



DECEMBER

December 4, 2016
Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

December 11, 2016
Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalms 146:5-10
Luke 1:47-55
Matthew 11:2-11

December 18, 2016
Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

December 25, 2016
Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalms 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

Birthdays

DECEMBER

December 2	Marbeth Aquino
December 7	Kiku Kawata
December 8	Claudette Naauao
December 9	John Ho‘omana
	Sofia Hirano
December 10	Preston Komomua
December 14	John Henry Lakalo
December 16	Hiilei Kihewa
December 17	Mamo Ornellas
December 18	Rainee Aaron Chong
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 records.



December Flowers

December 4:	In Memory of Glenn Beppu and Harriet Napuunoa
December 11:	In Memory of Martha Maunakea
December 18:	Lorna Motas
December 25:	In Memory of Wilhelmina L. & Harry K. Stewart Jr. Hau‘oli La Hanau Papa

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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 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.



“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]

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]

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Kekemapa 2016

Kalikimaka



Thanksgiving is past, (Black Friday) is over, and the Second Sunday in Advent is past. While the commercial enterprises look on the days before Christmas to make a profit, we as Christians look forward to the celebration of the Birth of Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem. The stark differences between Jesus’ birth and the wonton selling and buying of things for profit, are dissonant.

What the birth of Jesus says is that one does not have to make a profit, or to be rich, or to be bold, Jesus was born poor, he didn’t financially profit, he was not rich. He was humble. He was an example of a person who fully committed his life to God. As a consequence, he gave his life away and when he died, he was given new life, and he has become for us “Savior.”

With him, there is hope that comes out of despair. With him there is love instead of hate. With him, there is humility rather than boasting. With him, there is the reality that no matter how dark it is, we can hope and find the light that guides us. With him we believe that

nothing in the world can separate us from the Love of God.

Nothing can replace the smiles of children on Christmas Day, and nothing can replace the smiles of parents, and nothing can take the place of the beauty of this season. Through Jesus Christ we know the joy of being loved, loving others, and loving ourselves.










So as you say, “Mele Kalikimaka,” or “Christmas Omerito” or “Merry Christmas” in any language, it is more than gifts under the tree or decorations in the house, it is the deep and abiding gift of the love of God that came in the baby called Jesus of Nazareth, born in poverty, reared in a blue collar household, taught the good news of God’s love, and lived an exemplary life. He died, yet he lives.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kahu David, Interim Team and ministers to Kaumakapili Church:

Helen Kaupu Kaowili, Kona Mann,
Kahu Sherman Thompson, Manu
Naneole and Dr. Randy Furushima



Kekemapa 2016 ACTIVITIES						
Lāpule	Pō‘akahi	Pō‘alua	Pō‘akolu	Pō‘aha	Pō‘alima	Pō‘aono
Hale Kamika Classrooms: CLOSED for repairs <i>Hale Aloha Outreach is open for Food Bank. The free store will be open the 3rd Friday of the month until further notice.</i>				1 Ke'ena Ohina: 3-5p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm) 	2	3
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Christmas Wish



‘Tis days before Christmas
But, the tutus are ready.
To pour forth our wisdom
On things that are heady.

What slots have we to fill we asked
Who will serve the church we cried
Alas, and alas, we pondered and sighed
What should we do, what should we do.



The answer came in the form of
a child; a child
born in a manger,
a child whose birth was
announced by the heavenly hosts
Praising God and singing
“Hallelujah”.

The Christ Child came to bring
hope where there is despair.
Peace where there is brokenness.
Love where there is discord.
Joy where
there is
sadness.



Let that child enter your hearts
Let that child show you the way
to serve Him.

From the tutus, who serve as the
members of the Nomination Committee
we wish you a blessed Christmas and the
joy of the season.



Mele
Kalikimaka!



“The First Noel”

1. The first Noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as
they lay:
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far:
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel.



BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

“E hele ‘oe a e ho’olike me ‘ia”
GO AND DO THE SAME
Luka 10: 37

As the Star guided the Wisemen from the East, let us likewise be guided by His Spirit in our lives and remember He is the “Reason For the Season”. E ho’omakaukau, are we ready to respond to His call to action?

Aloha Kakou,
MELE KALIKIMAKA A ME KA HAU’OLI MAKAHIKI HOU ka ‘Ohana o Kaumakapili! We hope you feel the MALUHIA (Peace), MANA’OLANA (Hope) and ALOHA (Love), that only Jesus can give during this holy season.

Mahalo nui loa for your contributions to the Annual Stewardship Drive which was launched with the Kickoff Luncheon on October 23, 2016 in Hale Kamika followed by the Stewardship Sunday highlight on November 13, 2016. Your monetary pledges and kokua through the Time, Talent and Treasure survey cards for the propagation of Gods kingdom on Earth, was greatly appreciated. For some of you this was a new experience and we are moved that your faith and generosity prompted you to make a commitment. It is our hope that this might be a transforming gesture on your part and that it may continue in the years to come.

Pledge and Time. Talent and Survey cards can be found on the sanctuary entrance table on Sundays and if you are still contemplating giving, we will continue to accept your pledges and survey cards for the next few weeks. It is never too late! So feel free to place your cards in the lulu collection plate, hand it to one of the BOS members, or mail it to our church at 766 North King St., Honolulu, Hi 96817.

Christmas Fund 2016

Remember our churches commitment to the 5 for 5 Mission Offerings? Well THE CHRISTMAS 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.



You will be hearing more about this appeal in our Sunday bulletins.

ME KA NA’AU HA’AHA’A,

Myrtle Pua Stewart-Vetekina, Recording Secretary for The Board of Stewardship – Amanda Allison, Chairman, Andrew Poepoe, Frank Jahrling, (members of BOS) and Donna Ede, kokua.

Students Display their Creativity

MarQee Maunakea participated in the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City with the Hawaii All State Band. It was a fun day for all.

‘Elia Akaka’s art design for his class ring was chosen by his classmates .“His award-winning design earned him a complimentary ring this month!



“Ko Betelehema Mele”
The Bethlehem Song

1. He nanani ke mele i mele ‘ia a’e
He mele ‘anela maika’i,
Ho‘okani lakou i na lira la’i la’i,
‘A ‘ala na kahu kia’i
Alohi a puni he lama a’i a’i,
A kau nani mai luna no,
A pa mana pu‘u mana kula la’e la’e,
A malamalama ka po.

2. Memele lakou no na mea maika’i,
Na mea i wanana ‘ia a’e,
A ha’i le’a mai i ka nu ‘oli e,
Ka nu no ke Keiki Ali’i Ma
Betelehema i hanau ‘ia ai,
Ke ‘Li’i kakali ‘ia ai,
Ke ‘Li’i ka Mesia ka mea e
ola ai,
E ‘oli, a hau‘oli e.



Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

Wed., Dec. 7, 14, 21
Sun., Dec. 18
Fri., Dec. 23
Sat., Dec. 24
Sun., Dec. 25
Mon., Dec. 26
Fri., Jan. 30

Advent Study, 5pm
BOE Sunday School Christmas Celebration
Christmas Eve (Observed)
OFFICE CLOSED, 12n
Christmas Eve Rehearsal
5:30pm Dinner
7:00pm Rehearsal
Christmas Eve Service, 7pm
Christmas Day Service, 10:30am
Festival of Lessons & Carols
Christmas Day (Observed)
OFFICE CLOSED
New Year’s Eve (Observed)
OFFICE CLOSED, 12n

JANUARY

Mon., January 2
Mon., January 16

New Year’s Day (Observed)
OFFICE CLOSED
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
OFFICE CLOSED

Outreach Ministry
Volunteer Schedule

December		
13	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
14	Distribution	7:30-10:00am
27	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
28	Distribution	7:30-10:00am

Pledge Income

	2016	2015
Jan. - Nov.	\$124,326	\$115,375

We are on a record setting pace in pledge income this year! Pledge income in November was \$11,227 which gave us a year to date total of \$124,326. We are ahead of the pace set last year by \$8,951. A big mahalo to everyone.

Last year in 2015 pledge income from the congregation totaled \$125,685. With one month to go in 2016, we will very likely be ahead of last year’s total dollars. That was our first goal, to be ahead of last year, and we should meet that goal sometime in December.

The second goal is a little tougher to reach. In 2014 the congregation gave a total of \$135,140 in pledge dollars. That sum of \$135,140 is the highest level that our church has achieved in pledge dollars. This year, in order to beat that goal, December pledge dollars must reach \$10,815! The sum is within reach. So, as a prior kahu reminded us, we have to pass the offering plate, or the pledge plate, around again!

Passing the offering plate around again is a real phrase to me from the several small Hawaiian churches that I participated in. My Dad served as the kahu of very small Congregational churches in Honoka’a, Kāne’ohe, Waikāne, Hau’ula, and Waimea on the Big Island, which we called Kamuela. The offering plate was crucial to the survival of these churches.

Andrew Poepoe, BOS

Miracle Meals

On November 23, 2016, 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 in World War II

by Andrew Poepoe

My Dad was ordained in 1940 and he was assigned to Honoka'a Union Church on the Big Island. The family packed its belongings and moved from Honolulu to Hilo via the inter-island ship Wai'ale'ale which was one of three ships that carried freight and passengers between our islands and carried Parker Ranch cattle from Kawaihae to Honolulu.

The Hawaiian Board of Missions assigned a 1937 four-door Dodge sedan to Dad and in Hilo two adults, six children and our belongings packed into the car to drive to Honoka'a along the Hāmākua Belt Road.

In 1940 Honoka'a was a small town that served two sugar plantations on the Hāmākua coast, Haina and Pā'auhau, and was the shopping town for plantation employees and their families. Our church congregation was small but needed as the only Congregational church in the area. Attendance at church services was modest as Dad started his ministry.

After World War II began the military set up a training camp in Waimea, about 15 miles from Honoka'a. The camp trained soldiers going into battle and was a rest stop for marines returning from battle in the Pacific. The soldiers and marines traveled to Honoka'a for R & R.

Attendance at Dad's Sunday church services increased. Many of the soldiers were young people, teenagers, getting ready to be shipped out to their first trial in a battle. Attending church services was important to these men. Every Sunday Mom and Dad invited a few soldiers to have lunch with us, stew and rice, and had them talk about their homes and their families.

In the month of December the church was packed with people standing in the back. Dad opened the parish hall and set up chairs for the overflow crowd. The marines had just returned from the 1943 battle of Tarawa Island, those who had survived the fight, and church services were very important to these men.

In the sanctuary brother Abe set up a Norfolk pine as our Christmas tree and he decorated the tree with colored paper to make it festive. During the service we read the Christmas story from the Bible, we sang all of the Christmas carols, and the rafters of the church rang with the voices of the congregation and the soldiers – Joy to the World, O Come All Ye Faithful, O Little Town of Bethlehem, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, We Three Kings, The First Noel, O Holy Night, Silent Night Holy Night – and we prayed for the soldiers and for peace.



All Church Clean-Up Highlight Reel

Dressing the Christmas Tree



Christmas Tree Decorated with ornaments and poinsettia flowers

Ready for Christmas, the altar adorned with Advent Candles



Light Luncheon with the church 'ohana

Advent Bible Study

Advent is a time of gift giving. During the holiday season baskets of fruit, garlands and wreathes are often displayed, given by friends and 'ohana. God's gift shown so beautifully during the Advent and Christmas season is Christ. As soon as we welcome the gift of Christ we also open the gift of hope and the Holy Spirit's fruits which are life giving and sustaining. This advent we will be studying in depth mana'olana (hope), aloha (love), hau'oli (joy), and maluhia (peace).

Join us Wednesday, December 7, 14, 21, at 5pm in the Auxiliary Hall. The study, led by the Board of Deacons, will continue for four weeks until Christmas.

SAVE THE DATE:

December 7– Aloha (Love)

December 14– Hau'oli (Joy)

December 21– Maluhia (Peace)



*A Celebration of
God's Gift to the
World through
the birth of
Christ.*

*When we welcome
the gift of Christ, we
open the gift of Hope
and focus on the Fruit
of the Spirit that is
Aloha (Love), that is
Hau'oli (Joy) and that
is Maluhia (Peace).*

- Readings, scripture, congregational singing, choir anthems, & hula presented with a Hawaiian cultural emphasis.



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The Fruit
of the Spirit:
Love,
Joy & Peace

Kaumakapili Church

December 24, 2016

7:00 P.M.

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Kaumakapili Church VISION AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

We are starting to seek God's direction for our church.
This is a process and a journey together.
Everyone is important in this process.
You are encouraged to join us in this discovery.

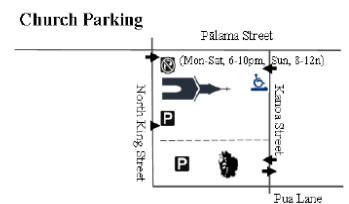
Please join us for all four vision planning workshops facilitated by Dr. Randy Furushima at Kaumakapili Church. Your voice is needed.

Sessions Remaining:

January 7th 9am-12n

January 21st 9am-12n

January 28th 9am-12n



Advent Devotional

Looking for a Hawaiian-focused devotional during Advent to share with your friends? Kamehameha Schools has put together another year of Advent Devotionals. See their website for the weekly devotional every Friday.

Poinsettia Christmas Plants

The Aloha Committee invites you to purchase potted poinsettia plants that will adorn our chancel area on Christmas Eve. Please stop by the table at the back from until December 18th to place your order. The pots of poinsettias are \$6.00 each.

