

Pearl City Community Church

THE LOVING PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST SHARED WITH OTHERS



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*Join us for Worship
Service Online every
Sunday. Streaming is
available on YouTube
and Facebook at
10:00AM.*

PASTOR'S PORTION

Rev. Gordon Marchant, Senior Pastor

I read this morning a transcript of an interview of Gavin Calver, a Christian leader ministering in England. He was asked about the responses of churches to the pandemic. Here is how Gavin answered:

“Since the pandemic, 25 percent of the population of the UK has to been to church online at least once. Normally only 5 percent of the population goes to church.”

In another article published in Nov. 2020, it provides even greater context.

“Christian affiliation in the UK fell from 66 percent to 38 percent over 25 years.” The Anglican church “attracts less than 2% of the national population to regular worship” and that “as few as 1% of 18- to 24-year-olds now identify as Anglicans.”

Nevertheless, the title chosen for that same article was ...

Anglican Churches in the UK Are Shrinking in Size but NOT IMPACT

The theme is that God's church, whether in England or Hawaii, has been given a divine opportunity during this global pandemic to change, adapt, develop, transform, innovate, and reach out to people as never before.

Pause and consider what the Lord has done these past 11 months within Pearl City Community Church. Can you remember times when you were younger, riding a roller coaster? Exhilarating and terrifying, all at the same time! Would you have ever guessed that PCCC would become proficient at ONLINE worship? Did you know that our church has been attracting “virtual guests” each Sunday who have yet to visit our Lehua Ave. church campus? We have become their spiritual church home!

Praise be to the Lord Jesus Christ. Whether 7223 miles away in London, England or here is Pearl City – God is at work among us!

Treasurer's Report for 2020

Pearl Yamanouchi

The year 2020, otherwise known as the year of the COVID-19 pandemic, has been like no other. Effective March 13, 2020, Pearl City Community Church (PCCC) went on lockdown and continues to do so until further notice. However, closing down does not mean that all activity ceases in the church. Invoices still needed to be paid, and monetary decisions still needed to be made.

Due to the pandemic, Congress enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) to help businesses and individuals. PCCC applied for and received the following benefits as part of the CARES Act.

- Payroll Protection Plan: (PPP) \$47,800
Used for payroll and operating costs. Application pending for forgiveness.
- Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Advance \$6,000
Treated as grant.
- EIDL Program \$150,000
 - 30 year loan to be used for operational expenses. Monthly payments of \$641 are due starting July 1, 2021.
- City and County of Honolulu Small Business Relief and Recovery Fund \$1,553.16
Reimbursement for utility costs April-August 2020.

The Congregation voted in December 2019 to bid for the foreclosed house on 870 Third Street. PCCC's bid of \$675,000 was the only one tendered. A court confirmation hearing initially scheduled for March 2020 has just been completed on February 4, 2021. It is uncertain what the final interest rate and monthly payments would be pending the closing of escrow in two months. PCCC now needs to determine the long term use of this property, as it decides the extent of repairs to complete.

The financial team decided in March 2020, to withdraw the funds needed for the down payment for 870 Third Street, for closing costs and other operational costs. Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) were withdrawn from the Hawaii Conference Fund, and \$85,000 from the United Church of Christ Funds. These withdrawals are in the First Hawaiian Bank checking account pending the court hearing for the property.

In December 2020, the Congregation also approved the purchase of property on 879 Third Street. The owner offered a substantial discount on his asking price, lowering it from \$1,200,000 to \$800,000. The \$400,000 down payment will be withdrawn from the investment funds for the down payment. A mortgage of \$400,000 will be procured from Cornerstone Fund.

A **BIG MAHALO** to all the generous members of PCCC who so willingly opened their pocketbooks to support the missions and operations of the church in 2020! Below is a graph to show the year end donations.

	YTD 12/31/2020	2020 Budget	Difference
Regular Offerings	\$222,854.51	\$214,000	\$8,854.51
Easter Offerings	\$3,896	\$5,000	\$1,104
Thanksgiving Offerings	\$6,380	\$5,000	\$1,380
Christmas Offerings	\$9,810	\$5,000	\$4,810

The treasurer and finance committee ask for your continued financial support as the church moves forward in 2021. As stewards of good faith, we pledge to always have the best interests of the church in making financial decisions.

Adult Bible Studies

March 2020, our lives took on a totally new normal. We no longer would be doing all the daily routines of the week, as we were now confined to our homes. Major adjustments had to be made, communications had to be virtual. Truly, meeting online was a major change and adjustment for many seniors in our church. However, through God's grace and our perseverance, we were able to meet that challenge. Listed are the four bible studies for the week. **Contact Karen Ujimori 341-3029.**

VIRTUAL

Monday 10:00 a.m. Book of John, "The Way to True Life" by Douglas Connell

Monday 7:00 p.m. Book of Luke, "New Hope, New Joy" by Ada Lum

Thursday 9:00 a.m. 1st Corinthians, Study Bible, Life Application, New Living Translation

Hale Mohalu

Saturday 9:00 a.m. Studying Books of the Old Testament

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right." 2 Timothy 3:16

Board of Deacons

Babette Lareau

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, the 40 days (not including Sunday) leading up to Easter. Lent is a season that encourages Christians to acknowledge and confront their sinfulness, remember their mortality and to give thanks for the gift of salvation that has been given freely to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Although at this time, we are unable to worship in person, we as Christians can still experience the confession and forgiveness that the cross represents by reflecting on the power of Christ's death in the privacy of our own homes.

Ash Wednesday is February 17th. On that day at 11:30 am, we invite you to join us for a brief worship service that will be led by Rev. Dr. Gordon Marchant. We will pray and reflect on the meaning and purpose of the cross.

Here is the Ash Wednesday link on February 17 @ 11:30 a.m. <https://bit.ly/2MszkKA>

May this be a time for us to confess our sins and ask God for forgiveness. We have included a prayer card for those who would welcome help in beginning their prayers of confession.

Here are the upcoming dates of the Lenten season leading up to and culminating with Easter Sunday.

Ash Wednesday: February 17th

Holy Week

Palm Sunday: March 28th

Maundy Thursday: April 1st

Good Friday: April 2nd

Easter Sunday: April 4th

ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER

God, as you call us to return to you, help us see our shortcomings clearly. Give us the courage to return to you, ask your forgiveness, and to receive it with humility and gratitude.

May we never forget you made us from dust to return to dust. May we know your unfailing love precisely in the midst of our families. Amen

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and put a new spirit within me." *Psalms 51:10*

Board of Missions

PEARL CITY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Valentine's Day Fundraising Appeal

Board of Missions is reaching out to our Church family for monetary donations for Domestic Violence programs here in Hawaii.

Valentine's Day is a special time of celebration for many individuals and families. Yet, not everyone in Hawaii will be receiving expressions of love and affection this year. There are many who are facing domestic violence. With COVID-19 stay at home requirements, domestic violence helplines are reporting increases in calls. Domestic violence impacts individuals, families, and our communities.



This special Valentine's Day fundraising appeal is to support the dedicated non-profit organizations who are working hard to address domestic violence in Hawaii.

You can share your love this Valentine's Day by completing the form at the bottom of this page in support of these organizations:

- 1) Domestic Violence Action Center, and
- 2) UCC Transition House

Your financial donation will offer hope and help to individuals and families through the work of these organizations.

Each year, the Board of Missions invites individuals and organizations to apply for financial assistance. This year, the Board of Missions will continue its financial awards practice. In addition, it is making this special appeal for funds to award domestic violence programs. Please join us by sharing your love with our neighbors.

Thank You, Frances Nakamura and Jean Kimoto, Co-Chairs, Board of Missions

FUNDRAISING APPEAL for ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – Board of Missions

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$150 \$200 Other: _____

Donations may be made by: **Check** payable to **Pearl City Community Church** and mailed to: PCCC, at 933 Lehua Avenue, Pearl City, HI. 96782 **OR Online** via <https://www.pearlcitycommunitychurch.org/give.html>
Please designate for Domestic Violence programs.

Depression S.U.P.P.O.R.T. Group

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you HOPE and a FUTURE.” *Jeremiah 29:11*

DEPRESSION...IT'S MORE THAN JUST THE BLUES! Everyone feels down in the dumps now and then. But with depression, feelings of unhappiness are usually severe and long-lasting. Don't let depression rob you of hope and joys in life.

Purpose: Depression Support Group is to provide support through:

1. Prayer and Scriptures.
2. Safe Haven (comfort knowing that what is shared will be kept confidential).
3. Motivation and Support (love and understanding go a long ways)

Goal: Strengthen personal relationship with God and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to fulfill His plans for you.

Core Values: And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength. *Philippians 4:7,13*

Virtual meetings are held once a month. Call office for more information: 455-4148.

Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii

"HEALING, HARMONY AND HOPE."

Our mission is to provide professional and accessible behavioral health counseling sensitive to the spiritual traditions of individuals, families, and communities in Hawaii, regardless of their ability to pay.

We provide individual, family, and couples counseling, both in-person and through telehealth, regardless of ability to pay. Whether you are coping with anxiety about COVID-19, stress over life's transitions, or relationship conflicts, we can help.

Learn about current counseling options in our [COVID-19 Q&A](#).

For more information, call (808) 545-2740 or visit

www.samaritancounselingcenterhawaii.org.



CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2021



Clay Kimoto, Moderator



Ben Gabriel, Jr., Vice Moderator



Nancy Yoshimoto, Secretary



Pearl Yamanouchi, Treasurer



Jean Kimoto, Historian



Shirley Ota, Members at Large



Naomi Takai, Members at Large

Announcements

Seeking Financial Assistance?

The Pearl City Community Church's Board of Missions invites all interested individuals and organizations seeking financial assistance to complete and submit an application form by March 1, 2021. Application information is available on the church's website: www.pearlcitycommunitychurch.org or by calling the office at (808) 455-4148. Applications may be completed online or mailed to Pearl City Community Church at 933 Lehua Avenue, Pearl City, HI. 96782.

Henry Opukahaia's Legacy



Every year Pearl City Community Church takes up a collection in honor of Henry Opukahaia; a collection used to further those who wish to pursue seminary or to support continuing education for pastors.

We will receive our offering **beginning Sunday, February 14** and solicit your gifts through the end of the month. Please make your check payable to **Pearl City Community Church**, with the notation on the check **Henry O.** Our gifts will be sent to Hawaii Conference UCC. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

SCHOLARSHIP: Applications for \$500 Scholarships are available at the church office or in our website www.pearlcitycommunitychurch.org. PCCC members, their dependents, or active participants of PCCC may apply. Applicant must be an Oahu High School senior with Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher and will be an incoming college freshman at a four-year university, private college, community college, vocational or trade school. Applications are due on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. Contact Dennis or Karen Sakuma at 623-3450 or email at dksak@icloud.com.



Kupuna & Family Meal Program



This program offers a menu of 3 different meals which include a starch, salad, and salad dressing. Meals are prepared weekly at Kalihi Union Church by local chefs and TAH food servers all trained in food preparation and following the Board of Health regulations. A variety of desserts are also available. The 3-meal pack is \$25.50 tax included. Desserts are \$5.00.

Place your order online at <https://www.toucheahearthawaii.org/> or call (808) 779-7083. Pick up every Wednesdays 3:00 – 4:30PM at Pearl City Community Church.