A New Thing  By: Rev. Dr. Douglas Wooten

“As do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it?” Isaiah 43:18, 19a

As we start a new year most of us will be thinking about ways to start the year off a new way. We will be thinking about new ways of dieting, new ways of getting more exercise, new ways of budgeting, and all kinds of new things. I pray that any of us starting new projects and new habits will find success. If I could suggest one good practice to add in our newness, that is the daily practice of reading the scripture. I believe in our commitment to this, God will began to reveal Himself to us, in many wonderful new ways. As God Speaks to us we can ask where do we see new ministry in our church? Where would we like to serve? What ways can we imagine reaching out to our community and to the world? A new year is a good time to think about that...and then to put those thoughts into action!

Just remember in every season of life, there is a new thing that God is doing, if we will open our hearts and spirits to its unfolding.

Whatever time it is in your life, the voice still calls out to you “Follow me.” Or, as the God of Isaiah declares, “I am about to do a new thing... Do you not perceive it?”

So the questions I ask you to ponder. What new thing am I being called to? What new thing is our church being called to? It is my joy and privilege to be making new discoveries with you as we journey together in the newness of Christ.
Aloha Kaumakapili Church ‘Ohana,

2020 is here and we are very excited about what God will be doing at Kaumakapili Church this year.

We started the New Year with a New Year’s Day 12:00 noon service which set the tone in making prayer and God our priority and focus. The Deacons and Kahu led Hebedoma week which was centered around the Lord’s prayer. Discussions were the elements of prayer, the importance of prayer, the benefits of prayer and going to your secret space to converse with God every day as often as possible.

The Board of Directors met on January 25 for their first meeting of the year. Here is a recap of the meeting and some highlights of motions made and passed.

President-Lorna Motas thanked members of the Board of Directors for their commitment to serve and being fruitful members of the body of Christ. She asked everyone to think about what will your role look at Kaumakapili Church in 2020 and how will you honor God with the gifts, talents and treasures he has blessed you with.

Vice President-Phil Regier shared the results of Kahu Doug Wooten’s evaluation. Copies of the evaluation were distributed to all Board of Directors at the Saturday BOD meeting and will be made available to all members of the congregation who wish to have a copy. Please see Phil Regier for a copy.

Treasurer-Stewart Martin shared the total year 2019 finances. We hit the budget in the expense category. In the Income category, we were short on the tithing and Japanese weddings but transfers from saving, profit from lūʻau events and endowment distributions helped to balance the budget.

Deacons Ministry- They are presenting four names for full active membership at Kaumakapili Church. They are Naʻmi Kama, Herman Kama, ‘Elia Akaka and Chad Makaiwa. Motion was made to accept the four individuals and carried.

Music Ministry-Kaori Martin shared that Akiko Chang blessed us with original compositions, “Expectations” written and performed for the Advent and Christmas Eve Service and “Sing” written for the January 17th Hoʻokuʻikahi Reconciliation. Music Ministry is seeking musicians, performers or any
interested members who can kōkua for any Sunday during the year and especially during July when the Choir is on vacation. Ukulele Classes are happening every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesday, 12:00 pm -2:00pm.

**Foundation Ministry**-Andy Poepoe made a recommendation to approve an increase of $175,000 for repairs and maintenance of the church sanctuary. Total estimated repair will be $247,000 to address the stain glass window above the choir loft, repair the wood rot on the small tower around windows, doors and ledges. ($72,000 was previously approved for the stain glass window repair). Motion was made and carried.

**Finance Ministry**-During the 2019 year, this ministry developed a platform to simplify and consolidate all finances and banking. They completed the following: consolidated banking to First Hawaiian Bank, signed up for on line banking for easier and faster bill paying, and hired a CPA, Jeffery Chang to coordinate the church’s finances and accounting. This initiative started January 1, 2020 and is being closely monitored by the Finance Ministry.

* A 4% withdrawal from the General Endowment account and the Richard Wong Account was introduced by Frank Jahrling. The high stock market returns had a positive impact on both accounts this past year.

**Christian Education Ministry** shared that every 1st Sunday of the month the youth will kōkua the Archive Ministry. They seek Sunday School teachers for the Pōkiʻi group on the month’s 1st Sundays. Please let Chelsea know if you are available to kōkua.

**Outreach Ministry**-Anne Leake introduced the Neighbors In Need “Healing Spiritually Injury for Homelessness Recovery”. More information will be forthcoming as the program activities on campus are formalized.

**Building and Grounds**-Frank Jahrling provided status on current projects and upcoming projects. The beloved Kaumakapili Church van was sold to a former community worker. The downstairs ceiling tile replacement in Hale Kamika is halfway completed. The kitchen and bathroom floors in Hale Kamika were scrubbed and re-waxed. The sound system in the sanctuary was adjusted for better sound. Ideas to beautify the small courtyard area outside the Deacon and Choir rooms are being considered. Frank Jahrling would love to hear your ideas.

**Nominations Ministry**-Zena Kaehu presented the 2020 nomination slate. While there are still slots to be filled, Kahu reminded us that we need to allow room for the Holy Spirit to do it’s work and not to fret over open position. Motion was made and approved to accept the 2020 slate. The church’s Annual Congregational Meeting to approve the slate will be on February 16, Sunday following church service.

**Church Delegate**-The 198 ‘Aha Pae’aina will be held June 3-6, 2020 at Kawaiahaʻo Church.
Company President Shon Gregory said that "we were proud having done this job and we were happy to accommodate the architects desire to return the roof to some of its original work".

Kaumakapili Church wins award!

Kaumakapili Church’s new roof installed last year has been awarded “Top Roof of the Year for Steep Slope” as well as “Roofing Project of the Year” by the Roofing Contractors Association of Hawaii. Contractor Surface Shield Roofing Company received the honor, Dennis Taguro as the foreman. General Contractor was United Pacific Builders LLC. The job involved installing 7300 square feet of specialized shingles from GAF and was extremely challenging due to the slope, the access and the height of the steeple. All in our congregation can attest to the steepness of this roof! The church office and Andy Poepoe have a file of the drone pictures that were used in this contest and you are welcome to see these by contacting Tracy or Andy. You have to fasten your seat belt as you watch these moving and dramatic pictures of our church.

We want to thank Barbara Shideler of Mason Architects and all in Surface Shield Roofing Company for their work to complete this project and especially during the windy and rainy weather while they worked on our roof.

Building Industry magazine will publicize this award in its February issue.

Submitted humbly by: Andrew Poepoe

Uncle Henry Aaron Sr. Gold Tree

Two Gold Trees graced the front lawn of our church campus, one in honor of Kahu Richard Wong and the other dedicated in honor of Henry Aaron Sr. Sadly on Christmas Day, this past December, a windy winter storm toppled the tree dedicated to Uncle Henry. This tree was originally planted in April 2002.

The Aaron ‘Ohana was notified that Uncle Henry’s tree was damaged and removed. We are waiting for their mana’o on the kind of tree they would like to have replace the Gold Tree. Whatever tree is selected we know it will remind us of a kindred spirit who was committed to serving God and his church.
What’s happening in Archives?

The Archives Committee has been at a standstill for a while, primarily to allow Momi Maunakea and Sybil Schoenstein to put documents and materials into some semblance of order. It has taken a while to complete, but we’re beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

We have been grateful for several volunteers who have helped in various areas. Mahalo to Chad Makaiwa for assembling a new file cabinet for us. Na’i and Herman Kama have been helping organize Pauoa and Maemae Cemetery files. Andy Peopoe has been hard at work sorting through files for Hale Kamika, Sanctuary Restoration, Hale Ho’ola Hou/Kalihi-Palama Health Center and Kanoa Apartments.

What’s ahead?

In working with the Christian Education Ministry, a new direction has come to us through the interest of our youth. We will begin working with them beginning on February 2 at 9am to determine where they feel most comfortable. We know they have much technical expertise to offer.

Mahalo to our Archive Committee members for their help in the past. We will be reconnecting again now that some of the nitty-gritty is out of the way. We continue to look for help. Please see Momi Maunakea or Sybil Schoenstein or contact the church office if you have an interest in any way with the preservation of Kaumakapili’s Archival legacy.

“Keep Your Faith” By: Aunty Myrtle Stewart-Vetekina

When I was growing up my mom, Wilhelmina or Nookie, would always encourage others by saying "Keep the faith" to a friend or ‘Ohana in need of a reassuring word.

One night, Iwalani Matthews and I unexpectedly experienced and were challenged by the strength of our faith. We had a meeting for our new Hale Kamika building that evening and went on my car over the Pali to the Honolulu Club.

After the meeting I drove home through Kaneohe to Kailua by way of the Kalaheo "Saddle" road. As we came over the rise on the unlit road, the engine just gave out, "make", died, so I pulled over to the side of the highway. I turned and looked over at Iwalani who was older for some advice in this predicament. But, she looked real scared and showed it on her face. The power was out totally and we had no alternative but to walk home or go for help. We got out to head home and I said to her, "The Lord will be with us I know to protect and guide us. Just look forward and don't talk to anyone who comes by." We started on our way, looking ahead always and after awhile we could see traffic lights dimly in the distance. Some guys did cruise by and yelled at us but we trudged on without a word and they left.

We walked faster. As we neared the intersection, fortunately a policeman came by. He called for a tow truck and took us home. As we thanked him, in our hearts we said a silent prayer and knew who was our real Savior that night. Our faith had been tested that night. Mahalo nui ke Akua!
Nehemiah Book Talk  By: Jo-An Goss

In October and November, 2019 Kahu Wooten provided a very interesting six-week Book Talk highlighting the book The Nehemiah Code by O.S. Hawkins!

We had a group of 13 of us from Kaumakapili Church and some from Kalihi-Moanalua UCC Church that met in the Board Room.

Each week we were asked to read a chapter from six chapters from the Book of Nehemiah in the Old Testament. We were also asked to read chapters one through six from The Nehemiah Code with chapters entitled: 1) Rebuilders Get Started Right, 2) Rebuilders Build a Team Spirit, 3) Rebuilders Let Go Without Letting Up, 4) Rebuilders Understand “YAC” is What Really Matters, Part 5) Rebuilders Never Cut What They Can Untie, and 6) Rebuilders Finish Strong.

We had very interesting discussions about Nehemiah and his strong desire to rebuild the Walls and Gates of Jerusalem! However, Nehemiah had naysayers who didn’t think it possible! Over time, though, they saw that Nehemiah was earnest in this effort. Little by little, more people began to see that Nehemiah was engaging more workers. Others began to work on another section of the wall and gates. They were seeing success!

As we came to a close at the last session, Kahu asked us how it applies to us in church. On page 195 in the Epilogue O.S. Hawkins states: “We are all different in many and varied ways. But we all have one thing in common: not a single one of us is perfect. We are all in need of rebuilding from within. When it comes to a personal knowledge and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, all of us need to get started right on this journey. So let’s begin as Nehemiah did!”

Here are some comments that members provided about this Six-Week Nehemiah Book Talk:

Anne Leake: This book from the Bible is another shining example of God’s goodness, grace and providence when you demonstrate obedience, faith and focus on Him. I enjoyed the discussions and hearing the viewpoints of others. I too look forward, journeying together to study the book of Joshua. Thank you all for making the Bible study meaningful and enjoyable.

Frank Jahrling: This in depth study of Nehemiah revealed how to best follow God’s plan for us when the going gets tough. He was an incredible leader. The book broke down the Bible verses into easy-to-understand steps and phrases that still stick with me due to repetition and hearing input from members of the study group. I always find it encouraging to gather with others to learn more about the Bible and how we can apply it to our daily lives.
When listening to or reading old "stories" from the Bible, I (most of the time) want to know, "But what does that teach me? Today." The author of The Nehemiah Code, Rev, Dr. O. S. Hawkins, brings an important part of the Book of Nehemiah to life. He uses an old story of the rebuilding of the Wall of Jerusalem to encourage us to consider: It's Never Too Late for a New Beginning. For all of us, wherever we are, whoever we are, whatever we do."

I have to admit that I'm not a "Bible study" type of a guy. But Kahu challenged me to think of Bible study as a "book club" instead. The book was really good - easy to read and understand. And the discussion sessions were fun. So, now I'm looking forward to the next "book club" meeting.

Zena Kaehu: It was exciting following Nehemiah’s strong faith in God and the power of prayer that we can witness the rebuilding results of not only Jerusalem but how this affects our lives today.

Kahu Wooten: shared that he will soon have another Book Talk on The Joshua Code. We encourage others to join our group!
“Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding.” — Jeremiah 3:15

Mahalo Nui Manu Naeʻole!

May the Lord continue to bless you on your new journey with harmony, love and happiness.
The Matt Motas Kanikapila Ukulele Class - Kaumakapili Strummers

Don’t forget your Ukulele!!

All are invited to come and Kanikapila every 2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays @ 12pm – 2pm in the Boardroom!

In 1984 Kahu Kaina was awarded a grant for a new church van, throughout the years it surely served its purpose of being everything our church needed it to be and more.

On January 27, 2020 we said our last goodbyes to the 36 year old van!

A hui hou...

A Hui Hou Kaumakapili Church Van!

Hawaiian Language Hālāwai 5pm–6pm
All are invited to attend, bring your Hawaiian/English Baibala Hemolele!

Calendar of Hālāwai @ Kaumakapili:

Pepeluali 16
Malaki 15
Malaki 29
ʻApelila 19
Mei 17
Mei 31
June 21

Iulai 19
ʻAukake 16
ʻAukake 30
Kepakemapa 20
ʻOkakopa 18
Nowemapa 15
Nowemapa 29
Kaumakapili Church Vision 2021 Retreat

When: Saturday, February 29, 2020
Time: 9:30 am-12:00 pm
Where: Ke‘ena ʻOhina
A light breakfast will be served at 9:00 am.

Everyone is invited!!
All BOD/Ministry Members are requested to attend.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, February 26th to the church office at office@kaumakapili.org or phone: 845-0908.
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