



# 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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**Mei**

The sun rose at 6:11am on April 16, 2017. At 6am of the same morning, Kaumakapili Church began celebrating the Son rising this Easter. He is risen! He is risen indeed!



This year’s sunrise service was an event like none other (or at least like any I’ve been around, but I’ve only been in Kaumakapili community for about eight months). The youth of Kaumakapili Church took it upon themselves to commandeer the service for the morning. The service became an event that was authentic to who our youth are today, and the ways in which God has gifted each of them, and honoring to God in the way which God desires to be worshipped.

2 Samuel 6:14 states “David danced before the Lord with all his might”. The youth opened up service in singing and dancing with all of their might. They sang familiar songs such as “This is the Day” and newer songs like “Trading My Sorrows”. The singing was capped off with motions to the “Yes, Yes, Lord Amen”. You should practice the motions if you were in service, it might be making a comeback at a local church near you.



The portion of service most unlike any portion of our normal church Sundays was the game.

With a nod and hat tip to Alex Trebek, the youth created their own version of Jeopardy, Jespardy. The crowd was lively, engaged, and filled with strange sounding buzzer noises. Fun was had by all, even though we inadvertently gave out an incorrect answer to a correct response.

The event tying the program together was the sharing of God’s Word. Cydnee Maunakea helped the congregation to reflect on the words of 2 Corinthians 5:17 and the idea of being made new, and asking us the difficult reflection question of “Am I Missing Something?”. On a day such as Easter, this is the perfect question to guide our thoughts. It is a day we celebrate Jesus rising again so reflecting on what is missing is instructive because our God is not missing. He is alive and well. How is God living well within each of us?



It would be many hours until the actual sun would set on the day, but after service our time together continued in fellowship. We ate a hearty breakfast, painted, decorated, and colored eggs together. This would be the metaphorical setting to the morning activities, but the sun continued to shine. The sun shined in the morning, and The Son shines today and forevermore. He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

-Manu Nae’ole, Interim Team

## MEI 2017 ACTIVITIES

Lāpule	Pō'akahī	Pō'alua	Pō'akolu	Pō'aha	Pō'alima	Pō'aono
<p><b>Hale Kamika Classrooms:</b> CLOSED for repairs</p> <p><i>Foodbank will be closed in June and July, postponed until further notice.</i></p>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Sanctuary:</b> 6:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> <b>Ke'ena Ohina</b> 2-4p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm)	<b>4</b> <b>Ke'ena Ohina:</b> 3-5p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<p><b>7</b> <b>Sanctuary:</b> 10-10:30a CWT 10:30a-12n Worship <b>Auxiliary Hall:</b> 9:00-10:00a Adult Bible Study 9:00am-10:00a Youth Group <b>Ke'ena Ohina:</b> 9a-10a Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm) 10:30-11:30a Pokii Choir</p> <p>Interim Team: Kahu Scott Furukawa</p>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Hale Aloha:</b> 7:30-9:30a Food Bank Prep <b>Sanctuary:</b> 6:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> <b>Hale Aloha:</b> 8-10a Food Bank <b>Ke'ena Ohina</b> 2-4p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm)	<b>11</b> <b>Ke'ena Ohina:</b> 3-5p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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## NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

Aloha kakou 'o Kaumakapili 'Ohana!

Frank Jahrling, our new chairman has set up our new calendar for the year showing our OCWM (Our Churches Wider Mission) which we annually donate \$3,000 to, "5 for 5" Mission appeals, Henry Opukaha'ia Sunday, Stewardship campaign, and "Ka Leo o Ke Aloha" newsletter submittals.

The chairman shared more about the purpose of the United Church Funds,UCF, especially Endowments so that we can better prepare for our own church's finances in this area. You will be hearing soon about the next Mission appeal, "Strengthen the Church", to be collected in June.

### ABOUT US

We thought you'd like to know a little about the members of our board. Each month we'll highlight someone.

### CLAUDETTE KAPAHUA NA'AUAO:

I was born in Palama, 2 blocks from Kaumakapili Church and attended Kai'ulani School where I met Annie Kanahele who encouraged me to attend Sunday School at Kaumakapili. That began my lifelong membership here. Mrs. Kanahele also helped me to apply to Kamehameha Schools where I was accepted and graduated in 1956. I attended USC for 3 years and graduated from UH in 1960. After that I started at the State of Hawai'i as a social worker, retiring after over 30 years from the Department of Labor as the Administrator of the Employment Service Division. Current passions include: ukulele, golf, all UH Sports, walking for health and fitness, traveling the world. The only continent I have not visited is Antarctica and of course the North Pole. I am a mother of 2, grandmother of 5, great-grandmother of 4. I feel proud to be one of the kupuna of our church and pray our church will continue to glorify God in all we do. Aloha ke Akua.

## Upcoming Events

### MAY

Sun., May 14	Mother's Day
Sun., May 21	Sunday School Hō'ike
Mon., May 29	Office Closed-Memorial Day

### JUNE

Mon., June 12	Office Closed- King Kamehameha I Day
Wed/Thur., June 14-15	'Aha Iki- Pukalani, Maui
Fri/Sat., June 16-17	'Aha Makua-Pukalani, Maui
Sun., June 18	Father's Day

*Food Bank will be closed in June and July .*

## KAUMAKAPILI SUNDAY SCHOOL HŌ'IKE

***May 21, 2017 10:30am***

*Join us for a special youth service. We will be recognizing our sixth graders and seniors and celebrating the end of the school year.*

## Story Stewardship

The demise of the lofty banyan at Kamalulaniokeone‘ula has stirred up many memories of my growing up years at Kaumakapili. Here are a few memories into the life of my kupuna kuakahi, Lucia Amoe Awai Poepoe who lived at the corner of Kanoa and Banyan St. in the Kahu's parsonage where she raised her eleven keiki.

When I think of her I recall an article called Story Stewardship from the "Daily Bread" devotional booklet. It focused on Deut 4:9, NKJ Version and reads...*"Only take heed to yourself and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren."* How wise Moses was to proclaim this to the Israelite priests and for it to be followed today by us so that the generations ahead of us will know our story.

Kupuna demonstrated the values of a devoted Christian mother and wife, and had to change her way of life because she was born into an aristocratic Chinese family accustomed to embroidering and having tea regularly and conversing in Chinese, Hawaiian or English about the days doings. Instead of being served, she became a servant!

One of her daily chores was to get the water from the well in Haleiwa where she lived with her husband Henry K. Poepoe and the extended family. She told me that was what caused her hunched back. The buckets were very heavy.

Travel down through the years now when they moved eventually to Palama and the family had grown. Kupuna's home was her castle and she kept it spotless even getting down on her hands and knees when she got older to clean the floors. Likewise, before Sunday worship she inspected the church pews with her white gloves to make sure there was no dust and to make sure everything was in order.

Kupuna's home was like a magnet where we all had a warm, loving connection. Her hospitality never waned and even well into her 90's she enjoyed visits from her Poepoe 'ohana of all ages especially on

Sundays before Sunday School and church. How her home became alive with the sounds of the 'ohana. Every Christmas we looked forward to her makana - gift of Inamona which she made from na la'au kukui surrounding the hale kahu. She dutifully dried them for many days in trays on the front porch then cracked and prepared the inside nut meat for the much sought after condiment, Inamona. How it lasted for such a long time even after her passing.

Kupuna served the Lord with all her heart. She trusted Him and He directed her steps in life. You can be a story steward too and share and pass on the Christian values you have learned from your na kupuna.

-Myrtle Stewart-Vetekina, BOS



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## 195th 'Aha Pae'aina

Registration packets for the 195th 'Aha Pae'aina ('Aha Iki, June 14-15; 'Aha Makua, June 16-17), to be held at Kamehameha Schools Maui (275 'A'apueo Pkwy, Pukalani, Maui), have been mailed to churches. If you are interested in attending the deadline to register is May 12, 2017. Kaumakapili Church will be sending a delegate.

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

What is God saying to us through His Word? Come join the growing Bible study group at Kaumakapili Church. The group meets Sunday at 9:00am. The Wednesday class has finished their bible survey for the semester. (*More details to come.*)

## The History Corner

— By Roberta Jahrling

### The Pauoa Apana

The red painted Pauoa Chapel or Auwaiolimu Pauoa Chapel stood proudly just at the start of Pauoa Valley. Built in 1931 this apana or branch church of Kaumakapili is a memory for some and an unknown place for others. Today the chapel is gone having succumbed to the ravages of time and too many termites letting go hands. In the 1960's the chapel was deconsecrated and demolished.



Crumbling lava rock walls mark the boundary of the property today, toppled grave stones dot the landscape and the more substantial monuments stand like sentinels over its fallen neighbors. The recorded lives of people are noted on the grave markers, name, date of birth, date of death, place of birth, status in life. It is a place of quiet solitude and very old plumeria trees whose gnarled and mottled trunks and fragrant blossoms have withstood the ravages of time.

Before there was a chapel, there was Pauoa Valley where Hawaiian chiefs lived, and kalo thrived in the lo'i fed by water from springs in the upper reaches of the valley. It was a place where people from Honolulu could escape to and feel the cool breezes blowing through the valley and enjoy the peacefulness of Pauoa. On one particular day in the Fall of 1841 the Rev. Richard Armstrong of Kawaiaha'o Church, in a letter written to Boston, describes the annual school celebration for the students from both Kawaiaha'o and Kaumakapili schools. Everyone gathered at Kawaiaha'o and in grand style with a band playing, and marching in 'quick step' proceeded the two miles to Pauoa Valley. Upon reaching the valley the crowd had grown from 1,300 to 3,000 but the missionary brethren and organizers were prepared to host all to the luau that had been prepared.<sup>1</sup>

The Territory gave over the cemetery property to Kaumakapili in 1931 and the chapel was built shortly thereafter. As with most of the apana chapels, services at Pauoa were held Sunday afternoon allowing the deacons and kahu from Kaumakapili to make their way to the chapel after service at Kaumakapili. The Sunday School classes were popular at the time for the content taught as well as for the camaraderie of the people from the neighborhood. The same year the chapel was built there was a baby clinic program lined up to take place

at the Pauoa Chapel. Every Friday afternoon the chapel bell rang signaling the clinic was open. Mothers of all nationalities came with their children to receive



much needed advice and care for their children from the friendly doctors and staff who attended to their needs. Light refreshments were served under the monkey pod tree and mothers enjoyed the camaraderie while their children played.<sup>2</sup> The monkey pod tree still stands on the property today, a great deal bigger, but still providing shade and a cool respite from the hot sun.

The baby clinic sponsored by Palama Settlement was well received in the valley. The combination of a philanthropic organization, Palama Settlement, and a church, Kaumakapili, working together was to continue to be repeated in Kalihi and Kaimuki as well.

We can only assume that the Sunday School program and any social service program conducted at the chapel continued as long as the people servicing the programs were available to carry on. Ma'ema'e Chapel had the Fernandez family to carry on the Sunday school at the chapel but there appears to have been no particular family to carry on the work at the Pauoa Chapel. We do know that Charles and Mae I'i were the faithful caretakers of the property and were at one time probably active in the programs as well.<sup>3</sup>

The silent residents buried in the cemetery have their own story to tell. Some were old time members of Kaumakapili. The Rev. Henry Poepoe's father, Moses Poepoe, and Rev. Poepoe's sister, Louisa Waialeale Keoneula and her husband, Peter Keoneula, Sr. are buried there along with members of the church, Hattie Kaiwa and her son David Kaiwa,

In October 1987 the property was re-zoned so that the front half of the property fronting Pauoa Road was rezoned to residential. There have been several suggested uses for the rezoned piece if not for residential use maybe a columbarium.

Whatever the fate of the Pauoa property, in its historical past it was a place of refuge from the dusty Honolulu plain, a gathering place for picnics for the Kaumakapili and Kawaiaha'o Sunday schools, a final resting place for Kaumakapili and Kawaiaha'o church members, a place for a school building where children and adults gathered to learn and a place for a chapel to feed the souls of the people and serve the community through mission work. Pauoa will always have a place in the life of Kaumakapili never to be forgotten, always to be remembered.

<sup>1</sup>Damon, Ethel Moseley, *The Stone Church at Kawaiaha'o, 1820 - 1944*, p. 68-71

<sup>2</sup>*The Friend*, August 1931

<sup>3</sup>*ibid*

## *Randy & Gay Hongo*

Sunday, May 7th we had the honor of having Randy and Gay Hongo as our guests at Kaumakapili Church.

Randy and Gay Hongo are music ministers from Honolulu, Hawaii serving through a mission called Christian Vision. They have been in full-time service for the Lord since 1984, taking their songs of aloha throughout Hawaii and around the world. Prior to entering this ministry, Randy was music director at Kalihi Union Church. Gay, having taught choir in Hawaii public high schools, had been teaching pre-school at Kalihi Union. They are grateful to the Lord for the production of fourteen recordings, five of which have won the Na Hoku Hanohano Award. They minister as the Lord Jesus leads them, grateful for the privilege of serving the Master and proclaiming His truth and goodness to all people.



# KAUMAKAPILI CHURCH 46TH ANNUAL LŪ'ĀU

## Take-Out & Sit-Down Dinner

Theme: *Kūpa 'a Kākou ma ka 'Uhane Ho 'okahi*  
(One in the Spirit) - 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Date: Saturday, July 15, 2017

Take-out: \$20 Donation  
Sit-down: \$30 Donation

*More information to come. All are welcome to volunteer.*

## Can We Wait for God's Spark?

God sparks innovations, but only on God's terms, and those terms usually involve disruption. From burning bushes to wood that burns even when soaked, God's sparks manifest themselves in unusual ways. We can choose to ignore the spark or even squelch the spark. But, if we take notice of it, the spark soon becomes a roaring fire. What are the conditions for God's spark? And, does the spark look different if people rather than God initiate the encounter?

### How Business Views Disruption

The average life of a shopping mall or center built today is fifteen years. And if the shopping venue does not make a radical change at least half-way through their expected fifteen-year tenure, it may not even last that long! Geoff Colvin recently wrote that the most innovative companies today, "see their business as disrupters would see it." They never stop self-disrupting their own companies.<sup>1</sup> For example, Amazon disrupted bookstores twenty years ago with their online selling model. Then disrupted itself with Kindle e-readers, replacing its own books-by-mail model.<sup>2</sup> They have continued this disruption by opening and successfully operating brick-and-mortar bookstores, even while the traditional bookstore model continues to fail.<sup>3</sup>

Fortunately, congregations do not have to self-disrupt. God is here to do that for us! Sometimes congregations forget how often they have had to respond to disruptions in order to faithfully minister in their present location. A church that has existed for one hundred years has probably had six or seven makeovers resulting from neighborhood swivels and societal swings. Congregations are indeed resilient. But, God must sponsor their transformations.

For instance, through a discernment process, a Milwaukee congregation challenges its members to draw from three equal sources whenever the church launches a new ministry. Equal shares of the start-up cost must come from: (1) those launching the ministry; (2) other congregational members; and (3) nonmembers or community partners. Asking nonmembers to support new ministry ideas can be disruptive and involving community stakeholders can make the ministry launch much more messy and problematic. However, this church believes the community's involvement confirms that this is the direction in which God has encouraged them to go and have accepted the disruption proposed by God.

### God's Disruptive Spark in the Bible

Sparks from God are indications that God has heard us or wants to reveal something to us. What happens

when God initiates the contact? The book of Matthew reminds us that God's initiative contact is usually disruptive.

God's encounter with the mother of Jesus was certainly disruptive. When God visited the shepherds and asked them to go to King Herod to inquire about a new king, that news was not received warmly by the current king. Jesus rocks John the Baptist's world by asking John to baptize Jesus and presenting Standards for an utterly new lifestyle in the Sermon on the Mount. The disruptions continue and become more personal as Jesus eats at a sinner's home and shatters Sabbath protocols. Walking with Jesus means living a constantly unsettled life.

### Can We Seek God's Spark?

The book of Matthew also reveals instances in which humans initiate contact with God, and we quickly discover the importance of faith in such encounters. When Jesus calmed the storm, he asked his disciples, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" (Matthew 8:26). However, when a man brought his daughter to Jesus for healing, the man openly expressed his faith, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live" (Matthew 9:18). Likewise, when two blind men came to Jesus, he asked, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" (Matthew 9:28).

No matter who initiates the contact, it is clear that God must sponsor the change in order for the spark to grow into a fire. We see this communication breakdown with God in a community where the owner of a local diner purposely hires and trains former prison inmates and other persons who have difficulty finding work. When the owner was asked if he had contacted local clergy to invite them to be part of his community ministry, his response was surprising. "Yes," he said, "And it was a disaster. The clergy kept asking the employees uncomfortable questions about their background. They made it clear that they would want them to attend their congregations if they helped." The clergy wanted to be a part of the spark, but could not handle the flame.

What if today's burning bushes are far away from the Sunday morning crowds? What if God is sending us sparks of innovation on a regular basis, but they are more dangerous and disruptive than they are comforting and successful by our standards?

*To read the second part of the article above and other great articles, check out The Parish Paper at <http://www.hcucc.org/the-parish-paper> Used by permission: The Parish Paper, "Can We Wait for God's Spark?", December 2016 - Volume 24, Number 12. Copyright © 2016 by C. Jeff Woods*



**Ka Heluhelu  
Haipule  
Scriptures**

**MAY**

May 7, 2017  
*John 14:22-31*  
*Ezekiel 36:22-28*

May 14, 2017  
Mother's Day  
*John 15:18-16:7*  
*Isaiah 44:1-3*

May 21, 2017  
*John 21:1-19*  
*Psalms 30:1-5*

May 28, 2017  
*John 16:7-15*  
*Zechariah 4:1-6*



**Birthdays**

**MAY**

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| May 2  | Andrew Poepoe     |
| May 6  | Edward Kahihikolu |
| May 7  | Dane Pestano      |
| May 9  | David Malani      |
|        | Miki Kaneao       |
| May 10 | Kimo Keaulana     |
| May 12 | Charles Kealoha   |
| May 14 | Donna Ede         |
| May 18 | David Kaneao      |
|        | Mary Lou Taba     |
| May 21 | Lori-Ann Lakalo   |
| May 22 | Mason Maeshiro    |
| May 25 | John Cortez Jr.   |
| May 26 | Mark Crabbe       |
| May 27 | Keo Mills         |
|        | Alan Poepoe       |
| May 29 | Roger Ede         |
| May 31 | Hi'ilei Naauao    |
|        | Kailee Ann Cortez |

*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.*



**May Flowers**

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| May 7:  | In Remembrance of G. Sri and Edna Ramulu |
| May 14: | Mother's Day                             |
| May 21: | Sunday Adult Bible Study                 |
| May 28: | David & Ruby Kaneao                      |

**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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