



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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Advent



As I sit at my favorite spot in our home bundled in a blanket with a warm cup of tea in hand, I reflect on the past year and look to Advent with anticipation and hope. The wind howls and the rain rattles the windows. The cold that lingers serve to remind us that “winter” has come to our island home. These gusts not only blow through our lives, but also through the life of Kaumakapili Church. They are the life-breath of God making an entrance through the places we least expect Him: in the cutting down of the banyan tree, in the reopening of the gates at Hale Kamika, in our goodbyes to loved ones and dear friends, at the ending of our interim team, at the undertakings of new ministries, and as we welcome a new pastor into our church.

For many of us, this is the time of year where we function in familiar grooves. We tend to get swept up in the season as we lay out our holiday and travel plans, scramble to make end-of-the-year deadlines at work and at school, or attend to the various chores that compete for our attention, screaming, “Me!” “No, me!” “I’m next!” Like a chorus of toddlers, all these things demand our time and energy. In this whirlwind of a season, it is helpful to have Advent exactly where it is, a season that reminds us to stop, reflect, listen, and discern. Advent can be filled with an exhausting list of duties, but it could also be a marvelous scavenger hunt where we keep discovering captivating clues of a *good* master. Hunting for the surprises tucked into each day eventually builds an enduring hope, a stubborn refusal to believe that God brings us anything but ultimate joy.

I cannot tell you how excited I am for Advent and Christmas. It’ll be a wondrous relief and reminder to

let God be God. There will be many moments to look forward to, but two stick out to me. One is enjoying the company and expressions on the faces of family members on Christmas Day. The other is standing silently as the lights are slowly turned down and the candles are lit in our Hale Pule on Christmas Eve. **The interim team gets a pretty spectacular view.**









We can see the faces of people lit by the glow of a small candle. We can hear the singing of holy words. We can see the Body of Christ, redeemed. **That is what this season is all about.** It is the coming of light in a world of darkness. It is God breaking through all of the barriers. It is strength and power and might redefined in the form of a newborn baby. Advent is everything and more than we could ever hope for. And just as that candle spreads from one hand to the next in our sanctuary, Christmas is the light of Christ spreading into the hearts of the faithful, and being carried out into our homes and communities. It is about the presence of God in the midst of real life.

It is a reminder that right here in the world is a promise that God is with us. Right here with all of the hardship is hope. Right here with the struggle is peace. Right here in the gathering of Christ’s people is joy. Right here in the uncertainties of what lies ahead is our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, our Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace. As we begin our journey through Advent to Christmas, may we long for our world to be saturated with the Gospel, permeated with Christ’s presence, and for our hearts to be filled with the compassionate life-breath of God.

Mahalo for your support, challenge, encouragement, and faithfulness,

Kona Mann



KĒKĒMAPA 2017 ACTIVITIES						
Lāpule	Pō'akahi	Pō'alua	Pō'akolu	Pō'aha	Pō'alima	Pō'aono
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<p>3 Sanctuary: 10:30-12n Worship Hale Aloha: 9:00a-10:00am Sunday School Auxiliary Hall: 9:00-10:00a Adult Bible Study Ke'ena Ohina: 9a-10a Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm) Special Guest: Dr. Randy Furushima</p>	4	<p>5 Auxiliary Hall: 5:00-6:00p Adult Bible Study Sanctuary: 6:00p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6 Auxiliary Hall: 5:30p Advent Bible Study (Dinner) Ke'ena Ohina: 2-4p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm) 5-8p Halau</p> 	<p>7 Ke'ena Ohina: 3-5p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm)</p> 	8	9
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<p>24 Sanctuary: 10:30-12n Worship 7p Christmas Eve Service Ke'ena Ohina: 9a-10a Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm) Interim Team: Manu Nae'ole</p>	25	<p>26 Hale Aloha: 7:30-9:30a Food Bank Prep Sanctuary: 6:00p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>27 Hale Aloha: 8-10a Food Bank Ke'ena Ohina: 2-4p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm) 5-8p Halau</p> 	<p>28 Ke'ena Ohina: 3-5p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm)</p> 	29	30
<p>31 Sanctuary: 10:30-12n Worship BAPTISM</p>						

Holiday Highlights



Nov 26th- Youth Choir Performing



Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

- Sun., Dec. 17 Christmas Aloha Hour, 11:30am
- Wed., Dec. 20 Advent Study & Christmas Potluck, 5:30-6:30pm—(Joy and Love)
- Fri., Dec. 22 OFFICE CLOSED, 12n
- Sun., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Morning Service
Christmas Eve Service, 7pm
- Mon., Dec. 25 OFFICE CLOSED
Christmas Day
- Fri., Dec. 29 OFFICE CLOSED, 12n

JANUARY

- Mon., January 1 New Year's Day (Observed)
OFFICE CLOSED
- Tue., January 2 Hebedoma TBC
- Mon., January 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
OFFICE CLOSED

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS ONLINE

Kamehameha Schools has released its Hawaiian-focused devotionals and video hymns for Advent are posted on Kamehameha Schools' website <http://www.ksbe.edu/imua/> every Friday. Week one and two is now available on their website and on our facebook at [facebook.com/kaumakapili.org](https://www.facebook.com/kaumakapili.org).

Voices of Aloha

This season Voices of Aloha will be returning to Kawaiiaha'o Church at 957 Punchbowl Street to perform their Holiday Concert. They will sing in celebration a selection of beautiful and uplifting holiday, contemporary, classical and spiritual songs that you will remember and cherish. The concert will be held on Fri., December 29th beginning promptly at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30pm.

MELE KALIKIMAKA!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Service 10:30am	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00pm
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Miracle Meals

On November 22, 2017, Kaumakapili volunteers assisted the Miracle Meals Foundation by serving as a pick-up and distribution point for turkey dinners which the Foundation distributes with the help of the Kalihi-Palama Health Clinic and sponsor Geico.

In return, the church is given dinners to distribute to families in our area.



Christmas Fund 2017

This month we remember our commitment to the 5 for 5 Mission Offerings of the UCC. The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund is coming soon just before Christmas. This appeal helps provide pension and health premium supplementation to lower-income retired church workers, emergency assistance to clergy or lay church employees in need, and Christmas “Thank You” gift checks to hundreds of annuitants administered by the Pension Boards. This is a way to strengthen our relationship with the wider church and helps us learn about mission and the way our gifts are being used beyond the local church.



A New Season Is Upon Us

Aloha Kaumakapili Ohana:

The advent season is upon us and Kaumakapili is in a position of anticipation. The recent congregational decision to call the next pastor of Kaumakapili is giving advent a deeper meaning. Pastor Douglas Wooten is preparing to answer God’s call to pastor us for the next season. As Pastor Wooten and wife Yulanda prepare for this change in life so we too prepare for a pace and cadence that is different.

Our interim season was one of creativity, challenge, and change. I thank you all for your patience and willingness to allow God to move in our midst. The interim team, as we so lovingly called them, has lead us closer to the Word of God and its impact on our church life. As they moved us through the two years, God was preparing a servant to pastor us for the next season. The faithful walk of the search committee allowed for the Holy Spirit to move and connect us to His will.

Pastor Doug Wooten discerned God’s call through the search process and now answers that call with a journey to Hawai‘i. Our church is on that same call. We are now coming up on a new season. The season will be one of faith and scriptural understanding of our walk together. We can expect this season to be one that is different than past seasons and will call us to be obedient to the Word of God. I am confident that Pastor Wooten will keep that focus as he serves the pulpit. The lay leaders of the future will be called to navigate us through this special relationship and unique time in our church history. We should all prayerfully consider our interaction with the church through servant leadership.

As plans for transition solidify over the next few weeks, the church will communicate that to you via our church pulpit on Sundays. Let this month be one of prayerful anticipation of a new life...a new life in Christ.

Aloha Ke Akua,

Trevor Maunakea

Kaumakapili Church Welcomes Pastor Douglas & Ms. Yulanda Wooten

After nearly three years without a senior Kahu, Kaumakapili has finally selected our new Kahu. His name is Pastor Douglas A. Wooten and below are excerpts in his own words of his Call to discipleship and ministry and his priorities as Kahu Wooten leads Kaumakapili Church into the future.

Pastor Douglas A. Wooten is the Senior Pastor and member of First United Church in Franklinton, North Carolina. Pastor Wooten is an Ordained Minister with full standing in the United Church of Christ. Pastor Wooten was ordained on September 8, 2008. His current standing is held in the Southern Conference by the Eastern North Carolina Association.

Pastor Wooten's Theological background: Bachelor of Art Religion and Philosophy, 2003 and Master's in Divinity, 2007 both from Shaw University of Raleigh, North Carolina; Doctoral candidate: Association of Chicago Theological Schools Doctor of Ministry in Preaching. Pastor Wooten will finish his dissertation before Christmas of this year and will defend his dissertation in March of 2018.

Pastor Wooten says I know that I have been called by God to minister to his people and to give wise counsel. Matthew 28:19 says, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost..." Just as Jesus commanded his Disciples, I know that Jesus has commanded me to do the same. I am confident of in my calling because of the evidence that it has produced; through the baptizing of many and the witnessing of the transformation of lives. The voice of Jesus has pierced my heart to GO and minister to the people of God. I have traveled to the most silent and rural parts of North Carolina to the bright lights of California to proclaim his Word. I believe the church of Jesus Christ is the starting place of the word, Go! Matthew 28:20 says, And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age". It is because of this fact that Jesus has been with me. I know the church has called me to, go and make disciples of all the nation, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is my fervent mission to continue to build the body of Christ, to bring souls that are lost into his everlasting care.

I am totally passionate about the local church! The local church is the heart of Christ and it is the foundation of the gospel. The local churches, with all of its ups and downs, still thrive through Jesus Christ. There

cannot be an association or conference without the local church. The Spirit of God has prompted me to study the birth of Christianity and the early church's struggles as they made the shift from



temple worship to receiving the Holy Spirit in the upper room. Specifically, I began to understand that temple worship was how God's people meet Him. Even though the early Christians received the Holy Spirit, the church continued to struggle; however, they relied on the Holy Spirit to give them guidance as they waited for the return of Jesus Christ. We must use this example from the early church as a model for the twenty-first-century church and the spreading of the Good News. I have a passion that the values of productivity and efficiency of the church will become apparent as we continue to be led and be empowered by the Holy Spirit. God continues to speak to us and guides us even in this new millennium. God has allowed the spirit of Jesus Christ to be revealed to me so that I may help others be productive in accepting God. I was born in the UCC and have personally witnessed the struggles of the denomination. I have actively sought to learn about, as well as address, many of the issues the UCC has faced. The work of the church is ever-changing because the world is ever-changing. God has equipped the church with the ability to adapt to these changing times. God has placed in me a spirit of renewal which encourages me to help others embrace the attitude and disposition of the early church. It is with passion and prayer that, through God's Holy Spirit, the church will spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every corner of this world, to every person, regardless of race, age, color, sexual orientation, mental or physical disabilities and socio-economic status.

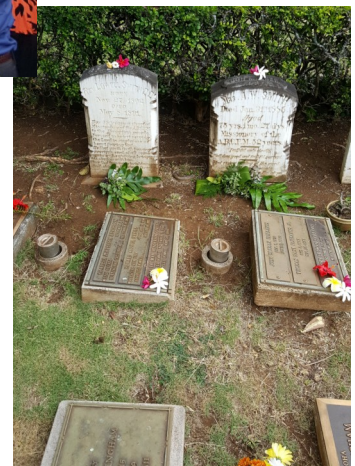
Pastor Wooten will begin as Kahu of Kaumakapili Church on Sunday, January 14, 2018. Pastor Wooten is married to the former Ms. Yulanda Tisdale for 31 years and together they have two adult sons named Douglas Wooten Jr. and Adam. B



Founder's Day

On Sunday, November 19, 2017, Kaumakapili Church observed Founders' Day Sunday at our 10:30 a.m. worship Service.

This year's Founders' Day observances included the recognition of our founding charter members, (first to be called kahu) Rev. Lowell and Abigail Smith. Following the worship service our guests and worshippers were invited to join us for refreshments.



Miracle Meals 2017





**Ka Heluhelu
Haipule
Scriptures**

DECEMBER

Read with us Isaiah 9 as we
look at the promise of
the Savior
to be for all people:

*Wonderful Counselor
Mighty God
Everlasting Father
Prince of Peace*

*Join us for Advent Study on
December 6th and December
20th at 5:30pm.*

Volunteer at the Food Bank!

December

12	Food Prep	7:30-9a
13	Distribution	7:30-10a
26	Food Prep	7:30-9a
27	Distribution	7:30-10a

January

9	Food Prep	7:30-9a
10	Distribution	7:30-10a
23	Food Prep	7:30-9a
24	Distribution	7:30-10a

Birthdays

DECEMBER

December 2	Marbeth Aquino
December 7	Kiku Kawata
December 8	Claudette Naauao
December 9	John Ho‘omana
December 10	Preston Komomua
December 14	John Henry Lakalo
December 16	Hiilei Kihewa
December 17	Mamo Ornellas
December 18	Rainee Aarona Chong
December 23	Michael Soderstrom
December 24	Georgette Kihewa
December 25	Violet Kihewa
December 30	Halehaku Seabury
December 31	Kamaha‘o Umiamaka



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

December Flowers

December 3:	In Memory Of Harriet Napuunoa & Glenn Beppu
December 10:	Hauoli La Hanau 1 yr~ Skye Kamakanika‘ili Aloha Kakaio
December 17:	In Memory of Martha Maunakea
December 24:	In Memory of Wilhelmina L. & Harry K. Stewart Jr.
December 31:	In Memory of Janice Tom

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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