



## **SEPTEMBER**

September 6, 2015

*Isaiah 35:1-10*

*Mark 7:24-37*

*James 2:1-10*

September 13, 2015

*Isaiah 50:4-91a*

*Mark 8:27-38*

*James 3:1-12*

September 20, 2015

*Proverbs 31:10-31*

*Mark 9:30-37*

*James 3:13-4:8*

September 27, 2015

*Psalms 124*

*Mark 9:38-50*

*James 5:13-20*

## **Birthdays**

### **SEPTEMBER**

September 2	Sarah Balai
September 4	Janice Wolfe
September 9	John Cortez Sr.
	Lana Sue Kaopua
	Jayne Ioane
September 15	Kawehimaeole Umiamaka
September 18	Robert Maeshiro
September 19	Sean Jandoc
September 20	Dorothy Kihewa
September 22	Tracy Fernandez-Green
September 27	Margaret Wolf
	Gabriel Malani
	Roxanne Canonigo
September 28	Tommy Chronister Jr.



*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.*

## **September Flowers**

September 6:	Lakalos
September 13:	Kupahu Ohana
September 20:	Anniversary-Alfredo & Wendy Garcia
September 27:	Ka'ala & Rosalie Carmack- In Memory of George Carmack

### **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 Hawaiian 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.



"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]

# **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]*

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### **Where He Leads Us, We Will Follow**



I made my commitment to "fulltime Christian Service," at Nuuanu Baptist Church. It was during a revival and the congregation was singing, *"Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow..."* Throughout my ministry that is now in its fifty-fifth year, I continue to hear those words. Following Jesus has led me to Kaumakapili Church and to lead this interim team ministry.

Before we were led here, we made a commitment to move to Piedmont Crossing in Thomasville, North Carolina, a continuing care retirement community, we will begin that phase of our lives on Tuesday the 15th of September. We fly to Los Angeles, spend five days with my siblings. We will pick up our car on the 16th, and on the 21st we will start driving across country.

Through the marvels of the internet and computers, we will be able to stay in touch with Kaumakapili Church. We will utilize Skype to be in

touch with the team, the executive committee, and the council. I will continue to work on policies and other things concerning Kaumakapili Church while we are in North Carolina.

Then on the 14th of October I will fly back to Hawaii, and be here for twelve days to preach two Sunday's and to meet with the team. In a separate article I will outline the ways in which the team will operate. This will continue monthly.

This is a new venture. In a very real sense this is an act of faith, it is living out the hymn *"where he leads us, we will follow."* These are words not just for Sandra, me and the team, but it is for Kaumakapili Church.

Thank you for calling us to follow Jesus through our interim ministry.











Blessings.

Kahu David

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Kepakemapa 2015 ACTIVITIES						
Lāpule	Pō‘akahi	Pō‘alua	Pō‘akolu	Pō‘aha	Pō‘alima	Pō‘aono
		1	1 <u>Hale Aloha:</u> 8:00-10:00 Food Bank <u>Ke‘ena ‘Ohina:</u> 5-8p Halau <u>Board Room:</u> 2-4p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm) 	3 <u>Board Room:</u> 3-5p Ukulele Class 	4 <u>Hale Aloha:</u> 8:30-9:30a Free Store	5
6 <u>Sanctuary:</u> 9-9:30a CWT 10:30a-12n Worship <u>Classrooms:</u> 9:30-10:15a Sunday School 9am-10am Adult Bible Study (Poepoe Rm.) 9am-10am Youth Group <u>Board Room:</u> 9a-10a Ukulele Class	7 Labor Day OFFICES CLOSED	8 <u>Hale Aloha:</u> 7:30-9 Food Bank Prep <u>Sanctuary:</u> 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal	9 <u>Hale Aloha:</u> 8:00-10:00 Food Bank <u>Ke‘ena ‘Ohina:</u> 5-8p Halau <u>Board Room:</u> 2-4p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm) 	10Kaneao Vacation <u>Board Room:</u> 3-5p Ukulele Class 	11Kaneao Vacation <u>Hale Aloha:</u> 8:30-9:30a Free Store	12Kaneao Vacation
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Help our foodbank with your donation through Give Aloha, Foodland’s Annual Community Matching Gifts Program. From September 1-30th, 2015 present your Maika‘i Card at the checkout counter at Foodland and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to Kaumakapili Church. Our registration code is: **78059** .Your donation will be added to your grocery purchase total. You can give up to \$249.00.



Compassion in the Arts– Oct 16 6pm  
Honolulu Museum of Art

Compassion in Arts is in its 4th year, a competition open to middle and high school students all over Hawaii. All mediums are accepted with the annual theme of "compassion for the needy and hungry". This year we've added "World Food Day" as another component given that this event falls on WFD.

Join us to celebrate the artwork our keiki have put so much work into and help us to recognize the finalists and winners of this competition. [#CompassionArts2015](#)

Parking is available right next to the Honolulu Museum of Art and is \$5.

*Kaumakapili Keiki Mele*

**DEAR GOD**  
By Yuzu Martin (9 years old)

*Dear God,  
I have a question for You  
Why do You love me  
Even though I sin?*

*I’m not as sweet as I want to be  
Sorry...  
I fight with my brother  
Can’t help it!  
Sometimes I get mad at mom  
I don’t know why ‘cause I love her*

*So do You really really love me?  
I just wonder why...*

*Dear God,  
Thank You for listening to my prayers  
And countless blessings that You have given me*

*I don’t know why You love me  
But I know You love me  
You love me  
You love me  
You love me  
I feel the power  
In my heart*

*You love me  
You love me  
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In my heart*

**ATTENTION, CHILDREN OF GOD!  
- Let Us Make A Joyful Noise To The Lord! -**

Pōki‘i Choir is a great place for our children to learn and show how much they love God through music. We will meet on the second and fourth Sundays during the service at Hale Kamika (Ke‘ena ‘Ohina). Follow Aunty Pohai Wong and Aunty Kaori Martin after the Children’s Good News Time.





What Does Kaumakapili Mean to You?

“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.” Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

What power there is in prayers sent up as a group! How magnified is our worship when done together! This is just the beginning of what Kaumakapili means to me. Every week, every month, every year, I learn and do new things that help me grow in my love of God – there are countless opportunities to do God’s work with the Body of Christ at Kaumakapili. This is where I get to learn how to be a good steward, sing praises to God, “Let the little children come unto me” with the Sunday School. Every week I am spiritually refreshed and enriched.

What does Kaumakapili mean to you? This year, as we gear up for our annual Stewardship drive, the Board of Stewardship asks each and every one of you to keep this question in prayer. There is a lot happening at Kaumakapili as we grow with our Interim Team as well as search for a new kahu. Realizing what Kaumakapili means to you helps guide where to best place your efforts, as well as the level of giving you can provide.

If you would like to share with the congregation what Kaumakapili means to you, please let anyone on the Board of Stewardship know and we will schedule you to do so during the announcement time before service.

Mahalo!

Amanda, BOS

Mahalo nui!

Alaka’ina Foundation, through the support of Vaughn Vasconcellos, Principal Advisor, and Phil Kahue, Executive Director, continue its annual support to Kaumakapili Church. Pictured here are Andrew Poepoe, Chair of the Foundation Committee, receiving a check from Phil Kahue.



Community Demographic Changes

As history shows many of the members of Kaumakapili Church used to live right here in the community. Even Uncle Henry Aarona, who lived at Beckley place up the street, was able to spend much of his time here at the church. Now the majority of us live out of town or farther away and have to commute to come to services. It’s a different reality. What do you do when your church no longer reflects the current community demographics? How do you stay thriving and begin reengaging the community again? Below is an excerpt from **Ministry Matters** blog post, “When your church no longer reflects the community?”, by Ron Edmondson, Senior Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church. (www.ministrymatters.com) Consider the following background scenario he presented where a particular community became more Hispanic over time.



**“Background Scenario:** This church had for years been overwhelmingly a white, middle-class church. The community is presently less than 20 percent white. The dominant demographic is Hispanic.

**The question was:** How can we grow now that we don’t represent the demographics of our community?”

“I think he’s asking the wrong question — at least the wrong initial question. The question a church in this situation has to ask is **what** they are going to do — not **how** they are going to do whatever they do. More importantly, the **why** behind what you do will ultimately fuel the church to achieve it. Furthermore, I went on to advise him that I believe the church needs to answer this question collectively, or at least more lay leadership needs to be involved in the answer. Whatever the church decides to do will determine the future of the church. Pastors may come and go, but those in the church will likely have to live with the answer for the remaining life of the church.

In my opinion — and its only an opinion — there are really only three options.” Become like the community, leave the community or slowly die in the community.

Become like the community.

“You can strive to represent your community again. This may require staffing and programming changes. You’ll have to ask a lot more questions such as what the community needs and how best to address them. You’ll need to engage current community leaders — and this is not just elected leaders but community activists and people who know the community. It won’t be easy and it will challenge your people, but it’s a noble goal. It’s likely the community needs more churches that do reflect the community. But, getting there won’t be easy.”

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

Mon., October 2-3 'Aha Halawai-Haili Congregational  
Church (Hilo)  
Mon., October 5 CAMPUS CLOSED– HECO Power  
Outage for repairs  
Sun., October 18 OSSA Ho’ike, Bishop Memorial  
Sun., October 25 Sunday School Penny Carnival

Food Bank Volunteer Schedule

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
October		
13	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
14	Distribution	7:30-10:00am
27	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
28	Distribution	7:30-10:00am

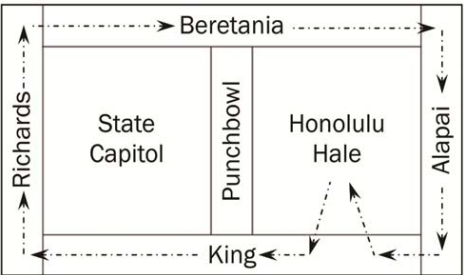


SAVE THE DATE: October 5, 2015 we will receive the annual Neighbors in Need offering. Please consider an offering for this important fund. This year’s theme focus is on American Indian Ministries that helps support various tribes and reservations.

Outreach Ministry News

The Hawaii Foodbank 11th Annual Hunger Walk – 2015

Join us for the annual Foodbank Hunger Walk on September 19th at 8am. We will walk one mile to help support our foodbank here at Kaumakapili Church.



Here are some of the agencies that benefit from the Hunger Walk:

- Neighborhood Food Pantries
- Soup Kitchens & Meal Programs
- Homeless & Abuse Shelters
- Rehabilitation Centers
- Residential Programs
- Senior Programs





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 slowly being prepared for a fruitful harvest. We are planting seeds of hope and praying that we walk with God in order to see fruits in years to come.

Wow! God is moving! This vineyard we are calling Kaumakapili is undergoing a needed tilling of its soil. Structurally we are working on improving how we carry out the ministries that we have. Spiritually we are being introduced to the vibrancy of God’s word and his work in worship. Our faith as a church is being sharpened as we seek God in transitioning from one season to the next. This is a reminder to us that apart from God we are nothing. Arise Kaumakapili to the God of your ancestors to the promises he holds for all of us for he is faithful and will never fail us!

Interim Team Kuleana

Our interim team made up of Helen Kaupu Kaowili, Barrett Awai, Sherman Thompson, Kona Mann and lead by Kahu David Hirano has just completed 5 months of work in the vineyard. Our worship has been uplifting and Spirit filled since their start with us on April 1, 2015. They have begun to settle in their respective kuleana and are working alongside our laity in ministry. Helen Kaupu Kaowili started her class titled “The Survey of the Bible”. This class is held every Sunday at 9:00 am and walks us through a very broad look at the complete bible. She is well versed in the Hebrew and brings to light God’s word book by book. Barrett Awai has just completed a six week run with our youth on growing their spiritual lives. A mixture of class work and yard work makes up for a energizing lesson of faith. Kona Mann continues to share his gifts with the executive committee and council as he brings a youthful and energetic look at our infrastructure and its impact on ministry. Kahu Sherman Thompson continues to help us find Waldo in our lives and assists Kahu Hirano in visitations and weekly office work. Our overall leader continues to hold weekly meetings with the team and holds down worship for us all. His constant stimulating ideas tests the laity in the way we conduct business and challenges us to prepare the church for the call of its settled Kahu.

‘Imi Ke Kahu

In August, we blessed our search committee with the task of leading the church through the pastoral search process. After several months of organizing a committee, the church settled on a seven member team with a seasoned adviser to lead the important work of searching for our next Kahu. The committee is made up of Mrs. Iris DeRego, Mrs. Luana Jardine, Mr. Phil Reiger, Mr. Buddy Maunakea,

Ms. Chelsea Fernandez, Ms. Hannah Spencer, Ms. Moani Wong/Ms. Lahela Reinhart, and Ms. Sybil Schoenstein as advisor. The committee will hold their first meeting in the month of September and keep the church up to date as to their progress month to month. The bulletin board at the rear of our sanctuary will hold information for all to read. The committee is young and made up of new faces to the search process. It is the church’s hope that the committee can hear God’s voice and lead us toward the one that He is calling to serve Kaumakapili. Please keep these names in your daily prayer as they seek God’s direction for us.

Church Annual Fundraiser Luau

Our church has just come through celebrating and working our 44<sup>th</sup> annual church luau fundraiser. We are still awaiting our final numbers as expenses are still coming in. We stand to come up shy of our goal of \$30,000.00. Thank you to all of our members, family, and friends who gave of their time and energy to this part of our church life. The council in its August meeting spent some time talking about the future of this luau as a fundraiser for the church. To those who came to kokua, you may have noticed a decline in people help. The work load is increasing and our membership that comes to help is on the decline. Our Kupuna who started this luau nearly 45 years ago are still holding major positions. Their legs, arms, and hands are continuing the faithful work in hopes that a new generation can continue this legacy. Unfortunately, we are seriously discussing the sustainability of this tradition. We are on the door step of 45 years of luau in the Kalihi Palama area and need your prayers of discernment as we honestly talk about its future. Join the body in prayer as we seek God in this and call upon his Holy Spirit to inspire in us a vision.

2016 Stewardship Program

Fall is upon us which brings about the beginning of our Sunday School season. Our teachers are ready to inspire young lives to Christ so please do bring your keiki to see what Kaumakapili can offer. This is also the time we begin our major campaign for our 2016 stewardship program. Our board of stewardship will be ready to unveil its challenge budget to the church as we look toward the future. The movement toward Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, and Hebedoma is a foot as our choir and interim team begin to prepare us for the important season of Christmas.

Hoala Hou Kaumakapili to the God of our fathers for he is faithful and will not let us fail!

May God Bless Kaumakapili,

Trevor Maunakea



Did you know . . . .

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

Josie Schoenstein won Honorable Mention in the Youth category at the City of Honolulu’s 8<sup>th</sup> annual exhibit of The National Arts Program in Honolulu. Josie entered her color pencil drawing from her 5<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish class, titled “La Piedra del Sol El Calendario Anteca.”

Josie’s art along with the other entries was displayed at the Honolulu Hale courtyard from August 25<sup>th</sup> through September 10<sup>th</sup>. The event was presented by the Mayor’s Office of Culture and the Arts (MOCA) and the National Arts Program Foundation, and featured original paintings, drawings, photographs, sculptures, crafts and other visual arts created by City employees and family members. Kaleinani Schoenstein works at the Board of Water Supply in the Communications Division.

Kamalulani Wong presented at the Hula ‘Oni E hula competition on September 5th. She was extraordinary and represented very well, her kumu Lopaka Igarta-De Vera and Sonny Ching and her hālau, Nā Mamo o Pu‘uanahulu.



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.

Interim Ministry Team

Schedule for September and October

Pulpit Supply for the Interim Team Schedule:

September 20:	Barrett Awai	October 4:	Helen Kaupu Kaowili
September 27:	Kahu Sherman Thompson	October 11:	Kona Mann

Holy Communion will be administered by Kona Mann who is applying to the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches for licensing and authorization to consecrate and administer the sacraments. In the event that this does not happen, there will be an ordained minister who will be available.

The Office coverage:

Pastoral emergencies will be covered by Kahu Sherman Thompson.

Tuesday mornings:	Helen Kaowili	BOS, EXEC, COUNCIL:	Kona Mann
Wednesday mornings:	Barrett Awai	BOE:	Helen Kaupu Kaowili
Thursday mornings:	Kahu Sherman Thompson		Barrett Awai

Kona Mann is responsible for assuring that Skype is set up for team, council, and executive committee.

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