



FEBRUARY

February 1, 2015
Psalms 111
Mark 1:21-28
1 Corinthians 8:1-13

February 8, 2015
Psalms 147:1-11
Mark 1:29-39
1 Corinthians 9:16-23

February 15, 2015
Psalms 50:1-6
Mark 9:2-9
2 Corinthians 4:3-6

February 22, 2015
Psalms 25:1-10
Mark 1:9-15
1 Peter 3:18-22

Birthdays

FEBRUARY

- February 2 Kaori Martin
Genevieve Ho‘omana
- February 5 Frank Jahrling
Stacey Balai
Kahalelehua Balai
- February 6 Sione Vetekina
Cynthia Tapang
- February 9 Lorraine Maeshiro
- February 10 Hau‘oli Akaka
- February 11 Jo-An Goss
Bruce Hirota
- February 16 Dennis Cuizon
- February 17 Elizabeth Werner
Moani Wong
- February 18 Rogelio Aquino
Kamakanaokealoha Aquino
Scott Balai
- February 20 Sharon Matsui
- February 21 Maxine Medeiros
- February 28 Marion Maunakea
- February 29 Kukui Martin
Alfredo Garcia



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.

February Flowers

- February 1: Hau‘oli La Hanau-Frank Jahrling
- February 8: Aloha Committee
- February 15: Andrew & Jaya Poepoe
- February 22: In Memory of George & Ethel Ahana

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.



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]

“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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Kahu’s Korner

By Kahu Richard K. Kamanu
Kahu Mua



Scripture
“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting.” Matthew 6:16

Aloha e na hoahanau me na hoaloha,

“Mardi Gras,” French for “Fat Tuesday,” is the last day of celebration during the time of Carnival at the end of the Epiphany Season and before Lent. The custom of having such a big celebration all around the world originated with the call to fast during Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, a time when many avoid eating all kinds of rich fatty foods, sweets and meat. The festival allows us, before this season of penance and reconciliation, to over indulge ourselves, giving to our senses what they are asking to have.

I think the carnival festivities also inspire many to begin living in moderation. Though it sounds fun to deliberately overindulge and put ourselves in the midst of excesses, we often feel some kind of embarrassment and feel the need to cover up our shame so we put on masks, avoiding the fact that others may see who we really are, so we live the masquerade, the fantasy, the unreality.

Fat Tuesday, in a way, is the antechamber to the wonderful time of Lent in which we will have the opportunity

to unmask our lives by exercising different disciplines to become better Christians. In fact this day is referred to in English as “Shrove Tuesday” from the word “shrive” which means to confess, indicating an invitation to start this season confessing those things we want to change in our lives and to work on its transformation during the 40 days that come ahead. If we work seriously on it I’m sure we will have many reasons to party and enjoy ourselves without feeling ashamed.

‘I know many times we need to overindulge ourselves... we always need to find reasons for celebrating and partying, but remember not to stop in the antechamber, let’s move on into the chamber and enjoy!





Prayer

Oh God, help me to uncover my face in your presence and to celebrate joyfully the life you have given to me. Amen.

Owau no me ka ha‘aha‘a,

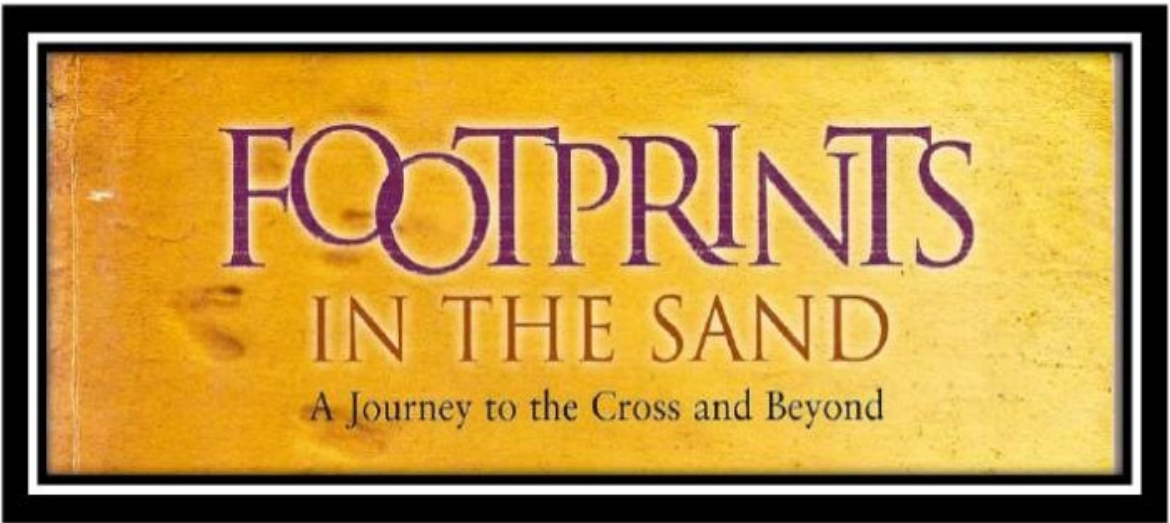
Kahu Kamanu



Pepeluali 2015 ACTIVITIES						
Lāpule	Pō‘akahi	Pō‘alua	Pō‘akolu	Pō‘aha	Pō‘alima	Pō‘aono
1 <u>Sanctuary:</u> 9-9:30a Children's Worship Time 9:30 - 10:15a Baibala 10:30a-12n Worship 12n Choir Rehearsal <u>Communion</u> <u>Board Room:</u> 9-10a Ukulele Class	2 <i>Kahū's Day Off</i>	3	4 <u>Ke‘ena ‘Ohina:</u> 5-8p Halau	5 <u>Sanctuary:</u> 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal	6 <u>Hale Aloha:</u> 8:30-9:30a Free Store	7
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Please help beautify our lovely altar
and honor ohana & friends.
Sign up sheet in the back of the
sanctuary
on the bulletin board.



The Kaumakapili Church Choir would like to invite you to join
with them in singing songs for the Lenten Season. Special
rehearsals will be held on Sundays after church
for your convenience.

COME AND WALK WITH JESUS ON HIS JOURNEY

- Feb. 1First rehearsal – all rehearsals will be after church in the Choir Room
- Feb. 8Rehearsal
- Feb. 15Rehearsal
- Feb. 22Anthem: Footprints in the Sand
Rehearsal
- Mar. 1Anthem: Come to the Table of Grace
Rehearsal
- Mar. 8Anthem: The Master Has Come
Rehearsal
- Mar. 15Anthem: Come Walk With Me
Rehearsal
- Mar. 22Anthem: The Garden Path

Looking Back & Looking Ahead

Anne Leake, Chair of the Board of Deacons

As is our custom at Kaumakapili, we set aside 1 week in January with special evening services to take stock and prepare for the year ahead. 2015 is a year of transition for Kaumakapili with the departure of our Kahu. Kahu Kamanu planned the services to prepare us, and mahalo to Jo-An Goss and Buddy Maunakea who each led a session. Each service included scripture, mana’o and prayers for each of the Boards and Committees of our church. Below is a summary of those session topics for any of you who may desire some self-study. Mahalo to Kahu for providing his guidance and encouragement.

Trusting in God’s Word

When It Speaks about Forgiveness (Isa. 40:1-2)
When It Speaks about the Future Glory (Isa. 40:3-5, 21-26)
When It Speaks about His Care for Us (Isa. 40:27-31)

Discerning God’s Leading

Ephesians 4:1-16

Sending Forth

Luke 10: 1 – 12 Leaders serve when they:

- See the vision
- Engage with others
- Reinvent continuously
- Value results and relationships
- Embody values

The Challenge

Expect to be Challenged, When You Profess Allegiance to the Lord (Mk. 1:9-11; Matt. 3:13-17)
Expect to be Challenged, by the Devil (Mk. 1:12-13; Matt. 4:1-11)
Expect to be Challenged, and Look to Christ to Meet that Challenge

Seeking And Knocking

"*I Ola O Ke Kino*", was an evening of food and fellowship sponsored by the Nominations Committee. It was a time when together we welcomed old friends, made some new friends, enjoyed being serenaded by our wandering minstrel, Hauoli Akaka, feasted on the delicious food prepared by members of the boards and committees, shared laughs with group participation songs and cheered when our lucky number was drawn and we received a prize. Through a short presentation of slides we saw images of the church as it was and is today, re-familiarized ourselves with how we are governed and saw pictures of our members and friends in action serving the church.

In Luke 10: 2, Jesus is about to send out the seventy-two, two by two into the towns where he is to go and he says to them, "*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.*" It is with this scripture "burning" in our ears that as members of the Nomination Committee we do our work throughout the membership of Kaumakapili. We want to thank those who heeded the call either to stay on and serve another year while we transition to a new Kahu, or consented to continue to serve but on a different board or committee, a big MAHALO.

At our Annual Meeting we will have a chance to vote on the slate of members who will be serving on the boards and committees. If you are not yet serving but wish to there is still a chance for you to join the laborers of the harvest. If you have any questions about where you might serve feel free to see anyone of us on the Nominations Committee.

As we step into a new year we pray that God will touch the hearts of our members and by some miracle all the pukas on the boards and committees will be filled! We close with this reading from Matthew 7: 7-11:

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"

Wishing all a Happy New Church Year! Look for us to be knocking on your heart!

Your Nomination Committee,

Zena Kaehu

Iris DeRego

Roberta Jahrling

‘OPUKAHA‘IA SUNDAY ‘OPUKAHA‘IA SCHOLARSHIP FUND



*He Hawaii Mea Laha Ole
A RARE HAWAIIAN*

Henry Opukaha'ia was a man of rare qualities unmatched by many of New England's Christian believers.

These are excerpts from the book "*Memoirs of Henry Obookiah*" which reveal how Akua had chosen this very special Hawaiian to bring the message of redemption and salvation to our people.

HE TOOK A CHANCE : Following the brutal deaths of most of his family, "He thought it will be better for me to go rather than stay."

It cost his uncle one pua'a, pig, paid to the ship's captain, to leave on his ship at Kealakekua.

HE WAS BEFRIENDED BY A CHRISTIAN on board who felt concerned about his spiritual welfare on his departure from the islands.

HE WAS OPEN-MINDED : "He had an unusual degree of discernment with regard to persons and things that came within his notice."

HE WAS SELF-MOTIVATED TO READ & WRITE : In a few months he was able to read the New Testament. He hungered for experiences to learn more about God and to be in prayer with those who cared for him.

HE WAS ABLE TO EXCELL IN ALMOST EVERYTHING : Be it physical labor or otherwise, he once surpassed the best reaper of hay - he was so remarkable using the scythe or sickle.

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

Sun., Feb. 15 *Annual Meeting, 12n*
Mon., Feb. 16 ‘OPUKAHA‘IA SUNDAY
Wed., Feb. 18 Office Closed- Presidents’ Day
Fri.,-Sat. Feb. 20-21 Ash Wednesday Service, 7p
Tue., Feb. 24 ‘Aha Halawai-Kaua‘i
Lenten Study, 6p

MARCH

Tue., Mar. 3 Lenten Study, 6p
Sat., Mar. 7 Game Night
Tue., Mar. 10 Lenten Study, 6p
Sun., Mar. 15 *One Great Hour of Sharing Offering*
Tue., Mar. 17 Lenten Study, 6p
Tue., Mar. 24 Lenten Study, 6p
Thur., Mar. 26 Office Closed- Prince Kuhio Day
Tue., Mar. 30 Lenten Study, 6p

Food Bank Volunteer Schedule

February		
10	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
11	Distribution	7:30-10:00am
24	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
25	Distribution	7:30-10:00am

HE HELPED TEACH THE SLAVES ABOUT CHRIST : There was a general outlook that the slaves had no hope of ever seeing the light of Christ. "But the appearance of Henry has done much to wipe out this disgust. A feeling in the cause of missions has been excited which will not soon subside. ...Now there is increasing fervency."

HE WAS WELL LIKED, BELOVED : "The success of the solicitations (for the Foreign Missions School) was greatly promoted by the presence of Obookiah. ...and often drawn from sources not before accustomed to yield any aid to purposes of charity."

HE WAS FEARLESS AND ZEALOUS ABOUT THE GOSPEL : "He had ... acquired a very considerable knowledge of the Scriptures." He could quote passages during conversations.

His was an amazing story of a Hawaiian who brought two worlds together in Christ!

by Myrtle Stewart-Vetekina (BOS)

Portrait of Henry ‘Opukaha‘ia , undated frontispiece in Memoir of Henry Obookiah (American Tract Society, rev. ed., no date). Courtesy of Eleanor C. Nordyke. es.

Pa Lawaina

Aloha members, family, and friends.

I hope this issue of our newsletter finds you and your Ohana in good health and walking with the Holy Spirit. In our last issue of the newsletter, we were about to celebrate the birth of our Lord. This issue puts us at the starting line of Easter. This month we will be embarking on our journey to the cross.

In the spirit of the season, I will report that the church is in preparation for the hope that the cross symbolizes for Christians. We are preparing for a time of transition in our church history. As we sunset one ministry during Lent and give rise to a new ministry on Easter Sunday, we look towards the cross as our hope and salvation for the future.



With this change upon us, it is crucial that we prioritize our steps forward. The executive committee has the responsibility to put forth an interim ministry while we as a church take time to revision ourselves and start to search for a minister that aligns with that vision.

The executive committee has submitted to the council an interim team concept to support us through the next 12 months at minimum. The individuals that make up the team have yet to be confirmed and presented to council in its final form. When all discussions are done, we will have coverage for our pulpit on Sunday mornings, campus support during the week, and ministry support as needed. The overall kuleana for the team would be to provide as much spiritual support for us as we take our time to discern what the next season of Kaumakapili will look like.

The next priority will be to realign ourselves to a vision. During this time Kaumakapili will be looking at its Kalawina Congregational traditions along with our Kaumakapili practices, customs, and current ministries to help reset the vineyard for the new season. In the process, we will seek God in determining the vision forward for Kaumakapili. I don't know how long this will take; however, the time we take should be well spent as we move the church forward.

Once our visioning has begun, we will formulate our search committee to be the interface between our newly formed church vision and potential candidates that will help us to fulfill that vision with us.

During this Lent season please pray for our church. I encourage you to attend our services as we remember the sacrifice God made in order to redeem us from ourselves. Remember also the sacrifice that faithful servants today and yesterday have made so that we can have a place to call our spiritual home. I also ask that you deeply consider how you can participate with the church as it prepares to enter a new season.

May God Bless Kaumakapili

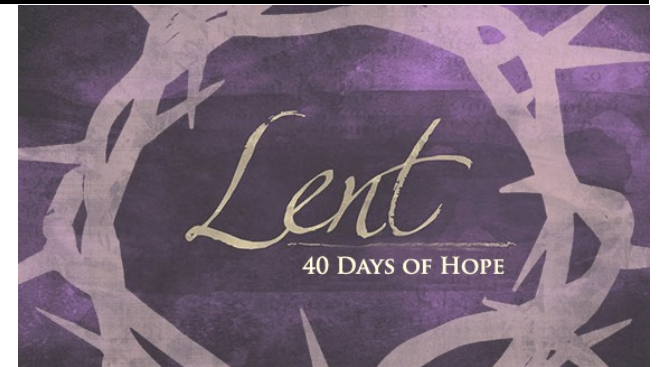
Trevor Maunakea



2015 Lenten Bible Study Sessions Kaumakapili Church Board of Deacons

40 Days of Hope

by Rev. Dr. Cliff Bird



INTRODUCTION:

The season of Lent is here. Over the next six weeks we'll be journeying together through Lent to Easter. Thanks to Jesus' resurrection the journey takes on an unprecedented new beginning when death seemed to have won! We are part of this new journey and these studies are our resources on the journey. Let us pray together that we will all be enlightened, encouraged and strengthened as we go through the studies.

Interwoven with these human stories are stories of God and stories about God as experienced and understood by the story-writers. We read these stories, learn from them, ask questions and think about how they do or don't resonate with our own stories. How might the stories in the Bible guide and empower us as our own stories continue to unfold and develop before us and before God?

Ours is a storied world. Stories of the past and present abound and stories will be created for the future. Many of the stories that saturate the airwaves are on the negative side of the spectrum: death, war, suffering, poverty, injustice. At the same time there are also stories of generosity, kindness and hope. Somewhere in these stories must be the relevance of the story of Jesus, and Lent provides us with the precise moment to seek out this relevance for today in truth and sincerity. Jesus himself lived and worked in a world of contradictions and paradoxes. Over the next six weeks, with the Spirit of God to guide us, let us strive to discern how God's story of hope in Jesus Christ helps us to live and shape our own stories.

ABOUT THE BIBLE STUDIES:

The theme of this Bible Study series is '40 Days of Hope'. The studies can be done in groups of two or more people, or used as a journey guide for individual reflection. The studies, which are based on the Gospel readings taken from the Revised Standard Lectionary, are as follows:

Each study follows a basic format. The studies are written in a way that encourages all participants to actively engage with the biblical texts. Prayers lead into and close each study while questions for personal meditation, prompts for group discussion and additional resources assist deeper thinking and active engagement. Each study also includes stories. These stories point us beyond ourselves and toward the experiences of others and the communities they serve.

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Hope and our Christian Journey: Living Today's Will of God
(Mark 1:9-15 cf. Matthew 4:1-11)

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

Hope for All People: The New Exodus Beckons
(Mark 9:2-9)

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Hope for All Creation: When Eco-Justice Prevails
(John 2:13-22)

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Hope in Unlikely Places: Inclusion of Non-Believers
(John 3:14-21)

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Hope Overflowing: A Glimpse of Life at its Fullest
(John 12:20-33)

Tuesday, March 31, 2015

Hope Leads Us Forward: Deeds of Love
Amidst Schemes of Death
(Mark 14:1-11)

Friday, April 3, 2015

Tenebrae Service