



Kōloa Union Church

Hawaiian Identity • Island Hospitality

January 2016

A NOTE FROM KAHU AKANA

A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

As we begin the New Year, I am filled with gratitude for the people of Kōloa Union Church! It has been such a fun and inspirational year: caring for one another, welcoming our guests, envisioning our future, raising nearly \$300,000 for our capital campaign, reaching out to the community and world in many ways, and watching your generosity soar through the giving of time, talents and treasures. I am truly honored to be your kahu! As we begin the year, there are two things I would like to mention, which I believe will make a huge difference in the entire year ahead.

COMPASSION: I read the Charter for Compassion on Sunday, December 20, and invited people to go online and sign the charter. The Charter for Compassion calls all people to live with compassion for others, regardless of religion, ethnicity and other differences...and to create a more compassionate world. You can read more about it on our church website <www.koloaunionchurch.org> under "A Message from Kahu Akana" (Dec 21, 2015). You can also go directly to the Charter for Compassion website where you can read the charter, watch a short inspirational video and sign the charter online: <<http://www.charterforcompassion.org/index.php/charter>>.

FOCUS: At our Leadership Retreat at Waineke on August 22, our Church Council, Deacons and other leaders came up with four areas we

would like to focus on in the coming year:

1. Youth ministry
2. Faith formation
3. Music/worship
4. Outreach/mission

We will be having a conversation about these four areas at our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 31. At that time, we will be presenting some new ideas, but we also want to hear from each and every one of you. Please come prepared to share your ideas and how you would like to be involved in one of the four areas.

I am very excited about making our world a more compassionate place and focusing our time and resources on the things that are most important to us.

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

Kahu Alan Akana



The Sunday school children preparing for their Christmas skit....



And decorating their Christmas cookies after the Christmas skit....



ALOHA HOUR

January 03—Machin Kunimura Brierley
 January 10—Giovanni Osuga
 January 17—Odo Honjo Foley
 January 24—Asahi Rebb Ito
 January 31—Smythe Chaffin McCoubrey
 February 07—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning
 February 14—Ramos Moe Baptiste

CHURCH ON THE BEACH

January 10, 2016 11:00 a.m. Potluck
 Bring your lawn chairs, no worship service at the church on this day.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

January 31, 2016

Committee chairpersons—please turn in your yearly reports to Penny (electronically).



USHERS

JANUARY

JoRae Baptiste
 Debbie Gunning

FEBRUARY

Sheryl Ramos
 Kei Osuga

LAYREADERS

January 03—Rosemary Smythe
 January 10—Dollie Brierley
 January 17—Edie Moe
 January 24—Kerry Mori
 January 31—Debbie Gunning
 February 07—Doug Duvauchelle
 February 14—Graceleanor Baird
 February 21—Phyllis Kunimura
 February 28—Larry Chaffin

Our Prayers: prayers for healing and strength for Angelica's baby, Bob Hammerquist, Charlie (Buckner Family), Dollie Brierley, Glenn Hontz, Chandler, Rich, Jan Sueoka, Jo Duvauchelle, Francisca Padua, Debbie Gunning, Al Pugsley, Ted Asahi, Luke Rita, Tiffany & Kimo Marrotte; prayers of comfort for the families of Mary Thronas, Karen Johnson's cousin Terry, Emily Mori (Kerry Mori's sister-in-law); prayers of peace and comfort for Emiko Akana (Kahu's aunt), Miyeko Yamane, Al Moe, John Lustman.



Capital Campaign

Mahalo nui to everyone for your generous contributions to the capital campaign this year! Because of people fulfilling their pledges, a generous grant from the Vidinha Trust, and new gifts, we have enough money to pay for the following:

New arbor and bell tower: to be built right after Christmas

New blinds for Kahu's office: to be installed right after Christmas

New pulpit: to be placed in the church by early January

New parking lot and landscaping: to be completed as soon as we have approval from the county, which we anticipate in early 2016

Updated sound system in the sanctuary: any day now

We have also replaced broken windows and rotten wood in the sanctuary, painted the front of the church, collected rocks, plants and trees for landscaping, and chosen paint colors for the exterior walls of the church. Thank you to all who have contributed this year to Maika'i Hana Hou: Creating Goodness and Beauty Once Again! Please be sure to write "Capital Campaign" on your checks or place your gift in the envelopes marked "Capital Campaign Contributions" in the back of the church.

Church at the Beach — Poipu Beach Park

Our worship service will begin at 11 a.m. on Sunday, January 10, at the main pavilion at Po'ipu Beach Park (across the street from Nukumoi Surf Shop). Bring something to share for our potluck luncheon afterwards. Bring beach chairs too. There will be no worship service at the church that day.

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 31, 2015

Mark your calendars now for our Annual Meeting. We will meet after the Aloha Hour to accept the budget for the new year, consider changes in the church Constitution and By-laws, appoint officers, Council members and Deacons, consider ways to implement our 4 areas of focus for the year (youth, faith formation, worship/music, outreach/mission), and any other matters.



AUNTY NIELE'S NEWSY NOTES

By Penny Osuga

NOTE: Penny Osuga is Auntie Niele, our reporter for this column. Niele is the Hawaiian word for "nosy." If you have any news to share in this column, please contact Auntie Ni'e at the church office @ 742-6622 or through her church email address: kucpenny@gmail.com.

A perfect Christmas gift!! Congratulations to the **Sakimae Ohana** as they welcomed little miss **Kairi-Le**, big brothers are **Krayson and Kron!** Recently **Kahu** visited with **Auntie Chito, Nishidas** and **Mary Lee.** **Doug** was a happy dad as both **Kelsey** AND



Spencer were home for a visit—they sang with the choir and helped "dad" with the praise song. Thank you to **Kimo** for fixing our refrigerator icemaker. *Mahalo* to **Joey Rebb** for our beautiful Christmas wreath. This is our *Capital Campaign Leader*, **Dan**, hard at work playing in the mud! Our cute children of the **Keiki**



Co-op sang 3 Christmas songs for us—so so cute!!! You might think **Judy Gulde** and I have "great minds that think alike?" Once again, we bumped into each other shopping at *Kukui Grove!!!* Thanks, **Larry Chaffin**,



for distributing our *Christmas Schedule* post cards to the South Shore hotels. Thanks to our Advent candle lighting families: **Fu/Alapai, Ito, Shim** and **Batalucco.** **Debbie Gunning** is on the mainland visiting her mom and family. Another great article about our **Kahu** in the *Garden Island* titled "*Pastor, Author, Artist: Unity in Titles.*"

It is whale watching season in Hawaii. The whales swim over 3000 miles to Hawaii's warm shallow waters to breed, calve, nurse the young. Just watch the horizon. Love my recent hair cut/color! You must check out **Sheri** and/or **Candace** at the Regis Salon at *Kukui Grove!* Last chance to make any changes in our member/friend directories. **Kahu** visited the **Nishidas** again to celebrate **Kathy's** 96th birthday. Thank you friends, near & far, for our Christmas cards. We always love hearing from you! Great having **Palani** home for a visit! Thanks to



Garrett Sakimae for a "gift" of having the entire church power washed! Great having **Enge, Bing** and **Ecco** in church! And **Logan**, too!! Attended my very 1st **Kauai Chorale** presentation! Loved seeing **Karen**



Johnson in the talented group and **Doug & Jeanette** doing a tango!! An enthusiastic group of singers met in front of **Sueoka Store** twice to help the *Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign*. Passers-by and shoppers filled the kettle and even joined the singers. Then a group of us did our annual Christmas caroling at Omao's **Hale Kupuna**. THEN a Christmas party at the parsonage filled with friends, food, singing! THEN our Sunday school had the best Christmas play with 2-week old **Kairi-Le** as our baby **Jesus**. Thanks to **Jamie** and **Raegan** for the *Christmas Lullaby*. THEN **Baldwin Bluegrass (Peter, Mark, Jamie)** with **Becky** sang 2 songs, one of them the delightful "You Can't Stop Christmas From Coming!" Christmas Eve service was well attended and as was our Christmas Day service. Thanks, **Kahu**, for all the extra work and also the Deacons and readers.



Mori ohana is freezing in Montana!





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SUNDAY EVENTS

10:30 a.m. Sunday School and
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