

Why the Church at Christmas? "Family of Love"

Revelation 1:4-8 • Pastor Jonathan Steeper

"To him who loves us and has washed us from our sins by his blood and has made us to be kings and priests to serve his God and Father."

~ **Revelation 1: 5-6**

1. Jesus was born into a family

- Born in love, to be loved, to love.

Teach children how to receive a gift with LIGHT.

Look the person in the eye

Interested in the person and the gift

Go and show your appreciation

Hug

Thank you

- The church is a family and each family is a little church.

2. Jesus was born to bring love to the unlovely

"To give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins because of the tender mercy of our God."

~ **Luke 1: 77**

- Sin is messy and so are families.

- Families are forgiveness factories.

3. Jesus was born to exalt the lowly with an eternal heritage.

"He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David." ~ **Luke 1: 69**

- We receive a royal heritage as princes and princesses in God's kingdom.

- We receive a godly heritage as priests to serve God.

December 17, 2017 – January 13, 2018

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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13

Dec 24 **CHRISTMAS MUSICAL** in Sunday morning services 7:15 & 10:45
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES 5pm & 7pm
 *Great opportunity to invite friends & family to Day & Eve Services!

Dec 27 **YOUTH WINTER CAMP** at Bellows **SIGN UP** by tomorrow-Dec 18 to 29
 Still time to join in w/three other churches for this last camp of 2017

Dec 29 **ALOHA & MAHALO DINNER** for Pastor Yoshi & Family
 6pm Friday in the Gym *Come bid a fond aloha to Pastor Yoshi

Jan 7 **JOINT ENGLISH & JAPANESE WORSHIP SERVICE** @ 7:15am
NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN
LUNCH IN THE GYM RETURNS

Happening Weekly

PRAYER: Sundays @ 6am, Prayer Room & 1pm, Church Office (Moms in Prayer)
 Mondays @ 7pm & Saturdays @ 6am (both in the Chapel)
 Saturdays @ 7am in the Sanctuary (Join the pastors/ elders)

DANCE: Hula - Mondays, 6pm Keiki Hula - Tuesdays, 5pm

FITNESS: Men's Weightlifting - M,W,F, 4:30pm - Weightroom
 Wahine Fitness - On break until January 2018

OPEN VOLLEYBALL (Dec 20) - Wed 6:30pm-Gym

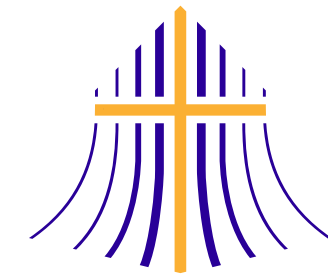
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: On break until January 10, 2018

JOY FELLOWSHIP FOR SENIORS: Thursdays, 9am in the Welcome Center

MANNA MINISTRY & FOOD BAG BLESSING: Thursdays, 10am in the Sanctuary

SATURDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 8- 9am in the Welcome Center

TRAIL LIFE & AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS: Friday nights or Saturdays-841-7022



KALIHI UNION CHURCH

loving God, loving people

DECEMBER 17, 2017



TODAY'S MESSAGE

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Kalihi Union Church is a multicultural community, celebrating our diversity as an expression of the good news of Jesus Christ.

Aloha & Welcome

Welcome to Kalihi Union Church! Glad you could join us as we worship Jesus Christ, our loving King and Prince of Peace!

Worship

Luke 2:14 says, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace."

Hymns for 7:15am Worship Service

#277 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, #267 I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day
#278 Angels We Have Heard on High

Hear the Word of God

"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them." ~ **Today's Scripture Reading:** Luke 1:67-79

10:45 AM Service ONLY

Children, ages 3 1/2 years through grade 5 are invited to "Kids Under Christ" after the Children's Moment. Pray for them as they go out.

Giving to God and Each Other

Tithes and Offerings: Lord, we give you the first and the very best of what you have given to us. Thank you for blessing us!

Christmas Offering: Thank you for giving locally to help families in our community as well globally to help spread the gospel around the world.

Friendship Bridge: Please pass the clipboard along your row and get to know the people sitting near you. We welcome visitors to leave some contact information as we'd love to get to know you.

Today's Sermon from the Word:

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Special Thanks

7:15 AM Advent Candle Lighting : The Urbano Family
Scripture Reading: Stan & Jan Shota
Dottie Yuen & the Handbell Choir

10:45 AM Advent Candle Lighting : The Torres Family
Scripture Reading: Garret & Lynn Uehara
Special Music: Matt & Kelly Steeper

Today's Worship & Ministry

7:15 am Early Morning Worship
9:00 am Children & Youth Sunday School Classes
Japanese Worship Service, Chapel
10:45 am Family Worship Service
Kids Under Christ (ages 3 1/2 through grade 5)
(Children's Church will join the Christmas Musical in the Sanctuary next week)

Sunday School Classes at 9:00 am

- **Preschool, Ages 3-4, Room B3**
- **Grades K-2, Rooms B1-B2**
- **Grades 3-5, A Building downstairs**
- **Grades 6-12, A Building upstairs**

ALL Sunday School Classes on break for the next 2 weeks:
(Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve)

Adult Sunday School Classes are on break from today.

**See you in the New Year... January 7, 2018
for a wonderful new set of classes.**



Chuck & Patti Kountz

***Coming mid January 2018 as our
Operations & Facility Manager**

Chuck & Patti are coming from Campbell, Ohio. The Lord has blessed them with 5 children and 10 grandchildren. Chuck has held the position of Facilities Manager for the past 16 years at his previous church. Patti has a love and passion to serve children and is looking forward to being used in any capacity she can to bless the people, children and leadership of Kalihi. She has been a mortgage processor/administrator for 17+ years and will be seeking employment in that field as they settle on Oahu for the next chapter of their lives. Their son & daughter in law, Zak & Jasmine, will be moving back to the island in July with the Kountz's 10th grandbaby, Uriah, to buy their forever home! Zak serves in the military as an Army Sgt. MP and Jasmine just finished her degree in social work and will be securing a position helping children & victims of abuse.

What's Happening

**MAHALO & ALOHA DINNER
for PASTOR YOSHI & FAMILY
Dec 29 - Friday @ 6pm** in the Gym
Come say aloha to the Fujinamis!
Sign up **today** (the 17th) & **next
Sunday** (the 24th) on the lanai for
side dishes, salads & finger foods.

**COMING UP IN 2018
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7:**

- * JOINT JAPANESE-ENGLISH
WORSHIP at **7:15 am**
- * NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASSES Begin
- * LUNCH in the GYM RETURNS

DECEMBER 24TH SERVICES

- * Christmas Musical Sunday
Morning @ 7:15 & 10:45
- * Christmas Eve Candlelight
Services @ 5pm & 7pm

**2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES
ON THE LANAI TODAY**

Please pick up your set from the tables. After today, your envelopes will be available through the office.

ANNUAL REPORTS, Please!

Electronic Copies w/photos by Dec. 17 (tonight), please!

Community Life

Happy Birthday Blessings to you!

Dec 18 - Sam Arakawa, Julia Toyama, Tammy Yamamoto
20 - Amy Shinagawa **21** - Thelma Nii **22** - Nelson Kanemoto

Happy Anniversary Blessings to you!

Dec 19 - Manny & Ludi Macadangdang
22 - Nelson & Theresa (Shelby) Kanemoto

ALTAR FLOWERS for 2018

Thanks for the beautiful floral arrangements you've contributed this year. The 2018 Calendar is now available for you to reserve Special dates. (birthdays, anniversaries of loved ones) Please contact the church office if interested in signing up at 841-7022.

Last Sunday's Special Vote

Thank you to all the members that voted last Sunday for the Associate Pastor of Japanese Ministry and Family Life. We had 156 members sign in and the result was: 149 Yes, 3 No, and 4 blank ballots. We look forward to welcoming John, Mayumi & Jonah Barrow in January 2018.