



AUGUST

August 2, 2015

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

John 6:24-35

Ephesians 4:1-16

August 9, 2015

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

John 6:35, 41-51

Psalms 24

August 16, 2015

Proverbs 9: 1-6

John 6:51-58

Ephesians 5:15-20

August 23, 2015

Psalms 84

John 6:56-69

Ephesians 6:10-20

August 30, 2015

Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8

Birthdays

AUGUST

August 1	Jonathan Muratsuka
August 2	Stewart Martin
	Roger Kahale
August 3	Kahaunani Schoenstein
	Samson Aarona
August 4	Kaleinani Schoenstein
August 5	Koland Henry Aarona
August 6	Richard Kamanu
	Zeena Kanahale
	Kapua Rudolph
August 8	James Aarona
August 9	John Keppeler
August 9	Stephen Poepoe
August 10	Summer Lynn Kamau-Waikiki
August 12	Josie Schoenstein
August 13	Taylor Pestano
August 15	Derek Ho‘omana
August 16	Daniel Jandoc
	William Cabacungan
August 17	Shon Kihewa
	Shanna Leake
August 19	Matthew Motas
August 22	Teruo Kawata
	Helen Patterson
August 23	Shari Kaneao
August 26	Royalette Kealoha
	Seth Balai
August 27	Bruce Wolfe
August 28	James Bright
August 30	Quinn Ho‘omana-Heffernan



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.

August Flowers

August 2:	Masami & Pearl Takeuchi
August 9:	Happy Birthday~
	Sybil, Kalei & Josie Schoenstein
August 16:	Hau‘oli La Hānau~Matthew Motas
August 23:	Helen Patterson “50”
August 30:	Happy Birthday~Kapua Rudolph

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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**Letting Go,
then letting God**



Leading the Interim Team has been a joy. The members of the team function as a team, and each member while learning doing their tasks have supported one another and cared for one another. They have participated in worship. They have met with their respective teams. Helen Kaupu Kaowili leads a Bible Study group that has increased in attendance. Barrett Awai has been working with youth. Kona Mann has been attending to the administrative pieces of the church and Sherman Thompson has been assisting me with the pastoral aspects of the church. Helen preached her first sermon and did a wonderful job of opening up the Scripture and applying it to our lives. All in all I enjoy working with the team.

As much as I wanted to participate more fully in the luau, we could only give limited time, as we were moving from our house in Kailua to our apartment at 21 Craigside Drive in Nuuanu. While we made the move, we had to prepare our house to sell. With only two open houses, we had five offers. As I write this article, we received notice that "the property was recorded and the ownership was

transferred." The news is received with relief but also sadness. We lived in the house for forty-one years. We reared our children in that house. It was the house where we were able to see our grand daughter grow. There are thousands of memories that the house holds. We miss seeing Mt. Olomana and the Koolaus. We miss our neighbors. But then new occasions teach new duties. We enter another stage in our lives.









Life is like that: letting go, then letting God. Each day is a day to live and to enjoy the blessings of life. When we let go, we let God and as we do, we find blessings even in the most difficult times.

Thank you for letting us serve God through Kaumakapili Church.

Blessings.

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‘Aukake 2015 ACTIVITIES						
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KAUMAKAPILI CHURCH CHOIR RETREAT

Saturday, August 29, 2015
8am – 12 noon
Sanctuary

Anthems for services in
October, November and December
and
Christmas Eve Service

"Images of Adoration"
Reflections of Christ in Symbols of the Season





ALL ARE WELCOME

Can Congregations Reach Young Adults?

A recent national study of more than eleven thousand congregations identified worshipping communities that are successfully engaging young adults.¹ When 20 percent or more of a congregation’s active participants are between eighteen and thirty-four years old, the researchers designated the church as having significant young adult participation.

Understanding Proximity and Demographics

Why aren’t congregations reaching more young adults? Unfortunately, some reasons fall outside the local church’s control.

Reason #1: Proximity to young adult populations.

Reason # 2: Age of the congregation.

Reason # 3: Racial and ethnic diversity.

Reason # 4: Delayed marriage and childbearing among young adults.

Demographic shifts in the age of first-marriage (the average age is increasing) and the number of children (to fewer or none) are powerful factors for predicting church attendance. If church programming aims at meeting the needs of married adults with children, growing numbers of people do not share those interests. Innovative congregations can offer social and institutional support for single and childless younger adults.²

Understanding Young Adult Preferences

In her summary of literature and research, Dr. LiErin Probasco summarizes four practices that speak to young adults.³

A compelling core identity. Congregations with higher young adult participation clearly articulate their central mission, grounding it in a particular faith tradition. The congregation’s vision speaks to who they are collectively, to personal identity, and is responsive to the local community context. Because young adults are experiencing an unstable stage of the lifecycle, congregations can assist in personal identity and faith formation.

A mission of inclusion. Young adults find the congregation to be accessible because it meets them where they are

in terms of their religious knowledge and commitment. The congregation accepts their diverse religious experiences and backgrounds and offers multiple points of entry into church life. Practically, this means that the congregation offers various worship times and formats, study groups, social gatherings, and volunteer opportunities.

A goal to inspire. High quality worship experiences especially appeal to young adults. Liturgy and sermons that inspire, offer hope and insights about coping with everyday life, and motivate people to grow in their faith attract younger adults. The congregation can be a community of support and challenge for those trying to grasp who they are and what kind of adults they hope to be. Many congregations in the study offered worship that engaged both the “brain and body,” often emphasizing the arts and music.

A drive to innovate. While drawing on the continuity of historical ways of practicing faith, young adult-populated congregations found that they could still change customs by not doing things the ways they have always been done. In the non-core aspects of church life, congregations creatively linked the social with the spiritual. Small groups meet in coffee shops and other non-church venues. In some churches, informality happens at a completely new level when “events” are not named. Finally, innovation and flexibility is displayed in extra-congregational ventures, such as college campus ministry or volunteer opportunities in faith-based agencies.

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Upcoming Events

AUGUST

Fri., August 21	Office Closed Statehood Day
Fri., August 14	KPHC Aloha Friday Ohana Festival Princess Victoria Ka‘iulani School, 4pm
Sat., August 29	Choir Retreat, 8am-12n

SEPTEMBER

Mon., September 7	Office Closed Labor Day
Sat., September 19	Hawaii Food Bank Hunger Walk Honolulu Civic Center, 8am Check-in

Food Bank Volunteer Schedule

August		
11	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
12	Distribution	7:30-10:00am
25	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
26	Distribution	7:30-10:00am
September		
8	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
9	Distribution	7:30-10:00am
22	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
23	Distribution	7:30-10:00am



CLASS WILL BE ON BREAK!

08/09, 08/16 (No Adult Bible Study)
08/23, 08/30 (No Youth Group)



Outreach Ministry News

The Hawaii Foodbank 11th Annual Hunger Walk – 2015

Kaunakapili Food Bank is a member agency of The Hawaii Foodbank (HFB). We purchase canned goods and other items for our food bank on a regular basis from the Hawaii Foodbank. They are the foundational support for many food banks on Oahu.

The only organized annual fundraiser our food bank has been by participating in the Annual Hunger Walk. This is sponsored by The Hawaii Foodbank solely for the benefit of its member agencies. We ask for your support of this effort by “walking the walk” with us on September 19th, and/or by becoming a Supporter of those who will be walking for our food bank. More information will be given on Sundays, with our drive culminating on September 27th, our regular Food Bank Sunday.

Mahalo Ke Akua for this opportunity to help our neighbors in need.



The Pleasure of Pledging

In our Board of Stewardship meetings, “The Pleasure of Pledging” is a phrase that Kahu Hirano uses to describe the foundation of where Kaumakapili Church needs to be in order to sustain and grow. Pledging is a simple concept that has been around since Old Testament days, if not longer. However, many of us find it quite difficult to carry through. Our lives are complicated: there are many demands on our time, our funds, our living space, and other resources that God has given us.

Kaumakapili Church is no different. As a Body of Christ, our congregation has been blessed with a beautiful and spacious building and grounds that we put to good work in His name with and for the community. We have been able to make ends meet financially, and people have always devoted time, talent and effort to the works of the Church.

However, Kaumakapili, like a lot of families in Hawai‘i, does okay day-to-day, but doesn’t have a very clear path toward growth and sustainability. When there is a need for more money or works, the tendency is for those who are contributing and doing work already to squeeze out more money and time from their already strained budget and calendar... just like many of the adults in Hawai‘i households take on more work and more tasks to sustain themselves and hopefully establish a growth track for the future. Well at Kaumakapili, we actually have other options: there is ample room for more pledges and more hands doing the work.

While our congregation is generous and we also receive other monetary



and material gifts, fewer than 60 pledges are received each month. When people pledge and follow through, it is easier to budget and plan. So, gifts are wonderful, but pledges are spectacular!

While our congregation puts on great events and we are so very fortunate to have the many hands to help, one cannot help but see that often many of the same people are the ones doing the work. Volunteering to do something on a regular basis takes the pressure off those who are already doing so much. Planning to be around before an event to help set up, or staying until the work is done makes events less taxing on all.

How can you pledge? Well, there is an annual pledge drive that culminates on Stewardship Sunday, which will be on November 8th this year. We ask for both monetary and volunteer pledges. You can also volunteer your services to boards, committees, and folks who appear to be in charge of things. Ask what is needed, or offer what you can do, based on your abilities and availability.

Pledging your dollars, your efforts, and your presence – even if it is just a small amount of each, helps Kaumakapili sustain itself, plan for the future, and grow in its ministries. Now wouldn’t that make you smile to see such a thing happening in Kapālama?

See? It is just like Kahu David said, “the pleasure of pledging!”

'Aha Halawai 2015

The Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches 'Aha Halawai will be October 2-3, at Haili Congregational Church (Hilo).

Musicians Are Needed for Kaua'i Hospice Program

Kaua'i Hospice is looking for volunteer vocalists and instrumentalists to help in a music program for hospice patients. For more information, contact Jeffrey Pears, Bereavement Care Associate, at 808-977-8498 or jpears@kauaihospice.org.



Trustees Elect Foundation Officers for 2015-16

The trustees of the Hawai'i Conference Foundation met briefly on July 15, 2015, to elect officers for the new fiscal year.

Congratulations to these new officers:

- Roberta Jahrling (Kaumakapili) and Herbert Monty Richards (Kalahikiola), Co-Chairs
- Aletha Kaohi (Hanapepe Hawaiian), Vice-Chair
- Gloria Kobayashi (Church of the Holy Cross), Secretary
- Linn Garcia (Windward UCC), Treasurer

Excerpts from Coconut Wireless: www.hcucc.org

Moral Injury

A day-long workshop on ministry with and support of veterans returning home from combat.

Sponsored by the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ

DATE: Saturday, September 12, 2015

TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Windward United Church of Christ
38 Kaneohe Bay Drive, Kailua (across from Aikahi Shopping Center.)

To register, email ymaunakea@hcucc.org, or call 808-537-9516. There will be a \$20 fee, payable at the workshop, for lunch and materials.

The workshop will be led by Stephen Boyd, retired military chaplain and currently UCC Minister for Chaplains and Ministers in Specialized Settings



This Summer Kaumakapili Church Interim Team launched a new adult bible study: a bible survey of Genesis through Revelation taught by Helen Kaupu Kaowili. The class has drawn a lot of interest. If your not currently attending a bible study group on Sunday mornings, we encourage you to come out and join our group from 9am-10am.

"I have attended every one of Helen Kaupu Kaowili's Bible classes and I always look forward to the next. Only the books of Genesis, Exodus and Leviticus have been covered so far, yet in each of these books, there has been so much rich history, stories and messages. Most of all God's presence, guidance and love for his people persists throughout. Interestingly, Helen keeps referring to parallels between the Old and New Testaments and the focus on Christ's Resurrection for us as Christians. There is so much to learn in this class, that one has to be there to value every word."

"It is a very different way to understanding the Bible. Walking the very beginning and seeing in a different light what God's plan was for his people and how they responded. And all relative to us today. Very enlightening for me to see it this way. Mahalo Ke Akua"

Did you know

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

Cyrus Maunakea will be attending the University of Portland majoring in Business and Madison Maeshiro is attending Dartmouth University her major is Biology.

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.