



**Ka Heluhelu  
Haipule  
Scriptures**

## **FEBRUARY**

February 5, 2017

*Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)*

*Psalms 112:1-9 (10)*

*1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)*

*Matthew 5:13-20*

February 12, 2017

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

*Psalms 119:1-8*

*1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

*Matthew 5:21-37*

February 19, 2017

*Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18*

*Psalms 119:33-40*

*1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23*

*Matthew 5:38-48*

February 26, 2017

*Exodus 24:12-18*

*Psalms 2*

*2 Peter 1:16-21*

*Matthew 17:1-9*

## **Birthdays**

### **FEBRUARY**

February 2	Kaori Martin Genevieve Ho'omana
February 5	Frank Jahrling Stacey Balai Kahalelehua Balai
February 6	Sione Vetekina
February 10	Hau'oli Akaka
February 11	Jo-An Goss Bruce Hirota
February 16	Dennis Cuizon
February 17	Elizabeth Werner Moani Wong
February 18	Kamakanaokealoha Aquino Scott Balai
February 20	Sharon Matsui
February 21	Maxine Medeiros
February 28	Marion Maunakea
February 29	Kukui Martin Alfredo Garcia

*If you do not see your birthday listed, it means the office does not have the information on file. Please contact the office with your information and we will update our records.*



## **February Flowers**

February 5:	Hauoli La Hanau– Frank Jahrling
February 12:	In Memory of Lorraine Maeshiro
February 19:	Birthday~ Lynn & Dennis Cuizon
February 26:	In Memory of George & Ethel Ahana

## **The Kaumakapili Church Mission Statement**

Kaumakapili Church, thankful for the gifts received from God, founded in 1838 for the maka'ainana, the common folk, rich in Hawai'ian tradition and diverse backgrounds, bounded in covenant with all in the United Church of Christ, led by the Spirit, declares its mission to glorify God by bearing the fruits of God's aloha and gifts, and so proving to be faithful disciples of Christ, who are equipped for the work of the ministry of proclaiming the good news for all people: by witnessing in word and deed, by serving those in need, by welcoming and receiving all people into the church fellowship, and by nurturing and equipping the church members for the growth of the Body of Christ.

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## **KA LEO O KEALOHA**

*(The Voice of Love)*

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*“Nōlaila ho'i, o ka mea lohe i kēia mau 'ōlelo a'u, a mala ho'i ia, E ho'ohālike iā ia me ke kanaka na'auao, nana i kākulu kona hale maluna o ka pōhaku.” [Mataio 7:24]*

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them to practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” [Matthew 7:24]

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### **Aloha and Mahalo nui Rev. David & Sandra Hirano!**

On January 29th after the service we had a lovely appreciation dinner for our Interim Team Ministry Leader, Rev. David Hirano and Mama Kahu Sandra. The Hiranos served at Kaumakapili Church from April 2015 to January 31, 2017. They both have been such a blessing to our church ohana and to the community.

The church extended them a warm aloha as they go on to new adventures. Rev. David and Sandra Hirano will continue to stay in touch and advise the team while we continue the Imi Ke Kahu process for a settled pastor.

### **Here are some pictures from the service:**



PEPELUALI 2017 ACTIVITIES						
Lāpule	Pō'akahī	Pō'alua	Pō'akolu	Pō'aha	Pō'alima	Pō'aono
			<b>1</b> <b>Ke'ena Ohina</b> 2-4p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm)	<b>2</b> <b>Ke'ena Ohina:</b> 3-5p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm) 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Sanctuary:</b> 10-10:30a CWT 10:30a-12n Worship <b>Auxiliary Hall:</b> 9:00am-10:00am Youth Group <b>Ke'ena Ohina:</b> 9a-10a Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm) 10:30-11:30 Pokii Choir  Interim Team: Dr. Randy Furushima	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Auxiliary Hall:</b> 5:00pm Adult Bible Study <b>Sanctuary:</b> 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> <b>Ke'ena Ohina</b> 2-4p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm) 	<b>9</b> <b>Ke'ena Ohina:</b> 3-5p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm) 	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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<b>19</b> <b>Sanctuary:</b> 10-10:30a CWT 10:30a-12n Worship <b>Auxiliary Hall:</b> 9:00am-10:00am Youth Group <b>Ke'ena Ohina:</b> 9a-10a BOE Christmas Celebration  <b>Aloha Sunday</b> Interim Team: Kahu Sherman Thompson	<b>20</b> Office Closed Presidents' Day	<b>21</b> <b>Sanctuary:</b> 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>22</b> <b>Auxiliary Hall:</b> 5:00pm Adult Bible Study <b>Ke'ena Ohina:</b> 2-4p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm) 5-8p Halau 	<b>23</b> <b>Ke'ena Ohina:</b> 3-5p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm) 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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## Let's Talk: About Being Gentle with Yourself (and Others)

The Rev. Diane Weible

I have very dear friends and wonderful colleagues in ministry who often include in their emails or texts messages to me: "Be gentle with yourself" or "Laugh!" It sometimes surprises me when they seem to intuitively know when I need to hear those words. (And, they are even patient with me when I grumble because I don't feel like laughing and my mood is anything but gentle.) I mentioned last week that I am having an internal feud within myself as to whether to look at the news headlines or bury my head in the sand. I don't seem to have a choice this week because my phone keeps buzzing with a new headline that I "must see." I feel my blood pressure and anxiety rising and I realize that now, more than ever, I need to be gentle with myself and I need to find space to laugh. I think we all need to be gentle with one another as well. Sometimes when we don't know where to go or what to do with the anxiety we are feeling within ourselves, it spills over into our interactions with one another. That is not going to help us in the important work that lies ahead. The work we have to do is all about bringing the Christ light into our world to shine in those places where there is darkness. The work we have to do is all about making sure God's love is felt by others—those who need to feel that love the most because of the hurt and pain they have experienced or the real fear that lies before them.



Earlier this week I met a woman who asked me what I do for a living. I told her. She asked what denomination and I told her that too. She told me she loves the UCC and appreciates the courage our denomination has had to divest from Israel. She then told me she is a Muslim and is active with Jewish Voice for Peace. Her gentle spirit and loving touch on my life was something I really needed in that moment.

I left that encounter with the awareness that while remembering to laugh and to be gentle with ourselves is wonderful advice, equally wonderful advice is to be gentle with one

another and share laughter whenever possible. We cannot do this work alone. We need each other, now more than ever.

Last week a number of NCNC folks attended the Women's March in Washington and even more attended the Marches in the Bay Area. (We hope that all those who marched will share their stories so we can share them with each other!) I just read a blog entitled "We Showed Up" from UCC Minister and Founder of Faith Trust Institute, Marie Fortune, about the Women's March. She said, "So why did we march? It was really very selfish. We just needed to see each other, to know that we are not alone, that we are not crazy, that our experiences and world view are real, and that we will not be silenced by our fear."

We needed to see each other. We needed to know we are not alone. Yes!

Whatever you are feeling this week, I hope you can find time to laugh and space to be gentle with everyone you meet. You could offer someone the gift of grace without even being aware that this is what they needed the most. When we know we are not alone and we create places for connection with others, we are empowered in exciting and new ways. And, when we are empowered, we are ready for anything!

*Vivian Maunakea, BOD (with permission from Rev. Diane Weible & Northern California Nevada Conference UCC blog)*

## 2017 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Aloha Kaumakapili Ohana,

Join us for Annual Meeting February 19th. This is a time for us to discuss the business of the church.

- What:** *Kaumakapili Church Annual Congregational Meeting*
- When:** *Sunday, February 19, 2017*
- Time:** *Immediately following Sunday Worship*
- Where:** *Kaumakapili Church Sanctuary*

Mahalo for your continued support,

Trevor Maunakea  
Kaumakapili Church, President

### It Only Takes A Spark

*"It only takes a spark to get a fire going  
And soon all those around, Can warm up to its glowing  
That's how it is with God's love,  
Once you've experienced it  
You spread His love to everyone, You want to pass it on."*

“Pass It On” was a song we sung many years ago in the Singspiration time for our Sunday School. What reminded me of this song were the three visioning sessions for Imagine Kaumakapili: 2021; hopefully there will be more sessions to allow the process to be completed.

There were representatives from all boards and committees as well as the execs at the visioning sessions. As members of the Nomination Committee we were pleased to see the participants because it gave us hope that there would be good discussion on many topics but we were specifically looking for discussion on training and preparing people for membership and ways to grow the membership.

In the first session we explored how we envisioned our church to be in the future. We were encouraged to share any ideas that came to mind. We ended the first session by identifying five strategies and ranked them in order of importance: 1) Pastoral and Servant Leadership (Equipping the Body of Christ); 2) Faith Formation and Education (Growing the Body of Christ); 3) Worship and Music Experience ( Welcoming All and Glorifying God); 4) Membership Growth and Development (Nurturing the Body of Christ); and 5) Community Engagement and Mission (Serving Those in Need). The strategies gave credence to the church's Mission Statement, "Equipping the Body of Christ, Growing the Body of Christ, Welcoming All and Glorifying God, Nurturing the Body of Christ and Serving Those in Need".

In session two we were asked to submit ideas for the top three strategies. We listed our ideas regards programs, ministries, mission, studies, and special events that align with the goal of each strategic point. In session three we listed action steps that would further define how to accomplish the goals set for the top three strategies, prioritize the action steps, assign a start and end date, decide who would be responsible for carrying out the goal(s) and determine what resources are needed.

We had some good discussion, shared ideas, and actually talked about goals and objectives. For the first time in a long time we were inter-acting with each other and having the kind of conversation that encourages us to look at the "total picture" of how church can and should be perceived. Church

should be a kakou action and interaction of all ideas, where we all join together to help each other attain the goals that are set.



It is hoped that the conversation of planning for the completion of the three strategies remaining would be completed sooner rather than later. Having the vision in place, which would have been arrived at by the participation and input of the members, would give the new Kahu a basis for his or her ministry with Kaumakapili. Rather than saying to the new Kahu we want to grow the membership, we want to train people to be servants in the church and the community, and we want to expand our service into the community wouldn't it be better for us as a congregation to say, we have done the work, we have a plan and you are invited to help us realize our plan.

The spark has been struck, we have met, we have discussed, we are anxious to complete the discussion in order to "Pass It On".

Your Humble Sparkly Servants,

The Nomination Committee

### Imagine 2021 Vision Planning Retreat

*To know the significant areas (“strategic points”) in the life of our church that will determine our planning and visioning for the future.*

#### The Five Strategic Points

##### Goals

*The purpose of Pastoral and Servant Leadership is to shepherd our church community and God's greater community to be one.*

*The purpose of Faith Formation and Education is a strong Bible-based, faith-centered educational program for all ages.*

*The purpose of Worship and Music Experience is to spiritually and emotionally connect people to God.*

*The purpose of Membership Growth and Development is to extend an extravagant aloha to all.*

*The purpose of Community Engagement and Mission is to share the gospel of Christ beyond our walls to the glory of God.*

### BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

2,017 YEARS LATER

ALOHA KAKOU AME KA HAU'OLI MAKAHIKI HOU 'O KAUMAKAPILI 'OHANA

In Jesus story of the Good Samaritan, He commended the compassion shown by the stranger who stopped to help the wounded traveler. During His time with the disciples He encouraged them to “Go and do the same” Luke 10: 37, “E hele ‘oe a e ho’olike me ‘ia.”

In your hearing this scripture expressed by our Lord, what did you imagine it meant? Yes , it directed them to go out and practice their faith with all their heart and soul. This simple but profound statement was sort of a wake up call to those He left behind.

What was the link with today’s environment? Did you know the future work of our Halepule in God’s kingdom will progress and continue in this year of 2017 because YOU opened your pocket-books and gave unselfishly of whatever you could. This was revealed in our finance report for 2016 (see Andrew Poepoe’s article, Jan 2017) and shown in the survey of your time, treasure and talent-sharing commitments. Kupaianaha! Awesome!

As we look ahead to the coming year, latch onto something you can do ...pick up your Smartphone call someone needing a ride, donate food to the Food Bank, join a committee . You know what’s in your na’au, your pu’uwai!

Now let’s work together with lima aloha, loving hands to glorify Akua and spread the Goespel . Remember our Lord’s words, “What ever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40.

How it will please our Lord to know as a member of Christ’s kingdom, a child of God, you are continuing a legacy that goes back 2,017 years!

### NEW ENVELOPES

There are new "My Offering" envelopes in the pews! Your Stewardship Committee wanted to get away from using the old "generic" envelopes, and instead provide both the visitor and the member with information choices which are more helpful.

Since the envelopes are our design, they can be changed when they are re-ordered. If anyone has any suggestions about the envelopes, please let us know (just write on the envelope and place it in the offering plate). Mahalo for your generous pledges, gifts, tithes, and faithful service to Kaumakapili.

## Upcoming Events

### FEBRUARY

Sun., Feb. 19	<i>Annual Meeting, 12n</i>
	<b>'OPUKAHA'IA SUNDAY</b>
Fri. Feb. 17	Ohana Game Night, 6pm
Fri., Feb. 17-18	Kahikuonalani Spring 'Aha Halawai
Mon., Feb. 20	Office Closed- Presidents' Day

### MARCH

Wed., Mar. 1	Ash Wednesday Service, 7p
	Lenten Season Begins
Mon., Mar. 27	Office Closed-Prince Kuhio Day

## Outreach Ministry Volunteer Schedule

February		
7	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
8	Distribution	7:30-10:00am
21	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
22	Distribution	7:30-10:00am
March		
7	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
8	Distribution	7:30-10:00am
21	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
22	Distribution	7:30-10:00am

**My Offering**



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Amount \_\_\_\_\_  Check  Cash

I am visiting  Please put my name on the mailing/Enews list

This is my regular tithe/pledge

I would like to talk to the minister about membership, or other personal business

## The History Corner

– By Zena Fernandez Kaehu

### Ma'ema'e Chapel

A little green church in the valley adequately describes the simple single-wall structure of Ma'ema'e Chapel which was located on Wyllie Street in Pu'unui/Nu'uau. This was the church home for many Pu'unui residents some that you see in the photo below in their adult years. The photo was taken at my grand-aunt Sarah Kauhimaka Titcomb's funeral in 1947 at Ma'ema'e Chapel and pictures my 'Ohana...Lino Fernandez Jr. and Phillipa Kauhimaka Fernandez (already deceased) my grandparents and parents of 13 children (1 died at child-birth).



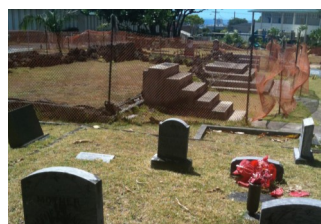
My siblings, Edgar (Rufus/Rufie), Ralph, Ronald and I along with many cousins were raised in this wonderfully loving church from infancy until the "collapse" of Ma'ema'e in the 1990s. As far as I can remember, Auntie Martha Hoku was the superintendent of the Sunday School. She would create the program for the 1:00 Sunday afternoon service and was our pianist as well. Kahu of our mother church, Kaumakapili Church was the Rev. Samuel Keala who made faithful treks to the afternoon service in spite of his busy morning preaching. Rev. Keala was always such a welcome at Ma'ema'e as his voice always commanded attention and was interesting and captivating with lessons and stories that would just roll off his tongue. I don't remember Rev. Keala ever having notes to refer to. He was He was greatly admired and respected by the congregants.

Other ministers who came to love and participate in our worship services were, Rev. Richard Wong, a very wise man with a huge warm heart, Rev. David Twigg, our first "haole" minister, a very kind and sensitive man, Kahu William Kaina, a very gentle and soft spoken man with a good sense of humor, Kahu Kimo Mersberg a gentle giant with a wonderful melodic voice, Kahu David Kaupu a man full of wisdom, well-versed in our native tongue, Kahu Kaleo Patterson who gave the final blessing of Ma'ema'e Chapel as it was being demolished. We thank God for these faithful ministers who gave and shared their time, love and spiritual lessons..

Sunday School teachers from back in the day were, Mrs. Marion Waterhouse Wilcox, Auntie Abbie Lono, Auntie Madeline Mahoe Vasconcellos and her daughters, Queenie, Stephanie and Patricia, Auntie Harriet Napuunoa, Auntie Miriam Fernandez Tollefsen, Uncle Edward Fernandez, my mom, Carrie Kekua Fernandez and in the late 50s and early 60s, Uncle David and Auntie Martha Maunakea, Uncle George and Auntie Ethel "Bunny" Ahana and eventually, my generation of Pamela Rodrigues, Thelma Rodrigues Silva and myself.

Between Auntie Martha Hoku and Rev. Keala, students from the classes were given opportunities and training in leadership for the Sunday services. Usually met with some apprehension in the beginning, the students soon became confident young men and women who were then able to pass on their knowledge and skills to other children.

The custodians during my lifetime were Papa and Tutu Mary Aki, Auntie May and Uncle William Fernandez Sr. , Auntie Mary and Uncle William Rodrigues and their immediate family members who not only maintained a clean chapel but also a well-manicured cemetery. Kaumakapili Church is currently maintaining the Ma'ema'e property.



It is my understanding that the property was originally owned by the Judd family. Although I am not sure of the succession of ownership, eventually, the property became the kuleana of Kaumakapili Church.

As the story is told, the church was used during the war days as a place where women would meet to make baby layette sets, bandages for the war effort and be the center of social activity. Kaumakapili Church is blessed to be a part of this church's enduring story and impact.

(History Corner, Mae'ema'e Chapel, to be continued March 2017 edition)

## Interim Team Connect

Aloha mai kakou!

I always thank my God for you because of His grace given you in Christ. (That's how Paul started his letter to the church in Corinth so it seemed like a good idea to start my introduction in the same way,hah)



My name is Manu Naeole. I've been in and around Kaumakapili Church for about four months now. It has been a pleasure to be in service with all of you. I am here in this season with Kaumakapili to help specifically in the area of Christian education, focusing mainly on the youth. I served for four years at Community Church of Honolulu as the Christian Education Director, but now teach Geometry at Nanakuli High School. My own personal journey has led me to value God, and the ministry of Jesus, and the value of learning. It is my hope that during this season I can continue to hone in on what it means to be a life long learner of who God is, and to help equip others for their own journey with God. Please feel free to come up and ask me questions if you see me in church (I don't bite, but mostly my parents' lesson of only speak when spoken too is still stuck in my head most times, hahaha).

Blessings!

### Adult Bible Classes

The Adult Sunday School and Mid-week Bible Study groups continue to progress through the Bible, one book a week, as they survey the Scriptures. There was a lot of excitement and a Mid-Bible Exam when both classes completed the Old Testament and crossed into the New Testament towards the end of the year. At year's end, the Sunday class had worked its way through the gospel of John and the mid-week class through Galatians.

Sunday attendance has ranged from a low of 8 to a high of 22 students. 5 people consistently attend the mid-week class, and another 5 attend periodically. (2 of the regular mid-week students come from other churches – one AHEC church and one church outside our denomination.) The adult students are sincere in their desire to know more about what the Bible reveals and the Revealer Himself, and they continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. To God be the glory!



Date: Friday, February 17, 2017

Time: 6 - 8 PM

Place: Hale Kanika

POTLUCK

Sponsored by the Board of Education

The 1<sup>st</sup> person to guess the correct board games depicted in the "Game Night!" letters above will win a \$5 gift card. See Chelsea Fernandez for answers.

## Kahikuonalani Spring 'Aha Halawai

The Spring 'Aha Halawai of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches will be held February 17-18 at Kahikuonalani Church (757 Ho'omalua Street, Pearl City). To register contact the HCUCC office at 537-9516.

## February Church Leaders Event

The Church Leaders Event will take place on Saturday, February 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Central Union Church (1660 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu).

Cost is \$45 for O'ahu.

Register for event at [www.hcucc.org](http://www.hcucc.org).