



KA LEO O KEALOHA

(The Voice of Love)

“Nō laila hōi, o ka mea lohe i kēia mau ʻōlelo ʻau, a mala hōi ia, E hōhālike iā ia me ke kanaka nāauao, 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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New Beginnings in a New Year

BY KAHU DOUG WOOTEN

Aloha to All!

I greet you in the Holy Name of Jesus!! 2019 has arrived, and for me and Yulanda being in Hawaii for our first New Year. It certainly came in with a bang!! Even with all the excitement of the fireworks that was sounding off all around us, we knew we were blessed to see another year. As we always do, we take time to thank God for the New Year, and we thank God for the passing of the old year. Many scriptures ring through my mind as a new year draw closer, but one of my favorites for the New Year, comes from the book of Psalm. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10. One of the reason I love this particular scripture, is because I am asking something that only God can do-that is to create! Sometimes the ways of the world can consume our thoughts, and cause our sight and focus to grow dim. There are even times our hearts will get perplexed. When all of these things happen to us, we need to pause and ask God to “Create” in us a clean heart and renew that right spirit in us. When we do this God will clean our hearts of all the things we have allowed the world to rob from us.

When we have that renewed experience with God, we are then granted a deeper awareness of His grace and mercy. As we continue to move forward in 2019, allow the Holy Spirit to move in your life in a more powerful way than ever before!

“Give Me a Clean Heart”

*Give me a clean heart
so I may serve thee.*

*Lord, fix my heart so that I
may be used by thee.*

*For I’m not worthy
of all those blessings.*

*Give me a clean heart,
and I’ll follow thee.*

Margaret P. Douroux



Sharing and Giving - Sunday School Christmas Story

BY Christian Education

On Sunday, December 16, Christian Education held a beautiful breakfast and children's gift box activity. The

Sunday School children assembled 30 large gift boxes and bags filled with school supplies, hygiene items and small toys. In addition they

prepared hand written gift cards that graced each package.



The gifts were donated to the non profit organization, Life 360, who in turn held a Christmas event for 200 needy children ages 7-18, from Mayor Wright Housing, Kalihi Valley Housing and Kuhio Park Terrace Housing Project.

Warren Lilo from Life 360 was extremely grateful for our donation and said they were actually praying for donations when we called them to pick up the gifts.

Thank you all for being a blessing to others and keeping the spirit of giving and sharing alive during the Christmas season.



A Christmas Morning to Remember with our Kanoa St. Neighbors

BY Anne Leake

Four Kaumakapili families plus the family of one of our community volunteers arrived at the church's courtyard at 9 am to provide Christmas cheer and love to our houseless neighbors. For the past 3+ months people are used to seeing me and Uncle Eugene on Thursday mornings serving hot breakfast of oatmeal, cup of noodles, pastries courtesy of Starbuck's, and the old standby of PB & J on crackers. They were surprised by tables under a canopy tent heaped with sandwiches and cookies, toiletries, plus bags of gifts including blankets and toys. And Christmas music and ukulele played by Uncle Matt. "Who are all these people?" they wanted to know.



Holidays can be hard for homeless people who can be estranged from their families and feel sad remembering better times. We heard stories about a mother who brought McDonald's breakfast early that morning to her daughter and her tent mates, and another mom was so happy to get some gifts for her 4 children she'd see later Christmas day. When the tears started, we could give a hug and let them know they are loved. Just like church family, "God loves you and so do I". One person, after seeing all the Kaumakapili faces, shared that she plans to start coming to church again. That really made our day.

Our regular presence with love and encouragement is making a difference in people's lives. If you are feeling ready to share the power of love with those less fortunate, please let me or Eugene Muratsaka know. He also takes his truck to Waianae Boat Harbor late afternoon on Saturdays and on Thursdays we are at the church from 9 to 11 am. Aloha Ke Akua.

Mahalo, Anne Leake

A New Roof for Our Church

BY Andy Poepoe

Happy New Year – The work to replace the roof of our Church is moving along nicely. Equipment has arrived and scaffolding is going up on the balcony to get an early start on painting the ceiling areas damaged by leaking roof shingles. The tear down of the old roof and the replacement of these shingles will begin in January.

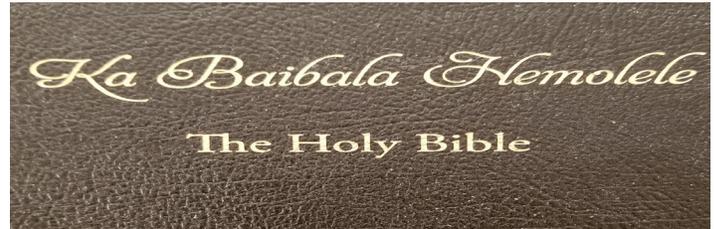
Surface Shield Roofing Company was hired to be the prime contractor and Roy Shishido and Zach Gregory are the two key company contacts. Surface Shield has hired four subcontractors to assist in their specialized fields of removing the old asbestos shingles, scaffolding, painting, and sheet metal work.

The job is planned to take seven weeks and to end on February 15, barring delays due to wet and stormy weather. During this time the contractors will have equipment and supplies in the parking lots, on the grass in front of the Church, and stored in Hale Kamika at night.

Because the shingles and ceilings were damaged by wind and rain storms, we applied for and were approved for assistance by our insurance firm, Travelers. Mr. Anthony Calub, Claims Professional located in Hartford, Connecticut, visited to look at the damage caused by storms. Should there be pre-existing damage to support timbers and not visible until the old shingles are removed, that will be reviewed for additional claim costs.

Mason Architects was hired to assist in selecting the roof shingle to duplicate the shingles installed in the original Church of 1911, in preparing engineering drawings for City and State permits, in screening roofing applicants, and in overseeing the project work. Barbara Shideler and Warren Lau from Mason Architects are working with us.

The Church will continue normal activities of church services, choir practice, meetings, and cleanup, after working hours and on the weekends. The project involves heavy duty work overhead so please be cautious and avoid the working areas. Buddy Maunakea represents the Church in planning, insurance contacts and construction work; and the Foundation Committee – Andy Poepoe, Frank Jahrling and Melvin Spencer – represent the Church in financial matters.



January Scriptures

January 6

Isa 60:1-6

Ps 72:1-7,10-14

Eph 3:1-12

Matt 2:1-12

January 13

Isa 43:1-7

Ps 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 20

Isa 62:1-5

Ps 36:5-10

I Cor 12:1-11

Jhon 2:1-11

January 27

Neh 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

Ps 19

I Cor 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21



Members of the Church and Church friends shared time together preparing lunches for Habitat for Humanity workers in Waimanalo

Sanctuary Restoration

Celebrating 180 years - Eighth Article in a Series

BY Buddy P. Maunakea

Sanctuary Restoration Site Supervisor

In 2003-2004, Kaumakapili Church had undergone the restoration of its sanctuary and I was fortunate enough to have participated in this project. I was asked to be a part of the churches Owners Committee as the site supervisor. I oversaw the daily operations of the project and worked closely with the architects, contractors, and pretty much everyone who was involved with the restoration of the church. I had the unique experience of seeing all the work done on the sanctuary up close and personal. From the removal of the pew benches, to the installation of the stained glass windows, I was lucky enough to have witnessed it all.

I got to climb and crawl over every inch of our church and got to see things only the birds and rats get to see. Getting the chance to walk around the outside of the towers from 60 feet in the air was something that I never got tired of. The climb up was another story. Being able to see the church from literally all types of angles was truly memorable for me. Like watching the sanctuary carpet and sound equipment being installed through the Good Shepherd window tracery from the basket of a 65 ft. snorkel lift while it's parked in the Tamashiro Market parking lot, as the stained glass is being glazed into the tracery. Or when the general contractor built a second floor deck inside the sanctuary, it looked like a mini chapel up there, and this one had a nice view. Being with the workers every day, I would hear them talk about how much work and "ingenuity" it must have taken to build the church building in the early 1900's without the use of heavy machinery.



As the finishing touches were done to mark the completion of the building restoration, I thought about the transformation the building has undergone. On the inside we have beautiful stained glass windows throughout the sanctuary, new carpeting, and curved pew benches that resemble the 1911 church building. On the outside the look has remained the same except for the stained glass windows and exterior nightlights. We've also been mistaken for a catholic church

Overall I have been blessed to have the opportunity to experience something as historical, and so close to the heart, as this restoration project. It's been less than a year since my daily responsibilities have ended at the church and I'm still sorting out all that happened over that period of time. I know that when the time comes, I will need to share this story about how the church took another leap of faith into the loving arms of the Lord. Aloha Ke Akua!



Changing Times – New Challenges

Being Met

Buildings and Grounds Article

BY Frank Jahrling

One of the biggest problems facing the Buildings and Grounds Ministry, and the Church, is the increase in illegal and criminal activity in and around our community. It has affected church members individually and the church as a whole. How? The church has to repair the damage caused by vandals – broken windows, doors, lights. In an effort to reduce this type of activity, a new security system has been installed – at a cost of over \$7,000. Cameras, LED lights, motion sensors and the like are needed not only to protect our building, but, more importantly, to protect our fellow members, and their belongings.

Did you know that someone is watching your car on Sunday? Watching whoever comes and goes during worship service? That's right - watching on a TV screen. The next time you see Matt Motas, thank him for the time he takes protect you and your family. And your church. Not only during worship service, but at 3am in the morning too. A true servant of his Church and God.

Upcoming Events



JANUARY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

1-4

Hebedoma Services from 6-7pm in Sanctuary

12

Pacific Asian Ministry from 9-1:30

19

Church Council meeting @10:00

22

Kalihi Palama Health Center from 4-10pm



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

Flower List



- 1/6 In memory of Shigeko Spencer
- 1/13 Larry Uyetake
- 1/20 Aloha Committee
- 1/27 Aloha Committee

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Kahu Wooten's Office Hours

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Start a new Ministry!

The Stewardship Ministry is continuing on with the 11 Steps of Stewardship Success with step #2: Start a New Ministry Every Six Months.

Everyone should have a ministry. Those who are personally involved in achieving the church's mission/vision by participating in a ministry that excites them are more likely to support the church financially. Never allow the lack of funding to stop a great ministry idea – there is always a first step that costs very little. Money follows ministry – not the opposite.

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New ministries can help support the work that we are Already doing at Kaumakapili, or start something new. Here are some ideas for ministry that the Stewardship Ministry came up with in just a few minutes in our meeting:

- Connect with the deacons to have acolytes, youth, kokua or families help by setting up the altar on Sundays
 - Create beautification banners that inspire – it could involve (or be led by) our children or other crafty types
 - Plants ministry – seek donations of potting soil, pots, plant starts, advice from Hui Maoli for increased use of native plants, and gather the green thumbs among us to malama our plants
- These are just ideas. If you have an idea, but don't know where to start, talk to one of us in the Stewardship Ministry and we can help you figure out who to connect with.

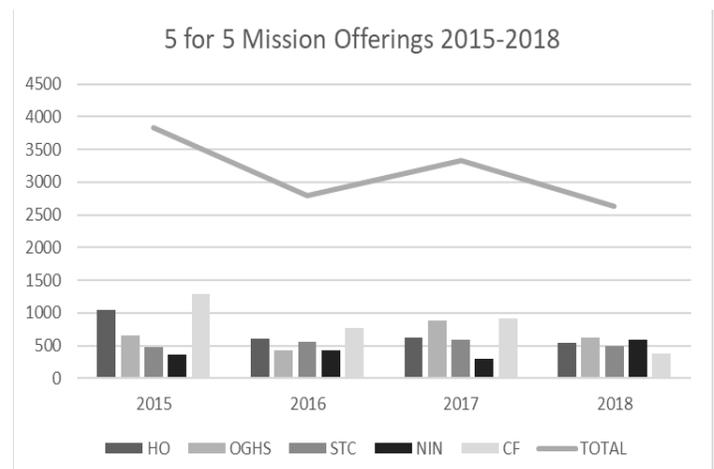


Special Offerings

One of the major responsibilities of the Stewardship Ministry are the promotion of the “5 for 5” Special Offerings that are collected throughout the year. Special offerings at Kaumakapili generally follow the UCC calendar, and our church is a regularly recognized for our faithful and generous giving through the “5 for 5” award. Here is the result of our five mission offerings for 2018:

'Ōpūkaha'ia Fund (February) Provides scholarships for continuing education for ministers and for those attending seminary.	\$ 546.00
One Great Hour of Sharing (March) Supports disaster, refugee, and development actions worldwide.	\$ 628 .00
Strengthen the Church (May) Assists new congregations in pursuing their goals. The offering is shared 50/50 between the Hawai'i Conference and National UCC offices.	\$ 500 .00
Neighbors in Need (October) Supports ministries of justice and compassion. Grants are awarded to churches who want to take action on a community issue or need. Kaumakapili Church is a past recipient of an NIN grant.	\$ 583 .00
Christmas Fund (December) Gifts to retired ministers from the Pension Board of the UCC. Also, special gifts to clergy in need.	\$ 372.00

Our giving for Neighbors in Need was quite generous this year and as of this writing, the Christmas Fund is significantly lower than last year:



Mahalo for all that you generously give through your service, prayers, pledges and gifts to the work and ministries of Kaumakapili Church!