



Kōloa Union Church

Hawaiian Identity • Island Hospitality

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A NOTE FROM KAHU AKANA

Dear Members and Friends of Kōloa Union Church:

Two of our church members approached me about a year ago and asked if I would be okay with someone videotaping my sermons on Sunday mornings and then putting them on our website each week. We talked about the potential of attracting new members if people saw my sermons online. I never followed up on the idea because I was focused on some other things. Then, over the summer, another member asked me if we could just hire someone to videotape my sermons to see how it goes. It made it an easy decision when she said she would pay for the first couple of times and then increase her giving if we decided to keep on doing it.

Jordan Deason is our videographer. He is a professional photographer and videographer for weddings and other events. Please say “hello” and “thank you” to Jordan for the great job he is doing when you see him on Sunday mornings!

During the past month of videotaping my sermons and putting them online, many people have been watching: church members when they have not been able to attend, people in our community who have never attended our church, our snowbirds, and friends of church members on the

mainland. The videos have turned out to be a very good thing after all!

I hope this becomes a permanent thing for our church—especially if all of you will help promote the videos. Along these lines, I have a request to make of you: ***I invite you to view at least one of the sermons that has already been posted on our website and send it to someone whom you would like to invite to church.*** You may also want to post it on Facebook to get it “out there” even more.

You can find my weekly sermon on the Weekly News that is emailed each week. (Contact Penny at kucpenny@gmail.com if you want to be added to the e-mail list.) You can also go onto the page called “Weekly Pastor’s Message” on our church’s website: www.koloaunionchurch.org.

Let’s see if we can use these videos to bring others to our church who may just be yearning for a place like Kōloa Union Church, where everyone is welcome to experience God’s love among us!

Aloha nui loa!
Kahu Alan Akana





Youth Fall Kick-Off Party

Middle/High School Students

Saturday, September 10, 2016, 5 7 p.m.

Come enjoy good food and beverages, games, icebreakers, cool prizes, music!

Please bring: a potluck dish, parents, friends, family, ideas for future activities.

The Smith Memorial Parsonage

3281 Waikomo Road in Koloa

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CHURCH ON THE BEACH



Po'ipu Beach Park

September 11, 2016 11:00 a.m.

Bring a dish for pot luck lunch.

Bring your beach chairs.

No worship service at church.

USHERS

SEPTEMBER

JoRae Baptiste

Debbie Gunning

OCTOBER

Sheryl Ramos

Kei Osuga

ALOHA HOUR

September 04—Kunimura Brierley Dunas

September 11—Giovanni Osuga Machin Dressel

September 18—Odo Honjo Foley

September 25—Rebb Ito Shim

October 02—Smythe Chaffin McCoubrey

October 09—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning Mares

October 16—Ramos Moe Baptiste

October 23—Kunimura Brierley Dunas

LAYREADERS

September 04—Edie Moe

September 11—Debbie Gunning

September 18—Kerry Mori

September 25—Doug Duvauchelle

October 02—Graceleanor Baird

October 09—Phyllis Kunimura

October 16—Larry Chaffin

October 23—Virginia Dunas

October 30—JoAnne Machin

November 06—Kei Osuga

Our Prayers: prayers for guidance & strength for Christine's daughter and for Joniah; 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: prayers of peace and comfort for Debbie Gunning's mother, Emiko Akana, Mieko Yamane.



Our New Music Director

Welcome Kathleen Dahill

Kathleen Dahill begins on September 1 as our new Music Director! She comes to us with a B.S. in theater education and a wealth of successful experience writing and arranging music, accompanying and leading musical groups. She has won several musical awards, including a Mokihana Award for best new Hawaiian song. Kathleen and her husband Chris recently moved to Omao.



Kathleen will be in charge of the music for every worship services; and she will be present at least 3 Sundays every month. Her role is to make sure that we have a meaningful music ministry at our church every Sunday, and including individuals and groups. Along those lines, she will be directing the choir and overseeing rehearsals at the church on Thursday evenings at 7:00, beginning September 8th. She will also be enlisting volunteers and guest musicians to provide music for our worship services. If you would like to sing or play on a Sunday morning—or if you know someone we might ask—please let Kathleen know.

Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering

Next month on October 2nd, our church will be collecting the *Neighbors In Need* offering. This year's theme is "*This We Believe*" and connects the issue of child hunger to the work that UCC congregations are doing to serve their community and address this injustice. I'll be sharing a few of the actual stories in church later this month. I hope you will join me on October 2nd in making a donation to this worthwhile cause. And thank you again for making our church be part of the "5 for 5" by participating in all 5 special offerings that we do throughout the year! You're the best! Debbie Gunning

Keiki Co-op Update

The Keiki Co-op will be leaving Koloa Union Church on September 9. There are two age groups in their "pre-schools" and it would be easier for the parents to have both groups together on one site. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to provide space for the children and families of our community. Koloa Union has always focused on children having a preschool on premises since the 1970s. We are open to hosting more such endeavors in the future. The Keiki Co-op is gifting us with their shed. Personally, I will miss the giggles and A-B-Cs and voices of the children.

Celebrating Toyo Nishida's 100 Birthday:

Surrounded by his ohana & church family, lots of leis and cards and hugs, catered lunch, a congratulatory letter from Governor David Ige. Toyo's secret to a long life: don't get angry.



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

It has been a busy summer! **Bonnie** went to a wedding in wine country! **Bill and Angela Dressel** went on a Vienna cruise, visited family, **Bill** held their new grandson when he was 90 minutes old! What a blessing! **Sheryl and JoRae** and families went to Las Vegas—I hope their pockets were heavy when they returned! **Evan Batalucco** thanks everyone for their support of him and his travel team. They won one championship and made semi finals in



another competition. **Kahu's** friend, **Dave George** visited. Friends since teenagers, **Dave** had lots of growing-up stories of our **Kahu!** The **Sueokas** were in the "house"!! **Kim** blessed



us with special music sharing her extraordinary voice. So glad **Stacey** was home, too. **Sharon Mc** had her hanai sister visiting. **Peter Baldwin's** niece, **Danielle**, visited. **Kahu's** friend, **Kibbie Ruth**, visited. **Kibbie** taught UCC clergy of Kauai *safe church policies*. **Judyth & Missy** were thrilled having **Dana & John** home for a visit! Got a call from our church friend, **Ida Verschoof!** She sends greetings to all of KUC. She said another church friend,

Mary Dunlap, is doing well in Seattle. Her sis-in-law, **Evie**, just had surgery but is recovering. **Karen Johnson** was delighted having her sister visit. Thank you to the youth in **Doug's** Sunday morning ukulele class—they have been setting up the chairs and tables in Moore Hall on Sunday mornings. Huge help to the *Aloha Hour* ladies! Ran into **Steve & Yvonne Stoner** at Costco! We always bump into friends there. **Becky & Bruce** flew to SoCal to celebrate grandson **Jayden's** 1st birthday! And also celebrate **Becky's** ??? birthday. Oh my! **Krayson** is in 7th grade! Hallelujah!



Tamiko has moved back home and welcomes visitors! **Palani** started the summer working on the *Big Island*, then to *Panama (Amigos De Las Americas)*, then backpacking in *Iceland* with friends! Phew, he will actually be on island soon! I attended this year's *Living Treasures* luncheon at the Marriott. Classmate, **Peter (and Lani) Yukimura** was one of the honorees! A fun time with



classmates. Alas, I had to call the Kauai police to report that the *Keiki Co-op* storage shed and the church storage shed were vandalized. The locks were ripped off and a few items were taken. The church facia was painted a rich brown color then the gutters were installed. Next: church exte-



rior is being painted! So many improvements! Check out what **Dan** hung today!

The arbor sign: *Hawaiian Hospitality Since 1835*. Thank you, **Kerry**, for putting in so many, many hours installing wiring for all the exterior timer lights. What an improvement for us all on night safety and security of the premises!!! The street sign is now lit at night guiding us to the church!!! **Kahu** has volunteered to be on the “*Kauai UCC Youth & Young Adult Committee*”. On September 10, we will host a gathering for middle and high school students and parents at the parsonage. We need volunteers for this event. Many of our church members attended the 16th Annual gathering at the *88 Shrines Lawai International Center*. **Riley Lee** performed—he is the only non-Japanese shakuhachi (flute) master in the world. **Riley** is the son of our church members (**Sheridan**) & **Mary Lee**. Thank you, **Joyce Anglemeyer**, for filling in as our summer organist. Welcome back to our former music director, **Fay Bartels**. Apparently she and **Belinda** traveled so much this summer and they got the “cruise bug”!



Kei & I went to Japan for a week—impromptu trip! Two threatening typhoons veered away, weather was beautiful, fresh seafood fabulous, walking—YES. The most we walked one day was 8-1/2+ miles! Enjoyed the shopping and getting to know **Sapporo**. Most impressive for me—we did a day trip to seaport **Otaru**. ALL glass balls I found at **Mahaulepu Beach** as a child came from **Otaru**. When glass ball fishing net floaters became obsolete, the city expanded into a huge variety of glassware: jewelry, vases, music boxes, dishes. Congratulations to **A1 & Amy Sugano**, who again earned 8 “best of show” orchids at the annual *County Fair*.



Naomi is retiring from KIUC after 31 (!!!) years! Time for the next phase in her life!!! **Kahu & Aunty Mamie** sitting below **Kahu’s** original painting of the **Duvauchelle Special** plumerias. Church choir rehearsals will begin again: Thursdays 7—8 p.m. Join in, bring a friend! **Judyth** pulled together a great volunteer group to serve dinner at the *Salvation Army*. Thanks, Ladies. **Dan & Naomi** spent a fun weekend with family and friends in wine country. **Naomi** said it was *very hot!!* Thanks, **Peter, Becky, Jaime, Mark** for the awesome special music!!!





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is still
speaking,

KOLOA UNION CHURCH

SUNDAY EVENTS

10:30 a.m. Sunday School and
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