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KA LEO O KEALOHA

(THE VOICE OF LOVE)

“Nō laila 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 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

Nowemapa 2018

Be a Channel of God’s Aloha

BY KAHU DOUG WOOTEN



I hope you share my excitement about the ministries taking place at Kaumakapili Church. Our youth program is growing, our Sunday School/Christian Education Ministry is using every available resource to reach our Ohana. Our Outreach Ministry has been invigorated by an influx of new participants. Our Music Ministry has filled the sanctuary with songs of adoration.

There are many reasons for these strong signs of life in our congregation, but one significant factor has been the commitment we make each year to help fund these ministries. Money itself is a lifelong thing; however, when put to use by dedicated Christian groups, great things can happen, as we have seen.

In faith, there are yet more ways our congregation can be a channel of God’s aloha. Our Finance Ministry has prayerfully made another commitment for the coming year. The budget is the fruit of the committee’s study of our ongoing programs and new ministry possibilities. Meeting this budget will be a challenging stretch

for us; however, it is one that is within our faith reach! Please begin praying about our budget now. And let us each, in light of God’s blessings, make a personal faith commitment as we consider what our generosity will be to the Church in the year to come!

Please accept my sincere Mahalo for your faithfulness.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

Ron. O. Wooten
Kahu Wooten



Weekly Calendar

Sunday
Sunday School 9am - 10am
Adult Bible Study 9am - 10am
Ukulele Class 9am - 10am (see Matt Motas to confirm)
Children's Worship Time 10am - 10:30am
Choir Rehearsal 10am - 10:30am
Service 10:30am - 12pm
Poki'i Choir 10:30am - 11:30am

Tuesday
Bible Study with Helen Kaupu Kaowili 5pm - 6pm
Choir Practice 5:30pm - 7pm

Wednesday
Ukulele Class 2pm - 4pm (see Matt Motas to confirm)
Bible Study with Kahu Wooten 5pm - 6pm

Thursday
Ukulele Class 3pm - 5pm (see Matt Motas to confirm)

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Kahu Appreciation Sunday

BY LORNA MOTAS

October was Pastor Appreciation Month. On October 21, the church showed its appreciation for Kahu Wooten and surprised him with a short ceremony. The Sunday School Children started with presenting paper hand leis representing their laying of hands on Kahu to bless him.

During Kahu Wooten's Installation service on October 6, Interim Conference Minister, Rev. Gabrielle Chavez, from the HCUCC office gave separate Charges to the Kahu and to the Congregation. Those Charges were recited again during the Appreciation ceremony. Below is the Charge to the Church:

"My Charge to this congregation therefore is essentially the same Great Commandments to love:

- Love yourselves as a congregation. Treasure and take care of each other and the best gifts of your traditions.
- Love your pastor more. Study what is necessary and commit to help your joint ministry succeed.
- Love God the most, for surely at the end of the day, as at its beginning, no Christian congregation may make an idol of itself or its pastor, but exists solely for the purposes of God as revealed in Christ."



Deacon Hau'oli Akaka called the congregation forward to lay their hands on Kahu to bless him (above)
He then prayed over Kahu and our church congregation (below)



Scenes Around Campus



Uncle David Kaneao's helpers around campus



Food Bank & Free Store

November

7 Food Bank 8am - 10am
8 Homeless Food Bank & Free Store 8am - 10am
9 Free Store
28 Food Bank 8am - 10am
29 Homeless Food Bank & Free Store 8am - 10am
30 Free Store



11/4 Eric and Christina Rudolph
11/11 Hauoli La Hanau - Vivian Maunakea
11/18 In Memoriam - Mel Spencer Ohana
11/25 In Memory of Rosalind Kamakea



Daniel Medeiros 11/1
Kimberley Muratsuka 11/1
Linda Mills 11/2
Samuel Kihewa 11/5
Francis Malani 11/5
Titus Maunakea 11/5
Bernadette Park 11/5
Aaron Kaneao 11/6
Kou Aquino 11/9
David Kaupu 11/10
Vivian Maunakea 11/11
Davilynne Jandoc 11/12
Jarin Cortez 11/17
Lihau Stender 11/20
Maria Medeiros 11/22
Debra Chun 11/29
Kekela Kihewa 11/30

Kaumakapili Church, thankful for the gifts received from God, founded in 1838 for the makaainana, 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.

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A Message from Buildings and Grounds

Usually a Buildings and Grounds report contains things like plumbing repairs, roof repairs, kitchen repairs, etc. Not this one.

At their October meeting, the Church Council approved placing a few simple Christmas decorations at the entrance to the Sanctuary - just to let people passing by know that we celebrate Christmas! A picture of the front of the Church was circulated to Council members, showing white lights above the portico, with a wreath in the center, over the middle archway.

Some might be interested to learn about the history and meaning of Advent and Christmas wreaths. The following is from an internet site:

"The Advent wreath was first used by Lutherans in Germany in the 16th century, and in 1839, a Lutheran priest used a wreath made from a cart wheel to educate children about the meaning and purpose of Christmas, as well as to help them count its approach, thus giving rise to the modern version of the Advent wreath.

For every Sunday of Advent, starting with the fourth Sunday before Christmas, he would put a white candle in the wreath and for every day in between he would use

a red candle. The use of the Advent wreath has since spread from the Lutheran Church to many Christian denominations.

Advent and Christmas wreaths are constructed of evergreens (now plastic) to represent everlasting life brought through Jesus and the circular shape of the wreath represents God, with no beginning and no end. Advent and Christmas wreaths are now a popular symbol in preparation for and to celebrate the coming of Christ, with the former being used to mark the beginning of the Christian Church's liturgical year and both serving as décor during Advent and Christmas festivities. While Advent wreaths are erected on stands or placed on tables, Christmas wreaths are often hung on doors or walls."

Merry Christmas!!
From the Buildings and Grounds Ministry



Advent wreath photo from HappyHomeFairy.com

October Council Meeting Highlights

BY LORNA MOTAS

Kahu Wooten's Report

- We are doing more to support the Outreach Ministry with food on Free Shower days. Anne Leake wants to provide community resources to help the homeless.
- A Neighborhood Board Meeting at Kaumakapili Church on October 18 resulted in a huge draw from neighbors concerned with the high crime in the Kalihi Palama neighborhood. HPD commanders, Senator Karl Rhoads, Representative Dennis Arakawa and Councilman Joey Manahan attended and listened to community members' concerns. The next meeting is set for December, date to be announced.
- Kahu will be transferring his membership from his previous church to Kaumakapili Church.

President's Report

- Mahalo to everyone for their kokua and participation in Kahu Dr. Doug Wooten's Installation service.
- The Reformed Congregational Church of Honolulu (Marshallese) held their first service on October 14. They are extremely grateful for the opportunity to

worship at Kaumakapili Church. They gifted us with fans and a monetary donation. They invite all to attend their service.

- A weekly email blast from Kahu Wooten and Lorna will communicate the latest events or happenings at the church.

Vice President's Report

- Negotiations are ongoing between Kaumakapili Church and Koi Koi/UI Productions Wedding Company.
- Phil Regier wants to create and expand video capabilities to post and live stream our service as a way to give Kaumakapili greater exposure.

Secretary's Report

- Credit cards for authorized staff users will soon be ready.

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Remember to turn in your cards...

FOR CHURCH RECORDS

Envelope #

(for office use)

Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

I plan to give \$ each week month beginning for an annual total of \$

I understand that this commitment can be changed at any time by giving notice to the appropriate church officer.

☐ I would like to talk with someone about including the church or church-related institution in my will.

Signed: Date:

For Your Records

Date:

With others in my congregation, I commit myself to give in proportion to what I have for the ministries of the church and the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ.

I plan to give \$ beginning

Each week month

Annual Total \$

WHAT SHALL WE BRING?

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2018

OAHU CEMETERY @ 9 AM



Come join us as we celebrate and honor the life and work of Lowell and Abigail Smith during our Sunday school hour.

Please see Manu or Chelsea for more details.



Upcoming Events

November
11 Stewardship Sunday
12 Veterans' Day - Office Closed
17 Council Meeting 10am-1pm, Boardroom
18 Founders' Day
21 Thanksgiving Sunday
21 Miracle Meals Family Food Distribution 8am-1pm
22 Thanksgiving - Office Closed
24 Church Clean Up, 9am -12pm

December
1 Sanctuary Christmas decoration, 9am
16 Pauahi Sunday
Sunday School Christmas Party
Sunday School Winter Break (no classes until January 13)
24 Christmas Eve Service at 7pm
25 No Bible Study or Choir Practice
Christmas Day - Office Closed



Time to spruce up our sanctuary for Christmas
It's time to call us all together to work & fellowship

Saturday, November 24, 2018
9:00am to 12 noon
Lunch will be provided

Although cleaning supplies will be provided,
any additional supplies will be welcomed.

For our lunch count, please sign up on the bulletin
board or call the church office by November 18.

Please kokua!
Mahalo from your Members-at-Large

Kalihi-Palama Health Center Gala
“Emerging Future”

On September 27, the Kalihi-Palama Health Center honored two people and an organization for their outstanding contribution in the community and their support in helping to establish the Kalihi-Palama Health Center.



Kaumakapili Church's beloved Uncle Henry Ka'apuni Aarona was one of the founders of Kalihi-Palama Health Center. "Over 40 years ago, he had the vision to consider the whole person; to go beyond primary health care and include all other needs that play a role in the health and general well-being of the entire community."

His two sons, Henry Aarona Jr. and Jimmy Aarona along with their families were present to accept the award.

Other recipients were Pius Pailug ("Papa Mau") and The Hawaii Dental Association. Anne Leake was mentioned as being instrumental in accompanying Pius Pailug on the Hokulea voyage as his nurse.

October Council Meeting Highlights continued

to join the Deacon's Ministry effective immediately and serve the 2019 year. Iris DeRego agreed to join the Stewardship Ministry effective immediately and will also serve the 2019 year. Frank Jahrling agreed to join the Buildings and Grounds Ministry.

Outreach Ministry

- The Hi'e hi'e Sanitation project, offering hot showers to the homeless, is doing well. Eugene Muratsuka provides food on these days, a welcome bonus to the homeless recipients.

Bldgs. & Grounds Ministry

- Nominations Ministry approved Frank Jahrling to be added to Building and Grounds Ministry with the departure of Buddy Maunakea as Building Supervisor. Uncle Frank is assessing areas of urgent repair around the campus which includes long term and short term projects.
- A security system was installed beginning Sept. 28 with sensor motion detectors throughout Hale Kamika followed by 8 motion sensor cameras. In the past 3 weeks, 9 arrests were made and 9 trespass orders were issued.

Other:

- Current Bylaws are under review and being rewritten.
- Finance Ministry is working on the 2019 Budget.
- Check the Church Calendar for upcoming events!



November 4

Ruth 1:1-8
Psalms 146
Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12: 28-34

November 11

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17
1 Kings 17:8-16
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 18

1 Samuel 1:4-20, 2:1-10
Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-14
Mark 12:1-8

November 25

2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalms 132:1-12
Daniel 7:9-10
Psalms 93
Revelations 1:4-8
John 18:33-37

Kaumakapili Strummers



Uncle Matthew Motas' ukulele class welcomes all ages. The Kaumakapili Strummers not only practice together, but perform together to bring musical joy to Kaumakapili's special occasions. See Uncle Matt Motas to confirm class times





October Council Meeting Highlights continued

Treasurer's Report

- New financial report presented at Council meeting.
- Expenses continue to outpace income. This is a real concern as we start to plan the 2019 budget. We will need to look at ways to create income flow and curtail expenses.

Deacons Ministry

- Kahu's Bible study class on Wednesday evenings focus on Genesis, currently studying chapter 9. He sends out questions related to the reading ahead of time for participants to prepare and for those who cannot attend.
- There will be an invitation to invite new members to join Kaumakapili Church.

Stewardship Ministry

- Stewardship Pledge Drive theme, "What Shall We Bring." Kick-off luncheon is on October 28 and Stewardship Sunday is November 11.
- To date, the 3 of the 5 missional giving have collected \$1,674.00. OCWM and the Christmas Fund collection occur in December.

Foundations Ministry

- Most recent projects: Security project, completed; Termite tenting, completed; Sanctuary Roof repairs, on going. Hale Kamika planned building repairs include replacing broken windows, fixing kitchen items, replacing doors.
- Alaka'ina Foundation contributed \$4,000 to the Makamauakauana Fund. Funds for Christian Education Ministry.

Christian Education Ministry

- Sunday School has a new curriculum, "Dig In," which the children are enjoying.
- Oahu State Sunday School Association held its Sunday School Ho'ike on October 21. Seven churches participated sharing their songs, scripture and talent.
- Next upcoming event, Founders' Day on November 18.

Nominations Ministry

- Roberta Jahrling and Zena Mae Kaehu have agreed

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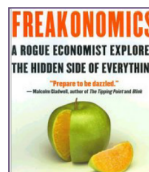
Christian Education Builds Faithful Followers of Jesus... One Step at a Time

BY MANU NAE'OLE

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise Ye the Lord."
-Psalms 150:6

This season of ministry has been a good season for Kaumakapili Christian Education. There is much praise to send to God for the work being done through education. Our children's class and youth started a study of the Bible in a Year in September. Our Tuesday and Sunday adult classes have been rigorously studying Revelation, and they will move to a study of the Trinity. We are thankful for the teachers and participants who help to keep the ministry going.

A few months ago, I was listening to a podcast called *Freakonomics*. This particular podcast dealt with the subject of incrementalism. One way to describe incrementalism is the practice of doing something small over and over again, but this small something repeated over and over, eventually makes a large impact. This idea is then contrasted with doing one big event, once, to make a great impact.



The podcast made me think about the way I approach my life with God. In seminary, one of my professors spoke about that, for most people, the discipleship process happens more like the disciples in the Gospel of Mark, rather than like Paul on the road to Damascus. Most of us may be able to trace the single event when we decided to follow God completely; but following God, being disciplined, is a change that happens over time as we continue to grow and learn. In the Bible, Paul's story seems more like a single event and instant conversion.

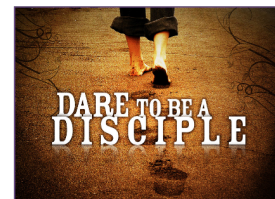
The disciples give in to fear when the windstorm whips up as they cross the Sea of Galilee (Mark 4:38). The disciples are bewildered when, while in a large crowd, Jesus asks

'who has touched him?' (Mark 5:31) The disciples lack understanding when they ask Jesus if they should go and buy food for the thousands who have gathered around them (Mark 6:37). The disciples are fearful when they see Jesus walking on the water and heading toward them. Even those considered closest to Jesus went through a process of growth.

A few months ago, while getting my old truck towed, the tow truck driver told me a funny observation he had. While driving, we passed by a work site for the new rail project. The driver remarked that every time he drives by, he just sees workers standing around, but somehow the rail keeps being built. The little details of building can be unforeseen to the average person, but the end product of constant work has an impact.

The disciples, those closest to Jesus, struggled to grasp what it meant to be a follower of Jesus. It was a work in progress that they would steadily build to the point where, more than 2,000 years later, the community they started lives on in the life of the church. Here at Kaumakapili, we give thanks to God – in class, in small weekly steps – that we will learn and grow in the Lord while we pray that God will continue to shape and mold us for great impacts to come.

We pray that the faithful, steady, and incremental work of the ministry of education continues to build people up to make a greater impact for God upon our communities and the world at large.



Rev. William H. Kaina 1978 - 1984

Celebrating 180 Years - Sixth Article in a Series

BY SYBIL SCHOENSTEIN



Rev. William Kaina and his wife Sandy are no strangers to the Hawaiian church community. Rev. Kaina prior coming to Kaumakapili served as Papa Makua at the Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ. So, it was indeed a blessing when, accepting the call to Kaumakapili, Kahu was installed as its pastor on January 27, 1980.

Kahu Kaina came at a time when Kaumakapili was a church thriving in many ways, from the growth of its membership to the various community projects and church activities. He continued to build and uplift the church to further heights.

Several important events that occurred in the church was nurtured by Kahu Kaina during his six prosperous years at Kaumakapili.

1. The old parish hall was demolished, and a new building complex, Hale Kamika, was dedicated on June 28, 1981. For this event, "Ka Moe Uhane Ho'okoia" (A Dream Fulfilled) was written by then choir director Martha Poeopoe Hohu with English lyrics by Kahu Kaina. He collaborated with kupuna Gladys Szekeley and Annie Kanahele to translate the lyrics into Hawaiian.

2. Kahu Kaina introduced the Discipleship Ministry Church's Alive, a 3-year program from 1983 to 1986 as leadership training for those called to discipleship. Under the leadership of Kahu Kaina and Kahu Richard Kamanu, two Discovery Classes led by Hank Kuiper and Robert Naauao, and a Growth Group led by Peter Keoneula formed the nucleus of the program with over 25 participants.

3. Rev. Richard Kamanu served as Associate Pastor under the guidance and mentorship of Kahu Kaina. Kahu Kamanu also served in dual capacity to shepherd Hau'ula Congregational Church.



Demolition of the old parish hall makes way for growth



Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new building complex (left to right) Jaime Aarona, Eleu Ornellas, Frank Jahrling, Annie Kanahele, Henry Aarona Jr., Lawrence Lono, Baldo Patterson

From the Archives of Kaumakapili Church

Rev. David J. Twigg 1986 - 1992



The Rev. David Twigg and his wife Leolofi and their two children became a very integral and active part of the Kaumakapili ohana. Kahu Twigg continued to build on the leadership of previous kahu and with the lay leadership. He also introduced some innovative ideas for worship that included a Seder supper and the Good Friday

dramatic presentation. Kahu Twigg actively participated in community outreach, serving on the advisory committee of Queen Liliuokalani Trust Children's Center, serving on the board of the Kalihi-Palama Clinic and participated in the Pauahi Elderly Project Kupuna Hale. He also wrote a paper, "Vision of Evangelism" for the Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ.

1988 was the year Kaumakapili celebrated its Sesquicentennial adopting the theme "Kukula I Ka Euanelio" (Proclaiming the Gospel). Kahu Twigg, working with the church's leadership, filled the year with activities that will be long remembered. Special events for the Sesquicentennial included a parade from Smith Street to Kalihi Palama, followed by an annual dinner, a special luau in April, a play by Rev. Richard Wong, hosting of the Hawai'i Conference Aha Pae'aina and the Fall Mokupuni.

A special song, "Na Makahiki Nui" (The Many Years) by Momi Maunakea, choral arrangement by Randie Fong and Hawaiian translation by Gladys Szekeley was written for the 150th birthday, celebrated on June 18, 1988.



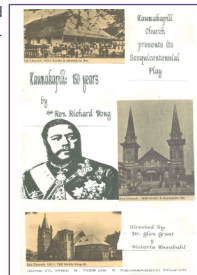
Kapa made by church member, Ethel Ahana, for the Sesquicentennial. The kapa still hangs today in the sanctuary

In 1989, Kaumakapili had a very active youth group. Both of kahu's children were members of this group. Their activities included Bible studies, a volleyball team, service projects, social activities such as a Halloween Dance and a Christmas party, and participated in the Aha 'Opio in Waimea, Kauai.

In 1990, Kaumakapili retired its debt for Hale Kamika with the burning of its mortgage on January 28, 1990.

The year 1991 marked several key events. The church approved the Japanese Wedding Ministry. Hale Ho'ola Hou, the community health clinic, which started at Kaumakapili, was beginning to outgrow its space and began preparations to move off campus at which time it became known as the Kalihi Palama Health Clinic. Preliminary work began for the Sanctuary Restoration Project which took over 10 years to come to fruition.

Kahu Twigg with the Executive Committee created the Vision and Mission Statements as we know today. In his final Annual Report titled "Kaumakapili Church's Present and Future," Kahu Twigg presented a comprehensive review of his years at Kaumakapili and a perspective of the Mission Statement.



A play, written by Rev. Richard Wong, was performed in honor of the Sesquicentennial

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