



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 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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A Place At The Table

They ate together in their homes, happy to share their food with joyful hearts. Acts 2:46



The sharing of food has always been a part of our story and is central to who we are. Some of my most treasured “small-kid-time” memories come straight from the kitchen table. Whether it was tutu’s homemade corned beef hash patties, the teri chicken from Masu’s, or the chow fun from Patti’s, food always had a way of bringing my family together. The kitchen table was the place where we dished out stories from our lives, piled on second helpings, licked our forks clean and served up extra scoops of life’s valuable lessons.










A few months after we were married, my wife and I purchased our first piece of furniture together. Wanna guess what it was? A table! And after many years and countless meals, often shared with family and friends, that table has become the centerpiece of our evolving family narrative. It is where our lives converge. Sometimes there’s laughter and joy, sometimes tears. It’s where we live through and celebrate the precious and sometimes difficult moments of our everyday lives. It is the place we collectively pray. And, it is where we are constantly reminded of God’s goodness and grace. The act of coming together at a table is a simple, yet sacred event. And more often than we realize, our gatherings, both individually and collectively, have the potential for incredible encounters with God. God has a

way of showing up at our tables. Over the course of our church’s history, Kaumakapili has been feeding people who are hungry with food, with fellowship, and with worship. It hosts a number of “table ministries,” but none as extravagant as its luau. This past July, our church celebrated its 46th Annual Luau.

This year, my schedule made it possible for me to attend the festivities and I jumped at the chance to join in on the age-old tradition. In the events that led up to the luau, from the planning to the serving of the paper plate, I witnessed an unmistakable sense of joy that filled the countless volunteers, families, and friends. I could see it in the way that their faces lit up. I could feel it tucked in the creases on my cheeks. We held meaningful conversations, we listened, and we grew closer as a family. The uncles told jokes. The aunts kept things moving. The Kumus played sweet melodies. The Kahus prayed. And we all joined together in common purpose and bond encouraging one another toward the welfare of others.

When the doors finally opened, husbands, wives, children, friends, and strangers all gathered around the table. They feasted on, and were nourished by, the ‘ono Hawaiian food God provided and the love



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He graciously offers. Sharing tables is at the heart of who we are as the church. This Sunday, Jesus invites us to His table. He gathers us around His plate and His cup, no matter how beautiful or how terrible the week was. He asks us to drink intimately of His death and His resurrection. He provides us His presence. He offers us His assurance.

As our church continues its journey through the Book of Acts, we follow the example of the early church, breaking bread and fellowshiping together according to God’s Word. We allow ourselves to reap the same benefits they did, sharing the Word together, helping to keep God first in our lives, and adding to the Church daily. Sharing tables, with friends and strangers alike, was one of the most exceptional aspects of Jesus’ ministry. For Jesus, the table was a brief, though beautiful, demonstration of heaven on earth. At the table we get a glimpse of the kingdom banquet to come and a beautiful taste of God’s future peace, when all the broken pieces of creation are strung together in vibrant harmony. That is the wonderful life of our church. We’d like to invite you to join us. There is always room at the table.

Kona Mann, Interim Team

Upcoming Events

AUGUST

Fri., August 18 Office Closed-
Statehood Day
Sat., August 26 Music Workshop, 3pm-9pm

SEPTEMBER

Mon., September 4 Office Closed-
Labor Day
Sun., September 10 Sunday School Begins

Food Bank is Open!

August

8	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
9	Distribution	7:30-10:00am
22	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
23	Distribution	7:30-10:00am

September

12	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
13	Distribution	7:30-10:00am
26	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
27	Distribution	7:30-10:00am

Get Involved In the Vineyard @766

Opportunities to help grow and steer our church abound! Wondering how your participation can make a difference? Here are some ways you can get involved.

- *Get involved.* Start helping when and where you can. Begin to understand how our Church ‘ohana works together.
- *Join the Imagine 2021 Strategy Teams* as they explore new areas of outreach and education to the community.
- *Outreach Ministry.* Volunteers work face to face with the community every morning from 8am-12n. Come anytime.
- *Join a Committee or a Board.* Get your hands dirty. The hard work of ministry in the vineyard gets done here.
- *Become a Chairperson.* The chairperson guides meetings and attends Council meetings. This allows more understanding of the governance of the Church and how other Boards and Committees work together.
- *Executive Officers.* These are positions elected by the congregation and work together to govern the church.

Music Committee

“The Awesomeness of God” – a Kaumakapili Music & Fellowship Event



On Saturday, August 26th from 3-9 p.m. the Music Committee invites the ‘ohana and friends of Kaumakapili Church to discover, encourage, develop and inspire worship and praise. Our focus scripture is Psalm 95:3 ***For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.*** The central activity will be to learn “Our God is an Awesome God,” through voice, instrument, and movement.

In addition to learning our song of praise, we will have other fun and inspiring activities. There is something for the entire family: sing, play, create, exercise, eat and worship together. It doesn’t matter your age, all are welcome—from newborn to 102!

Come together as the body of Christ to:

- Play games and enjoy fellowship: there will be a variety of games such as ulumaika, horseshoes, board games, and more...
- Participate in ‘Ohana Time: sharing the cultural practice of ‘ohana to acknowledge Ke Akua as one body.
- Care for the body: Group exercise and movement at your own pace, and healthy food enjoyed together.
- Be creative: sketch, draw, and color table murals with each other.
- Express yourself in music sessions: three breakout groups to learn the song “Our God is an Awesome God.”

Finally, KANIKAPILA – back by popular demand from last year! Bring your ukulele, guitar, vocal chords and get ready to sing!

At the end of the evening we will perform our song of praise as part of the closing ‘ohana.

Join us, bring your family, bring your friends – sing a new song and praise God!

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

“Kulia I Ka Nu’u No Ko Kakou Halepule”
Strive for the Highest for our Church

ALOHA KAKOU KAUMAKAPILI !

Mahalo ka ‘ohana for your support of our luau fundraiser on July 15th, 2017. You made a big difference believe me in our work for ka Haku!

Have you ever been hiking before on O’ahu or any other Hawaiian island. Was it upon Haleakala? Hau’ula Loop Trail? Palikea in the Waianae Hills? Olokui on Eastern Moloka’i? Lanaihale? Tantalus? Wa’ahila Ridge looking down on Palolo Valley? Pu’u Kukui above Lahaina? Mauna Kea? What was it like when you reached the highest point? Exhilarating? Breathtaking? Inspiring? Unbelievable? Invigorating?

Sometimes our “ peak experience” involves a familiar sight we were always curious about. My dad, Harry Stewart Jr. often recalled having to ring the church steeple bell on Sundays. As a young girl my brother Richard and I would sneak off when our parents were having a meeting or working on a project and clamber up the Kaumakapili steeple stairs. At first it was scary and mysterious as we nervously climbed up and hugged the wall and my brother held tightly on to the railing, but then, when we reached the bell it was like all fears were in vain. A sense of calm enveloped us. Just a joyous excitement filled us! Did you know that is why the steeple is so vertically reaching upwards? I was told it pointed to heaven and God’s home. In a child-like way attaining the highest point of the steeple must have been a way to get close to Akua and heaven. Reaching new heights is not an unfamiliar topic. Climbing to attain our budget and other important

goals is something we all have had to decide about personally.

Your BOS is planning already for our Stewardship Drive which is right around the corner and culminates in November. We will be setting our high point and goals for the pledge drive and we hope you can kokua. Why? We will soon have a full time Kahu and need to fulfill his income requirements. Organizations and individuals will look at the financial strength of our church and its ministries and educational programs and whether or not they wish to help us. If they care it’s because their values align with ours. That is a true mohai, sacrifice or offering.

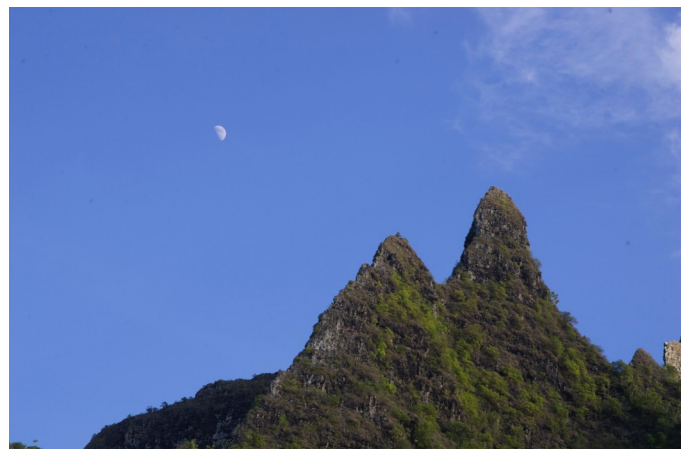
When the time comes, will you please prayerfully consider submitting a pledge card – the amount of the pledge is not important, but, the participation in the program is.

We want to feel we are all working united in this effort to reach new heights in our work for the Lord’s Kingdom! Can we count on you?

Remember if you believe you can do it, with Akua by your side, you can!

KULIA I KA NU’U ‘O KAUMAKAPILI!

Myrtle Stewart-Vetekina, Rec. Secty. BOS



LUAU 2017 SATURDAY, JULY 15



MAHALO!



give aloha

Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

During the month of September, support Kaumakapili Church during the Annual Give Aloha at Foodland.

Kaumakapili Church # 78059

Announcement and Distribution of Gifts

Total gifts to organizations will be announced by October 13. Checks to organizations will be mailed out by October 31, 2017. Note: checks will be made out to the organization's name as printed on the organization's IRS determination letter. Checks to sponsored organizations will be written and sent to their sponsoring organization.

IN-STORE EFFORTS

Participating Organization List

A flyer listing all Give Aloha participating organizations and their code numbers will be published and distributed at stores beginning September 1.

CALCULATION OF MATCHING GIFTS

Matching gifts will be calculated at the end of the program. Organizations will receive 100% of all customer donations given to their organization, plus their % of Foodland and the Western Union Foundation's \$250,000 matching gift.

The portion of the matching gift that each organization will receive will be based on the total dollar amount of customer donations designated to that organization as a % of all customer donations received for all organizations. For example, if total combined customer donations for all participating organizations equal \$1,000,000, and \$10,000 (1% of total) in donations are designated for organization XYZ, then organization XYZ will receive 1% of \$300,000, or \$3,000 from Foodland and the Western Union Foundation's matching gift in addition to the \$10,000 from customer donations. Total gift to organization XYZ = \$13,000.



AUGUST

August 6, 2017
Acts 6:8-7:59

August 13, 2017
Acts 8:9-25
Psalms 29

August 20, 2017
Special Guest

August 27, 2017
Acts 9:1-19a
Psalms 30

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE Summer 2017

SUN	Book/Study	Mid-Week Class
8/6	II John, III John	<i>On break until after Labor Day</i>
8/13	Jude	
8/20	Revelation	
8/27	<i>On break until after Labor Day</i>	
9/3		
9/10	Resume Bible Study: REVELATION <i>This Study will run from September through December.</i>	

Birthdays

AUGUST

August 1	Jonathan Muratsuka
August 2	Stewart Martin Roger Kahale
August 3	Kahaunani Schoenstein Samson Aarona
August 4	Kaleinani Schoenstein
August 5	Koland Henry Aarona
August 6	Zeena Kanahele Kapua Rudolph
August 8	James Aarona
August 9	John Keppeler
August 9	Stephen Poepoe
August 10	Summer Lynn Kamau-Waikiki
August 12	Josie Schoenstein
August 13	Taylor Pestano
August 15	Derek Ho'omana
August 16	Daniel Jandoc William Cabacungan
August 17	Shon Kihewa Shanna Leake
August 19	Matthew Motas
August 22	Teruo Kawata Helen Patterson
August 23	Shari Kaneao
August 26	Royalette Kealoha Seth Balai
August 27	Bruce Wolfe
August 28	James Bright
August 30	Quinn Ho'omana-Heffernan



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.

August Flowers

August 6:	Anniversary~ Hau'oli & Ku'u lei Akaka
August 13::	Hau'oli La Hanau~ Kahau, Kalei & Josie
August 20:	Hau'oli La Hanau~ Kapua Rudolph
August 27:	Aloha Committee

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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