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 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.

Birthdays

**JUNE**

June 1: Hoku Seabury-Akaka
Jonas Patterson
June 2: Darilyn Pestano
Robert Hirota
June 3: Kulele Akaka
June 4: Anne Leake
June 6: Kalani Kilihunena Taba
Kelani Kauaunu Taba
June 9: Derek Sison
June 10: Morgan Cuizon
June 13: Zasha Kanahele
June 14: Sonya Hirano
Cydnee Maunakea
Moarqo Maunakea
June 16: Patrick Canonigo
June 18: Ja' don Iualu
June 19: Ariana Akaka
Kaile Fermin-Kihewa
June 21: Kauka Umiamaaka
June 23: Darmaine Stant
June 24: Vanessa Goodyear-Kapuza
June 26: Ha'aho Umiamaaka
June 28: Albert Ioane
June 29: Gregory Chun

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.

June Flowers

June 5: Tracy & Peteru Green Anniversary
June 12: James & Francene Aaron~ 50th Anniversary
June 19: In Memory of Uncle Henry Aarona Sr.
June 26: Aloha Committee

Where He Leads

I am writing this from the San Francisco Hilton Hotel, where tomorrow morning, I will lead a panel at the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity. The panel is speaking about Racism in the Christian Church. Last year when we did this, it was well received, so we were invited to do it again. NCORE is sponsored by universities and colleges in the United States and Canada. Most of the attendees are college students.

Also today (June 3) is the 54th anniversary of our wedding and we will celebrate it at dinner at a hotel where the son of one of our friends is a sous chef. Then tomorrow afternoon we will visit with my sister who lives in a close suburb after which we will visit with my brother in San Jose, then drive to Los Angeles who lives in a close suburb after which we will visit.

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Aloha and Mahalo
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### Joyful Voices!!

Mahalo to the sophomores of the Kamehameha Schools Concert Glee, and to their directors Kalua Taitupu and Zachary Lum for participating in our service at Kaumakapili on May 15. The Concert Glee shared a mele ho’okupu “Ke Aloha Ke Akua” written by Zachary, an offertory anthem medley of “Na Iehova No I Hana” by Randy Fong, and “Thanks Be to God” by Stanley Dickson, and a choral benediction “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”. They also joined in with the church family during the pre-service singspiration along with Zachary’s nimble fingers at the piano.

Needless to say, everyone appreciated hearing their beautiful voices which added so much to our service. We truly appreciated and enjoyed a living music legacy in our young people. It added so much to our service. It uplifted us spiritually.

We welcome the Concert Glee back again with open arms. Praise be to God!!

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### You are invited!

**CHOIR OPEN REHEARSALES**

Have a gift or a joy for music? Join the choir immediately after service for open rehearsals starting May 22nd, and every Sunday following, as we review some of the upcoming songs.

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**Kaumakapili Church**

**45th Annual Luau**

**Ka ho‘owaina ‘ane‘au (New Beginning)**

**July 16th, 2016**

Sit-Down Dinner
Seated: 5:00 pm
$40 Donation

- Kalua Pig & Lomi Salmon
- Chicken Long Rice
- Pot, Poke & Pineapple
- Haupia & Sweet Potato
- Cake & Juice
- Ohana style preparation

SQUID LUKAHH!!!

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**Call for Tickets**

845-0908
Sunday School Hoike

Sunday School Hoike Sunday, May 22nd, the children and youth conducted the service for our end of school year Hoike. We celebrated our graduates of 6th and 12th grade and gave a big mahalo and aloha to Barrett Awai for his service as he helped lead our youth this past year.

Chelsea Fernandez will continue organizing the youth group and the church will be hosting several summer outings for the youth. If you would like to volunteer please contact her or call the church office.

Congratulations Marcus on your graduation!

We’re proud of you and all of your accomplishments. May God bless you and keep you safe.

Chelsea Fernandez, Board of Education

Pledge Income

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Pledge income! First the good news, which occurred in May 2015 – we reached a record level of pledge income in one month, $18,843. That was quite an achievement. I don’t remember any other month that was higher than this amount.

This year, 2016, we didn’t do as well in the month of May. The church received $10,173 in pledge income. That drop in income put us behind in total dollars when compared to the same five months last year. The difference isn’t much, just $438 to date. We might be able to make this up in the month of June.

In March of this year we received $15,295 in pledge income, the highest month to date this year. As I mentioned in my article last month, we need to sustain pledge income of at least $11,300 in every month.

Pledge income is crucial to the church. This is the income that we have to look at and to increase in order to continue the successful work of this church and to be able to fund a minister for our church. Help from everyone is important and crucial.

The Stewardship Committee, by Andrew Poepoe

Food Bank

Volunteer Schedule

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NO FOOD BANK IN JULY!

In preparation for our annual luau, donations will only be received until July 1st. We will open up the store for donations again July 25th.

SUMMER ALL-CHURCH CLEAN UP

It’s time to get rid of the cobwebs and dust bunnies. Calling all church family and friends to come together to work and fellowship: Saturday, June 25, 2016 between 8:00am – 12 noon (lunch to follow). Although cleaning supplies will be provided, any additions will be welcome. Information and sign-up are posted on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary. See Alfredo Garcia or Kahau Schoenstein for details.
Youth Group Hawaii Escape Challenge

If you don’t already know them, let me introduce you to our Kaumakapili Youth Group 2016. The youth group culminated the school year by having some fun at Hawaii’s newest interactive adventure game, Hawaii Escape Challenge in Windward Mall. The group had to use a series of clues, puzzles, and hints to find a way to escape the “locked” room…all within 60 minutes.

Front Row: Keaulei Rudolph and Josie Schoenstein
Back Row: Elia Akaka, Tinas Maunakea, Cyrus Maunakea and Marcus Maunakea

Pōkiʻi Choir

Kaumakapili Church has always embraced the power of music as an integral part of our ministry. We have rich musical history deeply rooted in Hawaiian and Christian values and traditions.

We are proud of Pōkiʻi Choir members to take part in this important role and grateful for their families who supported their children throughout the year. It sure is a commitment for the youngsters to meet every Sunday when many of their friends are out at the beach, at the park, at the mall or wherever “the fun” is. But we all know the real JOY that fills us, even after the “fun” time is over, and our children are learning it with their whole selves. When we witness these children’s eyes are open wide and twinkling, and sweet voices singing their love to God and Jesus fill the air, we can’t help but feeling lifted up and praising God!

The choir consists of our children with the kokuua of Aunty Pohai Wong and Aunty Kuʻulei Reyes. The children learned to appreciate the all-time favorites and standards, just like their parents, kupuna and ancestors used to do and shared the melody, “Iesu Nō Ke Kahuhiu” and “He Aloha Ko Iesu” on May 29.

We appreciate Kaumakapili Church ʻohana for continuous support. And of course, our Father for guiding us and watching over us with His warm aloha. Aunty Kaori Martin

Stewardship News

The Strengthen the Church special collection, taken in May, totaled $552. Along with donations from other churches across the mainland, these funds will be used by the United Church of Christ mainly to help new churches get started. This type of giving is needed and appreciated by many, and is part of our church’s “mission giving”. Of course this type of giving is different from your donations to our church that are needed to keep things running. But it is no less important. In some churches, mission giving is a big part of their annual budget. Mission giving is not a big part of Kaumakapili’s annual budget - our church has a tradition of supporting our local mission: helping those in our community with special needs.

Some Stewardship Committee members have been meeting with a few members (and non-members, too) about the church’s financial needs, and how we might best fill the income gap that is almost sure to occur when a new Kahu arrives. The idea is to involve more people in the discussions on raising money. We often are praised for our generosity (financial, abilities, spiritual, time, and so on) and the difference it makes in the ministry of the church. Which one motivates you?

Giving Grateful Praise: A Riff on Psalm 100

1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
2 Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

I am writing this as a grateful congregant, just simply me as me, and not wearing one of the several hats I wear. I am so grateful to be able to worship and praise God at Kaumakapili. I have never been more grateful than last Sunday, June 5th when a joyous outpouring of piano, organ and song sent our praise for the Lord up to the very heavens with a Spirit-filled rendition of How Great Thou Art. This is the vibrancy we may sometimes forget we are capable of.

Kaumakapili has been challenged as to how we will proceed into the future. How do we meld rich traditions with the realities of a new age? We are on the cusp of something different – and on days like last Sunday, I know it is something wonderful. Changes have been happening and there are more to come. Indeed, God is still speaking and I think He is challenging us to be AUDACIOUS! While He doesn’t want us to completely leave our comfort zone, I feel that He is showing us the wonder, joy, and benefit of pushing out the boundaries of that comfort zone. We can see more of His Kingdom when we are a little off-balance and looking for His support in order to dig a little deeper, put some more volume and have the audacity to join together in praise...loud and proud!

My personal prayer and worship style is quieter and more contemplative, so I usually don’t need to be challenged in order to go into a metaphorical closet to pray, give my personal praise and gratitude. My greater challenge is to raise the roof with shouts of praise and thanksgiving. Mahalo ke Akua for the opportunity to do so with the community of Kaumakapili!

Amanda Allison