December 6, 2015
Luke 3:1-6
Malachi 3:1-4; 4:5-6
Luke 1:68-69

December 13, 2015
Luke 3:7-18
Isaiah 12:2-6
Zephaniah 3:14-20

December 20, 2015
Psalm 80:1-7
Micah 5:2-5a

December 27, 2015
Luke 2:41-52
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Psalm 148

December: Flowers
December 6: In Memory of Glenn Beppu & Harriet Napolua
December 13: 75th Birthday—John Ho’omana
December 20: In Memory of Wilhelmina & Harry K. Stewart Jr.
December 27: In Memory of Janice Tom

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.

The Kaumakapili Church Mission Statement
Kaumakapili Church, thankful for the gifts received from God, founded in 1838 for the maka’ainana, 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 equipped 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.

Christmas Edition: Mele Kalikimaka!

Advent Study Groups
Advent has a way of taking us back to the basics and helping us remember what is really important. This Advent we will explore the deeper meanings of four important spiritual virtues: Mana’olana, Maluhia, Aloha & Hauʻoli (Hope, Peace, Love, Joy) This spirit of the season is the same spirit we are to carry with us all throughout the year.

Join us Wednesday, December 2nd, 9th and 16th at 6pm.
December 2nd: Mana’olana—Helen Kaupu Kaowili
December 9th: Maluhia—Kona Mann
December 16th: Aloha & Hauʻoli—Rev. Hirano

Advent Devotional
Looking for a Hawaiian-focused devotional during Advent? Kamehameha Schools has put together another year of Advent Devotionals. “Each of the four devotionals includes a scripture reading, message, prayer, keiki lesson, and hīmeni (hymn). KS Cultural Specialist and musician Hau’oli Akaka sings the first week’s hīmeni, “I Call Him Lord” in the video” on their website:  http://www.ksbe.edu/imua/article/ks-continues-the-tradition-of-hawaiian-focused-advent-devotionals/

Poinsettia Christmas Plants
The Aloha Committee invites you to purchase potted poinsettia plants that will adorn our chancel area on Christmas Eve. Please stop by the table at the back from November 29th until December 13th to place your order. The pots of poinsettias are $6.00 each.
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**Images of Adoration**

**Kaumakapili Church**

December 24th

7:00 P.M.

A Musical Celebration of the Birth of Christ in a memorable mele of the symbols of the season.

- Join us as we present “Images of Adoration: Reflections of Christ in the Symbols of the Season,” by Pepper Chaplin.
- Readings, scripture, congregational singing, choir anthems, symbols of the season presented with a Hawaiian flair.
- Join us also at 6:45pm for pre-service singing of Christmas Carols.

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ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

Pledge Drive

The 2015 pledge drive has been progressing at an encouraging pace. A chart is posted at the back of the sanctuary each week to show the percentage of our members who have pledged to help the church continue its mission and administrative programs in 2016. Pledging helps the leaders of our church effectively plan for the administrative costs of running the church, but, more importantly, to make sure that funds will be available for the many programs of the church.

Mahalo to all who have returned and are considering returning their pledge cards. And mahalo to everyone - you are the faithful stewards of the gifts we have received from God here at Kaumakapili. Pledging = good stewardship. We are all stewards of our church. Pledging is our commitment to good stewardship.

The annual Christmas Fund (formerly Veterans of the Cross) offering will be collected on December 20th. This is one of the five major UCC collections that occur each year. The Fund provides direct financial assistance to retired and active United Church of Christ ministers and lay employees and their surviving spouses who are in need of a little help. This includes monthly annuity supplementation, pension and health premium supplementation, emergency assistance, and Christmas thank-you checks. A total over $2 million is distributed nationally each year. Mahalo for your generous participation.

Wishing a Blessed Christmas to All.....

Frank Jahrling for the Board of Stewardship
(Amanda Allison, Chair; Myrtle Stewart-Vetekina; Frank Jahrling; Donna Ede, Kokua)

Hele Mai ‘Emanu’ela

CONFIRMATION
November 15th, Founder’s Day Sunday, some of our youth were confirmed. We congratulate our confirmands:

'Elia Akaka
JahNay Jardine
Lahela Reinhardt
Marcus Maunakea
MarQee Maunakea
Cydnee Maunakea
Titus Maunakea

Finding Opportunities in Times and Places We Least Expect
by Jo-An Goss

When we experience life changes and are diagnosed with an illness, it’s so easy to curl up within and just focus on our change in health. However, my recent experience at the hospital enlightened me to focus on the need to care more about others.

Having spent 9 hours in the emergency room on that September day, I had a first-time opportunity to see how emergency personnel work and interact with patients and colleagues during their long hours of duty. I was quite impressed at their knowledge, care, and professionalism with all patients under the stress of bells, intercom calls, and waiting for items to prepare for new emergency cases.

I was grateful for their time and effort in taking care of me. However, soon I observed new patients who grumbled and complained about the lack of attention. I began to understand the need to acknowledge the hospital personnel’s care and thank them. Their days are demanding and stressful, and yet they attend to those of us in care with careful, detailed attention, often working with a second person to confirm the processes.

That experience helped me to see my cancer diagnosis and treatment in a new way! Rather than ask, “Why me?” I thought, “What do I need to learn and do?”

Since then I’ve tried to have a positive mind every day. I’ve had some very rewarding experiences at the clinics and hospital. Once I met someone from my former office whose sister has cancer. When I asked some questions to her sister, I realized that she wasn’t optimistic, more fatalistic......so I cheerfully asked her, "Well, what do YOU want? Then I shared that we will fight this battle! I believe she saw that I was trying to encourage both of us to stay strong!

The following week, as I was having chemo, a lady came in. I recognized her as someone from Molokia’i whom I haven’t seen for 30 years. However, she passed by before I could talk with her and sat down the way. At the end of the chemo session I asked the nurse about her and asked the lady to come to my area. It was a wonderful reunion, and we shared fond memories from 30 years ago. She showed that she is strong and that she’s going to win her battle!

What this really means is that there’s an opportunity everywhere...even during times of illness. The hospital personnel go way beyond their daily schedule to accommodate, however, some patients are more focused on themselves. Each patient can make a positive impact in that new opportunity and enhance the situation so that all patients feel like they are loved and appreciated.

Mana‘olana: A Time for Hope

Holiday Throwback
Talkin’ Story with....
Kupuna Emma Akiona

Kupuna Emma reminisces her childhood days attending Kaumakapili Church located behind the old Palama Fire Station and “...looked like all the other Hawaiian churches; one part used for Sunday School and the other part used for church.”

Kupuna Emma’s reminiscing remembered school lunches costing 1/2 cents (yep, half-cent) and the menu including hamburger thickened with flour and water on a bun. Some days, tho’, Kupuna Emma walked home to enjoy a delectable ‘bread and jelly’ sandwich. Other ‘ono’ delights from Kupuna Emma’s childhood included: palaoa mokumoku (Flour dumpling), pokiwai (water and sugar) mixed with round cracker and ko’ele palau (coconut milk with mashed sweet potato).

Trains told the time of the day. Two train tracks ran through the area where Honolulu Community College and Libby Cannery are located and two trains made their daily trips; one, hauling sugar cane (Palama was cane field); the other train carried passengers from the city to Waianae and Kauhaku.

One of her cherished moments was with her mother; they presented a hookup of a quilt to President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Kupuna Emma attributes her longevity and good health to “Ke Akua” as she repeatedly proclaims throughout our Talk Story, “MAHALO KE AKUA”, “ALOHA KE AKUA".