



# 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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## *Reset Button*



**Aloha mai e nā hoahānau ‘o Kaumakapili!** I am a big believer in resets and restarts. It started innocently as a child. I would play a video, then I would start losing, then I would hit the reset button to start all over again. This belief in the reset button has continued to percolate in my life as an adult. My favorite celebrations are celebrations marking a new beginning, or a chance to reset. New Year, Birthday celebrations, and now as a teacher, the new school year are some of my favorite times in the year.

The month of September gives us, friends at Kaumakapili, a chance to celebrate a renewal. Sunday school classes for all ages start up again. We, the teachers and Christian Education board members, are excited for the year ahead. It all begins again on Sunday September 10, 2017 at 9 A.M.

The children and youth classes will be focusing on the book of Acts. The first three weeks of classes will be a time of fellowship for all students. We will run the classes together to outline and overview the first 12 chapters of Acts. Starting in October, the classes will split into age appropriate classes and continue a study through the book of Acts.

As many of you know, the Interim Team has been covering the book of Acts through the sermon since June.

It is our hope that over the months of October and November that our Sunday school lessons will coincide with the message from the pulpit. Hopefully this will help families to converse across generations as each family is hearing a message from Acts at an level that is age appropriate.

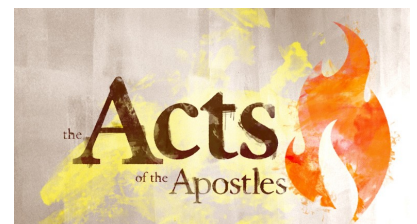
There is even more learning opportunities for all of us. The adult Bible Study classes will be doing a focused study on the book of Revelation. The adult classes will be continue to meet during the week, and on Sundays. The Sunday adult class will resume on September 10 at 9 A.M. The midweek class will resume on Tuesday September 12 at 5 P.M., and continue on Tuesday evenings for the remainder of the study.









It is our hope that the bottom floor of Hale Kamika will be properly prepared for the start of this Sunday school year. We have exciting ideas and plans for the refurbished rooms, and hope the new atmosphere is welcoming to new students, refreshing for returning students, and inspiring to all learners.

Regardless of whether the rooms are ready to go, please come and join us on Tuesday and Sunday. Acts 2 reminds that one of the marks of the early church was to devote themselves to the apostles’ teaching. It our hope and prayer that our times of study will be time for us to further devote ourselves to the disciple of studying God’s Word, as it was in the early church. May we be people who continue to learn more about God, and grow closer and closer to God in study.

Blessings!

Manu Nae’ole



KEPAKEMAPA 2017 ACTIVITIES						
Lāpule	Pō'akahi	Pō'alua	Pō'akolu	Pō'aha	Pō'alima	Pō'aono
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<b>3</b> <b>Sanctuary:</b> 10:30a-12n Worship <b>Ke'ena Ohina:</b> 9a-10a Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm)  Dr. Randy Furushima	<b>4</b> OFFICE CLOSED Labor Day	<b>5</b> <b>Sanctuary:</b> 6:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> <b>Ke'ena Ohina:</b> 2-4p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm) 5-8p Halau  	<b>7</b> <b>Ke'ena Ohina:</b> 3-5p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm)  	8	9
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## **Pledge Donations To-Date In This Year, 2017**

By the Stewardship Committee

Aloha – September and October – this is the time in the year when we plan our pledge donations for next year. Pledge donations are the church's largest source of income, an extremely important source that assures that our church continues to be successful.

### **Pledge Donations Through the Month of July**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>2015</u>		
	\$70,853	\$81,482
	\$77,323	

Pledge donations in 2017, when compared against the same time period in 2016 and 2015, are lower in both years. This is not good news.

We are at a very important point in the life of our church. The Imi I Ke Kahu Search Committee interviewed a pastor and our church leaders are now discussing the option of sending an invitation to this pastor to join our church. Pledge donations, increasing our pledge donations, will be **the** key factor in addressing the financial needs of this offer. Your help is urgently needed.

Mahalo!



## **Upcoming Events**

### **SEPTEMBER**

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

### **OCTOBER**

Sun., October 22	Stewardship Kick-off Luncheon
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### ***Food Bank is Open!***

#### **September**

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

#### **October**

10	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
11	Distribution	7:30-10:00am
24	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
25	Distribution	7:30-10:00am





## Kaumakapili Church Music Workshop "Awesomeness of God"

Scripture Text: *For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. Psalm 95:3*

Our workshop was held on August 26, 2017 from 3 - 7:30 pm at the church. The theme "Awesomeness of God" was chosen to acknowledge our God, not only in our personal lives, but specifically, in the life of our beloved Hawaiian churches throughout our islands.

We had in attendance: 4 Pokii, 7 Youth and 34 adults. Joining us were families from Liliuokalani and Kalihi & Moanalua Churches.

The day started with open registration, in-door games - cards, board games or out-door games, lead by Chelsea Fernandez, with ulumaika or horse shoe. Our day opened up with Ohana.

Two forty-five minute music sessions were held. You could join the Instruments (lead by Kaori Martin), Singers (lead by Akiko Chang) or Dancers (lead by Karen Mann). Each group learned the chorus of "Our God Is An Awesome God" with our own composition of a verse.



In between the sessions we were lead in exercise routines by Josie Schoensten, Kuulei and Kapua Rudolph, Mikayla Maeshiro,

Yuzu Martin and Kahau Schoensten. Following our exercises, we joined Amanda Allison at the art tables where we could express our thoughts about the awesomeness of God through our art skills. We then enjoyed a healthy dinner prepared by

Kaori Martin and her helpers. Our meal for the day was rice (white/brown mix) chili prepared with lots of veggies and

ground turkey meat, an array of toppings for the chili - chopped tomatoes, bell peppers, olives, onion, avocado, cilantro, shredded cheese, and sour cream, bowls of fresh mixed fruits, a large tray of cornbread and refreshing water.



After a short break, we gathered in a large circle for our Kanikapila Time lead by Akiko Chang. Those who brought their own instruments played along with her. As the words and chords were provided, we sang songs like - "Ulupalakua", "Aloha Ka

Manini", "Pa'ahana", "E Hihiiwai" and others. We even changed "keys" from verse to verse.

We ended the night with a final mass rehearsal of instrumentalists playing, singers singing, and dancers dancing to the song "Our God Is An Awesome God". As we closed our time together with 'Ohana, we thanked all who came and especially families from Liliuokalani Church and Kalihi & Moanalua church for joining us and that we hope they will have an opportunity to share what they have learned with their congregations. As for Kaumakapili, they shared what they learned, on Sunday, August 27th, as an anthem in the morning worship service.



Mahalo Ke Akua,

Your Music Committee



## Small Is Big Again: Reclaiming Small Church Ministry

“Although megachurches garner a great deal of attention, these supersized congregations comprise only a small fraction of all worshipping communities in the U.S.”

### What Do Small Churches Need?

Lewis Parks, a champion of small congregations, claims that they can do big things with “a little cooperation with the Spirit on the part of those gathered, a little striving for excellence, a little freedom to express local religious creativity, and all things sprinkled with lots of hospitality.”<sup>2</sup> A few other suggestions include the following:

*A compelling story about their history, purpose, and mission.* Members often possess a common narrative about when and why the church was established and some specifics of that particular historical period. But fewer members know the chapters in the church’s history. For example, which pastors or lay leaders exerted a major influence in embracing new mission or overcoming risks? What community events (such as rapid population growth, departure of a major employer) affected the church in a major way? How do members describe the current chapter in the church’s narrative? Too often, the church’s story that clearly reveals the congregation’s ongoing ministry remains implicit. When members share greater awareness of the church’s mission and history (how did we get here?), they gain greater clarity about the congregation’s unique identity. Consider engaging members in an exercise that surfaces the church’s history, experiences, traditions, and untested assumptions.<sup>3</sup> Then, create a vision statement that captures these insights and use it on your website, with social media, and other church communications.

*Intentional efforts to increase visibility.* Effective approaches are size-specific. Every small church can creatively send the message to newcomers and the indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” A parallel truth applies to congregations. Never doubt that small churches have changed the world and they will continue to do so. community—“we are here, we care about you, and we welcome you!” An electronic presence (website, Facebook, Instagram) establishes a virtual welcome mat. A well-maintained and lighted church building signals a physical “home” that anticipates visitors. Participation by members and leaders in community events suggests commitment to the well-being of neighbors. Hosting community events, speakers, workshops, and the arts indicates that the church is a willing partner in promoting their neighbors’ quality of life.<sup>4</sup> Form a team of six members to test the congregation’s visibility by instructing them to approach five people they do not know. Next, have these members inquire: “Have you ever heard of (the name of your church)? What do you know about it (for example, location, programs,

etc.)?” Reconvene these volunteers and share the results. Based on what you learn, devise one or two new action steps to increase the congregation’s community profile.

*Customized methods for outreach.* Context is everything when developing strategies to welcome newcomers. Would your community be described as active or sedentary, family- or career-focused, a stable or mobile population? A family-focused and stable community is more likely to respond to family and friend networks. If a population is career-focused and mobile, investments in electronic and social media will likely pay dividends. Have leaders discuss the key characteristics of the church’s community five years ago, currently, five years from now, and ten years in the future.<sup>5</sup> Refine the church’s strategies based on these observed changes.

*Purposeful efforts to pass along the faith to future generations.* Following the words of Robert Schuller, congregations should view faith development as planting seeds: “Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the number of apples in a seed.” Research shows that when congregations value nurturing faith in children and young adults, that emphasis and their hard work bears fruit. How does the church measure success in this ministry area? Seed-planting congregations in this way also make ministry with millennials a priority. Parks makes a convincing argument that small churches are best suited for reaching out to this age group—adults born between 1981 and 1996.<sup>6</sup> Millennials’ life experiences differ greatly from previous generations and one in three are religiously unaffiliated.<sup>7</sup> They were more likely to be raised in a nontraditional family and are more culturally diverse than past cohorts. Despite growing up in an online world, they place a high value on friendships and relationships. Small churches offer them the unique opportunity for intimacy and caring relationships. They are looking for safe spaces for themselves and their children. Review the demographics within a fifteen-mile radius of the congregation to determine the age profiles of residents and to create updated strategies to reach unrepresented groups.

*Accept reality and build on strengths.* Garrison Keillor famously said: “I believe in looking reality straight in the eye and denying it.” Small churches cannot afford to deny reality. Leaders can accept the things that cannot be changed while identifying the advantages that small size affords. Sometimes, cherished programs or even the church building have to be sacrificed in order for the congregation’s future mission to thrive. Consider a four-session group study to discover new insights for small-church ministry.<sup>8</sup>

### Making Small Big Again

Margaret Mead’s statement inspired many in earlier generations: “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.”

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# 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**

Help our foodbank with your donation through *Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program*. From September 1-30th, 2017 present your Maika'i Card at the checkout counter at Foodland and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to Kaumakapili Church. Our registration code is: **78059**. Your donation will be added to your grocery purchase total. You can give up to \$249.00.



## 13TH ANNUAL HUNGER WALK

**September 16th, 8am-11:30am**

Help support our church's foodbank by participating or making a donation to the Hawaii Foodbank's **13th Annual Hunger Walk!** The walk will be Saturday, September 16th at the Waterfront Plaza from 8am to 11:30am; a fun-filled morning of exercise, refreshments, keiki activities, and live on-stage entertainment! Your donation will be matched (up to 50% in past years) by the Hawaii Foodbank and the Wong Foundation.



## **SEPTEMBER**

September 3, 2017

*Acts 10:30-45*

*Psalms 38*

September 10, 2017

*Acts 11:11-18*

*Isaiah 49:1-6*

September 17, 2017

*Acts 11:19-26*

*Psalms 66 1-5*

September 24, 2017

*Acts 12:1-10*

*Psalms 77:11-15*

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

Fall 2017

Class	Sunday	Tuesday
9/3	<i>On break until after Labor Day</i>	<i>On break until after Labor Day</i>
9/10	Resume Bible Study: REVELATION <i>This Study will run from September through December.</i>	

## **Birthdays**

### **SEPTEMBER**

September 2	Sarah Balai
September 5	D. Kekauhi Aarona
September 9	John Cortez Sr.
	Lana Sue Kaopua
September 12	Jayne Ioane
September 15	Kawehimaeole Umiamaka
September 18	Robert Maeshiro
September 19	Sean Jandoc
September 20	Dorothy Kihewa
September 22	Tracy Fernandez-Green
September 27	Marie Grace Regier
	Gabriel Malani
	Roxanne Canonigo
September 28	Tommy Chronister Jr.



*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*

## **September Flowers**

September 3:	Anniversary~ Frank & Roberta Jahrling
September 10:	Kupahu 'Ohana
September 17:	Andrew & Jaya Poepoe
September 24:	85th Birthday-Shirley Iaea Cordiero

### **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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