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“Nōlaila ho‘i, o ka mea lohe i kīia mau ʻaʻa, a mala hoʻi ia, E hoʻohālike ia ia me ke kanaka naʻauao, nana i kakulu kona hale maluma o ka pshaku.” [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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**July 19, Sun.**
- Receive Deliveries and Make Pick-ups
- Luau Volunteers 5am to 7pm aprox.
- Kaumakapili Church and Kamemeha Schools (Lunch and Dinner will be served)

**July 18, Sat.**
- Luau Volunteers 9am to 7pm
- Luau Take-Out 10am to 5pm
- Luau Closing Ohana pm
- Kamemeha Schools (Breakfast and Lunch will be served)

**July 17, Thur.**
- Preparation for Luau 10am to 12pm
- Luau Ohana Worship and Dinner 6pm
- Preparation for Luau Sanctuary

**July 16, Wed.**
- Luau Ohana Worship and Dinner 6pm
- Preparation for Luau Sanctuary

**July 11, Sat.**
- Luau Volunteers 9am to 7pm aprox.
- Luau Take-Out 10am to 5pm
- Luau Closing Ohana pm
- Kaumakapili Church (Breakfast and Lunch will be served)

**July 10, Fri.**
- Luau Volunteers 9am to 5pm
- Kamemeha Schools Imu
- Luau Take-Out 10am to 5pm
- Luau Closing Ohana pm
- Kaumakapili Church (Breakfast and Lunch will be served)

**July 9, Thu.**
- Luau Volunteers 9am to 5pm
- Luau Take-Out 10am to 5pm
- Luau Closing Ohana pm
- Kaumakapili Church (Breakfast and Lunch will be served)
‘Aha Pae‘aina 2015

Delegates from Hawai‘i Conference churches and ministers gathered for the 193rd ‘Aha Pae‘aina, June 10 to 13 on O‘ahu. Sybil Schoenstein was present as our Church Delegate. “Stories of trauma and transformation were shared by the Pu‘a Foundation, this year’s keynote presenter.

*Offersings taken during worship services at the ‘Aha Makua benefited Our Church’s Wider Mission ($1583) and the Vesper Maile Ito Fund ($1684).

*Delegates elected new officers and members of the Conference Council: Rod Chamberlain, Linn Garcia, Mary Herbig, David Iha, Kimberlee Kalei Tong.

*The Conference Council, meeting at the conclusion of the ‘Aha Pae‘aina, elected new trustees of the Hawaii Conference Foundation: Alan Akana, Linn Garcia, and Elwood Kita."

KAUMAKAPILI IS A LEADERSHIP CHURCH!

Kaumakapili Church received a certificate for being a 5 for 5 church at the ‘Aha Pae‘aina. “Being 5 for 5 is one sign of congregational vitality in UCC churches that fully support Our Church’s Wider Mission. 5 for 5 churches give to Basic Support and all four Special Mission Offerings. Special Mission Offering dates are: Neighbors in Need is on World Communion Sunday, The Christmas Fund is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, One Great Hour of Sharing is the Fourth Sunday in Lent, and Strengthen the Church is on Pentecost Sunday.” For more information see: http://www.ucc.org/ocwm_is-your-church-five-for-five.

Sybil Schoenstein receiving our 5 for 5 award certificate.

Outreach

Ministry News

UCC Supports African-American Churches Burned

The United Church of Christ will send financial assistance to help African-American churches burned following the shooting deaths at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina. You can join this effort by donating to the UCC’s Disaster Ministries Emergency USA fund at https://unitedchurchchrist.nationbuilder.com/emergency_usa_fund.

History of Christianity in the Pacific Region

A two-week intensive course offered by Pacific School of Religion (PSR), will be held Monday to Friday, July 27 to August 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. each day, at First Chinese Church of Christ in Honolulu. Teaching the course are Randi Walker, Church History Professor at PSR, and Tafa Muasau, former President of Kanana Fou Theological Seminary in American Samoa. To register, see http://www.psr.edu/summer-session-2015-courses.

SUMMER KIDS PROGRAM

Heroes of the Bible is in session! The Board of Education is providing classes for all children under the age of 12. This summer we will be studying heroes of the Bible, this class will be every Sunday, 9:00 a.m. ~ 10:00 a.m.

Genesis through Revelation

A Survey of the Bible

“In the beginning…” Thus begins God’s revelation to us by His Word. Come and understand God’s Word from the beginning of Genesis through the end times of Revelation. This study will provide an overview of each biblical book – its major themes and truths – and an understanding of how they fit together as a whole. You will be strengthened in your faith and encouraged in your relationship with the God who reveals Himself in His Word. The class will be taught by Helen Kaupu Kawaihi.
Supporting Our Local Schools

Amanda Allison serves as community representative at the Ka‘ūlani School Community Council (SCC). She’s been working with the school to come up with ideas on how we might best support Princess Victoria Ka‘ūlani School.

We are already looking into how we might better support the school’s programs. Kaumakapili Church currently serves the families of Kalīhi with our food bank, free store, facility use, on-site pastoral care. We are exploring more ways we can collaborate with Ka‘ūlani school to help the kids in our community. If you are interested in how you can get involved or participate, please contact Amanda Allison.

An article of the Parish Paper has some interesting thoughts on just how we might do that.

Back to School: How Churches Can Partner with Local Schools

“Every healthy community builds on the resources of local churches and schools. The vitality of these two key institutions tells the larger story of the community’s overall quality of life. Historically, churches and schools formed partnerships that benefited children, their families, and the development of future leaders. Today’s schools face unprecedented challenges—such as declining funds, poverty, performance pressures, and violence. What can churches do to strengthen their relationship with local schools?

Ideas for Relationships and Partnerships

Dr. Lovett Weems, Lewis Center for Church Leader-ship, identifies four categories that provide a frame-work for thinking about church/school partnerships. Congregations can (1) help students succeed, (2) assist with student needs, (3) support and affirm teachers, and (4) advocate for schools and education.

Helping students succeed. The most common partnering role by churches involves volunteer men-tors or tutors, or after-school programs. Many communities already have these programs in place and churches link members to existing opportunities to volunteer. Other options include offering space for homework/club, pulpit practice, and so on. We are talking about good stewardship of our church buildings, our properties, our investments. How much will we need to be good stewards of all the things God has given us? What will our commitment be?

We need to remember, though, that before we are stewards of God’s message of grace, of hope and of love for one another. To be stewards of God’s message doesn’t require a budget, it just needs sharing; a different way of looking at life, a different kind of giving that comes from within. In the beginning was the Word.

Some examples of ways that congregations partner with local schools to meet student needs include collecting and distributing school supplies as a new school year begins and assisting with the purchase of school uniforms, shoes, or sports uniforms. Because many children are at risk of hunger when school is not in session, some churches offer a summer lunch program or organize a backpack food program for the weekends.”


Stewardship News

The offering envelopes have been returned to the pews! This will make it easier for our guests and members to designate a gift, or make a pledge payment, whether using cash or check.

Pledge payments and gifts typically decline during the Summer months. But the bills don’t decline! Utilities, insurance payments, payroll, upkeep - everything puts a continual strain on the church’s finances. In May, however, pledge and gifts were higher than budgeted! A big Mahalo to all members and friends who keep their regular payments and gifts current.

Thoughts

The Board of Stewardship is already discussing this year's pledge drive - even though it is four months away! Discussing budgets, bulletin inserts, pledge envelopes, pulpit speakers, and so on. We are talking about good stewardship of our church buildings, our properties, our investments. How much will we need to be good stewards of all the things God has given us? What will our commitment be?

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Frank Jahrling

The Early Bird Gets the……

No, no, no, the Nomination Committee is not trying to catch worms, ugh! But, we are sending out an early request to members serving on a board or committee whose term ends at the next annual meeting. The request is for them to continue their service.

In August we will mail another letter but this time to those members who are not currently serving. It is hoped that we will have some positive responses.

While the church is in a transitional phase looking for a Kahu, putting together a church profile, working with an interim minister and interim transitional ministry team we the church members need to keep up with running programs and keeping up with the responsibilities of our respective board or committee.

Consider the Nomination Committee as your conscience probing and prodding you to work in God’s Vineyard. There are some out there who feel they can’t serve for personal reasons only they know, or feel inadequate because they aren’t sure how they can serve. Believe me all who are serving started out feeling unsure of what they were doing but with caring and guidance and working together we can learn to serve and serve well.

Members of the Nomination Committee are here to offer our service to any member or friend who feel the call to service. I close with the lyrics from a well known and familiar hymn: “In The Service of the King”.

I am happy in the service of the King, I am happy oh so happy.

I have peace and joy that nothing else can bring.

In the service of the King.

We pray that you too will be happy in the service of the King. Would you answer an early call to service? Be brave and be that early bird.

Your Nomination Committee,

Roberta Jahrling, Zena Kaehu, Iris DeRego

Gift from an Angel

God sent Kaumakapili Church an “Angel” who recently walked into the church office one late afternoon. Buddy Maunakea greeted the “Angel” who came in right off the street, unannounced, unexpected and anonymous, and presented the church with a substantial cash donation. Thanks be to God!

We can Believe that God works Miracles! Believe in Angels!