



Kōloa Union Church

Hawaiian Identity • Island Hospitality

May 2016

A NOTE FROM KAHU AKANA

Dear Members and Friends of Kōloa Union Church:

The big news this month is the announcement of our permit from the County of Kauaʻi for our parking lot / landscaping project. I am very excited that we will soon begin this project, which is the largest part of our capital campaign “Maikaʻi Hana Hou” (Creating Goodness and Beauty Once Again).

When we are done, we will have:

- A new entryway onto the church property
- A brand new, level, parking lot
- New walkways
- A new church sign
- New parking areas for Sunday mornings
- New landscaping
- New irrigation system
- New outdoor lighting

We will hear from the construction company any day now regarding the dates of the project, during which time the church property will be inaccessible. This means that there will likely be one Sunday when we will need to worship at the parsonage or another location. Penny and I will also be working from home during that time. You'll be hearing from us via mail, email and on Sunday mornings regarding dates once we know more.

In the meantime, I have a few requests. First of all, please continue praying for the success of our capital campaign, that our finances will continue to come in on schedule, and that all of our workers will be kept safe from injury while working on our upcoming projects. Secondly, if you have slipped behind on your capital campaign commitment, please either catch up as soon as possible or let us know if you need to change your campaign amount or timing. Finally, we will be having some volunteer days in the near future; please do your best to help out as you are able.

Thank you to everyone who has given so generously to our capital campaign to make this and all of our projects possible. It has been such a pleasure watching our church appearance become more inviting and welcoming to all who visit!

Aloha nui loa!
Kahu Akana



Welcome New Members!

We welcomed 5 new members to Kōloa Union Church on Easter Sunday:

Virginia Dunas
Christine Kube
Shellee Riggio
Steven Stoner
Yvonne Stoner

Please welcome our new members if you haven't already done so, and spend some time getting to know them. We are grateful for our new members!



CONGRATS TO OUR GRADUATES!

Krystina--University of Hawaii

Kelsey--University of Hawaii (Film)

Malina—Kamehameha

Palani—Stanford (Management Science & Engineering)



USHERS

MAY

JoRae Baptiste
Debbie Gunning

JUNE

JoRae Baptiste
Debbie Gunning

ALOHA HOUR

May 01—Asahi Rebb Ito
May 08—Smythe Chaffin McCoubrey
May 15—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning
May 22—Ramos Moe Baptiste
May 29—Machin Kunimura Brierley
June 05—Giovanni Osuga
June 12—Odo Honjo Foley
June 19—Asahi Rebb Ito Shim

LAYREADERS

May 01—Graceleanor Baird
May 08—Phyllis Kunimura
May 15—Larry Chaffin
May 22—Virginia Dunas
May 29—JoAnne Machin
June 05—Kei Osuga
June 12—Rosemary Smythe
June 19—Edie Moe
June 16—Kerry Mori
July 03—Debbie Gunning

Our Prayers: prayers for healing and strength for Sheila ((Virginia's friend), Tiny (Virginia's brother), Larry Hanson, Judy Greene, Brenda, Erin Dollie Brierley, Chandler, Rich, Jo Duvauchelle, Francisca Padua, Tamiko & Ted Asahi, Tiffany & Kimo Marrotte; prayers of peace and comfort for Emiko Akana (Kahu's aunt), Miyeko Yamane, Al Moe, John Lustman. We are also praying for "prom night" safety.



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH to Poipu Beach

May 1, 2016, after church

Bring your swimsuit, sunscreen and towels!

Call Tiffany if you have any questions: 651-1397



EASTER COMES TO KOLOA UNION!!!



After church @ the parsonage



Full house!!



Rosemary & Dollie sewed a
36+ foot lei for the altar
cross

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Sunday, May 8, 2016

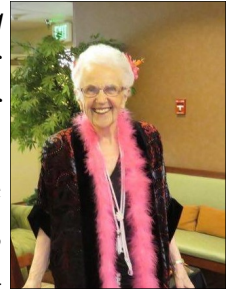
Noon, during Aloha Hour

Thanks (ahead of time) to Uncle Diki and the talented men of our church!



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geous 12-hour drive to Texas, hailstorms in Texas, but great days at the park with our 3 grandsons ages 6, 4, 2-1/2, great time with family and dear friends. In SF, we climbed *Mount Davidson* to go to Easter sunrise service below the 103 foot tall concrete cross overlooking the city. Former church member, **Donna Breazeale**, celebrated her 90th birthday in style. So proud of **Joni Ito** for all the work she does for *Relay For Life* and *Kauai County Ag Awareness Day*. And, have you seen her



new Honda? Very pretty car! Thanks, **JoAnne**, for chairing the rummage sale. Thanks, everyone, who gave of their items and more importantly, gave of their time to make the rummage sale such a success. Thanks, **Dan, Naomi, Rodney**, for volunteering to deliver sold items; **Larry**, who made numerous runs to the dump; everyone's delicious baked goods; all the volunteers who organized the donated "goodies." We made \$2500+ for our church youth! Last Sunday was the 2nd time I have heard the congregation clap after **Kahu's** sermon, "All Are Welcome."



Kahu feeling blessed



PHEW!! No trace of our rummage sale!

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.

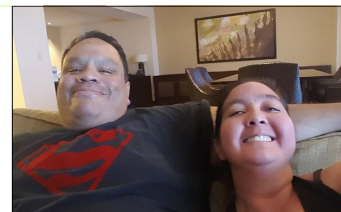
Kahu Alan was mentioned in *The Friend*, the newsletter from our Hawaii Conference UCC on Oahu. (an interesting tidbit: *The Friend* is the oldest newspaper west of the Rocky Mountains, founded in 1843!). **Kahu** did a presentation to nearly 200 from six islands on 'stewardship.' Was great having **Tom & Lynda Armbruster** here for



a visit! Here is Tom between the headstones of his great-grandparents, **William & Lena Smith Waterhouse**, cemetery located next to our parsonage. **Lee & Carol** with **Sparty (!)** at the *Michigan State Alumni Reunion Days*. **Debbie** and **Bonnie** were happy moms as both sets of sons were home! Easter was a fun time! Coloring & hunting for Easter eggs! Sunrise service at Kukuilono Park! **Dan & Naomi** went to see *Book of Mormon* on Oahu. They saw



it before in NY!! **Bonnie & Debbie** also went to see the satirical musical. And so did **Bill & Angela** (was it to celebrate **Angela's** bday?). **Becky & Ohana** spent time at the gorgeous *Moana* in Waikiki! Lucky



duckies! **Tiffany & Kimo** were also guests there cele-

brating their 9th anniversary! They got upgraded to an executive suite! Wanted to thank **Malie's Hale Kokua (Lynn)** who has cleaned our church with skilled hands and warm heart for years. We have a new church cleaner, **Linda Funes**. Welcome aboard! June newsletter will be done early. Deadline for news articles in Sunday, May 15. Yippee! **Shana Dee** was home visiting mom, **Sharon**. Always happy-time to see her smiling face in church. A little bird told me that local celebrity **Larry Rivera** sang "Happy Birthday" to **JoAnne!!! Doug & Jeanette** are on a Caribbean Cruise! Hope they get all the R & R they deserve. Great having our *associate members*, **Phil & Susan Ruputz** in town for a couple weeks. Thanks for the beautiful stephanotis lei in honor of *Administrative Day*! I started working here on March 19, 2007—so I just celebrated my 9th anniversary! Time certainly flies when we are having fun, eh? **Graceleanor** went on the Hawaii state cruise! I've always wanted to do that one! Congratulations to **Kaylee** who "placed" in the 400 & 200 yard dash and softball throw! **Kei & I** had a fun 4-week vacay: great food & weather in San Francisco, couple of snow days in Denver, gor-





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SUNDAY EVENTS

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