



NOVEMBER

November 1, 2015

Mark 12:28-34

Psalms 119:1-8

Psalms 146

November 8, 2015

Ruth 1:1-18

Mark 12:38-44

Hebrews 9:24-28

November 15, 2015

Mark 13:1-10

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hebrews 10:11-25

November 22, 2015

Psalms 126

Mark 10:46-52

2 Samuel 23:1-7

November 29, 2015

Psalms 126

Mark 10:46-52

Psalms 25:1-10

Birthdays

NOVEMBER

November 1	Jaynal Ioane Daniel Medeiros Kimberley Muratsuka
November 2	Linda Mills
November 5	Francis Malani Bernadette Park Samuel Kihewa Titus Maunakea
November 6	Aaron Kaneao
November 9	Kou Aquino
November 10	David Kaupu
November 11	Vivian Maunakea
November 12	Davilynne Jandoc
November 17	Jarin Cortez
November 20	Lihau Stender
November 22	Maria Mederios
November 29	Debra Chun
November 30	Kekela Kihewa



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.

November Flowers

November 1:	Anniversary - Eric & Christina Rudolph
November 8:	Hau'oli Lā Hānau-Mom's 92nd Birthday Jennie Kaohuaiona'ali'i Stewart Carmack
November 15:	In Memory of Melvin E. Spencer Jr.
November 22:	In Memory of Rosalind Kamakea
November 29:	Uncle Roy Benham

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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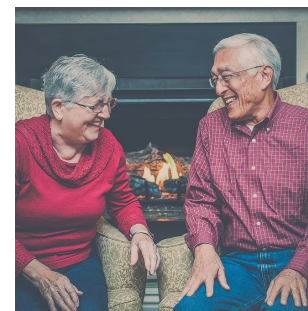
"Nōlaila ho'i, o ka mea lohe i kēia mau 'ōlelo a'u, a mala ho'i ia, E ho'ohālike iā ia me ke kanaka na'auao, nana i kākulu kona hale maluna o ka pōhaku." [Mataio 7:24]

"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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Nowemapa 2015

Advent 2015



Living on the Mainland is different from living in Hawaii. There are fewer Asians and Pacific Islanders, there is a lot of space and it is not as crowded. At this time of the year, the trees are turning and as one travels the roads, one sees stands of trees that are brightly draped in yellow, red, orange and green. The days are getting shorter and we know that the advent of winter is coming.

In Hawaii, the signs of the coming of winter is not that evident. The days grow shorter, and trees like the monkey-pod will lose their leaves, but otherwise, one day is as beautiful as the next.

In the church year, Advent begins the new church year. The four Sundays of Advent remind us of the coming of Jesus Christ and culminates on Christmas. The color for Advent is purple or blue. Purple is the color of royalty. On Christmas day, the color changes to white. In many churches the hymn "*O come, o come, Emmanuel*" is sung.

At Kaumakapili Church we will light the candles on the Advent wreath. As the candles are lit, we will lift up four virtues that Jesus brings: love, joy, peace, and hope.



Then on Christmas Eve, the Choir will lead the congregation in singing "*Images of Adoration: Reflections of Christ in Symbols of the Season*", by Pepper

Choplin.

All of these events are taking place so that we will remember what God has given to us in Jesus our Christ!

Come and be part of the celebration.

Mele Kalikimaka.

Kahu David









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Advent
Wednesday Evening Service

**Advent Study-6pm
Auxiliary Hall
December 2nd, 9th and 16th**

Nowemapa 2015 ACTIVITIES						
Lāpule	Pō‘akahi	Pō‘alua	Pō‘akolu	Pō‘aha	Pō‘alima	Pō‘aono
1 <u>Sanctuary:</u> 10-10:30a CWT 10:30a-12n Worship <u>Classrooms:</u> 9:15-10:00a Sunday School 9am-10am Youth Group <u>Ke‘ena ‘Ohina:</u> 9am-10am Adult Bible Study <u>Board Room:</u> 9a-10a Ukulele Class <i>Interim Team:</i> <i>Kahu Thompson</i>	2	3 <u>Hale Aloha:</u> 7:30-9 Food Bank Prep <u>Sanctuary:</u> 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal	4 <u>Hale Aloha:</u> 8:00-10:00 Food Bank <u>Board Room:</u> 2-4p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm) 	5 <u>Auxiliary Hall:</u> 6pm Adult Bible Study <u>Board Room:</u> 3-5p Ukulele Class 	6 <u>Hale Aloha:</u> 8:30-9:30a Free Store	7
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15 <u>Oahu Cemetery:</u> 9am Founder’s Day Service <u>Sanctuary:</u> 10-10:30a CWT 10:30a-12n Worship <u>Ke‘ena Ohina:</u> 9:30am Founder’s Day Breakfast <u>Board Room:</u> 9a-10a Ukulele Class Aloha Sunday Founder’s Day	16	17 <u>Sanctuary:</u> 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal <u>Hale Aloha:</u> 7:30-9 Food Bank Prep	18 <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) 	19 <u>Auxiliary Hall:</u> 6pm Adult Bible Study <u>Board Room:</u> 3-5p Ukulele Class 	20 <u>Hale Aloha:</u> 8:30-9:30a Free Store	21
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Images of Adoration

Choir Rehearsals for Christmas Eve Service

PRESENTING
“*Images of Adoration: Reflections of Christ in Symbols of the Season*”
By Pepper Choplin

All who would like to participate with the choir are welcome. Special rehearsals to learn this music will be held on
Sundays in November and December after service in The Sanctuary Choir Room

See Sybil Schoenstein for more details or call the church office.

All are welcome!

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

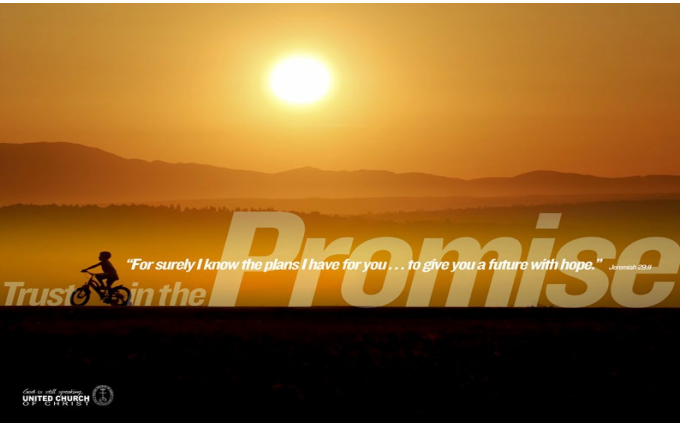
Aloha Kakou ka ‘Ohana o Kaumakapili!

Mahalo nui to all those who sent in their pledge envelopes early by mail or in the Sunday offering plate. Thanks to you, 5% of the budgeted amount for the year was attained before we even started the campaign. November 8, 2015 marked the beginning of the campaign and we look forward to seeing more pledges come in. We appreciate your offerings throughout the year. Pledge cards are available all year. These funds are crucial to the operations and expenses of our church and its many programs and we couldn’t do it without you.

GOD OUR SOURCE

God is the source of who we are and what we have. In aloha and appreciation , let’s remember to give freely not only on Sunday or through pledging but in whatever way that speaks to our heart.

According to the UCC, “Stewardship is not just for fall anymore, and it’s never just been about money. Whether it’s caring for God’s creation, attention to our families and relationships, making the most of talents and skills, or being responsible and generous with our finances...it’s all stewardship.”



Advent is just around the corner and is the beginning of the Christian calendar. It prepares us spiritually for the celebration of the birth of Christ. As Christ has taught us through His life’s example, let us not forget, mai poina, to practice being good stewards, whatever form it takes.

MALAMA NO KA HONUA, Care for the Earth,

NANA I KOU ‘OHANA AME NA PILINA, Give attention to your family and relationships

LILO LOA PIHA I NA KALENA AME HANA LIMA ‘IKE, Make the most of your talents and skills;

AIOLE E MALAMA KAU KULEANA AME KOU PU’UWAI ALOHA ME KA KAU KALA, Be responsible and generous with your money.

In the spirit of Christ, be a light of Aloha in the world.

Myrtle Stewart-Vetekina, Board of Stewardship

CONFIRMATION

November 15th,

Founder’s Day Sunday,

some of our youth will be confirmed and declare their decision to become members of Kaumakapili

Church. Confirmation is “a rite of passage in which a person affirms his or her baptism.” In many local churches, the rite of confirmation is preceded by a time of faith exploration and formation.

We welcome our youth in the next step of the their journey of faith and know that God will continue to use their talents for his kingdom.



Outreach Ministry News

Check out our volunteer schedule and come join us at the Food Bank. There are many ways you can get involved in helping kokua the needy in our community. We accept volunteers of all ages.

This month we also have two other opportunities: Adopt a Block Kalihi Clean Up on November 14th and KPHC Miracle Meals on November 25th. Volunteers are needed. If you would like to help out contact Wendy Garcia.



Miracle Meals volunteers help unload the truck.



“This little light of mine”, youth sharing in song during Singspiration before the service.

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

Sun., November 8	Stewardship Sunday
Wed., November 11	CAMPUS CLOSED
	Veterans’ Day
Sat., November 14	Adopt a Block Kalihi Clean Up, 8am
Sun., November 15	Founder’s Day
	9am Oahu Cemetery
Sun., November 22	Thanksgiving Sunday
Thur., November 26	CAMPUS CLOSED
	Thanksgiving Day
Sat., November 28	All Church Clean Up, 8am-12n

DECEMBER

Wed., December 2, 9, 16	Advent Study, 6pm
Sat., December 12	Sunday School Christmas Celebration
Fri., December 18	Annual Reports Due
Tue., December 22	Christmas Eve Choir Dress Rehearsal and Set-up, 12n-10pm
Thur., December 24	OFFICE CLOSED, 12n
Fri., December 25	OFFICE CLOSED, Christmas Day
Thur., December 31	OFFICE CLOSED, 12n
Fri., January 1	OFFICE CLOSED, New Year’s Day

Food Bank Volunteer Schedule

November		
3	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
4	Distribution	7:30-10:00am
17	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
18	Distribution	7:30-10:00am
December		
1	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
2	Distribution	7:30-10:00am
15	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
16	Distribution	7:30-10:00am

KAUMAKAPILI CHURCH

FALL 2015 ALL CHURCH CLEAN-UP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2015

8:00AM – 12 NOON

(lunch provided) contacts: Alfredo Garcia, Kahau Schoenstein

Appreciation and Anticipation

The fall season in New England is a spectacular time to witness the colorful leaves showing their fabulous shades of red, yellow, gold and orange. The air is cool and crisp with the anticipation of colder weather to come. The smell of wood burning in fireplaces tinge the air. It is a glorious time to witness God's beautiful creation in nature. For us here in Hawaii Fall weather is not too much different from winter, summer or spring; it might be a degree or two cooler but we have been blessed with warm sunny weather most of the time. Collectively, though, for Christians around the world, fall ushers in the anticipation of a great event to come.

The last week of October and the first week of November I visited Boston and witnessed the fall foliage, walked the Freedom Trail and visited places of history. I also visited the home of Paul Revere and Old North Church where Paul Revere instructed the sexton to report on the movement of the British troops by hanging in the steeple one lantern if by land and two if by sea. Another stop was Old South Street Church, a Congregationalist church, now a UCC church and Park Street Church also a Congregationalist Church. Both churches have a shared history in the founding of the City Mission Society. Park Street Church played a role in the founding of the first American mission to the Sandwich Islands in 1819. All of these churches shared one thing in common and that was the practice of subscription to purchase a pew or a cubicle to have the privilege to sit in the church on a Sunday morning. Purchasing the privilege to sit was a way for the church to



solicit donations for pews or stained glass windows much as we did when we renovated our church in 2002 and people donated to a pew or a stained glass window. In these churches, names of the donor were inscribed on metal plaques and affixed to the pew or cubicle and those places were restricted to the donors' use. "Where did the commoners sit?" I asked; The balconies were for the common folk.

The practice to solicit donations of money or talent are no different today then they were three hundred years ago. Whether it's the Nominations Committee or another Board or Committee seeking your participation in church life, we are committed to doing as scripture dictates in Matthew 7: 7, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." On behalf of the members of the Nomination Committee thank you for answering the call to service and pray for us as we continue to seek others to join us in service to the church.

As the fall season comes to an end we look forward with anticipation to the

Advent Season, a time when we reflect upon the hope, the love, the peace and the joy that is just around the corner, a time when God's gift to us is manifested in the birth of the Christ Child. As Christians we anticipate Christ's coming by lighting His way with festive lights and renderings of Christmas hymns, cantatas, great pieces of music, and the advent wreath and candles, all symbolizing the anticipation of His coming. May the peace and joy of the season reign in your hearts as together we await Christ's birth.

Roberta Jahrling, Chair, Nominations Committee
Zena Kaehu, Iris DeRego: Faithful Members



This Conversation—Again? Improving Church Communication

As congregations face change and new challenges, conflict is part of the process. Too often, under stress, church leaders and members fall into bad communication habits that prevent the airing of concerns and objections. Healthy conversations help people manage conflict and move them toward acceptance of new initiatives. Productive communication speeds up the process from planning to action and keeps members on track to accurately assess new realities.

Communication Fashions to Avoid

Appropriate and effective actions by church leaders rest on good thinking. Do you recognize some of these communication and thinking mistakes?

1. *All or Nothing Thinking.* Painting reality as black and white is easy. Recognizing some shades of gray in any situation takes more time and thought. New ideas can be quickly judged as “terrible” or the “greatest ever.” Most new ideas fit in neither category. Nearly all ideas possess some merit and leaders can hone them into a better strategy. And even the best and greatest ideas need further development. 1 Beware of any proposal that only offers two alternatives. For example, “we must cut our staff salaries immediately or stop paying our utility bills.” There is always a third way, or fourth avenue, or fifth alternative. Polarized thinking can be used to describe members too (such as “we have good members and bad members”). Congregational efforts can be falsely judged as “successful” or “a complete failure.” Instead of putting all of reality into two baskets, creative people explore the positive and negative aspects of complex situations.

2. *Overgeneralizing.* After an unpleasant pastoral tenure with a recent seminary graduate, the congregation’s leaders vowed to never call another pastor without decades of pastoral experience. Unfortunately, those vows limit the number of gifted pastors who could effectively serve with the church. And that view limits what the congregation could learn from the experience. Taking one bad (or good) experience and using its specific outcome to make a general rule about how the universe works is more than a leap of faith. A specific situation is just that—unique to a particular event, time, and place. A healthy conversation recognizes the multitude of factors that produce any given outcome.

3. *Filtering Out the Positive.* After seventeen years of service, the pastor of First Church retired. He possessed many ministry strengths but some members expressed dissatisfaction with his administrative skills. As the search committee screened candidates, they made administrative experience a top priority. As a result, their next pastor was a phenomenal administrator with few other ministry gifts. His tenure was brief

as the members realized they had focused too narrowly on the previous pastor’s weakness without appreciating all the leadership positives of their long-time pastor.

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A narrow focus on just the negatives or just the positives prohibits leaders from forming a realistic and Balanced outlook. Identifying the positives and negatives of a situation is part of healthy communication.



4. *Assigning Motive.* We observe behavior and make guesses about why people are acting in ways that we deem irrational or counterproductive. Our inferences can be completely wrong because we can never be certain what someone else is thinking. Because we are not mind readers, healthy conversations include questions about what people believe, what they value, and why they wish to pursue one strategy vs. another. It is okay to ask: Why is this approach important to you?

5. *Catastrophizing.* Imminent disaster is rarely just around the corner and usually events do not explode into a crisis. Nostalgia about the past fuels some members to be doom-and-gloom prophets. Because their worldview is really a long-standing belief that all things are in decline, they see every event as the last shoe to drop. Healthy church conversations include discussions of many plausible outcomes, including positive ones.

6. *Emotional Reasoning.* Fear can inhibit effective discussions and prevent new ideas from being implemented. Leaders prone to elaborate explanations for why actions cannot be taken are often masking their fear of change. People often change their attitudes and feelings after they try something new, not before they do something new.

7. *Labeling.* Naming people or experiences puts them into hard categories based on an isolated incident. Hard categories block the reception of new information and make healthy communication much more difficult. Labeling tends to highlight the negative rather than illuminate the whole situation or person.

8. *Fortune-Telling.* Most people like to try their hand at predicting the future or like speculating about the future. However, none of us knows what will happen tomorrow. None of us knows what God has in store for the congregation and its mission. Negative predictions ignore all the possible outcomes and can be selffulfilling congregational prophecies.

To read the rest of this article, visit *The Parish Paper*, “This Conversation—Again? Improving Church Communication”, Cynthia Woolever, December 2015, Volume 23, Number 12.
<http://www.hcucc.org/#!/the-parish-paper/czib>