



We welcome all, with God's Aloha!



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Aloha Church 'Ohana,

Easter Sunday is behind us now, the lilies have faded, the chocolate Easter bunnies are deeply discounted at the stores, and some of us may still be finishing the last of the jellybeans. Life has settled back into its familiar rhythms. Yet in the church, we are still very much in the Easter season. In fact, these weeks between Easter and Pentecost are among the most important we share together.

They are weeks of waiting, wondering, and noticing.

In our Easter stories, the disciples are not immediately bold or confident. They are trying to make sense of what has happened. So they gather together. They talk. They pray. They return to ordinary tasks. And slowly, something begins to change within them. Courage grows. Hope deepens, and a sense of direction begins to form.

That feels familiar to me, and maybe to you, too.

So much of life is lived in these in-between spaces: after something significant has happened, but before we fully understand its meaning. After a season of change, but before the next chapter becomes clear. In those moments, faith is less about certainty and more about trust, trusting that God is still present, still working, still leading us forward.

Here at Kapa'a United Church of Christ, I get to see that quiet faithfulness every day. I see it in the way you care for one another, in the steady presence of volunteers in

our outreach ministries, in the laughter in the fellowship hall, and in the prayers that hold this community together. You continue to show up, for worship, for service, for each other, and that steady love is itself a sign of the Spirit at work among us.

As we move toward Pentecost, we remember that the Spirit did not arrive only once long ago. The Spirit continues to breathe life into the church, guiding us, renewing us, and sometimes nudging us gently in new directions.

Pentecost is a celebration of that living Spirit. It is colorful, joyful, and full of energy, one of the most festive Sundays of the year.

So, mark your calendars and plan to join the fun!

When we gather for worship on Pentecost, **wear something red** if you can: a shirt, a flower, a scarf, or even a bold pair of socks. Red reminds us of the flames of the Spirit, and the courage God gives us to live with hope and love.

In the meantime, may these remaining Easter weeks be a time of quiet renewal for you. May you notice the small blessings that surround you. And may you feel the steady presence of God walking beside you, in the ordinary days, the uncertain moments, and the joyful ones too.

Thank you for being part of this beloved 'ohana of faith.

With you, in Christ,
Pastor Rob

WEAR RED FOR
Pentecost

SUNDAY, MAY 24

MAY LECTIONARY

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

Acts 7:55-60

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

Acts 17:22-31

Psalms 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 1:15-21

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

Acts 1:6-14

Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026

Acts: 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21

John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Trinity Sunday-First Sunday after Pentecost

May 31, 2026

Genesis 1:1-2:4a & Psalms 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

JUNE LECTIONARY

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026

Genesis 12:1-9 & Psalms 33:1-12

Hosea 5:15-6: & Psalms 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026

Genesis 18:1-15; (21:1-7) & Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

Exodus 19:2-8a & Psalms 100

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026

Genesis 21:8-12 & Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17

Jeremiah 20:7-13 & Psalms 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

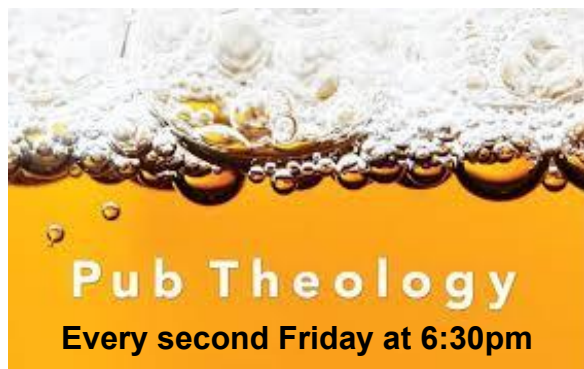
June 28, 2026

Genesis 22:1-14 & Psalms 13

Jeremiah 28:5-9 & Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42



Friday, May 8, 6:30pm



MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Aloha. Greetings to all.

Although it has been a few months since our last newsletter, many good things have been happening at Kapaa UCC!

I am pleased to report that we have a full council of officers and directors! Council meets every third Tuesday of the month at 10am in the Hiramoto Outreach Center room #4. Anyone is welcome to attend as a visitor/guest with non-voting status. Richard Stillman regularly joins us as a guest and participates actively in our discussions. Meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board outside of the church office.

Good News! We have received a \$40,000 grant from the *Antone & Edene Vidinha Charitable Trust*! This represents a portion of the total amount requested so the council will review the grant proposal to prioritize which items will best address our repair and maintenance needs this year. Having successfully submitted this initial grant, our goal is to apply annually so we can continue caring for this ageing building and help ensure it remains sound for generations to come.

On June 6, Kapaa UCC will once again participate in the Pride Parade on Rice Street alongside other Kauai UCC churches. We will also host a table under the main tent at the county building where there will be entertainment and food trucks. Our Noisy Offering for May will help cover the cost of parade giveaways and decorations. In the past, Pastor Rob and Michael Keiser generously covered these expenses themselves. We hope to raise \$400. Donations may be mailed it to the church office or placed in the offering plate with "Pride Parade" noted.

Several items approved at our past meetings include:

1. Council approved Facility Use Application for SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) to use 2 rooms in the HOC 4-6 times per year to provide free spay and neuter services for the community. Reservations are required. Go to SPCA website for more information. Council also approved SPCA to place a storage shed in the back corner of the yard for \$200/mo.
2. The original sewer lines connecting the HOC to the County sewer lines are rusted and causing ongoing problems. Bob Oelke sought 3 bids for repairs related to the bathrooms in HOC room 2. Council approved the installation of new PVC piping and authorized a camera scope of the remaining bathrooms lines. Estimated cost for work is \$6K with Kokua Kapaa generously offering to cover half of the expense.

3. The parsonage suffered similar sewer pipe deterioration in March requiring emergency repairs as the toilets were fully inoperable. The cesspool was pumped but repairs required replacing the rusted plumbing lines beneath the house. Cost for repairs was \$5K.
4. Council approved funding for supplies for Wednesday's Crafting with Wynde held twice a month. Wynde has been personally covering the cost for supplies and food. This well attended gathering is a meaningful way for members and friends of the church to connect and create together.

New copies of the "Upper Room" daily devotional guide for the May-June edition are now available and free for anyone to take. You'll find them on the back table as you enter the sanctuary. Each daily devotional features a scripture reading and highlight, a story written by people of all walks of life and a prayer.

Draw near to God and God will draw near to you. James 4:8

Have a great May. Don't forget to look up and around and notice God's amazing wonders around us everyday..... 😊

Gail Lee



The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

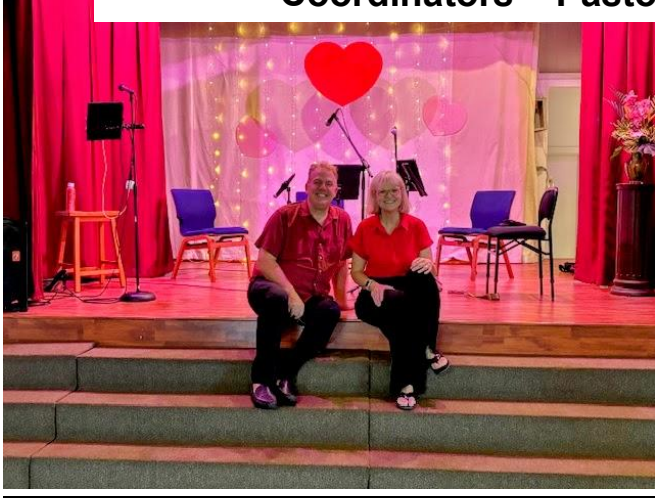
As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Contributions can be made online at any time.

The theme for 2026 is Sent Forth in Love. Congregations are invited to participate in a [scripture study](#), share announcements in your [newsletters or bulletins](#), and display a [poster](#) to promote the offering. Participating in the offering helps foster connections with the wider church and create possibilities for the church of tomorrow.

Collection date is Sunday, May 24.

MEMORIES

Valentine's Dance 2026 Coordinators – Pastor Rob and Karen Hall



Easter Sunrise Service





EASTER EGG HUNT





MEET YOUR 2026 COUNCIL MEMBERS

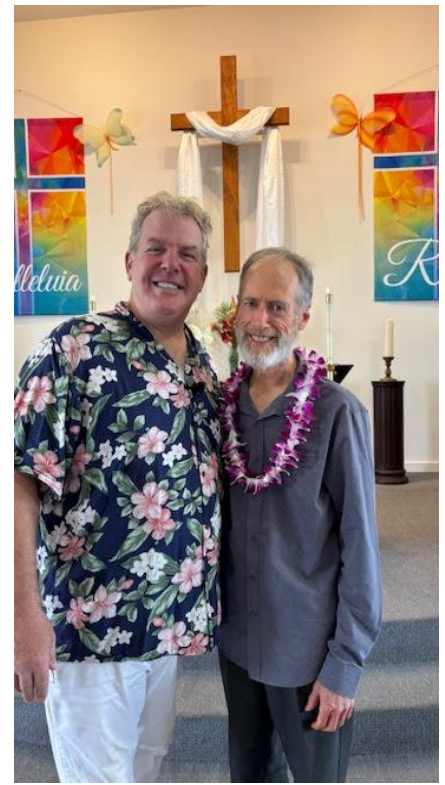
L-R: Gina Martinez, Pastor Rob, Bob Oelke, Bill Lore, Donna Moon, Calvin Maeda, Gail Lee, Cirena Champaco-Moss, & George Mones. Missing: Pua Kaninau.



MEET YOUR NEW MEMBERS



L-R: Cydney Lipsky, Mary Hurley, Lydia Hurley, Tonya Keaton, Hank Keaton, Debbe Evans, Malcolm Smith.



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS**



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
9AM TO 2PM
LYDGATE LARGE
PAVILLION**

A MOTHER'S DAY STORY:

The sunlight in Martha's kitchen always seemed to catch the steam rising from her coffee in a way that felt like a quiet morning prayer. At seventy-five, her hands were mapped with the delicate blue veins of time, and her garden—visible through the window—was a vibrant patchwork of hibiscus and plumeria, a testament to her patience.

It was Mother's Day, but the house was quiet. Her children were grown, scattered across the islands and the mainland, living the busy lives she had prayed they would have.

She pulled out her old, leather-bound Bible. It fell open naturally to Proverbs 31. She smiled, thinking of how people often used those verses to describe a "perfect" woman. Martha knew better. She remembered the burnt toast years, the seasons of financial struggle when they lived on "faith and fish," and the nights she had paced the hallway floor, whispering the name of a rebellious teenager to the ceiling.

A soft knock at the door broke her reverie. It was Sarah, a young woman from her church who had lost her own mother a year prior. Sarah held a small, hand-painted pot with a single, struggling sprout. "Happy Mother's Day, Martha," Sarah said softly. "I was going to throw this out—I don't have your green thumb. But I remembered what you told me last Sunday about how God doesn't give up on the 'bruised reeds.' I thought maybe you could help it grow."

Martha felt a familiar warmth. As she cleared a spot on the windowsill, she realized that motherhood wasn't just about the children she had birthed; it was about the life she had cultivated in others. It was the "shattering of the alabaster box"—the pouring out of one's life so that the fragrance of grace could fill the room.

By noon, the quiet house was loud. Her phone buzzed with video calls from her grandkids, and her son arrived with a box of malasadas. But as she watched Sarah sit at her table, feeling at home and loved, Martha whispered a quiet thank you to the Father.

She realized that a Mother's story isn't just about raising children; it's about becoming a harbor. She wasn't just a mother to her own; she was a witness to the truth that in God's family, no one is left behind.

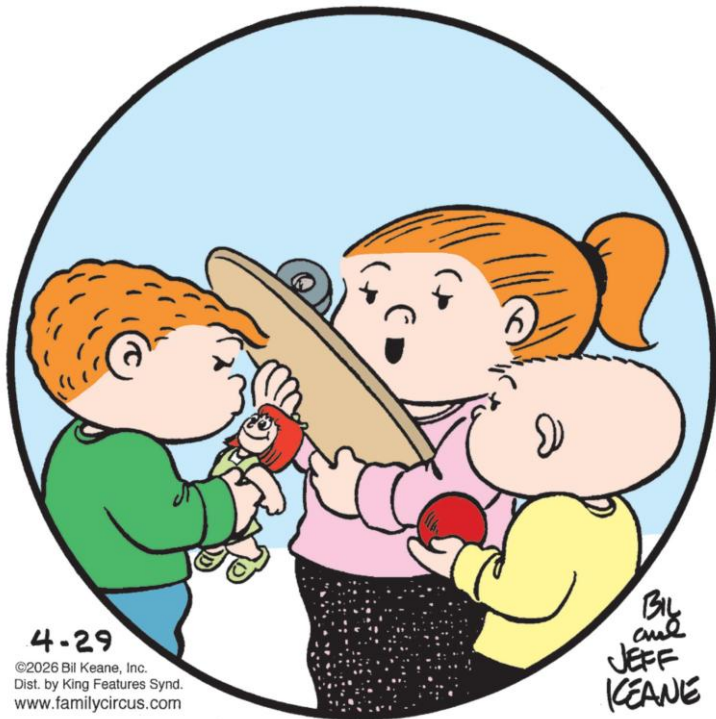
Wynde Thomas

MAY/JUNE RESPONSIBILITIES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LAY READER</u>	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
5/3	Pua	Donna M	George
5/10	Deborah	Wynde	George
5/17	Shannon	Kyle	George
5/24	Gina	Pua	George
5/31	Bob H		George
6/7	Carla	Donna M	George
6/14	Pua	Wynde	George
6/21	Deborah	Kyle	George
6/28	Shannon	Pua	George

MAY/JUNE CHURCH YARD CLEANING:

*Calvin, Richard & Wayne



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Bill
and
JEFF
KEANE

“If grown-ups learned to share their toys, we wouldn’t have so many wars.”

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY

Richard Norris

Stacy Lee

Yvonne Mukai

Savannah Sigler

Andree Norris

Kay Rabot

Charles Cecil

Don Mindoro

JUNE

June Shota

Katelyn Umetsu



NO COST SPAY/NEUTER

Fri, May 29th & Sat, May 30th

1315 Ulu St, Kapaa

PRIORITY FOR THOSE WHO NEED ASSISTANCE

Register Today

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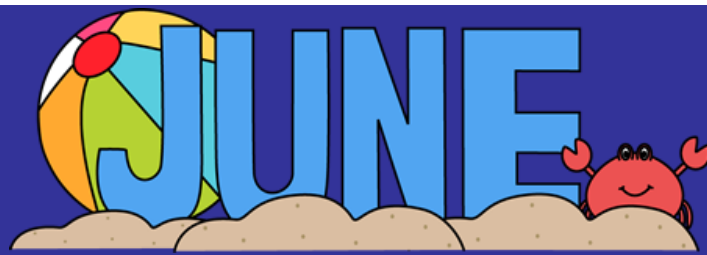
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24 10am Worship Service 1pm Kokua Kapaa	25 HOLIDAY! 6:30pm - AA	26	27 2pm Enhanced Fitness	28 6:30pm Women's AA Rm 7 7pm Men's AA-Social Hall	29 2pm Enhanced Fitness SPCA SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC	30 4:30pm Zumba w/Kawehi
31 10am Worship Service 5 th Sunday – Pot Luck 1pm Kokua Kapaa						



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