

Kōloa Union Church

Hawaiian Identity • Island Hospitality

July 2016

A NOTE FROM KAHU AKANA

Dear Members and Friends of Kōloa Union Church:

I want to begin by thanking everyone for your generous gifts to our capital campaign, “Maika`i Hana Hou!”

The word “maika`i” is often translated into English as “good” or “goodness,” but also means “beauty,” “wellbeing,” and “good health.” When we chose to translate the words for the campaign “Creating Goodness and Beauty Once Again,” we wanted to create a space that would honor the goodness and beauty that was the focus in the late 1950’s and early 1960’s when our sanctuary and fellowship hall were at first just a dream and then a reality. The dreamers and builders of the time were committed to providing our community with a beautiful place to worship God, pray, educated our children and members, and equip everyone to share God’s love with our community and world. In other words, they dreamed of building a beautiful place in which goodness is learned and encouraged.

The translations “wellbeing” and “good health” have always been part of our church’s vision as well. The early missionaries cared deeply for the care of the whole person—body, mind and spirit. Good health and physical wellbeing became especially important in our church’s culture after the arrival of Dr. James Smith, the mis-

sionary physician who came to Kōloa in 1842.

I am so pleased with how well our parking lot and landscaping project is coming along. Just imagine the beauty that we will be able to share with the community once all of the trees, plants and flowers are planted! The project is changing the entire appearance of our entryway and grounds, making us safer, and a lot more welcoming and inviting!

Now that we are nearing completion of the project, I encourage you to invite your neighbors and friends to our church. Tell them how happy you are with all of our new improvements. Invite them to a worship service so that they can see our beautiful sanctuary and meet the friendly people of our congregation.

I also want to invite you to an informal gathering after our worship service on Sunday, July 3, to have a brief conversation about the capital campaign. We want to hear your feelings about all of the changes and also get your input regarding a few items as we move forward. Most importantly, we want to make sure that every voice is heard.

Aloha nui loa!
Kahu Alan Akana



Capital Campaign Gathering **An Informal Gathering for “Checking In”**

There will be a brief gathering immediately following the worship service on Sunday, July 3, for the purpose of hearing from members of the congregation regarding how everyone is feeling about the capital campaign. We also want to get input on a few items as before we move forward.



SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

July 23-25, 2016

“Self Respect & Acceptance”

For middle & high school students.
Our youth & their friends are invited to attend Koloa Union Church Summer Camp in Anahola. Contact Tiffany Marrotte or Sheri Fu for details..



USHERS

JULY

Phyllis Kunimura
Graceleanor Baird

AUGUST

Sheri Fu
Doug Duvauchelle

ALOHA HOUR

July 03—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning
July 10—Ramos Moe Baptiste
July 17—Dunas Kunimura Brierley
July 24—Giovanni Osuga Machin Dressel
July 31—Odo Honjo Foley
August 07—Asahi Rebb Ito Shim
August 14—Smythe Chaffin McCoubrey
August 21—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning

LAYREADERS

July 03—Debbie Gunning
July 10—Doug Duvauchelle
July 17—Graceleanor Baird
July 24—Phyllis Kunimura
July 31—Larry Chaffin
August 07—Virginia Dunas
August 14—JoAnne Machin
August 21—Kei Osuga
August 28—Rosemary Smythe
September 04—Edie Moe

Our Prayers: prayers for healing and strength for Julie (Bonnie’s friend), Jim Dawson, Linda (Edie’s sister), Jill Brown, Debbie Gunning’s mother, Daniel Tunney, Kei Osuga, Sherman Hee, Joseph Alapai, Elizabeth Honjo, Sheila Heathcote, Tiny (Virginia’s brother), Larry Hanson, Brenda, Dollie Brierley, Jo Duvauchelle, Tamiko & Ted Asahi, Tiffany & Kimo Marrotte; prayers of comfort for the families of Carol Bain, Nancy Grantham, Al Moe, David (Phyllis Kunimura’s brother) and John Lustman; prayers of peace and comfort for Emiko Akana, Mieko Yamane.



Dinner & Book Group-**New Participants Are Welcome**

Our summer dinner & book group meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Smith Memorial Parsonage (3281 Waikomo Road). This summer's book is: *Something Rich and Strange: Discovering Your Path to Wholeness*, and will be led by the book's author Susan Davis, Ph.D. The evening will begin with dinner at 6:00 and the book discussion will be approximately 6:45 – 8:00. Paperback copies of the book are available for \$20 after church, and the Kindle (e-book) version is available online at Amazon.com. The book group will meet on Wednesdays through July 27. Please contact Kahu if you would like to bring something for dinner.

Kōloa Plantation Days Parade

Planting the Seeds that Nourish the Soul

Our church will be participating in the parade again this year on Saturday, July 30. We have secured a golf cart, which will be our float that we plan to decorate the day before the parade. The *kupuna* and those unable to walk the distance are welcome to ride on the float. Ukulele players will be leading the group of walkers and the float in some fun songs! Meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. for refreshments and parade instructions. It is especially important that those riding on the float are on time. Kahu Akana will drive the riders on the float to a shady location near the starting place of the parade.. Walkers will go to Koloa School at the designated time. (The parade begins at 10 a.m. at Koloa School and ends at Anne Knudsen Ballpark). Colorful aloha attire is suggested this year.

Kōloa Plantation Days Open House

Iced Tea & Refreshments at the Parsonage

Our church will be hosting an open house on Monday, July 25, from 4-6 p.m., as part of the Kōloa Plantation Days festivities! Kahu Akana will give a talk about our church and parsonage, the Smith-Waterhouse legacy & cemetery, and the neighborhood. There will also be tours of the parsonage and a sale of Kahu's watercolors as a fundraiser for parsonage improvements and repairs. Since our church is hosting this event, please see Kahu or Bonnie Kakinami if you are able to assist during the afternoon as a greeter, tour guide or host.

Music Director Search--**Help Us Find our Next Music Director**

We are still looking for a new Music Director. The position description and application for employment are found on the "News" page of our church's website: www.koloaunionchurch.org. Please pass along this information to anyone you know on the island who has experience leading musical groups. In the meantime, we are also searching for an accompanist over the summer; let us know if you know of anyone whom might be interested in playing for us.

Weekly News from Kōloa Union Church

Are You Getting Our Weekly News?

We have begun sending "Weekly News from Kōloa Union Church" via email. Each week includes a message from Kahu Alan Akana, our updated prayer requests, what's happening during the week, and sometimes important reminders, announcements and notifications. If you would like to receive our weekly news, just let us know by sending us an email to kucofc@gmail.com.

sic and hula, water slide! Cannot get much better than that! Thanks, **Kahu**, for the sermon/lesson “forgiveness is difficult, necessary and a process.” **Anita & Edie** held a beautiful graveside memorial for **John Lustman**. Thanks to **Dan Giovanni** (Capital Campaign Chairman) for coordinating all the upgrades/improvements going on in & around the church. He is also good at physical labor!!! Before the parking lot work

first then on Craig’s List—”first to pick up, its yours?” I got a couple promises to pick up, but no shows. The piano eventually found its home in Kilauea. The grandpa was ever so grateful and appreciative. I recently got videos of his 7 year old granddaughter and 4 year old grandson playing the piano! Definitely a “feel



good” decision we made. **Kaylee & Tres** were in the **Kamehameha Day Parade!** I took a call the other day from **Priscilla** in our National UCC office in Cleveland, Ohio. She was following us on our website and commended us for all we are doing! She said for being a relatively small church we are doing amazing things~~capital campaign, parking lot, etc. Thanks to all of YOU!



Had a delicious *Father’s Day* lunch...thanks ladies. It was one of those rare times when we can serve **Uncle Diki** a meal!!



Thanks to **Al & Carole Pugsley**, the photovoltaic panels will soon be installed at the church. Roof was mended and now ready! We are blessed!!



started, a few of us gathered early one morning to bless our church and the improvements, to keep the workers safe, to continue the healthy and happy aura of *Koloa Union Church*. I have no doubt that **Fay & Belinda Bartels** are enjoying their travels on the mainland visiting family and friends! Twelve gathered for the first Summer Book Group at the parsonage. The book is “*Something Rich and Strange: Discovering Your Path to Wholeness*”, discussion led by book’s author, **Susan Davis, PhD**. Congrats to **Tamiko Asahi’s** daughter, **Marilyn**, the new principal of *Kekaha School!* Remember back to last November, we offered our older upright piano to members



Couldn’t have chosen a better company to do our parking lot and everything else involved!!



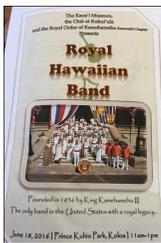
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AUNTY NIELE'S NEWSY NOTES

By Penny Osuga

NOTE: Penny Osuga is Aunty 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 Aunty Ni'ele at the church office @ 742-6622 or through her church email address: kucpenny@gmail.com.

Enjoyed the **Royal Hawaiian Band** at Kuhio Park. This band was founded in 1836 by **King**



Kamahamaha III and is the only band in the United States with a royal legacy! Impressive, huh? There were at least a dozen of our church members in attendance. Enjoyed a Sunday visit by **Naomi**

Hamamura, the new **KAUCC** association president. Also visiting, **Gail Lee**, *Kapaa UCC's* new moderator. **Phyllis Kunimura** enjoyed a trip to Newport Beach and attended her grandson's graduation from *Chapman College*. **Debbie** visited her Mom in northern California. **Sakimae** ohana went from SoCal to Oregon to visit family and friends! **Garrett Sakimae** traveled to Australia! **Kahu** performed a baptism for a sweet visitor, baby **Lucas**. **Palani Akana** was here for a visit! We celebrated his birthday and graduation from *Stanford*. He is now a project dtr. in Panama after working on the Big Island. Is that the best summer job??



Johnshoys are enjoying their usual summer away. I think they were all going to Oslo? Former pastor, **Susumu Yamane**, just celebrated his 88th bday! He has seen our church through so many changes/improvements. Daughter, **Debbie** & her family were in church! Thank you, **Joyce Anglemyer**, for being our summer fill-in organist. **Bill Dressel** flew



to the mainland for a few days as did **Angela**! We were well-represented at the 194th **'Aha Pae'aina** held at



Central Union thanks to **Kahu & Graceleanor Baird**. *Koloa Union* was again recognized for being a "5 for 5 congregation" meaning we support at



least 5 of the UCC special missions throughout the year. I applaud you for your kind and generous hearts. BTW, for the current special mission, *Strengthen the Church*, you have donated \$434 so far! **Lynn Mori** went on a awesome trip (starting in Montana) to visit family and friends. I am sure the highlight was seeing their 3 grand-cuties!!! **Evan Batalucco** was so creative as he found himself being a late pick to travel with a baseball team to San Diego. That meant he had to earn his own money for expenses! He asked the congregation for recyclables. He would turn them in and earn \$\$\$!!! How smart was that?



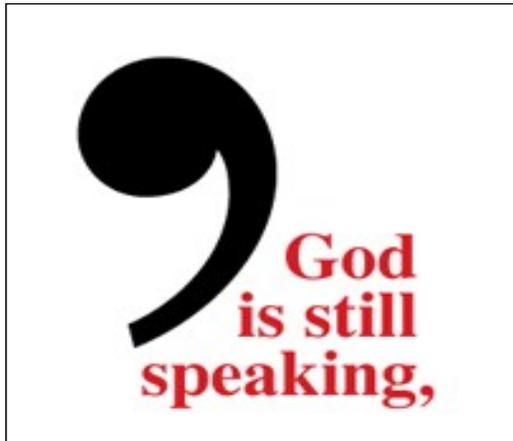
Steve & Yvonne Stoner were on the mainland for a visit and so was **Sharon M!** About 20 went on a Sunday after-church excursion to visit the **Lawai International Center**. Thanks, **Becky & Sharon**, for planning a



fabulous **Capital Campaign** 1-year anniversary celebration at the **Smith Memorial Parsonage**. Fun games, awesome food (thanks **Chef Taylor**), beautiful mu-



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SUNDAY EVENTS

10:30 a.m. Sunday School and
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