

Kōloa Union Church

Hawaiian Identity • Island Hospitality

October 2016

A NOTE FROM KAHU AKANA

We Are Connected to the Wider Church

Members/Friends of Kōloa Union Church:

As most of you know, we are part of the United Church of Christ (UCC) and therefore in covenant relationship with other UCC congregations on Kauaʻi, in Hawaiʻi and throughout the mainland. Through these relationships, we reach out together to other religious organizations and with compassion to people throughout the world. I think it might be helpful for all of us to have a better understanding of how Kōloa Union Church relates to other UCC churches.

On Kauaʻi, our church is a member of the Kauaʻi Association (KAUCC). Our Associate Conference Minister is the Rev. Richard Kamanu. We typically meet every other month for prayer, mission, fellowship and planning. Our ministers also meet monthly for breakfast and for prayer and support. KAUCC has two big annual gatherings, called ʻAha Mokupuni, where we gather for worship, celebration, conversation, a meal and education. Our next ʻAha Mokupuni will be November 6 at Lihue Christian Church in the late afternoon / early evening. Another important part of our KAUCC is our island-wide youth and young adult ministry. I am the Chair of this committee and serve with others throughout the island to provide opportunities for our young people to grow in their faith through fellowship, education, mission and fun. The Justice and Witness Committee meets regularly and promotes awareness and opportunities for people to make the world a better place. They are currently looking for additional members, so if you are interested in serving in this capacity, please consider volunteering.

In Hawaiʻi, we (along with every UCC congregation in Hawaiʻi) are a member of the Hawaiʻi Conference (HCUCC). Its office is in Honolulu and our Conference Minister is the Rev. Charles Buck. I serve on the Conference Council and Board of Trustees, and am the Chair of the Administration Missional Team (AMT). Among other things, the AMT oversees the planning of our budget and meetings, including the ʻAha Paeʻaina, which is our Conference Annual Gathering every year in June. The AMT also works with the personnel committee and oversees the hiring of consultants that are sometimes needed to give us guidance in our mission and operations. We have recently hired the Rev. Al Oliver to provide an assessment of the

mission and ministry of the HCUCC. Rev. Oliver will be visiting every island between November and January to get input from ministers and lay leaders in order to assess how we have been working together and how we might improve relationships, communication and our overall mission. The HCUCC also has a Youth & Young Adult Committee and plans events such as our fall youth camp in October, which some of our youth will be attending.

Kōloa Union Church is also a member of the United Church of Christ. Our denomination's headquarters is in Cleveland and our General Minister and President is the Rev. John Dorhauer, who recently visited Hawaiʻi and met with ministers in Honolulu at our annual clergy retreat. One of the ways we work with other congregations of the UCC is through our special offerings, such as "Neighbors in Need" (NIN) which our church will be collecting on Sunday, October 2, during our World Communion Day worship service. This year's NIN theme is "No Child Should Go To Bed Hungry." This offering is important because it not only helps hungry children but also looks at the causes of childhood hunger and supports churches and organizations that address those causes. Although every church makes at least a small to moderate difference in addressing issues of hunger, together we make a huge difference.

There is a lot more I could tell you about our relationships with other churches and organizations, but I hope this gives you at least a general idea of how we relate to others and how I as your pastor spend some of my time with them. I look forward to sharing with you in October about my time at the HCUCC clergy retreat in Honolulu with the Rev. John Dorhauer!

Aloha nui loa!
Kahu Alan Akana



NEIGHBORS IN NEED

On October 2, 2016, we will be collecting donations for this special mission. Neighbors in Need supports ministries of justice & compassion throughout the United States. Grants are awarded to churches/organizations doing justice work in their communities. Contributing to this special mission keeps us in that elite group of churches who donate to "5 for 5."



ALOHA HOUR

October 02—Smythe Chaffin McCoubrey
 October 09—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning Mares
 October 16—Ramos Moe Baptiste
 October 23—Kunimura Brierley Dunas
 October 30—Giovanni Osuga Machin Dressel
 November 06—Odo Honjo Foley
 November 13—Asahi Rebb Ito Shim
 November 20—Smythe Chaffin McCoubrey
 November 27—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning

WAINKE CABINS

Work Days September 23-24, 2016
 Time for some maintenance on the much-used cabins. There is a list of repairs and upgrades to tackle. Details from Uncle Diki or Glenn Frazier.



USHERS

OCTOBER

Sheryl Ramos

Kei Osuga

NOVEMBER

Phyllis Kunimura

Graceleanor Baird

LAYREADERS

October 02—Graceleanor Baird
 October 09—Phyllis Kunimura
 October 16—Larry Chaffin
 October 23—Virginia Dunas
 October 30—JoAnne Machin
 November 06—Kei Osuga
 November 13—Rosemary Smythe
 November 20—Edie Moe
 November 27—Kerry Mori
 December 04—Debbie Gunning

Our Prayers: prayers for guidance & strength for Christine's daughter and for Jonah; prayers for healing and strength for Ron Garlie, Dave Ellis, Vernon Fu, Jo Johannesen, Shore Strong, Julie (Bonnie's friend), Linda (Edie's sister), Daniel Tunney, Joseph Alapai, 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 Kahu's friend Suzanne's sister, Christine's friend Carla, Helen McCord, Cherise Carvalho, Sally Hiramoto, Kiyoko Sako, Lily Sueoka; prayers of peace and comfort for Debbie Gunning's mother, Emiko Akana, Mieko Yamane.



Fall Worship

October 2: World Communion Sunday

We will celebrate Holy Communion as we reflect that we do so with Christians throughout the world—Christians who have different customs and beliefs than ours. We celebrate together because what we have in common is the love of God as demonstrated through the life and teachings of Jesus. We will also collect the Neighbors in Need special offering on this day; we invite everyone to be generous to this offering in order to help hungry children and seek to end childhood poverty all together.

October 9: The Rev. Bob Smith

The Rev. Bob Smith will share the morning message with us on this day. Bob has visited us before and known to us as a gifted storyteller and musician.

October 16 – November 6: “And Who Is My Neighbor?”

For four Sundays in a row, we will be reflecting upon the ways that Jesus showed grace toward other people, and how we might do the same. We will focus on Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan. Immediately before Jesus told the parable, a teacher of the law asked him the question, “And who is my neighbor?” By taking a look at the parable, we will consider our neighbors and how we might extend God’s grace to them, especially as we plan for 2017. This will be a time for members and friends of the congregation to participate in planning our mission for the upcoming year. On November 6, everyone will have the opportunity to offer a confidential commitment of their financial intentions for the year in order that our Outreach Committee can plan our mission for 2017 and our Council can plan our budget to support our mission.

As we enter into this time, everyone is invited to keep in mind the final portion of our Vision Statement, which we adopted last year:

We are known throughout the island for being a church
that reaches out to our community and island
by spreading God’s compassion to people in need.
We have ongoing mission and outreach programs
in which new people easily become involved.

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.



And the "happy" news? Hawaii is the 4th "happiest state" in the nation!! *Lucky we live HAWAII, eh?!*

Dan & Naomi flew to New York to attend a **Meghan Trainor** concert! {All About That Bass, No Treble}. **Bonnie** flew to the Bay Area to attend her ??? High school class reunion! Our East Coast



friends, **Sam & Karen Tucci**, sent this picture of their ukulele group!!! Fun!! **Tamiko** stopped by the office for a visit! Was great seeing her out and about! Had a great 1st Choir practice with our new music director, **Kathy D a h i l l !**



Happy to have **Kelsey** on island. Here she is with Friend, **Lori** as **Aunty Dollie** tries out for a part in their new movie to be filmed on Kauai in December. Thanks to **Kahu, Doug, Matt, Dustin and Christine** the fall kick-off party at the parsonage was a success!!



In Hawaii, August 2016 was the hottest ever in the 136 years of temperature recording! Thank goodness we are into September now. Saw **Bridget Hammerquist** on the morning news doing her best to protect Mahaulepu and our South Shore. Thanks, **Bridget!** Thank you, **Rev.**



Dick Chun, for filling our pulpit. I was impressed that so many of you attended church on September 4...even with the traffic-delays due to the annual *Kauai Marathon!* Went to the **Beach Boys** concert @ the Marriott! So much fun and lots of dancing!!! Saw lots of friends there: **Baldwins, Bataluccos, Sharon Mc, Steve & Yvonne!** The following week we went to KCC to enjoy the music of **Hiroshima!** **Doug** went on a mini stay-cation at the *Waimea Cottages*. **Larry** shared that **Tom/Annette Cassidy** were on island. **Tom** was our interim—twice! Thank you, **Tom/Lynda Armbruster** for the beautiful altar flowers in memory of **Jared Knapp Smith**. Thanks to **Greg and Jenni Batalucco** for the brand new bathroom cabinets. Safe travels to **Peter/Linda** as they go to Arizona (you know how **Peter** loves bluegrass music) then on to Colorado to help daughter and family move to Washington state. **Dan & Joy King** are on a 2-week train trip to New Orleans, Virginia, South Carolina!! Fun Fun!! Thanks, **Joni**, for updating our bulletin board! Looks so clean and fresh.



Since the start of summer, **Palani**, has been to the Big Island, Panama, Iceland, Seattle, and now back on Kauai for a week! **Larry** gave so much of his time every day to water the new lawn and plants! The yard looks so green, curb appeal is amazing. So **Larry** is taking a three week break on the mainland—well deserved. And of course, **Kerry**, who has been working tirelessly on exterior lighting. What he has done so far looks awesome!



Beach Boys Concert

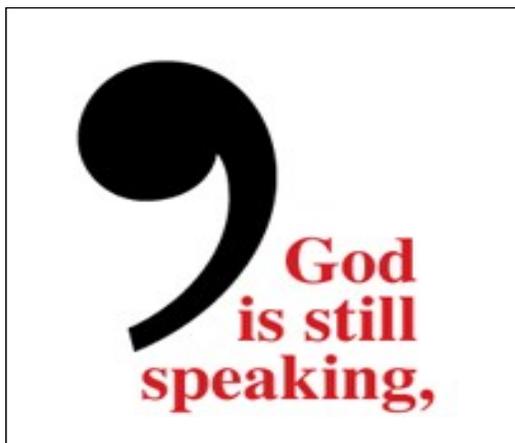


Church on the Beach
September 11, 2016





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SUNDAY EVENTS

**10:30 a.m. Sunday School and
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