- + Rev. Makana Milotta
- + Mr. Blake Spinak
- + Pastor Dale Vallejo-Sanderson



I'd also like to thank the Deacons Committee to assist with making it possible!

We are readying the church for the Thanksgiving and Advent season, including having recently done a test run of the Annual Christmas Cookie fundraiser, so if you'd like to start your cornflake cookie fix early this year, we have begun selling at our market and after church!

In addition, the Nominating Committee will be going around in the next few months to find candidates for the various church officer and committee positions we have. If you feel the call to serve on a committee or as an officer of the church, please let us know!

We have so many activities planned, so please stay tuned and join us along the way!

May you and your loved ones have a blessed day!

*Chadwick Ulep*

Chadwick "Chad" Ulep  
Interim Moderator,  
Waialua United Church of Christ

### **SCRIPTURE OF THE QUARTER**

***For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*** (Ephesians 2:10)





# WORSHIP SERVICES

Come just as you are  
and worship with us...

10:30 AM  
Every Sunday

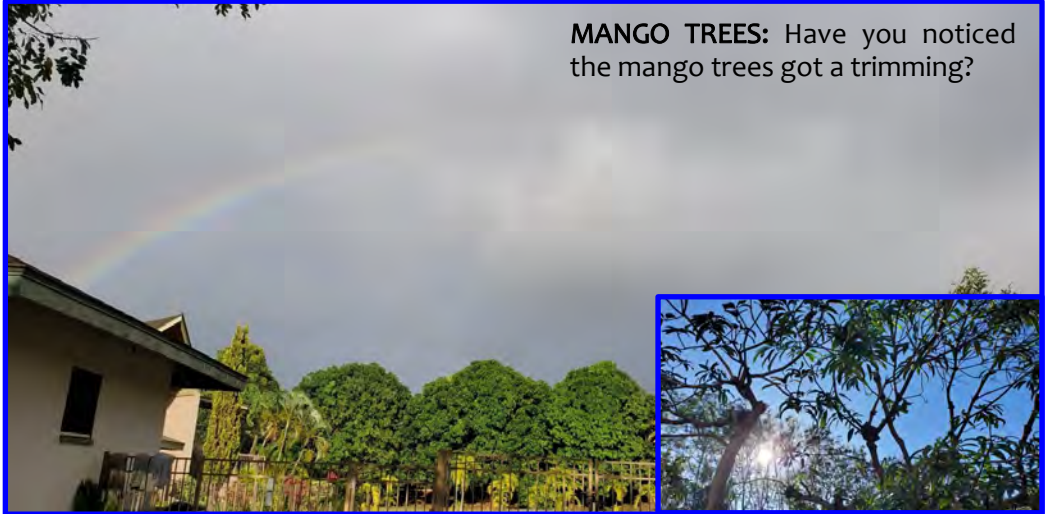




# PROPERTY & GROUNDS

By Rosemary Basilio

**MANGO TREES:** Have you noticed the mango trees got a trimming?



**PALM TREES:** On October 14th, with the help of Nestor Agsalda for his time and the use of his backhoe equipment, the property and grounds committee and others were finally able to plant the majority of potted palm trees in areas where we needed to stop or prevent more soil erosion. We still have several more palm trees to plant.



**THE STORAGE CONTAINER:** Dale Andres, Alan Garcia, Ross Tamane and Laurie Oishi working on the roof of the storage container.









## THE TUESDAY MARKET NEWS

By Priscilla Schultheis

The Market Team is pretty excited these days about market.

On October 10, a road paving crew was working in front of the high school and our church. All their paving equipment was then parked in our usual parking areas. Oh, no! Think fast!

We restructured the layout of the market to allow our customers to park in the front of our parking lot. The vendors were in the back.

Guess what? Everybody loved this new arrangement. Our customers were very happy to drive up the hill and park in the parking lot. This has brought in more customers and the vendors are happy too!

We had a very successful Trunk or Treat on October 24th. So many kids came dressed in their costumes. So cute! Some of the parents came in costumes too. It was a lot of fun!

The vendors all handed out treats while Cab Spates and his band mates played for the entire 4 hours from 3-7 pm. We are very grateful! There was such a nice vibe to the market.

We will hold the market each Tuesday in November, but our next big event will take place on November 14th which is when we will celebrate our 2nd anniversary. There will be prizes to be won. Cab and his crew will be there the entire time as well.

We are up to about 25 vendors now, and we are pleased that they offer such beautiful products. As the holidays approach, it is the perfect time to pick up some really nice gifts.

We have 2 food vendors and 2 farmers at present, but we are always hoping more will join us.

We also appreciate it when members from the church come out to support the market.

Remember to bring canned goods and nonperishable items to the market where we collect them for the North Shore Food bank. We are hoping for a big push with these on November 14th and 21st in time for Thanksgiving. Can you bring something to help?

The market team thanks you for your support and looks forward to seeing you in November.

Mahalo, the Market Team.

**TUESDAY MARKET WAIALUA**  
2023 EVENTS CALENDAR  
*October - December*

**HOURS: Tuesdays from 3PM - 7PM**  
*We will be collecting non-perishable food and hygienic products for the North Shore Food Bank!*

OCT 3, 10, 17 - Market OPEN  
**\*\*\* OCT 24 - TRUNK OR TREAT! \*\*\***  
Free candy for kids, free gift (while supplies last) for spending over \$30. Costumes are welcome!  
OCT 31 - Market CLOSED (Happy Halloween!)

NOV 7 - Market OPEN  
**\*\*\* NOV 14 - 2nd ANNIVERSARY! \*\*\***  
Visit and win prizes throughout the market!  
NOV 21, 28 - Market OPEN

DEC 5, 12 - Market OPEN  
**\*\*\* DEC 19 - SANTA VISITS! \*\*\***  
Take a pic with Santa on our last market day of 2023!  
DEC 26 - Market CLOSED (Happy Holidays!)  
*(TMW reopens JAN 9, 2024)*

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IG/FB: @tuesdaymarketwaiialua

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**BAND**  
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## SERVICE TO COUNTRY AND GOD

By Juni Calaro

As Veteran's Day is upon us, we acknowledge the men and women who have served and are currently serving this beautiful country. We are thankful for their service, dedication and sacrifice for our country that was built on Christian values. As a father, I am thankful for the service Faith is providing to her country and the community. I can see her house building on solid rock like the wiseman. A young soldier with biblical principles.

When I got word, that Faith was graduating a year early, I asked her "What do you want to do after you graduate?" Of course, she wasn't sure, so I recommended some things, one of which was serving our country through the Air National Guard and going to school. Getting paid, while reaping the benefits of college tuition being taken care of, she really liked the idea and later committed to the 169th Air Defense Unit. Faith graduated from Basic Training on August 25, 2023 in Lackland, Texas. Faith's target practice with her AR15 in the mountains paid off, along with a little bit of mom's medical experience helped her as she led a team of hers as a Chief in a Tactical Deployment Combat Scenario in the last week of training. Faith was acknowledged for Combat Arms and Tactical Emergency Management; she graduated with honors with the max number of ribbons a graduate could get. One was for a marksman of her class, a skilled shooter indeed. Airman 1st Class Calaro was 1 of 5 basic trainees graduating with honors and she was the only girl out of 700+ graduates. After BMT, she went off to Tech School in Louisiana for a couple of months, returned to duty on Oahu where she put in her hours to get qualified. After a couple of months on the job, Faith was offered a full-time Active-Duty position. A well-deserved position that holds a great deal of responsibility, a behind the scenes servant to keep our island and country safe, the eyes in the skies.



Rewinding back to pre-screening and basic training, Faith recently gave a testimony titled "True North", sharing how we can lose our sense of direction but by using a compass we can find true North always pointing to the top. She shared a portion of how she was initially disqualified from her position weeks prior to attending Basic Training which was heartbreaking to hear. She felt defeated. Her former Jiu Jitsu coach, who stopped by our house to pick up a bouncer for an event they had for their church event, Coach Noel and Coach Ryan Kauanui also serve in the Air National Guard and are active members of the Mission Church in Sunset. These guys have been our Angels in disguise. They helped Faith when she was bullied as a child and gave her the training and confidence to fight back when she needed to. Did I mention Faith has some pretty fast hands? She can throw combos with power behind them, she was training at CountrySide boxing with Coach Lui, a former Army Infantry Soldier, a man of God that would host bible studies during boxing classes that help the kids be men and women of God. Glad to have them as coaches, which helped Faith to pursue a 2nd chance in getting the job that she was deemed disqualified for. These coaches reminded us, there was HOPE. We requested a report for the disqualification and sure enough there were discrepancies noting that Faith had contacts when she actually had her glasses which they asked her to remove when doing the test. That was brought up and she was given a 2nd chance which qualified her and enabled her career to start. This reminds us that we have mentors on our side that can guide you and pray for you and remind you that there is hope. We have Godly coaches out there that can help you with your fight to move forward and become the person God has called you to become. Those talks with God led her in the right direction.

There's couple articles out there that was written in regards to US Air Force Airman 1st Class Faith Calaro; check it out. Just a note, Faith acknowledges her team and foremost our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. What a great way to serve our Country and God.

<https://www.nationalguard.mil/News/Article/3456947/hawaii-airmans-alertness-prevents-potential-crisis/>





## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

By Rosemary Basilio

On October 15th, our Wednesday Bible Study group celebrated Juanita Andres' 88th birthday a day early with lunch provided by Evelyn Miyata and Helen Kumasaka and cake by the Subia sisters. "Happy birthday Juanita, May God bless you with many more to come."



## THE CORAL TREE

By Sandra Sagaysay

Our church grounds are blessed to have special trees; and the Coral tree is just one of them. Donated by Bob Kumasaka, the coral tree has caught the admiration of people who have noticed the bright red flowers of the tree when it's full of them. The Coral tree is considered to be an exotic, tropical tree, which are normally found in South America and South Africa. Because of Hawaii's weather, coral trees can be grown here.



Place your cookie orders with Ross Tamane.

\$16 Cornflake ~ \$17 Chocolate Chip



Cookie bake trial run...

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS...

Sunday, November 12: Stewardship Sunday—collect pledge cards

Saturday, November 18: All-church Clean Up from 8-12pm

Sunday, November 19: Thanksgiving Luncheon—potluck

Thursday, November 23: Holiday — Thanksgiving Day

Saturday, November 25, 2023: Cookie Baking

Saturdays, December 2 & 9, 2023: Cookie Baking

Sunday, December 3: First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve Service at 7pm

Monday, December 25: Holiday — Christmas Day

Monday, January 1, 2024: Holiday — New Year's Day

## THE ADVENT SEASON...

**Giving Tree**—we will be collecting donations of cash and nonperishable items. Donations will be given to The Institute for Human Services and The UCC Transition House for Woman

**Advent Calendar**—submit to [wailuaucc@yahoo.com](mailto:wailuaucc@yahoo.com) or Cecilia Andres by Sunday, November 26, 2023



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To our brother and  
sister in Christ

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## **Worship Leaders** **& Altar Flowers**

We're looking for individuals who would like to participate in our Services by being the Worship Leader and/or providing a floral arrangement for the altar.

If you have any questions or if you'd like to participate in any way, please contact us at [waialuaucc@yahoo.com](mailto:waialuaucc@yahoo.com) or come to service and talk to Pat Pedro.



### **Join us!**

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<https://www.instagram.com/waialuaucc/>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/WaialuaUCC/>

### **Recurring Events...**

**Worship Service** – every Sundays at 10:30 AM  
(Communion every 1st Sunday)

**Sunday School** – every 2nd & 4th Sunday during  
worship Service (after Children's Message)

**Yard Fellowship** – every Tuesdays & Saturdays  
from 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

**Tuesday Market Waialua** – every Tuesdays from  
3:00 PM–7:00 PM

**Bible Study** – every Wednesdays from 10:00 AM–  
11:00 AM in the Administrative Conference Room

**Finance Meeting** – every 2nd Sunday

**Council Meeting** – every 3rd Sunday

**Property Team Meeting** – every 4th Sunday