



MARCH

March 3, 2013

“God Doesn’t Ask a Fig Tree to Produce Bananas”
Luke 13:1-9

March 10, 2013

“Seeker-Friendly”
Luke 15:1-7

March 17, 2013

“Oooh, That Smell”
John 12:1-8

March 24, 2013 PALM SUNDAY

“That’s Our God For You!”
Luke 19:28-40

March 31, 2013 EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise Service
John 20:1-18

Easter Service
Luke 24:1-12

Birthdays of the Month

MARCH

- March 2 Jason Hurley
- March 3 Cyrus Maunakea
- March 4 Trudi-Ann Cabacungan
- March 5 Mikayla Maeshiro
- March 7 Buddy Maunakea
Mary Anne Vorfeld
- March 9 Jeffery Vorfeld
- March 13 Leslie Malani
- March 15 Trinalee Kihewa
- March 16 Peter Kihewa
- March 17 Patricia Medeiros
- March 19 Alice Eguchi
- March 21 Joy Mills
- March 23 Josie Eguchi
Ean Curtis Kamau-Waikiki
- March 24 Ernest Soderstrom
- March 28 Lorna Motas
Desirae Kihewa
- March 29 Barbara Harding



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.

March Flowers

- March 3: Hauoli La Hanau Uncle Alfredo Garcia, Cyrus Maunakea, & Buddy Maunakea
- March 10: John & Lani Ho’omana Anniversary
- March 17: Hauoli La Hanau Aunty Pat Medeiros
- March 24: Matthew & Lorna Motas
- March 31: Easter Lilies

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 Hawaiian 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.

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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Malaki 2013

Kahu’s Korner

*By Kahu Richard K. Kamanu
Kahu Mua*



Aloha e nā hoaloha me na hoahanau!

E aloha iā ‘okou, e maluhia ho’i i ke Akua ko kākou Makua, a me ka Haku Iesū Kristo. E ho’omaika’i ‘ia aku ke Akua, ka Makua o ko kākou Haku ‘o Iesū Kristo, nana kākou i ho’omaika’i mai ma na mea maika’i a pau o ka ‘Uhane i nā wahi lani ma o Kristo lā.

On behalf of the members and friends who gather for worship and mission in the ‘ili of Keoneula I wish to convey to all of you blessing in the New Year of 2013.

In February and March, we move from the season of Epiphany to Lent sooner than we expect. We began the liturgical season of Lent with the observance of Ash Wednesday on February 13th. Every Wednesday following Ash Wednesday we will engage in a spiritual journey through bible discussion and self-examination with Jesus to the cross of Calvary and on to Easter Resurrection Sunday.

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel, and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, such as a wedding or commencement, Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus’ passion and celebrating Jesus’ resurrection.

The practice of a forty-day preparation period began in the Christian church during the third and fourth centuries. The number forty (40) carries biblical significance based on the

forty years Israel spent in the wilderness and Jesus’ forty-day fast in the wilderness. The forty days of Lent began on Ash Wednesday and continue through holy week, not counting Sundays (which are reserved for celebratory worship). In practice, many congregations choose to focus Sunday worship on the themes of repentance and renewal.

As a period of preparation, Lent has historically included the instruction of persons for baptism and profession of faith on Easter Sunday; the calling back of those who have become estranged from the church; and efforts by all Christians to deepen their piety, devotion, and readiness to mark the death and resurrection of their Savior. As such, the primary focus of the season is to explore and deepen a "baptismal spirituality" that centers on our union with Christ rather than to function only as an extended meditation on Christ’s suffering and death.




















As we begin 2013 with the observance of the season of Lent, let me encourage all of you to consider and meditate on what God have in store for you in 2013, as a individual, as a family and even as a Church. I encourage us to pray for our leadership, our boards and committees, spiritual instructors and pastors, and the mission and service to our community.

I pōmaika’i nā Hoahānau, i aloha ho’i me ka mana’o’i’o, mai ke Akua ka Makua mai, a me ka Haku Iesū Kristo. E aloha ia kākou a pau i aloha ‘i’o aku i ko kākou Haku Iesū Kristo.

Owau no me ka ha’aha’a,

Kahu Kamanu



Malaki 2013 ACTIVITIES						
Lāpule	Pō'akahi	Pō'aluā	Pō'akolu	Pō'aha	Pō'alima	Pō'aono
					1 Ke'ena 'Ohina: 7-9p Youth Group  Youth Ministry	2 Board Room: 9-11a Board of Deacons Meeting
3  Sanctuary: 9-9:30a Children's Worship Time Board Room: 9-10a Ukulele Class Classrooms: 9:30-10:15a Sunday School Sanctuary: 10:30a-12p Worship Communion Choir Room: 12p Choir Rehearsal	4 <i>Kahuk's Day Off</i> Ke'ena 'Ohina: 6-7p Halau	5 Choir Room: 6-7p 	6 Sanctuary: 6:00p Lenten Study  Ke'ena 'Ohina: 5-8p Halau	7 Board Room: 	8	9
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31  Sanctuary: 6:30a Easter Sunrise Service 9-9:30a CWT 9:30 - 10:15a Baibala 10:30a-12n Easter Sunday Worship Classrooms: 9:30-10:15a Sunday School Ke'ena 'Ohina: 7:30a Easter Breakfast Board Room: 9a-10a Ukulele Class Children's Sunday						2/20/13

Termite Tenting of Sanctuary January 21 to 25, 2013



Sacred Conversations: God is Still Speaking About Marriage

In June 2006 the General Synod of the UCC passed a resolution on marriage equity. Keeping covenant with the UCC and following their recommendation, the Board of Deacons started the conversation about marriage equity over the summer. A series of three Sacred Conversations on this topic were held using a curriculum developed by the UCC. A total of 15 church members participated, with an average group of 8 people at each session.

A formal written evaluation of the Sacred Conversations was conducted in October with 12 surveys returned. Most attendees responded favorably that during the sessions all opinions and concerns were respected and materials used were helpful. Most attendees believed that the next step for Kaunakapili Church to take regarding this issue is to have more sacred conversations, after which the Church should convene a congregation-wide meeting to further address this issue.

The next steps are currently under deliberation by the Executive Committee of the Church Council.

Spotlight: The Board of Education

The duties of the Board of Education, as outlined in our bylaws, include:

- The Board of Education shall supervise, coordinate, promote and evaluate all phases of the educational work of the Church and its organizations. It shall formulate educational policies and objectives, and offer the program for realization of those objectives. It shall provide the proper materials and human resources for the administration of those plans and policies.
- The Board shall have oversight of the Sunday School and shall name the Sunday School superintendent.
- The Board shall give oversight to the youth program of the Church and be responsible for its scouting and other related activities, including such projects as Vacation Church School or Summer Fun and Youth Camps.
- The Board shall also have oversight of the Church library.

Aloha Kaunakapili Members and Friends,

“Ke ho’omaika’i mau aku nei makou i ke Akua no ‘oukou a pau, e ho’o hiki ana ia ‘oukou i ka makou pule. E mana’o mau aku ana i ka hana a ka mana’o’i’o o oukou, a me ka ho’oikaika o ke aloha, a me ke ahonui o ka mana’olana i ko kakou Haku, ia Iesu Kristo, i mua o ke alo o ke Akua ko kakou Makua.”

“We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Thessalonians 1: 2-3

While 2012 was a challenging year financially, we were able to come in under budget, pay our expenses and end 2012 with money to meet our expenses beginning 2013. There were no major projects or expense and that alone allowed us to keep within our budget this year.

We give thanks to God for his faithfulness and love for us. We have been blessed with members and friends who supported us financially, who gave willingly of their time volunteering in countless ways, and who offered their talent all allowing the light of Jesus Christ to shine bright.

Here is an overview of 2012:

2012 Budget: \$ 345,700
Income: \$ 264,382
Income: \$ 59,332 (transfers from Luau acct and Savings account included in this total)

Total Income: \$ 323,714

Expenses: \$ 309,399

- Committee spending was \$14,242 vs. their budget of \$19,040.
- KoiKoi wedding were able to meet their financial obligations April - December based on an updated contract. There was, however, a decline in scheduled weddings.
- The UCC 5 for 5 Giving totaled \$6,733 vs. last year \$6,711.
- Foodland Give Aloha program was \$3,450.80 with \$500 matching donation from Foodland & Western Union.
- The annual luau fundraiser netted \$38,756. \$2,500 donation from this event went to the Kalanikahuahou Church and a \$2,000 donation (from 2011 luau) went to Kalihi Palama Health Clinic.
- The church website was updated in April offering a 360 degree view of Kaunakapili Church, past present and future. The website also has an on-line giving feature for gifting.

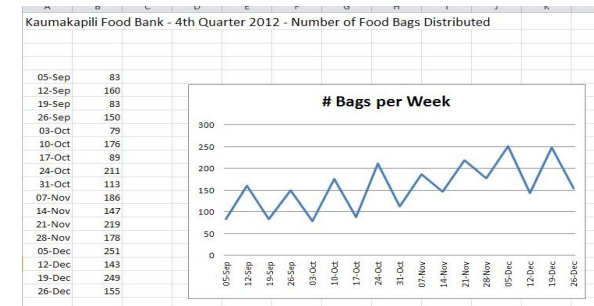
A special thank you to Ruby Kaneao, Frank Jahrling, and Andy Poepoe for their financial expertise, and to Kellie Maunakea for her time and assistance in working with the Koi Koi wedding coordinator.



Outreach Committee News

In December 2012 the Food Bank distributed 798 packages of food to 1,627 adults and 771 children.

The Schedule of 4th Quarter 2012 Food Bank Bag Distribution Totals is below. As the graph shows, there was been a significant increase in the number of bags distributed during the quarter. There was a similar increase for the year as well.



Mahalo to St. Theresa School for their donation of a total of 1,078 pounds of food in November. Frank Jahrling spoke at a school general assembly on November 29, 2012 to thank the school children and teachers for their generous gifts.

A big Mahalo also to Central Union Church for their donation of 1,240 pounds of food on December 6, 2012. These partners in Kaunakapili’s outreach ministry are indeed generous in their support.

Marcus Maunakea did a great job with his “mini-food bank drive” as part of his school’s community service requirement. Thank you Marcus for encouraging and reminding our church members to make donations to the food bank.

The church volunteers for the Food Bank are: Albert and Claudia Kahalekulu, Alfredo and Wendy Garcia, David Kaneao, Aunty Val, and Pat Medeiros. A Big Mahalo to all those who so generously give their time and talent to the Food

Upcoming Events

MARCH

Fri., Mar. 1	Youth Group, 7pm to 9pm
Wed., Mar. 6	Lent Service, 6:30pm
Wed., Mar. 13	Lent Service, 6:30pm
Fri., Mar. 15	Youth Group, 7pm to 9pm
Wed., Mar. 20	Lent Service, 6:30pm
Fri., Mar. 22	Youth Group, 7pm to 9pm
Sun., Mar. 24	Palm Sunday
Tue., Mar. 26	Kuhio Day - Office Closed
Fri., Mar. 29	Good Friday - Office Closed
	Tenebrae Service, 6:00pm
Sun., Mar. 31	Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30am
	Easter Service, 10:30am

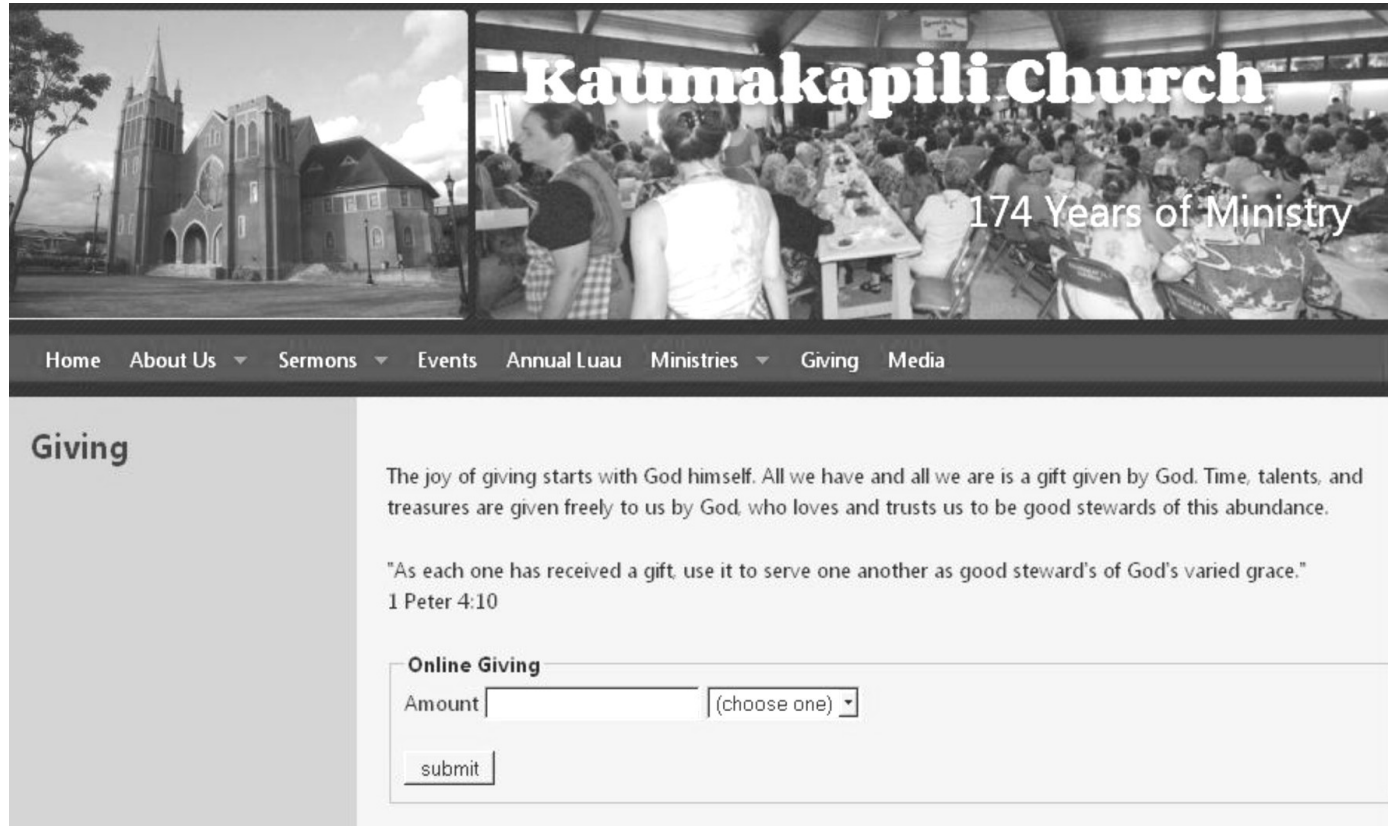
APRIL

Mon., Apr. 1	Kaunakapili 175th Birthday
Sun., Apr. 7	Mall Dedication
	175th Birthday Celebration
Fri., Apr. 12	Youth Group, 7pm to 9pm (tentative)
Fri., Apr. 26	Youth Group, 7pm to 9pm (tentative)

Bank Outreach Program. Most all are often at the church more than one day per week.

A Neighbors in Need grant request to the United Church of Christ for the Food Bank was submitted in September 2012. We received notice of approval and a check for \$2,000 in December 2012. Mahalo to the UCC not only for the grant to Kaunakapili, but also for grants to other churches’ food programs in Hawaii.

The Free Store is operating smoothly under the leadership of Uncle David Kaneao. Clothing and small household items continue to be donated and distributed at a fairly steady pace. Mahalo Uncle David!



Spotlight: The Board of Christian Stewardship

The duties of the Board of Stewardship, as outlined in our bylaws, include:

- The Board of Stewardship shall promote the ideals of stewardship, mission, fellowship, and public interest within the Church. It shall maintain public interest and encourage the systematic giving of time, talent and money to the Church's ongoing program and mission.
- The Board shall be responsible for the planning and execution of an annual Christian Enlistment Program whereby the annual budget of the Church is underwritten.
- The Board shall oversee the mission and benevolence program of the Church.

More Ways to Give: Online Tithing & Gifting

Giving to Kaunakapili Church has gotten easier. For those who prefer to give on-line, our website is set up to process giving easily and securely. You can give a one-time gift, give your tithe, or even purchase Keonemele CDs through our website!

Easy steps to on-line giving:

1. Go to www.kaunakapili.org
2. Click on Giving (see photo above)
3. Enter the amount you want to give
4. Input information as requested on the web page that follows
5. Your tithing statement will show all on-line giving transactions

If you have any questions, please see Lorna Motas, Treasurer.

Seasons of Lent and Easter

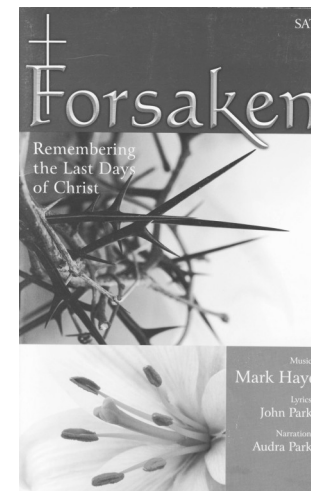
The Lenten Season began February 13 with Ash Wednesday and will end on March 31 with the Easter Service. Lent is the 40-day period of prayer, repentance and renewal preceding Easter.



Lent is a special time to look at your relationship with God through prayer, to do a spiritual "spring cleaning", and a time to rid your life of things that are hindering your relationship with God. Lent is often observed as a period of fasting to commemorate the forty days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness.

Included in this Season is Palm Sunday and Good Friday (Tenebrae). Palm Sunday is remembered as the time when people welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem. Our Sunday School will be presenting weekly lessons in a series called, *On the Road to Jerusalem*, where they will be highlighting events that impacted Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

Good Friday is the day commemorating the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. Why is Good Friday called "good" when it marks such a bad event? It is said that "God's Friday" evolved into "Good Friday." It is also known as Great or Holy Friday. This year, we will hold a Good Friday Tenebrae service presenting the musical, *Forsaken*. During our service, the sanctuary becomes darker and



darker as the service progresses. At the end, all in attendance exit the sanctuary in silence and darkness as the doors are sealed until Easter Sunday, much like the tomb of Jesus before resurrection. After the sadness of Good Friday,

comes the joy and promise of Jesus' resurrection at Easter.

Easter commemorates Jesus' resurrection from the dead and requires us to recall the story and think about its meaning. Easter is a time of joy for the resurrection of our Christ and complete the requirement of Jesus dying for our sins as our blessed Redeemer. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, our lives can be renewed. We celebrate Easter with a sunrise service in addition to our regular service. We attend service early to greet the dawn of a new season of happiness in being forgiven for our sins through the sacrifice of Jesus.

Holy Week

Holy Week is the last week of Lent, when we follow Jesus from Palm Sunday to his death on Good Friday in preparation for his rising from the dead on Easter Sunday.

After Palm Sunday:

- Jesus chased away money-changers from the Temple
- Jesus preached and taught in Jerusalem
- After washing the feet of the disciples, Jesus celebrated the feast of the Passover, instituting the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

- After the supper, Jesus and his disciples went to Gethsemane to pray, where he was arrested by the Temple guard and taken to a night session of the Jewish court, the Sanhedrin.

The next day was Good Friday, then Holy Saturday commemorates the day Jesus rested in the tomb while his disciples observed the Sabbath. The last of the Holy Week is Easter Sunday.

