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(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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2017, the year of the Rooster, would be one truthful way to recap the year. 2017, the year of the Golden State Warriors, would be another truthful way to recap the year. 2017, the year of political craziness, would be a third way to recap the year. 2017 was an eventful year with highs, lows, and everything between those two extremes. In the much smaller circle of our church community at Kaumakapili a large portion of 2017 was the year of Acts.

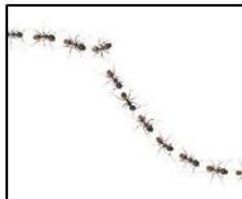
We began our journey in June at Pentecost. We continued through the book as we read about Peter healing a lame man at the gate of the temple to Ananias and Sapphira being held accountable, to the choosing of seven new leaders, to help with food distribution for widows, to Stephen eloquently recapping the stories of the Old Testament and Jesus to Saul’s conversion while traveling to Damascus to Peter’s vision opening the way for the Gentiles to Paul’s mission to Philippi, Lystra and Corinth. These stories and more filled our pulpit through 2017.



It is the hope of the Interim Team that this time of being centered in one book, using this one book to connect the stories of Acts with the greater narrative of the God’s message through Jesus Christ,

helps to influence the way we think, act, and speak in our world today so that we are reflections of Jesus Christ. 2017 has been a year of growth for all of us. As listeners, we have grown through the messages that were shared and penetrated our hearts. As speakers, we have grown in our ability to speak God’s message in a meaningful way.

Proverbs 6:6-8 says, “Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest”. 2017 has been a good year at












Kaumakapili. Our study of Acts has been led by leaders, but not by a single chief, officer, or ruler yet we have found time to gather our food and to prepare for the spiritual harvest that is coming in 2018.

The study of Acts has only been the beginning of this new process. In the year of the Rooster we operated more like ants. There is hope for a better 2018. Our days of being without a single ruler like ants will be ending in January. We have done work to prepare ourselves for a harvest, and now a leader, Pastor Wooten, is on the way to help us make the best use of our harvest. Acts was only the beginning. What lies ahead for us is another opportunity to grow, to learn, to love, to be molded and to mold others to become more and more like the people God has called us to be.

Blessings on your 2018!



IANUALI 2018 ACTIVITIES						
Lāpule	Pō'akahi	Pō'alua	Pō'akolu	Pō'aha	Pō'alima	Pō'aono
	1	<p>2 Auxiliary Hall: 6:00p Hebedoma Sanctuary: 6:00p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3 Auxiliary Hall: 6:00p Hebedoma Ke'ena 'Ohina: 2-4p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm) 5-8p Halau</p> 	<p>4 Auxiliary Hall: 6:00p Hebedoma Ke'ena Ohina: 3-5p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm)</p> 	<p>5 Auxiliary Hall: 6:00p Hebedoma</p>	6
<p>7 Sanctuary: 10:30-12n Worship Hale Aloha: 9:00a-10:00am Sunday School begins Auxiliary Hall: 9:00-10:00a Adult Bible Study Ke'ena Ohina: 9a-10a Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm)</p> <p>Interim Team: Kahu Sherman Thompson</p>	8	<p>9 Hale Aloha: 7:30-9:30a Food Bank Prep Auxiliary Hall: 5:00-6:00p Adult Bible Study Sanctuary: 6:00p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10 Hale Aloha: 8-10a Food Bank Ke'ena 'Ohina: 2-4p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm) 5-8p Halau</p> 	<p>11 Ke'ena Ohina: 3-5p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm)</p> 	12	13
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‘OPUKAHA‘IA SUNDAY



The work continues on and the board is preparing for the Henry Opukahaia Offering that will take place Sunday February 18, 2018 in service. Our annual giving to this scholarship fund helps to support clergy training by providing financial aid for seminary, postgraduate and continuing educational expenses. Programs such as seminary course of study, post-seminary studies, and continuing education are all areas that clergy can use this fund for. Please consider a hookupu aloha on Sunday February 18th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School has started back up!

Join us for Sunday School at 9am with classes for pōki‘i through kūpuna. The Mid-Week Bible Study class is on Tuesdays from 5pm to 6pm.

Upcoming Events

JANUARY

Mon., January 1 New Year's Day (Observed)
OFFICE CLOSED
Tue., January 2-5 Hebedoma
Sun., January 14 Interim Team Last Service
Mon., January 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
OFFICE CLOSED
Tue., January 16 Kahu Doug Wooten's first day
Sun., January 21 Kahu Doug Wooten (Aloha)

FEBRUARY

Wed., Feb.14 Ash Wednesday Service TBA
Sun., Feb. 18 *Annual Meeting, 12n*
‘OPUKAHA‘IA SUNDAY
Mon., Feb. 19 Office Closed- Presidents' Day

Volunteer at the Food Bank!

January

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

February

6	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
7	Distribution	7:30-10:00am
20	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
21	Distribution	7:30-10:00am

FLOWER CHART

The flower chart for 2018 is posted at the back of the church. Please assist the Aloha Committee with beautification of our altar by signing up for a Sunday (or more). Also, please note how you would like the acknowledgement in the bulletin to read.



The History Corner

– By Andrew Poepoe



Andrew Poepoe and Hardy Spoehr hold a certificate recognizing Joseph Mokuohai Poepoe as a Kahu 'Ikena,

Joseph Poepoe was born in Kohala in 1853. He attended several schools and finished his education in Honolulu at the Royal School and at Ahuimanu College. He was a school teacher, he studied to become an attorney and served in the offices of attorneys to become proficient, he wrote books, and he wrote for and served as an editor of newspapers. He was fluent and able to read and translate documents in several languages. Members of the Kalakaua family were his friends. Joseph served in the Territorial House of Representatives and he died in April 1913.

The Hawaiian Historical Society was founded in 1892. The society is dedicated to preserving historical material. As part of the Society's 125th anniversary in 2017 the Society recognized a number of individuals as Kahu 'Ikena, a Caretaker of Knowledge. Hardy Spoehr is a member of the Society and served as its president from 2001 to 2004.

The Honorable Joseph Mokuohai Poepoe was designated a Kahu 'Ikena, a Caretaker of Knowledge, by the Hawaiian Historical Society. The citation on the certificate reads: "For his dedication to the preservation and perpetuation of Hawaiian history and his work and writing as a 19th century Kanaka 'Ōiwi historian and intellectual".

Joseph Poepoe was recognized and respected as a scholar, historian, writer, translator, statesman, and a proponent of Hawaiian language newspapers. One of the major positions that he held was as editor of the newspaper "Kokua Home Rula", from 1903 to 1908. This paper was the voice of the Home Rule Party. In those years home rule was a burning issue amongst Hawaiians and those who sympathized with these Hawaiians, and Kokua Home Rula sent critical messages out to the public about meetings, rallies, speakers, and actions to be taken by the followers of the Home Rule Party.



Trinidad Baptism on December 31, 2017

“Waiting To Exhale”

“Waiting To Exhale” is the title of a 1995 movie about four women “waiting to exhale” to feel comfortable enough to make a commitment in their relationship with men. No, no, no, this is not about personal relationships with men but it is about your personal relationship with God and hearing His message to you. “Waiting to exhale” is much the same way many people feel about being comfortable enough to make a commitment to serve whether it is a committee in church, a committee to help with fund raising at your child’s school or any activity that requires a commitment of time and self.

As members of the Nominations Committee we are “waiting to exhale” after filling key positions and other open spots on the slate. The proposed slate will go to the Council this month for approval before being presented at the congregation’s annual meeting in mid February for voting.

In November there was the annual pledge drive asking members and friends to support the new kahu, the staff and programs and mission of Kaumakapili here in Kalihi Palama. In December we were asked to support the Christmas Fund which went to aid retired clergy. All through the year we are asked to search our hearts to see if we can carve out time in our busy schedule to serve the church. We are at the start of a new year and as members of the Nominations Committee we are asking for you to make a commitment to serve so that our “waiting to exhale” can happen! Remembering the words from the gospel of Matthew 7:7-8:

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.”

The Nominations Committee is asking for your help to kokua on any board or committee where you think you would be of service. Members of the Nominations Committee, Zena Kaehu, Iris DeRego, and Roberta Jahrling, are always available to answer

questions on the importance or role of any board or committee. What follows are the open positions that need to be filled on the boards and committees:

- Board of Deacons: 7 out of 9 positions to fill - *Have faith!*
- Board of Stewardship: 4 out of 5 positions to fill - *We hear you Lord!*
- Board of Education: 5 out of 6 positions to fill - *We are coming Lord!*
- Aloha Committee: 1 out of 3 positions to fill - *Waiting to share the Aloha Spirit.*
- Buildings & Grounds: 2 out of 3 positions to fill - *Caring for His house.*
- Music Committee: 1 out of 3 positions to fill - *Singing to the Lord!*
- Nominations Committee: 1 out of 3 positions to fill - *Always looking for servants!*
- Outreach Ministry: 1 out of 3 positions to fill - *Serving God’s people.*
- Members-at-Large: 2 out of 2 positions to fill - *God’s eyes, ears and voice.*

With God’s help and your prayers we are hopeful that God will answer our prayers. Please see any our Nominations Committee members to tell us where you would like to serve.

Blessings for a Happy New Year and again, we ask that you prayerfully consider serving to help further the work of Kaumakapili Church.

Mahalo Ke Akua,

The Nominations Committee,
Zena Kaehu, Iris DeRego, Roberta Jahrling



Echiverri Baptism on December 10, 2017

Christmas Eve Highlights



GLORY IN HIS SOUL

**A Musical Drama about the life
of Henry Opukaha'ia**

Written by Randy Hongo



Feb. 17th, 18th, 24th & 25th, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Kalihi Union Church

2214 North King Street • Honolulu, HI 96819

Sanctuary Seating (first come, first served)

Welcome Center/Gym Seating (overflow)

**Love Offering to be taken for
THE HONGO MUSIC AND LIFE CENTER**



**Ka Heluhelu
Haipule
Scriptures**

January 7, 2017

Deuteronomy 8:1-5

Matthew 4:4

January 14, 2017

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

January 21, 2017

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalms 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

January 28, 2017

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalms 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

Birthdays

JANUARY

January 1	Curt Maeshiro Jann Cabacungan
January 4	Gwen Kamanu Corey Pestano
January 6	Peter Keoneula
January 9	Pekelo Stender
January 10	Momi Bright Lita Kahihikolu
January 15	Holualoa Aquino
January 17	Anthony Grace Danae Naauao Trison Taeaolii-Kihewa
January 19	Mele Keoneula Hedlund 'Elia Akaka
January 26	Tommy Chronister
January 27	M. Pohai Aarona
January 28	Tayla Vaughan-Darval
January 31	Jan Maunakea Ryan Jandoc



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

January Flowers

January 7:	Aloha Committee
January 14:	Aloha Committee
January 21:	Andrew & Jaya Poepoe
January 28:	In Memory of Lenny Uyetake

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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