Ka Leo O Kealoha

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“Nōlaila hoʻi, ʻo ka mea lohe i kea mau ‘olelo aʻa, e ʻa ma hoʻi ia, E hoʻohalike ia ia me ke kanaka naʻaʻauo, nani i kakulu kona hale maluna o ka pihaku.” [Mataio 7:24]

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Blessing, honor, and glory to God.

Your Interim Team Leader.
Kahu David

Our Interim Team is here to serve. Please feel free to contact us.
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Birthdays

JUNE

June 1: Hoku Seabury-Akaka
June 2: Jonus Patterson
June 3: Kuulei Akaka
June 4: Anne Leake
June 6: Kalaniikihunnea Taba
June 9: Derek Sison
June 10: Morgan Cuzon
June 13: Zasha Kanahele
June 14: Sonya Hirano
June 16: Patrick Canonigo
June 18: Ja‘don Inula
June 19: Ariana Akaka
June 21: Kauka Umiamaka
June 23: Darmaine Stant
June 24: Vanessa Goodyear-Kaupua
June 26: Ha‘ieved Umiamaka
June 28: Albert Ioane
June 29: Gregory Chun

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.

JUNE Flowers

June 7: Kaile Fermin
June 14: Ariana Akaka
June 21: In Loving Memory of Henry Aaron Sr.
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June 7, 2015
Genesis 3:8-15
Mark 3:20-35
Psalm 130

June 14, 2015
1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Mark 4:26-34
Psalm 20

June 21, 2015
1 Samuel 17:32
Matthew 19:26
Psalm 9:9-20

June 28, 2015
2 Samuel 1:1-17-27
Mark 5:21-43
Psalm 30

June Flowers

June 7: Kimo Keaulana
June 14: Hauoli La Hanalu-Cyndee & Marquee
June 21: In Memory of Henry Aaron Sr.
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Please mark the following dates and times on your calendars to assist in our Annual Luau:

- **July 9, Thurs.** Set Imu 10am to 12n
- **July 10, Fri.** Prepare Imu 9am to 7pm
- **July 11, Sat.** Conclude Imu and Imu Clean-up 5am-5:30am
- **July 13, Mon.** Place Barricades 8am
- **July 15, Wed.** Clean Hale Aloha, Sheet Tables, Sort Paper Goods
- **July 16, Thur.** Luau Ohana Worship and Dinner 6pm
- **July 17, Fri.** Preparation for Luau 7am to 8pm approx. Kaumakapili Church and Kamehameha Schools (Lunch and Dinner will be served)
- **July 18, Sat.** Luau Volunteers 5am to 7pm approx. Luau Take-Out 10am to 5pm
- **July 19, Sun.** Clean Kitchen and Store Items, Return supplies to Kamehameha Schools

*Get your tickets today! Support Kaumakapili!*
Historic Cemetery Preservation

Kaumakapili Church is partnering with UH Manoa students this month to help preserve historic cemeteries in Hawaii. Trevor Maunakea and Noelle Kahanu shared during the seminar on June 6th, “Preserving Kaumakapili’s Historic Cemeteries.”

Excerpt from KHON News:
“Several students from the University of Hawaii at Manoa are helping to preserve Hawaii’s historic cemeteries.

The students belong to an American studies class that will spend the next two days at Maemae Chapel Cemetery in Nuuanu.

Their work includes mapping, photographing, recording grave marker information as well as cleaning damaged head stones.

“This morning was really about mapping and taking down information that’s here so it can be used and families can use maps we make to find where their relatives may be buried,” said program manager Megan Borthwick.

Did you know . . . .

Our MarQee Maunakea, a freshman at Damien High School, placed in the ILH Intermediate Shot Put and Discus Field and Track competitions thus qualifying her to compete in the HHSAA State Track and Field Championships at the Maui War Memorial Stadium on May 15,015. MarQee did well in the Discus throwing. MarQee would have to throw 104'08” and above. MarQee threw 103'06”.

Although she just missed the mark, we congratulate her for meeting the challenge. May God continually bless our young people as they meet new challenges in their lives.

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

Did you have a story to share?
Send your news to one of our members at Kahau Schoenstein or Alfredo Garcia to be featured in an upcoming Newsletter.

Outreach Ministry News

The Outreach Ministry Committee Representatives, Alfredo and Wendy Garcia, along with Amanda Allison, Community Representative at Ka’iulani School partnered with Ka’iulani School for their free end of the school year event, Taste of Ka’iulani. It was a great event with a Talent Show, guest stars Augie T. and Miss Jr. Teen Hawaii, and many more activities.

The Outreach Ministry Committee

Uncle Alfredo and Aunty Amanda at Taste of Ka’iulani

Food Bank Volunteer Schedule

Uncle Alfredo and Aunty Amanda at Taste of Ka’iulani
Playing to Strengths

In this Interim Season, the council is looking at many different aspects of church life. One of them is the idea of building on our strengths and identifying for our church profile what those strengths are. This is a portion of an article from this month’s edition of The Parish Paper.

Excerpt:
Congregational leaders often ask what is working well for another congregation. Such inquiries reflect limited awareness of and unproductive coping with their own congregation’s uniqueness. Facing the reality of your church’s one-of-a-kind mission requires courage. The perception of risk is accurate. The nature of congregations is to avoid failure, yet pursuing distinctive strategies move a church toward greater strength.

Religious leaders like the tempting idea that one key factor will insure church vitality. The notion that a single essential resource will give a congregation the decisive advantage is false. Examples of touted trump cards include congregational size, worship style, worship music, leadership style, or mission orientation. But there is no evidence that such a single winning factor exists.

Another variant of the peddled one-trick solution is the idea of naming the congregation’s weakest area and then making efforts to improve it. Unfortunately, this version is based on the myth that weaknesses can be fixed and unintentionally disempowers a congregation by causing their leadership to focus on some aspect of its system that may never become one of its strengths.

Research demonstrates that all congregations have multiple strengths and require these building blocks to be effective. For example, a congregation that excels in serving the community but lacks any other strength is little more than a social service agency. Just as a congregation that excels in providing a sense of belonging where people care deeply for one another but lacks other strengths is little more than a social club. Congregational leaders must focus on multiple strengths to do all that is expected of people of faith. If congregational leaders can move beyond their current mental maps, they can see the opportunities for their church by building on its strengths. Church strengths are always multiple, interdependent, and mutually reinforcing. Thus, the strength-building process entails:

- Identifying and appreciating our congregation’s present strengths
- Dreaming of how we can build on these strengths
- Examining and prioritizing action possibilities for building on our strengths
- Pursuing selected options to create a stronger future

Trust in the Promise

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

The Characteristics of God’s Divine Promises for today and always as taken from the Bible tells us:

- It is unfaliling. 1 Kings 8:56
- It is assurance of His divine ability. Romans 4:21
- It is grounded in Christ. 2 Cor 7:1
- It is of infinite value. 2 Peter 1:4
- It culminates in everlasting life. 1 John 2:25

What better launch-pad can we receive in our work for the Lord? Are we ready for the plan Ke Akua has for our future? How is our Spirit-meter today? Makaukau Ana Kakou? Are we ready to work with new fervor?

- Share our talent and gifts?
- Work industriously?
- Make sacrifices in time and money?
- Work steadfastly?
- Labor cheerfully?
- Show aloha and enthusiasm?

Lets make God proud of the promises He has fulfilled and continue to fulfill as Kaumakapili Church surges forward with the new ministry/leadership team. Imua Kaumakapili ‘Ohana!

Myrtle Stewart-Vetekina,
Stewardship Committee