



KLC Ohana News



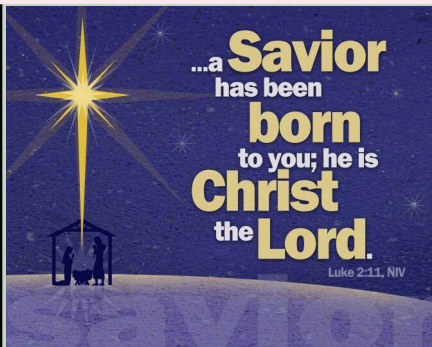
DECEMBER 2014

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

PASTOR DAVID J. KRUEGER

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

On Wednesday, December 24th, KLC will hold three Christmas Eve services, beginning at 4:00, 6:00, and 8:00 p.m. The 4:00 p.m. service will be geared toward families with young children, using the "Paper Bag Christmas Pageant", where everyone will receive a paper bag containing items that will allow them to participate in a "do-it-yourself" Christmas pageant. All three services will include the singing of Christmas carols and Holy Communion, along with a variety of special music at each service. Each celebration will conclude with the lighting of candles and the singing of 'Silent Night' as our hula group dances the traditional Filipino 'Pandanggo sa Ilaw' ('Dance of Light'). Please accept our invitation to join us during this most holy time to worship Christ Jesus as we remember and celebrate his birthday through these worship opportunities.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

On Sunday, December 14th, within the 9:00 a.m. worship service, the KLC choir and youth will present a special musical entitled "Silent Night, Wondrous Sight". Please join us as we prepare our hearts and minds during this season of Advent for the celebration of Christ's birthday.

WITNESS

CONCERT AT THE MALL

Show your support during this Christmas season as members and friends from KLC combine to present an evening of Christmas music and dance at the Queen Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center in Kahului on Wednesday, December 17th, starting at 7:00 p.m. Included will be the congregation's choir, hula group, hand chimes group, keiki, soloists, and other musicians. Following the concert, everyone (including friends and family) is invited to gather at Ruby's Diner (located at the mall). If you have any questions, talk with Kathy Krueger (875-7753).

KEIKI CHRISTMAS GIFTS

This year we will be collecting unwrapped gifts for the keiki that are served at the Keolahou Food Pantry. If you would like to help with this project, please sign up for a child. Or if you prefer, you may give a monetary donation and an "elf" will shop for you. Gifts should be within a \$10 limit, and are not to be wrapped. It is best to avoid toys that require batteries. Parents will have the opportunity to personally select a gift for their child at the Keolahou Food Pantry and wrap it before taking it home. Donations of wrapping paper would also be appreciated. Sign-up sheets are available after church services. All gifts need to be purchased and returned to church by Sunday, December 14. For more information please contact Renee or Nels Romerdahl (874-5695).



ALOHA FROM PASTOR DAVE



Dave
Krueger



With the coming of December comes the Christmas music that we hear everywhere we go. While there are many Christmas songs that are favorites, one of them that frequently remains on my mind is, "Do You Hear What I Hear?" The last verse of that song begins with the words, "Said the king to the people everywhere, Listen to what I say!"

Recently I received an article from the Alban Institute entitled "*Why Listening Matters for Mission and Ministry Today*". In the article, the author, Lynne Baab, quotes an unnamed Presbyterian pastor that she interviewed as part of a study on listening in the Church as saying, "*We're failing in the wider church to listen to each other well.*"

Baab then goes on to write, "*Much of the emphasis on listening in congregations has focused on pastoral care. Listening as a part of caring ministries matters now as much as ever, because personal needs are as complex, if not more complex, than in years past. Listening skills have also been emphasized for cross-cultural mission. I am convinced, however, that in these rapidly changing times, listening skills are essential for all aspects of congregational ministry and for all kinds of mission.*"

She also points out that, "*...as the West moves deeper into a post-Christendom culture, the people coming into congregations, as well as the people in the wider community, are less likely to be operating from assumptions they share with each other or with the people already attending the congregation. With worldwide migration reshaping our communities and congregations, people in our neighborhoods, workplaces and congregations bring diverse perspectives from their varied cultural and religious backgrounds. In order to understand how to minister in this changing world, my interviewees indicated that we need to know what people value and how they think.*" The point here is that the way we learn what people value and think is to do more listening, and less talking.

Baab concludes her article by writing, "*Listening to God is another aspect of listening that is gaining attention in our time. My interviewees noted that many congregational leaders have become weary of thinking about church as a business. Many are looking for authentic experiences of God's guidance through consensus building and communal discernment, rather than through decision-making models shaped by business or government. Listening is an essential component in both consensus and discernment. And, in fact, becoming a better listener to the people in our lives can help us grow in the ability to listen for God's voice, and growing in listening to God helps us improve our ability to listen to the people in our lives as well.*"

As we go through the month, moving toward the celebration of the birthday of Jesus Christ, we might do well to be more intentional about our listening. We might be wise to hear those opening words from the last verse of "Do You Hear What I Hear?", which state, "Listen to what I say". For in doing so, we might hear God's voice in the Christ child, calling us to take the time to know what others around us value and think. That's what being the Body of Christ is about. It's why Jesus Christ came to this earth – that we might learn more about who God is in our lives. Mele Kalikimaka! Have a very blessed Christmas!

Ke Akua me ke Aloha,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave".

CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING

On **Sunday, December 14th, 10:15 a.m.**, the congregation will meet to approve the KLC operating budget for 2015. All confirmed members of the congregation are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, contact Karen Carlson, Finance Team Chair (446-1180). The congregation will also meet in February to hear year-end reports from the congregation's teams, elect voting members to the Synod Assembly, along with conducting any other business deemed necessary by the church council.

SPECIAL ADVENT STUDY

The Thursday Night Bible Study Hui invites you to join us for a very special Advent study, 7:00-8:30PM, at the church. There is be a video, discussion and application at each study, ending with prayer and homemade Christmas cookies made by our dear Evelyn Kaya!! You are welcome to come to one or all evenings. Why come?? Advent allows us the time and space to refocus our hearts and minds on Jesus – the true hope of the season. The observation of Advent is a gift, a time to reflect, meditate, and pray, asking God to do a great work in our hearts as we remember anew the great gift given to us through His Son. We observe Advent because God expects something amazing to happen in our lives at Christmas. So please prayerfully consider taking time out to grow in your faith walk as we journey to the manger. Dates are: December 4 – December 11 – December 18. Hope to see there. Friends are welcome to come too!! God bless you! Questions? Please contact Pastor Dave.

ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBERS

The 2015 Pacifica Synod Assembly will take place May 28-30, in Riverside, California. Would you be interested in representing KLC as a voting member at that assembly? We are currently looking for people to place into nomination for the two voting members we are required to send.

We must have one male and one female member. All costs are paid for, including airfare, hotel, and food. If you would be interested, please talk with Pastor Dave. Our congregation's voting members will be elected at the annual congregational meeting in February.

Adult Bible Study



JOIN OUR
STUDY

How often have you said or heard the quote "Hind sight is 20/20"? If only you knew then what you know now, things might have been different. The Israelites didn't have a whole lot of "hind sight" and certainly not one shred of clarity. For us however, the Old Testament is a really good resource for the "Hind Sight" part

of this quote. The New Testament is the 20/20, or the clarity part. As the Kerygma class is traveling through our studies we are realizing this more and more.



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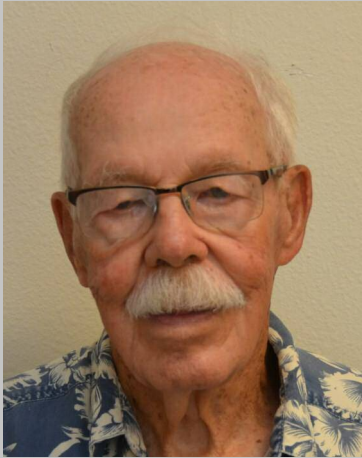
Kerygma is the study of the whole Bible in a unique "thematic" approach. While I have pared down the original study to suit our time frame the class has found that there is still an abundance of knowledge to glean from the material as presented. Through the scriptures chosen for each theme we have found that more often than not, these themes and scripture references will also correlate to Dave's weekly sermon.....thus awakening us to realize fully that both the Old and New Testaments are relevant today. In our daily lives the Bible has become alive.

Understanding the reasons for the often tedious passages about battles, exile, seriously flawed kings and repetitive disobedience of the Israelites has opened our minds and hearts to the faithfulness of God's mercy and love for us. Through the failures and disobedience of the earthly kings of Judah and Israel, God is revealing to us through His Word in both the Old and New Testaments the unfolding of His plan for the ages. We can more fully understand the setting for the birth, death and resurrection of Christ. It is exciting to find an "ah ha" moment of clarity in these often tangled stories of deceit, deception and disobedience. In every instance you can see God's hand and merciful love touching every move, word and emotion. He is here today, in all of our lives, moving with precise actions and timing. He is loving us unconditionally with forgiveness, healing and deliverance.

Even though we are half way through the program, it's not too late to join our group. It is not the typical Genesis - Revelation progression. The different Themes are spread throughout the entire Bible. (that was the first "ah-ha") For instance, you will find the theme "God Saves His People" in Exodus, Joshua, and Ezekiel as well as Luke, Acts, and Romans. The program is written so that no matter what level of Bible knowledge you may possess, this class will help you understand and thus use God's incredible Word to complete your daily living. Please join us every Sunday after worship in the Youth Room.

NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, November 16th, the following 12 people were welcomed into membership at KLC: Nels Glesne; Marilyn Hopkins; Keek, Maureen, & Quinn Hottendorf; Darleen Owens; Bryan & Megan Pearl; Gene & Jeane Raine; Drew Snyder; and Leslie Keane. We rejoice in their connection with God's people at KLC and pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen their relationship with our Lord through their service here.



INVITE SOMEONE TO WORSHIP!

As disciples of Christ, we are given the responsibility to share the gift of his love for us with others. Two of the ways we do this are to lead exemplary lives, and to seize opportunities to share our faith. Coming in January, we are planning an "Each One, Bring One" Sunday. Think about your neighbor, an unchurched friend, a business associate, anyone you connect with between now and then. The Holy Spirit will be with you as you ask them to join you for worship at KLC on that Sunday, and maybe breakfast or lunch after that. It's completely untrue that you need to be a biblical scholar to open up a conversation with someone else about your church or your faith. CREATE OPENINGS. I have a necklace made up of 3 crosses. I have a t-shirt that simply says, "So Blessed". When I'm meeting people at the county pool or at the beach, or when I'm asked what I do with my time as a retiree, I can tell them that I help feed the hungry through my church, or that I sing in the church choir (I don't, but Dee does). You get the idea. You can make a witness opportunity and an invitation to KLC happen. Look for a notice about "Each One, Bring One" Sunday coming soon. By the way, always remember to wear your nametag at church. It makes getting to know one another a whole lot easier.

Dave Reader

WORSHIP TIMES CHANGE IN JANUARY

Please note that starting on January 4th, KLC will move to two worship services on Sundays, beginning at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Christian Education and choir will be held in between services at 9:15 a.m. This schedule will run through Easter Sunday, April 5th, in order to accommodate the larger attendance at worship during the winter months. If you have any questions, please contact Worship Team Chair, Zel Terluin (874-5049).



November Angels



Our church family has grown by receiving eleven new members on November 16. As the coordinator of the New Member Team I want to shout out a big Mahalo to all of the sponsors for volunteering to pray for these new members as well as "showing them the ropes". Dave and Melanie Spencer, Dee and Dave Reader, Terri Ocean, Sue Morecroft, Debbie and Paul Emanovsky, Adam Krueger and the Pilotin family will be introducing you to our newest members.

The luncheon was a demonstration of the blessings that God has poured upon Evelyn Kaya, Nancy Meyer, Melysa Scibelli, Dave and Heather Ballaine, Linda Archer and Kathy Krueger. Their contributions of food and time to set up and clean up the luncheon on November 9, an otherwise busy day, was remarkable.

If you would like to become a sponsor or could help out with the luncheon for our next New Member Class in the Spring, please contact me. Jan Porter 808-283-6111



MERRY WISH LIST

For the past 6 months KLC has been blessed by the expansion of our church facilities. While the additional space has been a true gift from God, there are still some parts of the expansion project that haven't been completed, due to the lack of funding. As we approach the end of the year, this "wish list" is being shared, in case someone might be looking for an opportunity to make an end of the year gift to KLC for tax purposes. Please make sure any gift to this "wish list" is over and above your regular offering given to the general operating fund of the congregation, and not in place of it. The day to day ministries of the congregation are also very much in need of everyone's ongoing support. Mahalo nui for any kokua you might be able to offer!

This list is in order of the cost estimate, and not in any order of importance:

- Painting of two (white) stucco wall areas – \$725
- Painting of cement block foundation around expansion - \$1,175
- Plants for landscaping around the buildings - \$2,000
- New Sound Desk for sound system - \$2,000
- Gutters for the expanded Sanctuary building - \$2,300
- Expansion of the sanctuary sound system - \$2,700
- Painting of the handrails - \$3,325
- Covering for the new lanai on the mauka side of the sanctuary – This yet to be designed structure will require a significant investment, but the additional covering will greatly expand the use of the area. If you would like more information about this particular item, please speak with Pastor Dave.

Please also note that if there is anyone who would like to undertake any of the three painting projects, rather than hiring the work out, that would be welcomed. Again, please speak with Pastor Dave about this.

LOOKING AHEAD

It was with excitement that Kihei Lutheran Church announced the beginning of the new three year Capital Campaign to expand our facilities in March of 2013. We are now more than half way through the campaign and have seen our new church construction completed and dedicated. We are now enjoying the new facilities and the extra space.

But the cost was more than expected (it seems like construction always is more expensive) so we needed to take out a loan from the ELCA's Mission Investment Fund to help pay the extra unexpected costs. Our monthly mortgage payment is \$2,139.00 to MIF to pay off the \$400,000 loan and we even have a wish list of a few items we need to complete the work.

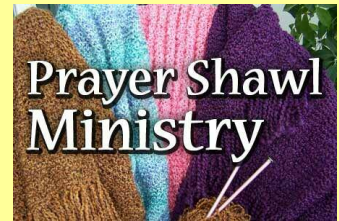
The pledged amount money remaining due for the rest of our 3 year campaign is about \$79,000. The Finance Team is hoping that those who have not completed their pledge (and those who would just like to help give to the campaign fund, but did not pledge) can do so before the end of the campaign. Even a few extra dollars by end of this year will help us pay that mortgage payment every month.

Let's work to pay off this debt so we can concentrate on serving our Lord in the new ways he calls us to do. Mahalo nui for all that everyone has done to help make this project such a success.

Karen Carlson, Financial Secretary



Mahalo KLC Ohana and Friends for your financial and prayer support to our ministry these past years!!! We wish you a Most Blessed Christmas and a Very Happy and Healthy New Year!!! We ask God to bless you and we ask you to keep God in the center of your lives!!!! In His Love and Service – The Prayer Shawl Hui



FIJI MISSION TRIP

A team from Kihei Lutheran Church will journey to Suva, Fiji to serve at Homes of Hope, a ministry that provides support for women who have been victims of human trafficking and forced prostitution.

Trip dates are April 11th—April 25th, 2015.

Contact Sharon McElroy for more information.
sharon.mcelroy@hawaiiantel.net

Living a Giving Life: Update

A big mahalo to those who have turned in their Estimate of Giving Cards! We've received 72 cards of the 160 mailed out and a total estimated of giving of \$225,400. Our goal for 2015 is \$371,000, so we aren't there yet! Last year, we received 74 cards. We're hoping to exceed that number this year.

It's not too late to turn in your cards. Bring them to church, drop them off at the office, or mail them to the church. You are vital to the mission of this church and it is so important that we have an idea of your monetary support to what KLC can accomplish in 2015!

Spiritual Gifts Committee

"Sewing Supplies Needed for Fiji Homes of Hope Mission Trip"

We will need to bring Sewing Supplies for our Mission trip in April.

We need : Used pillowcases, thread, scissors, cotton and cotton blend fabric (used patterned flat sheets would work), ribbon, trim, bias tape.

We will be teaching the women to sew small dresses, tops, & "britches" from the pillowcases and fabrics. They will make them for their children or to sell at markets. Drop them off at the office with "Fiji Sewing Project" marked on the bag, or give them to Auntie Sharon at church.

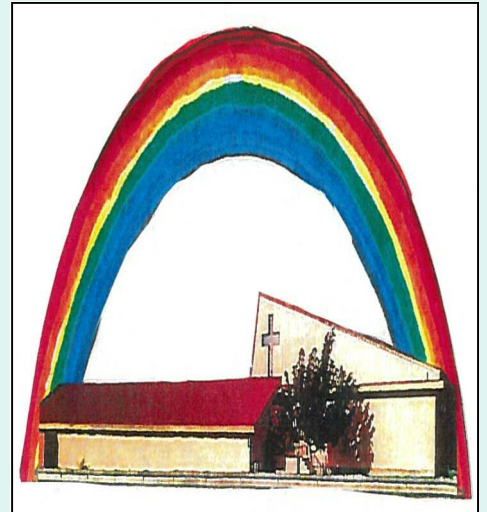
ADULT EDUCATION

We continue to journey through the Kerygma series. Join us at 10:15am in the Youth Room. See Jan Porter with questions.



Important Statistics

October	2013	2014
Average Sunday Worship Attend- ance -	144	158
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$18,814.17	\$24,656.24
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$242,365.51	\$297,834.91



MAHALO CONCERT DVD

A DVD of the Mahalo Concert that was presented on Sunday, September 28th, is now available. If you would like to have one of these DVDs, please speak with Zel Terluin (874-5049). Both regular DVD and Blu-Ray versions are available. A \$10/DVD donation is being suggested. Mahalo nui to Brett Flippen who videoed the concert, edited the video, and is producing all of the DVDs.

Aloha KLC Ladies

There will be NO Women's Hui this month. The next one will be Tuesday, January 27th at the home of Rhonda Stoltzfus (53 Honuhula St, Kihei) at 6:00pm. We are working our way through "Becoming a Vessel God can Use". Come and enjoy the fellowship! All are encouraged to purchase the book (Kindle \$9.99 or Amazon Prime \$12.37) If you don't have the book or can't get to the reading, that's OK. Come anyway for the fellowship!

Men's Hui



No meeting this month. Next meeting—January 27th.

MEN'S GROUP

All are Welcome



Tuesday, December
16th, 2014
7:00 p.m.



LIKE" US ON FACEBOOK

If you haven't already "liked" our page:
<http://www.facebook.com/KiheiLutheran>,
go ahead and do so to be the most up-to-date on upcoming church events. A link is already on the church website!

Administrative Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday:
9:00 AM—5:00 PM



HAU'OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)



Bob Schumacher	12/1	Kaha'aheo Elaban	12/18
Rhonda Taylor	12/1	Gretchen Benson	12/20
Keli Nelson	12/3	Janice Porter	12/21
Barbara Rudow	12/4	Hilary Glassel	12/22
John Bendon	12/5	Vicki Lee	12/23
Denise Ankrum	12/9	Margie Terluin	12/24
Luke Bendon	12/11	Linda Hangartner	11/21
Diana Hill	12/11	Holly Pendergast	12/25
Erik Jorgenson	12/11	Emily Pluchos	12/25
Molly Lawson	12/12	Dianne Horn	12/26
Lisa Paulson	12/12	Bert Schifferling	12/27
Eric Romerdahl	12/12	Jack Wierzba	12/27
Sharon Schoenemann	12/13	Lottie Ali	12/29
Marilyn Fornwall	12/14	Roy Gesch	12/30
John Thorngren	12/14	Karlin Serrato	12/30
Heather Ballaine	12/15	Jerry Embree	12/31
Melanie Spencer	12/16		


HAU'OLI LA HO'OMANA'O! (Happy Anniversary!)

Doug & Lisa Paulson	December 2, 1995
Jeff & Charlotte Wright	December 2, 1972
David & Kathy Krueger	December 18, 1971
Tony & Carol Wakefield	December 19, 1964
Todd & Molly Lawson	December, 21 1991
Duke & Sharon McElroy	December 23, 1963
Neil & Sheila Turnbull	December 25, 1985
Bob & Jane Schumacher	December 29, 1991
David & Rhonda Stoltzfus	December 30, 1995
Paul Cheng & Jill Jennings	December 31, 1989



Worship Volunteers

December 2014

Assisting Ministers		Media	
7	Owen Pendergast	7	Sharyl Boren
14	Holly Pendergast	14	Alle Rudow
21	Jan Porter	21	Stephanie Mohr
24	4:00—Andrew Fleishman 6:00—Roxi Nelson,	24	
	8:00—Mike Beyersdorf	28	
28	Fred Trott		
Readers		Keiki Sunday School	
7	Linda Hangartner	7	Jessica Nelson, Dawn Fleishman, Erica Pilotin, Alex & Lanyssa Kennedy
14	Hilary Glassel	14	Jessica Nelson, Sharon McElroy, Erica Pilotin, Alex & Lanyssa Kennedy
21	Marilyn Hopkins	21	Jessica Nelson, Dawn Fleishman, Erica Pilotin, Alex & Lanyssa Kennedy
24	Nancy Meyer	24	Jessica Nelson, Sharon McElroy, Erica Pilotin, Alex & Lanyssa Kennedy
28	Andrea Harris	28	Jessica Nelson, Erica Pilotin, Alex & Lanyssa Kennedy
Communion		Refreshments	
7	Hula Group/4-Given	7	Fred & Kathy Trott
14	Billie & Steve Moksnes, Sharon & Don Begalke, & Heather & Dave Ballaine	14	Joy & Linda
21	Renee & Nels Romerdahl, Evelyn Kaya, Holly Pendergast, Linda Hangartner & Hilary Glassel	21	
24	4: Youth 6: 4-given	24	Vicki Nelson— Dinner
24	8: Hula	28	
28	Zel Terluin, Dawn Misner, Keli, Vicki, Jessica & Roxi Nelson		
Greeters		Flowers	
7	Holly Pendergast & Carolyn Rixey-Wagner	7	
14	Holly Pendergast & Donna Smith	14	
21	Karen & Lynn Carlson	21	
24	4: Peggy & Dave Crossen & Karen & Lynn Carlson	24	
	6: Stoltzfus Family & Carolyn Rixie-Wagner 8: Stoltzfus Family & Karen & Lynn Carlson	28	Bev & Bert Schifferling
28	Peggy & Dave Crossen		
Ushers			
7	Don Begalke & Richard Gesch		
14	David & Simon Stoltzfus		
21	Owen Pendergast & Adam Krueger		
24			
28	Richard Gesch & Duane Chaney		



Kihei Lutheran Church

December 2014



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 Noisy Offering 9am Worship 10:15am Choir 10:15am Christian Education 11:30am Youth Lunch Out 1pm Korean Presbyterian 5pm Tongan United Methodist	1 10am Administrative Team 2pm Spiritual Gifts Team 5:30pm Chimes 6pm Spiritual Growth Team 6:45pm Mutual Ministry Team 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	2 6pm Property Team	3 7:30am Prayer Hui 5pm Tongan United Methodist Mission 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	4 7am Weightwatchers 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 5:30pm Hula Practice 5:30pm 4-Given 6:45pm Masterworks 7pm Thursday Study Hui 7:30pm Korean Presbyterian	5 7pm SLAA Meeting	6 7pm Tongan UMC Choir
7—Keolahou Food Pantry Youth Candy Cane Christmas Party 9am Worship 10:15am Choir 10:15am Christian Education 11:30am Confirmation Class 1pm Korean Presbyterian 5pm Tongan United Methodist	8 5:30pm Chimes 6:45pm Worship Team 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	9 6pm Finance Team	10 7:30am Prayer Hui 4pm Community Assistance & Outreach Team 5pm Tongan United Methodist Mission 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	11 7am Weightwatchers 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 5:30pm Hula Practice 5:30pm 4-Given 6:45pm Masterworks 7pm Thursday Study Hui 7:30pm Korean Presbyterian	12 11am Contemplative Ministry 7pm SLAA Meeting	13 9am Cantata Practice 7pm Tongan UMC Choir
14—Christmas Choir Cantata 9am Worship 10:15am Congregational Budget Meeting 10:15am Christian Education 11:30am Confirmation Class 1pm Korean Presbyterian 5pm Tongan United Methodist	15 5:30pm Chimes 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	16 7pm Church Council	17 7:30am Prayer Hui 4pm Community Assistance & Outreach Team 5pm Tongan United Methodist Mission 7pm Witness Concert @ Mall 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	18 7am Weightwatchers 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 5:30pm Hula Practice 5:30pm 4-Given 7pm Thursday Study Hui 7:30pm Korean Presbyterian	19 7pm SLAA Meeting	20 7pm Tongan UMC Choir
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28 9am Worship 11:30am youth Lunch Out 1pm Korean Presbyterian 5pm Tongan United Methodist	29 5:30pm Chimes 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	30	31—New Year's Eve 7:30am Prayer Hui 5pm Tongan United Methodist Mission 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	1—New Years Day 7:30pm Korean Presbyterian	2—Office Closed 7pm SLAA Meeting	3 7pm Tongan UMC Choir