



Kōloa Union Church

Hawaiian Identity • Island Hospitality

June 2016

A NOTE FROM KAHU AKANA

Dear Members and Friends of Kōloa Union Church:

I wrote in last month's newsletter that we finally received our permit from the County of Kaua'i for our parking lot and landscaping project; and I expected most of the project to be done by late May. Unfortunately, there has been a slight delay: our contractor discovered a missing signature by the county and therefore had to send the permit back to them. We just found out that the permit is now completed and we are awaiting to hear construction dates. As soon as we know, we will pass the information onto everyone via mail, email, Facebook, Sunday morning announcements. Please pay special attention because the ***church grounds will be inaccessible for at least a week and we will hold our church worship service that week off campus.***

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.

In order to celebrate all that we have done so far with our capital campaign, ***we are throwing a party!*** Please join us at the parsonage on June 5 for our 1-year anniversary celebration, beginning with an informal worship service at 10:30, a delicious Italian luncheon and games, prizes and lots of fun for all ages!

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!

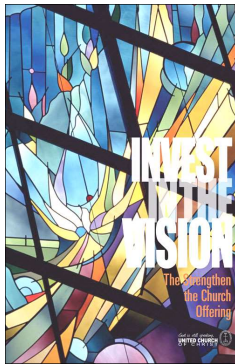
Aloha nui loa!
Kahu Akana



STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH SPECIAL MISSION

June 19, 2016

Strengthen the Church is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. It is shared on the conference and national levels. STC supports youth ministries developing their spiritual gifts and leadership skills. Funds also support full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard. Please give generously.



ALOHA HOUR

June 05—Giovanni Osuga Machin Dressel
 June 12—Odo Honjo Foley
 June 19—Asahi Rebb Ito Shim (Father's Day)
 June 26—Smythe Chaffin McCoubrey
 July 03—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning
 July 10—Ramos Moe Baptiste
 July 17—Dunas Kunimura Brierley
 July 24—Giovanni Osuga Machin Dressel

SALVATION ARMY LUNCH SERVERS NEEDED

Koloa Union Church took on the task of serving lunch at the Hanapepe Salvation Army whenever there is a 5th Wednesday of any month. June 29, 2016, is a 5th Wednesday. We are looking for four (4) volunteers. Please contact Judyth Foley @ (818)-726-1344.



USHERS

JUNE

JoRae Baptiste
 Debbie Gunning

JULY

Phyllis Kunimura
 Graceleanor Baird

LAYREADERS

June 05—Kei Osuga
 June 12—Rosemary Smythe
 June 19—Edie Moe
 June 26—Kerry Mori
 July 03—Debbie Gunning
 July 10—Doug Duvauchelle
 July 17—Graceleanor Baird
 July 24—Phyllis Kunimura
 July 31—Larry Chaffin
 August 07—Virginia Dunas

Our Prayers: prayers for healing and strength for Sheila Heathcote, Tiny (Virginia's brother), Larry Hanson, Brenda, Dollie Brierley, Chandler, Rich, Jo Duvauchelle, Tamiko & Ted Asahi, Tiffany & Kimo Marrotte; prayers of comfort for the family of Judy Greene and others who have recently lost loved ones; prayers of peace and comfort for Emiko Akana (Kahu's aunt), Miyeko Yamane, Al Moe, John Lustman.



Maika'i Hana Hou!

Capital Campaign Anniversary

Join us at the Smith Memorial Parsonage (3281 Waikomo Road) from 10:30-3:00 on Sunday, June 5th, for the celebration of the 1-year anniversary of our capital campaign. We will begin with an informal worship service, followed by an Italian luncheon, music, prizes, and fun and games for all ages, including a water slide for the children. Casual attire; children should bring towels and change of clothes.

Music Director Search

Help Us Find our Next Music Director

We have begun our search 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.

`Aha Pae`aina

Honolulu: June 10-11

Kahu Alan Akana and Graceleanor Baird will be the representatives from Kōloa Union Church at the state-wide gathering of the United Church of Christ. Kahu will be out of the office June 8th and 9th.

88 Shrines, Lawai International Center

June 12, Lawai, 2 pm.

A century ago Japanese immigrants to Kauai built 88 shrines. Beneath each one is buried grains of sand or dirt taken from the original shrines in Shikoku Japan. By the late 1960's, the shrines and temple had fallen into disrepair. Now restored, thanks to the efforts of many volunteers, the Lawai International Center describes itself as "a non-denominational place of peace, healing and Aloha." It is located on a steep hillside outside Lawai. The 32 acre grounds were once the site of an Hawaiian heiau and Taoist and Shinto temples. We plan to visit these 88 shrines. We can accommodate 20 people (we can do a 2nd excursion if more are interested). Wear comfortable footwear for this outing. Donations to the shrines are accepted and appreciated.

The Retirement of Fay Bartels

Celebrating the Gifts of our Music Director

On Sunday, May 15, we recognized the ministry of Fay Bartels to Kōloa Union Church. Kahu Akana surprised Fay during the worship service by inviting her to stand before the congregation. Members of the choir and others covered her with beautiful leis. Kahu mentioned that Fay and her late husband began attend our church in the 1980's when they came to Kaua'i as snowbirds every February-March from Seattle. During those years, the couple sang in the choir on Sunday mornings and Fay filled in for our regular organists whenever needed. Fay became the church organist and music director when she moved to the island in 2007. Fay has been faithfully giving of her time and musical talents for many years. She also serves on the Church Council and has volunteered in many other capacities. After the worship service on the 15th, we attended a special Aloha Hour in honor of Fay, with Fay's favorite food—Mexican! We are blessed to have Fay with us and happy that she will continue attending and being involved in the life of the church!

MOTHER'S DAY 2016



New Church Software Program

Please Check Your Statements Carefully

Our church is experimenting with a new software program for keeping track of financial gifts and commitments to the church. This is the reason that the first quarter statements (January through March) were mailed late this year. The program will assist with accuracy of reporting and save time in inputting data and creating reports and statements. Please check your giving statements carefully and let Joni Ito, our Assistant Treasurer, know if you have any questions or if there are any discrepancies between what you think you gave to the church and what showed up on your statement. You may contact Joni at 651-6534, or pnj06@hawaii.rr.com.

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.

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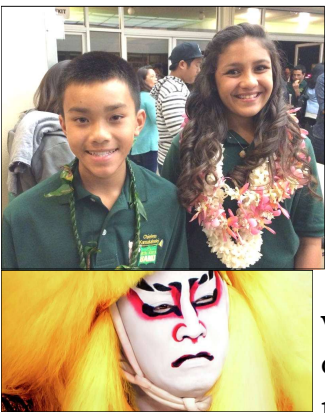
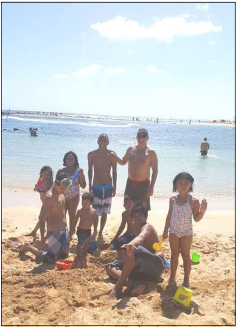
By Penny Osuga

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'e at the church office @ 742-6622 or through her church email address: kucpenny@gmail.com.

Tiffany took the Sunday School/church youth to Poipu Beach for an afternoon of sand and surf! **Kahu** flew to Oakland for his *Pacific School of Religion* board meeting. Then to the Big Island where son, **Palani** is working for part of the summer. Thanks to our dear friend, **Rev. Caroline Mi-**

ura, for filling our pulpit. Then, thanks to the men of our church (especially **Uncle Diki & Rodney**), we ladies were presented with a delicious lunch of salads, hekka, beef broccoli, garlic butter shrimp and a huge variety of desserts for Mother's Day! We are blessed! **Kimo & Tiffany** LOVED the **EnVogue** and **Salt n Peppa** concert at the *Poipu Beach Athletic Club*! **Krayson &**

Kaylee were totally impressive at their CKMS concert!!!! So proud of our church 'kids'!!! **Kei & I** were in Vegas for a week with classmates and family from Denver. Eight of us went to see the amazing "Kabuki Lion" show at the MGM. **Trestany** celebrated her 6th birthday!!! **SURPRISE, FAY!!!** We surprised **Fay**, our retiring

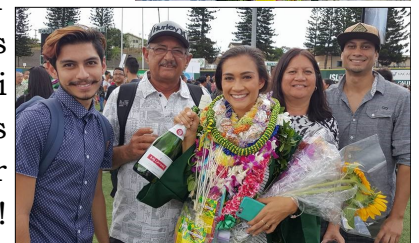
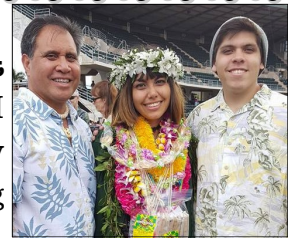


music/choir director with dozens of leis and cards and a very special lunch of her favorite foods (thanks **Becky, Bonnie, Debbie, Elizabeth, Belinda!**) and a big banner made in her honor!



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 Mahalo Nui Loa to my Koloa Union Church ohana and friends for all the beautiful leis, cards and gifts. I feel so honored. It has been a joy to serve as your Director of Music for the past eight years. I am looking forward to this summer with my family on the mainland and then on my return to see what God has planned next for me. With aloha and much appreciation.  
 Fay Bartels  
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So proud of **Krystina & Kelsey** on their UH graduations!! They now enter the next exciting phase of their lives!!! **Kelsey** is on to Shanghai and **Krystina** is going back for more schooling! Congrats to **Kerry**



& **Lynn!** They spend a weekend on Oahu celebrating their anniversary !!



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SUNDAY EVENTS

10:30 a.m. Sunday School and
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