



MAY

May 3, 2015

Psalm 22:25-31

John 15:1-8

1 John 4:7-21

May 10, 2015

Psalm 98

John 15:9-17

1 John 5:1-6

May 17, 2015

Psalm 1

John 17:6-10

1 John 5:9-13

May 24, 2015

Psalm 104:24-34

Acts 2:1-21

Ezekial 37:1-14

May 31, 2015

Psalm 29

John 3:1-17

Isaiah 6:1-8

Birthdays

MAY

May 2	Andrew Poepoe
May 6	Edward Kahihikolu
May 7	Dane Pestano
May 9	David Malani
	Miki Kaneao
May 10	Kimo Keaulana
May 12	Charles Kealoha
May 14	Donna Ede
May 18	David Kaneao
	Mary Lou Taba
May 21	Lori-Ann Lakalo
May 22	Mason Maeshiro
May 25	John Cortez Jr.
May 26	Mark Crabbe
May 27	Keo Mills
	Alan Poepoe
May 29	Roger Ede
May 31	Hi'ilei Naauao
	Kailee Ann Cortez



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.

May Flowers

May 3:	In Memory of Elizabeth Aarona
May 10:	In memory of Joann Sang
May 17:	Anniversary– Mark & Maalani Patterson
May 24:	Andrew & Jaya Poepoe
May 31:	David & Ruby Kaneao

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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Interim Ministry Team



The service on April 29, began with the baptism of two children, the youngest of whom cried through the longer than usual introduction to baptism. When I put the water of baptism on her forehead, she stopped crying. I put the water on her hand and she was silent. It was a wonderful baptism that symbolized the love of God in Jesus Christ that surrounds this child and all children.

Later each member of the Interim Team shared how the lesson from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 5:1-13) meant to them as they began the interim team ministry at Kaumakapili Church. Their testimonies of faith enthralled us and inspired us. Each of these team members, including me, spoke about how God's call to be a team at this time in Kaumakapili Church's history was a call from God and how together with the congregation we are to write the 29th Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.





Then the executive committee laid hands on the members of the team as Kahu Ken Makuakane, the Papa Makua of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches, blessed the team members. Without a word, Barrett Awai, Ken Makuakane, and Trevor Maunakea stepped from the chancel to the microphone, piano and ukelele and Barrett sang *"How Great Thou Art," "Ke Akua Mana E."* Our souls were lifted to a high plain, and so the interim ministry began.

I look forward to this interim time. I consider myself to be a servant leader working with a group of leaders and a congregation of people who love God and give themselves to be the Church called Kaumakapili Church. Together, may we be the Body of Christ doing God's work in this part of the world and city.

May it be so.

Rev. David Hirano



Mei 2015 ACTIVITIES						
Lāpule	Pō‘akahi	Pō‘alua	Pō‘akolu	Pō‘aha	Pō‘alima	Pō‘aono
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3 <u>Sanctuary:</u> 9-9:30a Children's Worship Time 9:30 - 10:15a Baibala 10:30a-12n Worship 12n Choir Rehearsal Communion	4	5 <u>Sanctuary:</u> 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal	6 <u>Ke‘ena ‘Ohina:</u> 5-8p Halau	7	8 <u>Hale Aloha:</u> 8:30-9:30a Free Store	9
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Good Stewards of God’s Kingdom

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.” 1 Peter 4:10-11 (NRSV)

I look around Kaumakapili, and I see examples of our people carrying out this charge by Peter to be good stewards all the time. What is stewardship? Well, see how many of these things you recognize as happening at Kaumakapili:

- Opening & closing the church
- Sitting with a member who has dementia while their caregiver takes care of other kuleana
- Putting a tray under the water jug spigot during an event so no one slips on a wet floor
- Setting up audio equipment for Singspiration, worship and events
- Taking food to the homeless
- Accepting donations for the Free Store
- Getting members to fill seats on church boards and committees
- Giving youth new kuleana and supporting them in carrying it out
- Greeting and talking story with people who are new to Kaumakapili
- Attending board, committee and Council meetings
- Working out agreements with churches, organizations and businesses in our surrounding community
- Staffing/volunteering for the food bank
- Shopping for Aloha Hour
- Taking a leadership role
- Showing up and helping
- Praying for those on our prayer list
- Supporting the elbow of a kupuna who is unsteady
- Putting away the children’s Bibles at the end of Sunday School
- Getting up early to get to Singspiration
- Reading the Gospel selection during service
- Giving to the food bank
- Sharing talents by:

Cooking for events
Singing an anthem
Playing accompaniment

- Doing accounting
- Typing up committee, board, council minutes
- Reaching out to community partners

- Putting away tables & chairs and sweeping up after events
- Making PowerPoint presentations
- Keeping in touch with members who can’t be in church on Sundays

The list is virtually limitless...just in our tiny corner of Kalihi-Palama. I’ll bet that everyone who reads this can think of 30 more ways that they know stewardship happening all the time. God is indeed glorified in all of these things.

Mahalo Kaumakapili, Mahalo Ke Akua!

The Stewardship Committee



Strengthen the Church.

The Strengthen Church special offering is scheduled for May 24, 2015.

This offering provides resources for the United Church of Christ to plant new churches and support establish congregations with new ideas for ministry, especially to deepen the spiritual life among youth and young adults.

Kaumakapili Church members could take notice of the purpose of this offering during this period of interim ministry. We have the opportunity to take advantage of the UCC’s willingness to help congregations with our vision and future ministry through resources available with this special offering.

What are we thinking about our support and commitment to this offering and the opportunities it offers to us? Does it make a difference as we individually consider our contribution this year? This is another way we can truly be in covenant with our larger church.

Kahu Dean Fujii, Stewardship Committee

Ho'omau I Ka Ho'oilina
Continue the Legacy

“Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known among the nations what he has done. He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded, for a thousand generations.” Psalm 105:1 & 8



Kaumakapili Church Choir

That was the opening scripture text that set the tone for this year’s Aha Mele with its theme: “*E Ho’omau I Ka Ho’oilina – Continue the Legacy.*”

On Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 2 pm, Kaumakapili Church was privileged to host the Oahu Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (OCHCC) Aha Mele. The President of the OCHCC, Della Kua’ana welcomed all. The MC’s for the evening were Hau’oli and Elia Akaka. A musical tribute to Henry Opukaha’ia , Aloha Au Kou Aupuni (I love Thy Kingdom Lord), was sung by Christina Rudolph, Johnnie Ku, Helen Kaowili and Buddy Maunakea. With thankful hearts, each church honored their past, shared their present activities and their hopes for the future. The order of sharing was chronological from 1820 – 1977.

- Kawaiaha’o Church 1820
- Hau’ula Church 1843
- Lili’uokalani Protestant Church 1832
- Kalihi and Moanalua Church 1867
- Kahikuonalani Church 1834
- Bishop Memorial Chapel 1897
- Kaumakapili Church 1838
- Pearl City Community Church 1955
- Wai’anae Protestant Church 1841
- Ka Hana O Ke Akua 1977

As the stories were shared, a tremendously rich legacy was revealing itself. May we continue to meet and share what God has done, and is still doing, in our churches today.

Mahalo Nui to the officers and members of the OCHCC, E Ho’omau I Ka Ho’oilina Planning Committee, Kaumakapili Church - host and pa’ina, Kahu David Hirano, Kahu Richard Kamanu, Kaumakapili Hui Mele Team, and Ikaika and Kawika Lucas for the cover design.

All were invited to fellowship at Hale Kamika and enjoy a mini-meal of Stew and Rice, Chinese Chicken Salad, Cole Slaw, Mixed Fruits, desserts, water, juice, coffee and tea before returning home.



Kamehameha Grads representing
Bishop Memorial Chapel
Lead by ‘Elia Akaka

Did you know

Kamehameha Graduates: Cyrus Maunakea and Madison Maeshiro are both graduating from Kamehameha School. Please congratulate them.

Romans 12:6 “So we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us.”

Do you have a story to share?

Send your news to one of our members at large, Kahau Schoenstein or Alfredo Garcia to be featured in an upcoming Newsletter.



Outreach
Ministry News

Calling all youth! There are great opportunities to serve those in need and fulfill community service requirements for your high school resume.

Mahalo Ke Akua! As Cydnee & MarQee Maunakea came and helped at our Food Bank today.

There are many, many ways to serve this is just one. Let us know if you are willing and able to kokua your time and or talent that God has given you.

Mahalo,

Wendy Garcia, Outreach Ministry
Committee



Food Bank Sponsorships

Want to help provide food for our foodbank? Food Bank Offering envelopes are available during the Sunday worship service.

Upcoming Events

MAY

- Sun., May 10 Mother’s Day
- Sun., May 24 Sunday School Hoike
- Mon. May 25 Strengthen the Church Offering
- Memorial Day

JUNE

- Wed., June 10-11 ‘Aha Iki-Kawaiaha’o
- Thur., June 11 Office Closed– King Kamehameha I Day
- Thur., June 12-13 ‘Aha Makua-Pagoda Hotel
- Sun., June 21 Father’s Day

Food Bank
Volunteer Schedule

May		
12	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
13	Distribution	7:30-10:00am
26	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
27	Distribution	7:30-10:00am
June		
11	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
10	Distribution	7:30-10:00am
23	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
24	Distribution	7:30-10:00am

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The Shower trees in the Kamalulaniokeone‘ula mall were removed to make way for parking this month. We plan to do further renovations on the mall as we beautify the space God has entrusted us with.

KAIULANI SCHOOL PARKING DISCONTINUED

Parking is no longer available at the Kaiulani School lot. Please remember to park in one of our three lots: street side parking, front office parking or in the Kamalulaniokeone‘ula mall parking.

STAY INFORMED

Do you feel a little out of the loop? Council minutes, reports and actions are available at the church office.

E Komo Mai

Kaumakapili Interim Ministry Team

Kaumakapili Church welcomed its new Interim Ministry Team on April 26th, 2015. The team is made up of several ministers that will be looking over the spiritual guidance and administration of Kaumakapili Church during the interim period as we begin the search and call process for a new kahu mua.



The Rev. Sherman Thompson is familiar to us. He works at Kamehameha Church, teaches a class on Christianity at the Honpa Honwangji. He will assume pastoral duties when Rev. Hirano is away. He will resource the deacons.

**Interim Kahu David Hirano
& Mama Kahu Sandra**



The Rev. Dr. David Hirano, is in his ninth interim ministry. He was most recently the interim minister at Central Union Church. He has served in many capacities in the UCC and here is Honolulu was pastor of Nuuanu Congregational Church for 13 years.



Barrett Awai
Interim Team Minister

Barrett Awai, who is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and will be working with our youth and young adults and will be a resource to the Board of Education. He is a member of Kawaiaha'o Church.



Helen Kaupu Kaowili
Interim Team Minister

Helen Kaupu Kaowili, is already ohana to many of you. She is the daughter of the Rev. David Kaupu who is the Pastor Emeritus of our Church. She has been working at Partners in Development and is transliterating the Bible from English to Hawaiian. Helen is a member of Kalihi Moanalua Church. She will resource the Board of Education.

Kona Mann
Interim Team Minister



Kona Mann is a student at Vancouver School of Theology in pursuit of his Masters in Divinity. He serves as a mentor to Oahu's prison population and is employed full-time at OCCC. He brings with him more than 15 years of business development experience and counts it a blessing to whole-heartedly pursue Christ and sow into God's kingdom at Kaumakapili Church. He will help resource the Church Council.

Pa Lawina @ 766

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. Our vineyard is going through preparation for a fruitful harvest.

Wow! He has risen, He has risen indeed! Thank you all so much for staying faithful during this time in the life of our church. We should take account of the recent journey we've come through. From a Mahalo dinner for Kahu Kamanu, to Easter Sunday straight to a transitional sermon by our Acting Papa Makua the Sunday after, to a first sermon by Rev. David Hirano on April 19th and culminating with a service of blessing and affirmation of our newly installed Interim Team on April 26th. We were on the banks of the Jordan and are now walking by faith in the river itself moving forward to a promise land flowing with good fruits.

Our interim team is made up of Helen Kaupu Kaowili, Sherman Thompson, Kona Mann, Barrett Awai, and led by Rev. David Hirano. We welcome them as they use their called gifts to help our church toward growth. They are called to serve as a team to come along side our ministries and assist us over a 12 month period. Please join us at worship services, church gatherings, youth events, bible studies, our luau, and many other times where meeting them will be made possible. I encourage us all to make time to be refreshed by these individuals. Before you know it, their time with us will be complete. Please see additional information on our ministers in this newsletter.

Over the next few months, the team will be engaged not only at worship services but with the boards and committees that work our ministries out. It will take good work and valued time to build relationship and ministry together. Please be aware of the opportunities in the near future that will help us grow our faith and knowledge in the Lord.

The church will now form its search committee and commission that group of individuals for the important task of leading us to our settled pastor.

As we are now officially in the interim period, we will experience a time to heal from the past, understand where we are at today and vision toward the future, let us not forget that we are all going through life and experiencing faith challenging and changing events. Keep our families that are mourning the passing of a loved ones in your prayers. Those who are on our prayer list and are going through health issues can be lifted up in your daily prayer time as well. We pray that God moves through his Holy Spirit to heal, to reveal, and make real His grace and truth in our daily lives.

May God Bless Kaumakapili,

Trevor Maunakea



Change Happens

I was raised in Kaka'ako on a street I knew as Pohukaina but is now called Auahi Street. Our house was across the street from a lumberyard, its name lost in the annals of history. The lumberyard in my young eyes was a big mystery surrounded by a big green fence. I would sit across the coral paved street and stare at the only door in the block long green fence. One day the green door opened and oh what a site to behold! There were giant spiders carrying stacks of lumber, little men walking between the giant's steel claws, stacks of lumber towering to the sky and out of sight. Wow! Then, the little door closed and I felt cheated.

Kaka'ako is a different place today. Where the lumberyard stood on the corner of Ward and Pohukaina is now Ward Plaza, where Bank of Hawaii is and across the street where our house stood is now a little mall that has First Hawaiian Bank, a bridal shop and other stores. The coral paved road is gone and the street renamed and the only old time business that has survived is Kida's Fishing Store.

Change happens.

Anyone who has ever served on the nomination committee would agree that it has always been a challenge to fill the slate in time for the February annual meeting. More often then not, thinking about filling the slate wouldn't occur until November or later because the February annual meeting was still months away.

At the last meeting of the church council, the nomination committee sought the approval of the council to allow members of the nomination committee to meet with each board and committee to gather information on how we can best serve their needs. It's very possible that there will need to be some adjustments and maybe some forward thinking and out of the box planning on how to move forward with our limited resource of people. The committee is looking forward to hearing what people have to say about the strategy used to carry out their work. We can't afford to wait until November to fill the slate but we need to be constantly looking for people to serve and new ways to encourage people to serve.

Change happens.

There are some folks who feel uncomfortable with change and others who accept whatever comes. But, as Kahu Hirano pointed out in his sermon, we, the members of the church, are like the vines in the arbor. We are an integral part of the church meshing together and relating to each other.

"Don't be afraid to change. You may lose something good but you may gain something better."

Roberta Jahrling
Nomination Committee