

KA LEO O KEALOHA

(The Voice of Love)

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"Nōlaila hoʻi, o ka mea lohe i kēia mau 'ōlelo a'u, a mala hoʻi ia, E hoʻohālike iā ia me ke kanaka na'auao, nana i kūkulu 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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Memorial Day

Memorial Day weekend usually marks the beginning of summer break for school kids. Our college kids have returned home perhaps already basking in the sun that may have eluded them while away from these Islands. The beaches are crowded; parks are filled with `ohana gathered to enjoy the outdoors. Nearby the bar-b-que and hibachi is lit waiting to cook the marinated chicken or

kalbi short-ribs that had been soaking the night before. Don't forget tutu's potato-macaroni salad that's chilled in the cooler close by. Hers' is made the old way—with peas and carrots mixed in with loving hands.

It is a time filled with graduation ceremonies commemorating completions and new beginnings. I've been an advisor, teacher, counselor, supervisor, friend and kahu to eight senior boys who graduated from their high school years. They were under my care in the dormitory at the Kapalama campus. You may have noticed them attend a few of our services over the years. There were a few moments of sadness as they bid aloha to their alma mater and leave behind their home away from home. It was a time of goodbyes of course, but the emphasis of graduation should be focused really on the journey that begins now. It is a time when graduates can look forward to opportunities that await them to shine like the sun to someday brighten someone's life. As she intended, Pauahi's legacy has equipped them well. I want to take this opportunity to send best wishes to all our graduates as they embark on new beginnings.

The ending of May is indeed a time marked by transitions. But more than a time of leisure and graduation, let us not forget that Memorial Day is a time to pay tribute to all the men and women who gave of the ultimate



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sacrifice for the cause of freedom. We honor their heroism and sacrifice. It is a time that we also remember our `ohana who have passed. Cemeteries are crowded with family visiting their loved one's graves with lei and fresh flowers.

For many years now I have been privileged on Memorial Day to officiate at the Outrigger Canoe Club Memorial Day Service held at their club on Kalakaua Avenue fronting Sans Souci Beach. It is a time set aside to remember those who have been laid to rest off-shore. They refer to this place as a "Lei of Memories" and bring flowers which will be scattered as offerings of love and remembrances. It connects us with our past and we have prayers, sing hymns and share in moments of reflection seeking God's presence and assurance.

The scripture text for the service came from the 17th chapter of John's Gospel. It is often referred to Jesus' address to his disciples in the form of a prayer in which he gives the assurance of his Father's word, glory and eternal life as he entrusts them to God, asking God to care for them.

> 20 "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

Especially as I write this just after the Memorial Day weekend and as we come more fully to know the Divine Love of God, let us take heart in the Lord's assurance that eternal life means to be in God's eternal glory.

-Kahu Sherman Thompson, Interim Team

IUNE 2017 ACTIVITIES							
Lāpule	Pōʻakahi	Pōʻalua	Pōʻakolu	Pōʻaha	Pōʻalima	Pō'aono	
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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. See the Summer Schedule below:

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Summer 2017

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SUN.	Book/Study	Mid-Week Class		
6/4	James	On break until after		
6/11	I Peter	Labor Day		
6/18	II Peter			
6/25	I John			
7/2	On buogh during			
7/9	On break during month			
7/16	of July			
7/23				
7/30				
8/6	II John, III John			
8/13	Jude			
8/20	Revelation			
8/27	On break until after			
9/3	Labor Day			
9/10	Resume Bible Study: REVELATION This Study will run from September through December.			



Upcoming Events

JUNE

Mon., June 12

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

<u>JULY</u>

Tue., July 4

Thur.-Sat. July 6-8 Thur.-Fri. July 13-14 Sat. July 15 Office Closed-Independence Day Luau Prep Luau Prep 46th Annual Luau

No Foodbank in July. Hale Aloha will be closed for Luau Preparations.



Mahalo to everyone who donated to the Strengthen the Church Offering on June 4th. These funds will be used to:

A. To seed brand new churches that bring hope to people on the margins who wouldn't set foot in church otherwise

B. To help established churches begin projects working with refugees and immigrants

C. To fund creative ideas experimenting with new way Christian millennials are gathering

The History Corner – By Andrew Poepoe

Kamehameha Schools Deputation Teams

During my junior and senior years at Kamehameha School for Boys I served on two deputation teams. Deputation teams conducted church services in Hawaiian churches on the neighbor islands. Four students - two boys and two girls, two juniors and two seniors - formed a deputation team. The team led the church services – read the Bible lessons, sang as a quartet during the offering, and two on the team gave the message of the day. All team members who were selected were Sunday school teachers and all sang in the church choir or with another musical group in the school.

A minister from the school, the Reverend John Mulholland, accompanied the team and helped us to prepare the messages. Trips were normally a two-day event and members of the churches sponsored us in their homes. For most of the team members this was a first trip on a DC-3 aircraft to a neighbor island!

The first team that I served on visited churches on the Big Island, and the second team visited churches on Maui. All of the churches that we visited and preached at were filled to capacity. In the smaller rural churches the overflow congregation stood along the walls of the church or stood outside of the front door to hear the service. After the service we mingled with the congregation to talk and to answer questions. In the rural churches a lot of young people attended the services and all of them wanted to meet and talk with us. They had a lot of questions to ask and the first question asked was – "How can I get into Kamehameha?"

On the Big Island we conducted services at Haili Church in Hilo, at a church in Kona, and at 'Imiola Church in Waimea. The Reverend Stephen Desha was the minister at Haili Church. Kahu Desha started the deputation teams when he led the religious program at Kamehameha.

In 1952 when our deputation team arrived to

conduct services at 'Imiola Church my Dad, the Reverend Abraham Poepoe, was its minister. For our services the church was packed to capacity to see how their Kahu's son would measure up to his Dad!



In the service we read the Bible lessons, sang during the offering, Jean Kelly from Ni'ihau gave the first half of the day's message, and I gave the second half talking about how studying the Bible was important in our lives. It was a proud and happy day for my Mom and Dad and for the members of the church. They thanked us by hugging us and reminding us to come again as we said aloha and left to return to school.

Mana Wahine Fundraiser

The Mana Wahine Fund Raiser Event sponsored by the Pu'a Foundation was held at Kapiolani Community College on May 13.



Representing Kaumakapili at the event was Wendy and Alfredo Garcia. The fund raiser was to support a program for women being released from incarceration.

The Pu'a Foundation has it's roots in the Apology, Reconciliation and Redress events of 1993. Serving on the original Board of Directors from Kaumakapili for the Foundation were Kawika Patterson and Roberta Jahrling who continues to serve as the Treasurer.

Pictured in the group picture above and seeming to keep the group together at each end are Roberta Jahrling on one side and Cyrus Maunakea on the other. Cyrus was called in to serve as the official photographer for the evening. Next to Roberta one of the many volunteers for the evening, and more volunteers - Brian Bissen, Adreen Bissen, Toni Bissen, Executive Director of Pu'a, and Sonya Zabala, Pu'a Staff.



Alfredo & Wendy Garcia

Celebrating with Kahu Jimmy Aarona

Jim Aarona was installed as a Licensed Minister on Saturday, May 13, at Keawala'i Church in Makena, Maui. He was called to serve three east Maui small member Hawaiian churches: Nahiku Hawaiian Church, Kaulanapueo Congregational Church and Kalanikahuahou Church.

Following the installation ceremony by members of the Church and Ministry Committee of the Tri-Isle Association, guests were treated to a



pa'ina on the grounds of Keawala'i. It was a Aarona catered affair of



delicious Hawaiian foods, cake, and huge bowls of shaved ice to cool us off on a hot, sticky afternoon. There was lots of laughter and good fun with good friends Henry and Mops Aarona, David and Ruby Kaneao, Frank and Roberta Jahrling, John and Lani Hoomana and Vivian Maunakea. A wonderful day to celebrate with Kahu Jim Aarona and Mama Kahu Francene Aarona!

Did You Know?

Congratulations to the Spencer 'ohana at this year's UHM Commencement! Melvin Spencer III's nephews and niece all graduated. We are so proud of all of them: Ethan-Luke Keawe Spencer (BS), Hannah Kanoelani Tsuneko Spencer (MA), and Everett Kana'iaupuni Spencer (MBA)!



Hale Kamika Repairs

As many of you might have heard, our facility suffered a lot of damage on July 11, 2016 due to flooding from Hurricane Darby. The bottom half of the wall was damaged and the flooring. We have been working with Belfor to repair all the damages.

The church has used this time to think of how we can better serve the community in the future with our facility. To put wings to that vision, we have installed air conditioning in the classrooms and resource center of the Hale

Kamika. Aike Grace has also been a helpful resource

as he has been putting in the concrete slabs for the air conditioning units. The Resource Center will be taking on a whole new look.

At this time all that is left to do is repair the flooring and the doors. Repairs should be done by end of June.





Could you? Why Not?

The Music Committee would like to broaden the way to glorify His name. We would love to have new voices. That could be your voice! It doesn't have to be through music. Oli? Movement? Poetry? Mixed art form, maybe!?

We need your help. Would you pause and imagine what you could do for the offertory time? If you are not sure about music selection, need accompaniment, back-up singers, arrangement, or any assistance, just ask us. Our church has many willing-hearted resources, like Aunty Akiko Chang to begin with.

COULD YOU?

Here we have testimonials from my 'ohana, the Martins. Encouraged by Tutu Myrtle and Auntie Nani Schoenstein but with lots of self-doubt and anxiety, I played a piano piece back in 2007 for the anthem. Oops! It was a secular music. I didn't know I was supposed to play Christian music! Oh, well, people at Kaumakapili were so nice and welcoming as always. Then I convinced my husband Stewart to play with me the next time. One song led to another, we asked Tutu Myrtle and Papa Sione for help, and eventually had our children to join us, too.

Kaori : Do you remember the first time we played the anthem together at Kaumakapili in 2010?

Stewart : Oh, my, it's been 7 years? I played the djembe. Just the thought of performing in front of the people was terrifying. It's been a long time since my Kam School days back in '80s.

Kaori : I was shaking the whole time, too. But you know what? I now have this faith God will take care of us every time we play.

Stewart : He sure does. Always!

Kaori : Aren't you happy we did it even though we were scared?

Stewart : Yes! The more you do it, the easier it gets. When we are doing the anthem, I feel like it's only me and Him, and nothing else matters.

Kaori : My favorite time was when we played with Tutu, Papa, and the kids. Isn't it great that our kids also join us now? They weren't too happy in the beginning.

Stewart : That's right. You never saw me doing that when I was at their age. The shyness is disappearing. I'm proud of them for tackling the challenges. I'm grateful that church is giving us the opportunity to grow as a family.

It seems like kids feel the same way. Here are our kids' own words taken from their journal.

Yuzu (11): I really enjoy singing at church because I get to express how I feel about God and His son, our Savior, Jesus. Although I really feel nervous before performing, after a while I relax and become more comfortable. After I sing, I feel very accomplished because I really confessed about my love for Him.

Kukui (9): I am always nervous to go up and sing, but I know God and Jesus are watching me, and I want to put a good show for them because they have made me happy at times and I want to make them happy back. So brothers and sisters, yes, we understand you feel hilahila or might think you are not that good. We've been there. But we sincerely encourage you not to hesitate to share what you have for God. We don't even call it "talent". We don't have one. We know we are not strong singers for sure. But we know we have "aloha" for Him and so you do. Please share that aloha; your love, praises, gratitude, awe towards God with your church 'ohana. Our congregation are so loving and warm no matter what. They will be inspired by your spirit. And trust us, our God will guide you through and reward you for your courage.

WHY NOT?

With grateful heart filled with hope, Music Committee Member, Kaori Martin







Birthdays

JUNE

June 1	Hoku Seabury-Akaka			
	Jonas Patterson			
June 2	Darilyn Pestano			
	Robert Hirota			
June 3	Kuulei Akaka			
June 4	Anne Leake			
June 6	Kalanikilihuneua Taba			
	Kelanianuenue Taba			
June 9	Derek Sison			
	Todd Martin			
June 10	Morgan Cuizon			
June 13	Zasha Kanahele			
June 14	Sonya Hirano			
	Cydnee Maunakea			
	Marqee Maunakea			
June 16	Patrick Canonigo			
June 18	Ja'don Itula	»R.		
June 19	Ariana Akaka	4,2		
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June 21	Kauka Umiamaka	0		
June 23	Darmaine Stant	THE		
June 24	Vanessa Goodyear-Kaopua	I HIS		
June 26	Ha'aheo Umiamaka	MONTH		
June 28	Albert Ioane			
June 29	Gregory Chun			

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.

June Flowers

June 4: June 11:: June 18: June 25: Hau'oli La Hanau~ Ku'ulei Akaka Anniversary~ Peter & Tracy Green Hau'oli La Hanau~ Ku'ulei Rudolph In Loving Memory of Francis & Ella Kapahua

The Kaumakapili Church Mission Statement

Kaumakapili Church, thankful for the gifts received from God, founded in 1838 for the maka'āinana, 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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