



PUNAWAI

JANUARY 2007

ALOHA FROM THE KAHU

Aloha ka ohana ame na hoaaloha,

What blessings or miracles has Ke Akua brought you in the New Year? Have you been successful in any resolution, learned new lessons or relearned old ones? Have you been assured of His love through a person, an event, prayer or scriptures? Have you made sure your loved ones know you love them and have they demonstrated you are loved by them?

I am more convinced than ever God wants us to know His love for us daily, but we have to look for it. Through the beauty of His creation, through unexpected blessings and through people right around us, He demonstrates His faithfulness, persistence and generosity more than we understand or sometimes believe. He gives us the best freely and in abundance. I am thankful that what we receive is not based on what I expect, what I believe or what I deserve. Thanks be to God.

We completed the Advent Season when we lit the Christ candle on Christmas Day. We highlighted hope, peace, joy, love and finally Christ. This month we begin Lent and will follow the theme of God's grace in the midst of our disobedience for 40 days. This is a sobering time for all of Christendom to focus on our sin that caused Our Lord to sacrifice His life on the cross. It's problematic for many reasons, but I'll mention two. First, in our self help society where we have solutions for everything, we like to think we can solve the problem of sin too. We can't. We weren't built to solve sin. Second, many of us, even Christians, do not think we're that bad compared to other heathen societies. Unfortunately, sin is sin in God's eyes and comparisons are irrelevant.

There are many more reasons to focus on Lent, but the biggest reason is to feel, know and understand we are in great need with no hope unless we depend on Jesus Christ's death on the cross. Our season of Lent will culminate with an Easter Sunday service after 40 days of confessing, repenting and rejoicing. While Advent is important, Lent brings us humbly to the cross and impacts us eternally.

I pray we save lots of room and time for God to come and visit us, perhaps hear His voice or bless us with an unmistakable assurance of His Presence that we will be left with only one thing to do... praise His holy, majestic and matchless name. May we embrace this season of contemplation, confession and conversion.

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“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

Colossians 4:2

Blessings for the journey,



Kahu Curt P. Kekuna



FAMILY PROMISE OF HAWAII

Family Promise of Hawaii will be opening a Honolulu rotation in March or April of 2007. They are confident in securing enough congregations willing to accept families who are experiencing homelessness into their facilities for a safe place to sleep and three good meals for one week four times a year. They are also confident in providing a Family Center where the families can stay during the day. However, the place they have found won't be ready until September or October, 2007.

Therefore, they are looking for a temporary facility; something similar to the Kailua Family Center, a 4 bedroom - 2 bathroom house owned by St. Christopher's Episcopal Church on Kainalu Road.

They need a space within 30 minutes driving time from the congregations in Nuuanu Valley, Manoa Valley, downtown and Makiki who are committed Host Sites. The guests would be there from approximately 7:00am to 5:00pm every day of the week. The facility would need two office spaces, separate showers and bathrooms for men and women, laundry facilities, lounge and/or children's play area and a place for computer and phone use.

They would need the space from March or April, 2007 until September or October, 2007. Regarding rent, free or reduced would be wonderful, but they are certainly willing to pay the fair market value.

If you know of something, you can contact their Executive Director, Kent Anderson, at 261-7478 or 371-7918 or their recruitment chair, John Heidel, at 261-4585.

ANOTHER MAJOR PROJECT AT KAWAIAHA`O

by Puanani A. Caindec & Bruce Sinton-Hewitt

Aloha E Na Hoahanau,

Excavators, plumbers, electricians, telephone and data reps, they're all around our campus these days. We are witnessing many exciting changes at Kawaiaha'o Church which will take us well into the future. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about a major project planned for our Sanctuary.

For at least the past three years, your joint planning committee has been considering replacing the windows in the sanctuary due to their poor condition. Many of them can't open to their full extent or can't be opened at all. This has restricted adequate airflow and resulted in very uncomfortable conditions requiring lots of fanning. Many of you may have noticed flaking at the windows, chipped paint and resistance in closing or opening the windows. All of these problems will be resolved with the new windows.

In 2006, a strong effort was made to resolve this problem with four main goals, historical accuracy, maximum ventilation, durability and cost. Glenn Mason of Glenn Mason Architects was engaged to conduct a feasibility study to determine which type of windows would best duplicate the original windows while maintaining a historic look in compliance with regulations issued by the State Historical and Preservation Division (SHPD). After several meetings with Glenn Mason, the joint planning committee reviewed his study and selected a bronze horizontal pivotal window which will allow the greatest air flow. Bronze was selected over steel because of its durability, longevity and minimum maintenance. Bronze was also chosen as its width matches the original wood windows presenting an historical look. The glass in the new windows will be single pane and would have a special coating which would shield some heat but still remain clear. Replacement of 70 windows and 8 doors in the sanctuary and Opukaha'ia is expected to begin in late September or early October, 2007 with completion scheduled for December. The windows and doors will be fabricated on the mainland and shipped to Kawaiaha'o Church.

The cost for this project is estimated at \$1.6million. ***How are we going to pay for this?*** One million has already been secured through a grant from the State. This money has specifically been designated for the sanctuary and cannot be used for other construction costs. Another million dollar grant, also for sanctuary restoration will be applied for this year. ***Why don't we wait until after we're finished with the Multi Purpose Center construction?*** It's more efficient to have various construction activities occurring at the same time to maximize down time instead of running things consecutively or one after another thereby curtailing use of our facilities for a longer period. Weddings will be suspended during the months of October through January to allow for window replacement and painting of the sanctuary interior. If major electrical work is needed, it will be done at that time also. Construction on the MPC will be progressing concurrently.

Mr. Mason has been conferring with the State Historic and preservation Department to gain their support and approval. He was successful and is now applying for a permit from the City. Bids have been requested from four contractors and are expected to be submitted on January 31, 2007.

The existing aluminum windows were installed in 1965 and have been in place for over 40 years. They are the 3rd set of windows since the church was completed in 1842. The current window openings are original.



WOMEN OF KAWAIAHA`O

By Danna Lyman

Six women of Kawaiaha`o participated in the Honolulu Habitat for Humanity project on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006, by providing lunch and refreshments to the more than twenty volunteers at the home build site of the Frank family in Papakōlea. This house is being sponsored in honor of Fran K. Brossy, Founding Member of Honolulu Habitat for Humanity. August 26, 2006 was the first day of work on the Frank family home by the tearing down of their old home.

We viewed the building specs and work site of what will be a new four-bedroom, 2-story home perched on the hillside overlooking breathtaking views from Diamond Head to Waikīkī to Punchbowl. We enjoyed lunch and fellowship with the Frank family, the volunteer workers, and Hawai'i International Child staff who support this community endeavor.



God's helpers busily at work.



L-R: Women of Kawaiaha`o, Danna Lyman, Healani Waia`u, Joyce Weiskopf, MaryJane Coila, Becky Kekuna, Lurline Manao

Be Careful

Please observe all safety barricades, safety signs and taped off areas under construction.

For your own safety don't take shortcuts.

Please Keep us ALL Safe!

Mahalo for your Kokua

Love the Lord your God
and keep his require-
ments, his decrees, his
laws and his commands
always.

February 2007

- 18 **Membership Class, Kahu's Office, 11am**
- Wedding Center Blessing**
- 19 **Holiday (Presidents' Day)**
- 21 **Ash Wednesday Service, 6pm**
- 28 **"Jazz on the Green" Noon**

March 2007

- 4 **1st Sunday, Communion, non-perishable food collection**
- 7 **"Jazz on the Green" Noon**
- 11 **Ali`i Sunday, tribute to Kaahumanu**
- 14 **"Jazz on the Green" Noon**

KITCHEN CLOSING

Please be informed that we have closed the kitchen to cooking in the KC kitchen in anticipation of demolition. We will continue serving refreshments in Likeke Hall after worship service. Ministries are urged to sign up for Sunday `Ohana. See Haunani Hendrix for sign-up sheet. When the building is demolished we will serve refreshments outside near the water fountain on the front lawn. Your continued support is much appreciated.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 21 at 6:00 pm

Lent is about mortality and transformation. We begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday with the sign of the cross smeared on our foreheads with ashes as the words are spoken over us, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." We begin this season of Lent not only reminded of our death, but also marked for death. From "Ash Wednesday-A Wake-up Call"

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MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER PROJECT UPDATE REPORT

By Don Caindec

You've seen the work going on at the old bookstore now for over three months. The job should be completed in another three or four weeks. Like a caterpillar, the bookstore has been transformed into a beautiful butterfly and will become the new Royal Wedding Center. This building will be the centerpiece for booking Kawaiahao's popular weddings.

Included in the transformation are the following:

- Complete rebuilding of slate roof
- Addition of skylight
- Addition of Bride Change Room
- Addition of Bride's Toilet
- Renovation of Conference Room
- Addition of entry office
- Addition of Viewing TV Screen

Addition of outside sitting area

We plan to have a blessing of the Wedding Center in February. That will be followed by a Grand Opening reception a few weeks later.

You've also seen the big office trailer in the church parking lot. Water and sewer lines have been connected to the trailer as well as electricity. Eventually, this trailer will become the home of the construction contractor. In the meantime, the MPC committee has been using it as a temporary office and meeting room. The trailer is also now available for small group and ministry meetings. Just see Bruce in the business office to reserve times. The trailer will also be used as the Nursery while construction work in the sanctuary basement is underway. A TV is being installed in the trailer to allow Nursery users to watch the worship service in the sanctuary.

A comprehensive study of the sanctuary basement floor has been completed. The purpose of this study is to determine the source of water that occasionally collects on the floor. We have to know how to deal with this water problem since carpeting will be installed in the basement for both the temporary offices and the permanent Performing Arts Center.

We expect to begin renovation work in the basement in about one month. That work will take approximately three months. The purpose at this time is to build temporary office for Kawaiahao Staff while the MPC building is constructed. When the new building is occupied, the temporary offices will be removed and the pre-planned spaces will be changed into the Music and Performing Arts Center, including rehearsal room and expansion of the rehearsal room for the Kawaiahao Choir.



Lent & All That Jazz on the Green

a Celebration of Christ Passion thru Jazz

featuring

Betty Loo Taylor

renown jazz pianist extraordinare and friends

Reverend Curtis Kekuna

Senior Pastor, Kawaiaha'o Church

**Every Wednesday at Noon
February 28 Thru April 4**

Kawaiaha'o Church 957 Punchbowl
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E-Mail: buddy@kawaiahao.org for further info

Presented as a gift to the community

**Bring lunch, a friend, and join us at noon for an
inspirational Musical Feast
featuring Hawai'i's premiere jazz performers -
"On the Green"**

Performance Schedule

Feb 28 - Jimmy Borges & Connie Kissinger, vocalists; Gabe Baltazar, sax; Dean Taba, bass; Sonny Froman, drums; Betty Loo Taylor, piano

Mar 07 - Sydette Sakauye Stanton, vocal; Les Benedict, trombone; Steve Jones, bass; Sonny Froman, drums; Betty Loo Taylor, piano

Mar 14 - Joe Distephano, vocal; Les Benedict, trombone; Steve Jones, bass; Sonny Froman, drums; Betty Loo Taylor, piano

Mar 21 - Rocky Holmes, flute/sax; Noel Okimoto, vibraphone; Sonny Froman, drums; Dean Taba, bass; Betty Loo Taylor, piano

Mar 28 - Kanoe "Tootsie Cazimero, vocal; Shoi Ledward, guitar; Dean Taba, bass; Sonny Froman, drums; Betty Loo Taylor, piano

Apr 04 - Jimmy Borges, vocal; Gabe Baltazar, sax; Steve Jones; bass; Sonny Froman, drums; Betty Loo Taylor, piano

Bible in a Year January

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. Genesis 2:1

1	Genesis	1	-	3
2	Genesis	4	-	6
3	Genesis	7	-	9
4	Genesis	10	-	12
5	Genesis	13	-	15
6	Genesis	16	-	18
7	Genesis	19	-	21
8	Genesis	22	-	24
9	Genesis	25	-	27
10	Genesis	28	-	30
11	Genesis	31	-	33
12	Genesis	34	-	36
13	Genesis	37	-	39
14	Genesis	40	-	42
15	Genesis	43	-	45
16	Genesis	46	-	48
17	Genesis 49/ Exodus 1			
18	Exodus	2	-	4
19	Exodus	5	-	7
20	Exodus	8	-	10
21	Exodus	11	-	13
22	Exodus	14	-	16
23	Exodus	17	-	19
24	Exodus	20	-	22
25	Exodus	23	-	25
26	Exodus	26	-	28
27	Exodus	29	-	31
28	Exodus	32	-	34
29	Exodus	35	-	37
30	Exodus	38	-	39
31	Exodus	40		





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Kawaiaha`o Church vision statement: Honor God, love one another, and make disciples.

On The Horizon

Submitted by Joel Leong

Featuring Our Military

Kala'e is currently a 2nd Lt. on active duty in the Air Force stationed at Laughlin AFB in Del Rio, TX on the border with Mexico. He graduated from the Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs) in 2005 (from Kamehameha, 2001, a classmate of Kahu's daughter) and is currently in pilot training learning to fly fighters. He graduates from pilot training in May 2007 and will continue with additional fighter training upon completion. He's committed to 7 years of military service once he is assigned to a jet fighter and will probably serve a tour of duty in the "hot spots" around the world during that time. Flying is a real thrill for him and he enjoys every minute of a very tough (mental, physical and academic) and demanding occupation. However, he enjoys coming home to enjoy golf, water activities and his Mom's home cooking, especially her ono salt-meat watercress. You can take the boy out of Hawai`i but you can't take the Hawaiian out of the boy!"

