May God Give You Blessed Consolation in Every Situation!

The late Andrae Crouch penned a song entitled “Through It All.” After doing a little bit of “Google” research, I was able to understand why he wrote this particular song. Crouch composed this song after he lost several of his family members over a span of two years. I learned that he used the scripture Romans 8:28 to help him understand the awesome power of God: “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”

As I sat back in my office and listened to this song, for some reason the words “Through It All” keep echoing in my mind. I reflected on Crouch’s reason for writing this song so that I might understand his pain. Even though I had not experienced a drastic event such as Crouch, there were times that I felt that I was all alone. However, Crouch encouraged others with his advice: “But in every situation, God gave me Blessed Consolation!” Having gone through a three-year journey working toward my Doctor of Ministry degree, there were many times I didn't know right from wrong. I asked myself if I had made the right decision to pursue further education. Questions would constantly pop into my mind: Could I retain all the information from so many books? Was I prepared well enough to enter into one of the best seminaries of the United Church of Christ, Chicago Theological Seminary? I felt like giving up, thinking perhaps the journey was not worth the pain! Other times I heard my mother’s voice encouraging me to move forward. Through it all, God gave me Blessed Consolation and reminded me of the verse from Romans: “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”

The more we are able to rely on God, the more He will give you that Blessed Consolation! May God Bless you all, Kahu Wooten

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"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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- 10:00a Adult Bible Study
- 11:30a Hi Lit

**Auxiliary Hall:**
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**Kanea Okina:**
- Rehearsal
- Food Bank

**Ohina:**
- Rehearsal
- Food Bank

**Choir Room:**
- Rehearsal
- Food Bank

### June Activities

**June 3**
- 1 Sam 3:1-10
- Ps 139:1-6
- Deut 5:12-15
- Mk 2:23-24

**June 10**
- 1 Sam 8:4-11
- Gen 3:8-15
- 2 Cor 4:13 5:1
- Mk 3:20-35

**June 17**
- 1 Sam 15:34 16:13
- Ezek 17:22-24
- 2 Cor 5:6-10
- Mk 4:26-34

**June 24**
- 1 Sam 17
- Job 38:1-11
- 2 Cor 6:1-13
- Mk 4:35-41

### Birthdays

- Hoku Seabury - Akaha
- Jonas Patterson
- Darlynn Pestano
- Robert Hirota
- Kusulei Akaka
- Anne Leake
- Kalanikihunea Tabu
- Kelaniamaenea Tabu
- Derek Sisson
- Todd Martin
- Morgan Cuizon
- Zasha Kanalele
- Cydnee Maunakea
- Marque Maunakea
- Sonya Hirano
- Patrick Caniong
- Ja’don Iula
- Ariana Akaka
- Kaile Ferrim-Kihewa
- Kauka Umiamaaka
- Darmaine Staut
- Vanessa Goodyear-Kaopua
- Ha’aeo Umiamaaka
- Albert Ioane
- Gregory Chan

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.

### June Flowers

- June 3  Hauʻoli Lā Hāna i Kuʻulei Akaka
- June 10  Jimmy and Fran Aarona
- June 17  Hauʻoli Lā Hāna i Kuʻulei Rudolph
- June 24  In Memory of Henry Aarona

### Kaumakapili Church Mission Statement

Kaumakapili Church, thankful for the gifts received from God, founded in 1838 for the makaʻainana, the common folk, rich in Hawaiian tradition and diverse backgrounds, bound 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 ahoʻina and gifts, and so proving to 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 into the church fellowship, and by nurturing and equipping the church members for the growth of the Body of Christ.

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Upcoming Events

**JUNE**
- Sun., June 17: Father’s Day
- Sun., June 11: Kamehameha Day—Closed

**JULY**
- Sun., July 1: Communion
- Wed July 4: Fouth of July
- Sat July 21: Luau

**Sharing the Good News At Kaumakapili**

If you were to be walking by Kaumakapili Church on a Sunday morning during worship, your ears might have perked up because from curb side you could hear the minister preaching to the people present. This was the customary way things went whenever Kahu Henry K. Poepoe was at the pulpit. He wished to be heard!

As a youngster of the early 40’s, I often heard my Poepoe and Stewart “ohana speak of great-grandfather’s loud preaching style. Being so young I didn’t understand what all the fuss was about, but it sort of became a trademark of his over the years. As to why? I now realize he was eager to make sure the worshippers understood his message based of course on the Holy Word. This was his job and he was going to get it across! His style was so indelible his granddaughter, Leila HohuKiaha included it in a song she wrote for him “He Lives Today”. “His voice will always be heard on all the islands” was one of the song lines and it certainly must have impacted many people I’m sure. Henry Poepoe had not always considered being a preacher but great-grandmother had told him she would never marry a lawyer so after being a fisherman, exceptional coach, and meat-cutter, he was persuaded by a German friend and theologian to study for the ministry. So, he left his wife and sister whom he lived with in Waialua and entered seminary in Honolulu. He eventually studied under two great missionary teachers, Dr. John Lead-ingham and Dr. C.M. Hyde. After being ordained he began serving at Kauluwela Church then at Kau- makapili where he worked for 41 years. While pastor- ing, he became friends with Theodore Richards of the YMCA who was to affect his life in many ways. Mr. Richards persuaded him to join the Congregational denomination of the American Board of Commission- ers for Foreign Missions. The Richards family also helped his ten children to get an education and go to college. Being musically talented in many ways which they inherited from their father, the Poepoe children, grand-children and great-grandchildren entertained the Richards “ohana each Christmas in apprecia- tion for all they had done for the family. This tradi- tion continued in the Poepoe “ohana down to the 1980’s.

Henry Poepoe’s life reflected that of a devout servant of the Lord who was strong and just and la- boried with industriousness, loyalty, honesty and perse- verance. He tirelessly fulfilled different positions on the Hawaiian Board, the Territorial Sunday School Association, the Christian Endeavor Association and the O’ahu Evangelical Association. His ministry went beyond his home and church. It circled O’ahu where he regularly visited outlying churches and preached the Word. It touched the many churches on Maui, Hawai’i, Moloka’i, and Kaua’i. Rev. Poepoe was a great leader in our churches and was a gift to us from Akuaand he gave joy and understanding to so many. May the Spirit of Christ which he inspired, live on in all of us.

This article was written from the perspective and mana o of Rev. Poepoe’s great-grand-daughter Myrtle Stewart Martin Vetekina.
“For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”
Psalm 100:5

Greetings Kaumakapili Members and Friends,

Half of the year has nearly passed, and we have been witnesses to the presence of the Holy Spirit, alive and well, encouraging our work at Kaumakapili by revealing ways to serve more, share more, pray more and encourage one another more.

While this has been a faith journey for Kahu Wooten, it has certainly been a faith journey for us too. We have been and will be asked to do many things we haven’t done before. While change may be difficult, the one constant we have is the Holy Spirit as our guide, our advocate, and our support.

Here is a recap of the events and programs starting from January 21st and going through the end of May: January 21st was Kahu’s first service which included an invitation to receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior or desire to draw closer to Jesus Christ. This invitation is extended at every Sunday service. Lenten service, “Journey to Cross”, began on February 14 and continued every Wednesday evening for 7 weeks.

It was very informative, interactive and spirit-led by Kahu and the Deacons. Kahu Wooten’s standing in the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches was approved by the body at the ‘Aha Hālāwai on February 9th. The AHEC Executive Board approved his standing on May 4th. Kahu attended his first ‘Aha Hālāwai at Ola’a Congregational Church on the Big Island. He received a very warm welcome and a taste of outer island hospitality. Kahu Wooten defended his Doctorate thesis and passed on March 21st. The Outreach Ministry extended its service by offering food packages to an outreach program in the Kāne‘ohe area at the request of Anne Leake. The Easter Sunrise Service was conducted by the Youth on the front lawn of the church. A WOW event and truly spirit-led. Mahalo to the Youth, Manu Nae‘o‘ele and the Board of Education!

Following the service there was a delicious breakfast supported by various church ministries. Mahalo breakfast team! A fantastic Easter Service was conducted by Kahu Wooten. On Easter Sunday we also celebrated the 180th birthday of Kaumakapili Church with a special archival visual presentation, dedication of beautiful books documenting the stained glass windows in the Sanctuary, and hosting special guests and relatives of those who participated in the restoration of the Sanctuary. The AHEC Executive Board approved his standing on May 4th. Kahu attended his first ‘Aha Hālāwai at Ola’a Congregational Church on the Big Island. He received a very warm welcome and a taste of outer island hospitality. Kahu Wooten defended his Doctorate thesis and passed on March 21st. The Outreach Ministry extended its service by offering food packages to an outreach program in the Kāne‘ohe area at the request of Anne Leake. The Easter Sunrise Service was conducted by the Youth on the front lawn of the church. A WOW event and truly spirit-led. Mahalo to the Youth, Manu Nae‘o‘ele and the Board of Education!

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Kahu started a Wednesday evening Bible study class in May that focused on the book of Genesis. Helen Kaupu-Kaowili’s Sunday and Tuesday Bible study classes continue to be inspiring and informative. Both classes are studying the book of Revelation. Kahu began a series of classes on “discipleship” that began on Saturday morning, May 12. His first class was entitled, “It Takes a Church to Create Disciples.” Please come and join us! Students of Kamehameha Schools Kapālama Campus Concert Glee filled our church with special music and hīmeni on May 6. The Weed and Seed program was held on May 19th. Mahalo to all the volunteers who came out to beautify our campus and clean up the neighborhood on Kanoa Street and Pua Lane.

Hōʻike Sunday was held on May 20. Our Sunday School children and adult classes shared what they learned. Our Sunday School children and adult classes shared what they learned. Our 2018 Graduates presented their message of hope as they move on to further education and pursuits.

Kahu Wooten received his Doctorate degree on May 18th in Chicago. Congratulations, Kahu! Our Endowment policy was completed thanks to Uncle Frank Jahrling. This important document provides the governance and guidelines for the church’s two endowments held at the HCUCC office. While these are the highlights, there are other programs which are in progress.

The Church By-laws are 26 years old and need to be reviewed and updated in order to be relevant to who we are today. We are currently seeking legal guidance on this project. The church has been a target and victim of vandalism, graffiti, and break-ins since the beginning of the year. We have hired Security patrols from evening to early morning, however, that has not stopped the illicit activity. Signs are now posted outside citing on campus rules. In addition, the Council has been in discussion about plans to install better and brighter lights and security cameras. Plans to termite tent the Sanctuary and Hale Kamika this summer/fall have been proposed, however, a final date has not been approved yet. We are also looking to address the leaking roof problems in the Sanctuary. Our Outreach Ministry is considering a program called the Hiʻe hiʻe Project, a program introduced by Anne Leake. The Council is considering approving this program which operates from a sanitation vehicle, allowing the homeless to have hot showers. Thank you, Anne Leake for sharing this possibility for our church! Kaumakapili church will be supporting Habitat for Humanity with a meal preparation for their workers on one Saturday a month in the Fall, starting in August or September. Last but certainly not least, we have our church lūʻau committee of 3, nākūpunawahine, have been meeting weekly and working tirelessly on every detail as they plan the largest gross-earning lūʻau in our church history. Thank you, Aunty Zena, Aunty Kahau and Aunty Roberta for the many hours you are putting in to make this event a success!

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Celebrating Tradition

There was a time when the hukilau was a big event in communities down by the kahakai or beach. The long nets were hauled down to the ocean and the fishermen would lay the nets in a semi circle facing the shore. The men would pa`i or slap the water to chase the fish into the net and just at the right moment the signal was given to start hauling in the net and everyone worked together to bring in the catch. Tradition has it that the bounty was shared with everyone who helped including those who came to watch. Today, the hukilau is a rarity to witness but hopefully the tradition lives on.

The church luau is another one of those traditions that is getting to be a rarity. Our church luau started out as a means to not only raise funds but it was and continues to be a time when food and fellowship is the recipe to a successful luau. There are friends of the church who volunteer every year at luau time who come not only to help prepare the food but come to share in the camaraderie of being part of the ohana catching up on news and glad to be among friends once again. The spiritual guidance of this year’s theme “E Hilina`i I Ke Akua” serves as an inspiration to all who work at the church. At the present time only Kaumakapili and Liliuokalani host an annual luau; Judd Street UCC is still deciding if it will have its annual take out luau meals. Urbanization and cultural differences have impacted Honolulu city churches that use the annual luau as a fundraising event. UCC Judd Street is surrounded by neighbors some of whom object to the smoke from the imu. Kawaiahao for years did their kalua on the church grounds but it is uncertain that the imu is being used now. Kaumakapili at one time had its imu on the grounds of the parsonage where Hale O Kanoa stands today. The church has been very fortunate to have found another place to kalua, may we continue to be blessed. The churches still doing luau will hopefully continue to find a way to keep the luau tradition alive. During luau we here at Kaumakapili are led by the Holy Spirit to share food and fellowship with one another and are given the opportunity to extend the hand of welcome to the guests who get their meals to go or to the guests who come to enjoy a sit down meal. I would like to think that we here at Kaumakapili will keep on doing luau and trust that God will see us past the bumps in the road to allow us to celebrate our success.

E Hilina`i I Ke Akua”
Roberta Jahrling
for Na Kupunawahine